



Christmastime 2021



# The Parish of **ST. JOSEPH** HOMewood, IL

*Fostering Christ's Love in Our Lives*

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Saturday Mass .....5:15 PM

Sunday Mass.....8:00 & 10:30 AM

Monday—Friday Mass.....8:30 AM

Monday—Saturday Communion Service.....6:30 AM

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Saturday.....4:30-5:00 PM

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### OFFICE HOURS

Monday.....8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Tuesday.....8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Wednesday.....8:00 am - 7:30 pm

Thursday.....8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Friday.....Closed

Saturday .....9:00 am - 1:30 pm

Sunday .....Closed

# From Father Ron

## Christmas 2021

Silver bells, Silver bells it is Christmas time in Homewood....and soon it will be Christmas Day

We live in a world and a society that can be cold as ice, but let us not give in to the coldness of life. Let the warmth of the Christ child melt the hardness of the ice and let joy and peace pour forth this Holy Season.

May this Christmas deepen your love of your family, neighbors and friends.

May we not give into the negativity of this world, but rather see the beauty and the peace that abounds all around us.

My gift and my hope to you and each member of the St. Joseph parish family is for joy to fill your heart, peace to flow through your heart and kindness and compassion to fill your soul.

Merry Christmas and to a Blessed New year!

Father Ron

P.S. Joy to the world the Lord is come...let every heart prepare him room!



Due to early bulletin deadlines, the collection from Dec. 18/19 will be published in the Jan. 2 bulletin. Thank you for your generosity!



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**TO TEACH  
WHO CHRIST IS**

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PROGRESS TO DATE**

**TOTAL PLEDGED...\$1,198,434**

**PARISH** - COLLECTED TO DATE..\$687,992

**AOC** - COLLECTED TO DATE.....\$306,000

Total.....\$993,992



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## Parish Ministries

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Christmas 2021

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

We joyfully celebrate the birth of the Lord. As we do so, we are also very much aware the challenges that we face—moving beyond the pandemic, building social peace in our society, and finding economic stability in uncertain times. In all of this, we reaffirm our faith that Jesus truly is Emmanuel, God-with-us. He accompanies us and walks with us. And that gives us great confidence and sure hope.

This year, Pope Francis has called the entire Church to reflect on synodality, a word that means “being on the road together,” as we make our life journey. We believe that Jesus is on the road with us. And our faith also leads us to commit ourselves to be on the road with each other. In this season, we take inspiration from the Christmas gospel stories of Mary and Joseph journeying on the road together to Bethlehem and the Magi on the road together to find Jesus.

I pray that, accompanied by the Lord, we may learn to be sources of encouragement for each other on the journey.

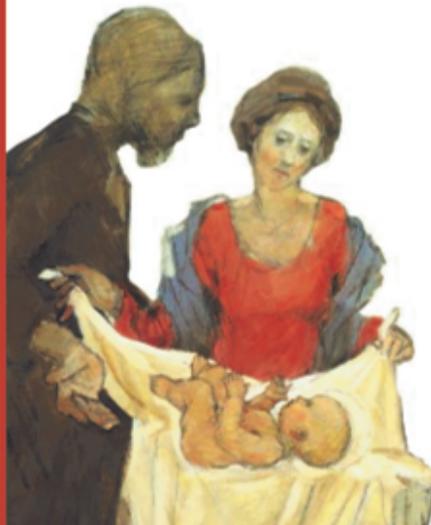
During this holy season, I will bring you, your loved ones, and your special intentions to the altar. As I pray for you, I also ask you to pray for me, so that together all of us may find renewal in the Lord.

God bless you and keep you,

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Archbishop of Chicago



## Around the Parish

### THE PARISH OF SAINT JOSEPH

By Jim Wright



*Christmas at St. Joseph's*

Decorating the church for Christmas has always been important at St. Joseph's. This photo from a parish Christmas card from the late 1960's shows the decorating on the altar used then. Figures of Mary and Joseph look up to a figure of baby Jesus placed above them in the center of a simple star. The gold background was actually made by covering cardboard pizza rounds with foil and gluing them together. The sentiment used for the card then is also our sentiment today:

*"May the Peace and Joy of Christmas be with you today and always"*



### HOMEWOOD ACCEPTANCE AA MEETINGS

For more information,  
please call Chuck F.  
708-774-2507

### ST. JOSEPH'S BOOK CLUB

Start date: Tuesday, January 4  
Time: 1:00pm  
Where: Tolton Room  
Book: The Red Tent  
by Anita Diamant

On January 4<sup>th</sup>, be prepared to discuss the novel and suggest future books. Please call 708-798-5392.

### THE PIECEMAKERS



The Piecemakers would like to encourage the women of the parish to share their talents for quilting, knitting or crocheting so that the babies, small children, and the sick and elderly in our area might enjoy the benefits of their creativity. We meet every Thursday, from 1–3pm in the Tolton Room at school. For more information, please call the rectory 708-798-0622.

# Mass Intentions

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2021**

8:30am Zubeda Ali

**9:00-10:00am Adoration**

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2021**

8:30am Robert Cosgrove

Martin Monahan

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2021**

8:30am Joyce Janowick

Arlene Koehn

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2021**

8:30am Adolph Cyborski

Stacy Anderson

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2021**

8:30pm Joyce Janowick

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 1, 2022**

5:15pm Charles Akai

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 2, 2022**

8:00am Thomas Kearney

James F. Bretz

10:30am Gloria Mendoza

Livio Andreatta

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Please call or visit the parish rectory if you would like to schedule a mass intention for the year 2022.



**MILES HENDRIX TWITTY**

## Around the Parish



### CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERING

Christmas Flowers offering envelopes are available at the church exits until New Year's Day. You will notice that the envelopes have a line for "given in memory of..." so that you can remember a loved one with your flower offering. We will print the names of those being remembered in the bulletin each week as they are received. So please return your flower offering in the regular collection or drop it off at the rectory anytime before January 1<sup>st</sup>.

### THANK YOU!

Thank you to the many parishioners who have participated in the special collection for Christmas flowers. Here are the names of those loved ones especially remembered during the Christmas season:

*Livio Andreatta*

*Mary Gregory*

*Joyce Janowick*

*Patty King*

*Nicholas Carl Lewers*

*Moskwa Family*

*Manuel Perales*

*Roberts Family*

*Arlen Rogel*

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*Andrea Smith*

*Georgene Spoonhour*

*James Walwer*

*Charles Young*



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# Religious Education

## Do You Hear What I Hear?

Christmas is the perfect time to *listen* to the joyfulness of the season: laughter, bells, stories of our traditions, Scripture and glorious music. *Listening* brings its own delight that is far superior to the enjoyment given by the other senses. Do YOU *hear* what I hear? <https://youtu.be/nQK8FWYJlxA>. Are you *listening*? Are you ever roused from your daydream when the lector thunderously intones the words “*Thus says the Lord!*” when beginning a selection from the book of the Prophet Isaiah? This phrase appears more than 400 times in the Bible, mostly in the Old Testament, when the Prophets emphasize their divinely inspired message. Are you at all familiar with the names Samuel, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, Jonah, Nahum, or Zechariah? Or their message? When this phrase occurs in the New Testament it is Jesus who quotes these Prophets to reiterate their lesson. If he has to repeat the message, was anyone really *listening* the first time around? Didn’t King David graciously acknowledge those who did when he said “*No sooner did he hear me than he obeyed me.*” (Psalm 17:45) Repetition is otherwise good for our remembering and understanding. Ask any writer of those clever jingles that subtly infect our memory with advertisements for cars, beer or a host of other consumer goods.

The Prologue of the Rule of St Benedict literally begins with the words “*Listen with the ear of your heart...*” it is an encouragement to pay special attention to the Word of Scripture. A few chapters later (RSB 5) St Benedict tells us that “*the first step of humility is unhesitating obedience which comes naturally to those who cherish Christ above all else.*” *Obedience* is the description of our behavior when we *obey*. The Latin root of this word “*obey*” means to *listen* attentively. In this light, it all makes sense. To ask someone to *obey* us is to ask them to *listen* to us. Like it or not, we all are familiar with the idea of *obedience*. In one form or another and to one degree or another we *obey*. *Obedience* to civil laws and traffic signals keep us from harm and trouble. Paying heed to the needs of others—such as our parents, our spouse, our children, our friends—is not submissive oppression. Such *obeying—listening*—to their needs is done out of love. Such *listening—obeying*—sustains the relationships that define our lives. It is our life’s work of love to be open to one another, to be receptive to their words, their needs, their actions, their gifts, their faults. “*Listen*”—with openness—“with the ear of your heart.”

Aren’t we inspired this season by the example of St Nicholas of Myra, who is the model for Santa Claus? He was not just a do-er of good works but he *listened* to what God called him to do with his time, talent and treasure. He *listened* to what the poor he encountered were crying. This Christmas season, let us be *obedient* to what the Christ child speaks to our hearts. Do we heed His summons? *Listen* to Rethie VanNieKert “The Summons” <https://youtu.be/o469PRLdbHU> Merry Christmas! Carry these sounds of this season with you all year long.



## COMING BACK TO CHURCH

*I have been away from the Church for a few years and really want to get active again, not so much for me, but for my children. Is this a bad reason to come back to Church?*

If you are on your way to the supermarket, and you are forced to detour from your usual route because of road work, does the food you buy taste different? Is the meal less filling? Are the vegetables less tasty? Of course not. In our faith journey, there are many detours called sin. Some are greater than others, some are even a bit longer. But God's grace comes to us in ways we understand and recognize and need. Your children leading you back to the Church is not as important as the fact that you are back.

This is an opportunity for you to renew, strengthen, and deepen your faith. Regardless of how we get to Church, or what draws us closer to God, the fact is we are there. Do what you need to do to get right with God and the Church. Go to confession, begin good family religious practices, and be involved in the ministries your parish offers. Be more than a lukewarm parishioner. Be the kind of Catholic you want your children to be.

### JOHN SINGLETON COPLEY, "THE NATIVITY," 1777



John Singleton Copley's *The Nativity* offers a glimpse of the Holy Family through the lens of American colonial portrait painting. Copley was famous for capturing the idealized character of his subjects, often through attention to specific details, textures, and props. In this image, Mary, Joseph, and the infant Jesus are surrounded by shepherds and some animals, all coming to pay homage to the newborn child.

Interestingly, the scene is largely devoid of supernatural elements. There are no angels, no star, and no halos on the Holy Family. A bright light illuminating the scene from the top left,

guiding the eyes toward Mary and the child, is our only explicit indication that this is an extraordinary birth that has brought the world its Savior. This light recalls the glory of the Lord shining on the shepherds in Luke's Gospel. The light here points the shepherds directly to the Christ child. Bathed in the light, the shepherds are reverent and in awe.

Without the traditional symbols of the supernatural, Copley's stylized depiction of Mary and the child communicate the birth of the Savior in another way. In the midst of an ordinary stable, on top of hay and a wool blanket, and surrounded by animals and shepherds, Mary lays in a classical pose on a pristine white sheet, gazing at her son who is resting on a soft white pillow. The beauty and immaculate setting tell us about the extraordinariness of this event. As compared to the other figures of the scene, Mary and the child receive the most attention from Copley as a portrait artist. Clad in bright white, Mary is like royalty, radiating grace as she gazes at Jesus. Mary and Jesus' immaculate presence contrasts with the roughness of the wool and hay, the sheepdog and the oxen, and the brightly clad shepherds surrounding them. In this, Copley offers us a visual reflection on the mystery of the Son of God taking on our messy, human flesh while remaining fully God. Mary seems to be pondering this mystery as well.

In the background, instead of a star, we spot the full moon, reflected serenely in a body of water. All is calm and bright on this holy night, as we behold the mystery that has come to meet us.

*Commentary is by Daniella Zsupan-Jerome, assistant professor of liturgy, catechesis, and evangelization at Loyola University New Orleans. [www.loyolapress.com](http://www.loyolapress.com)*

# The Nativity of the Lord

## CHRISTMAS INFANCY NARRATIVE

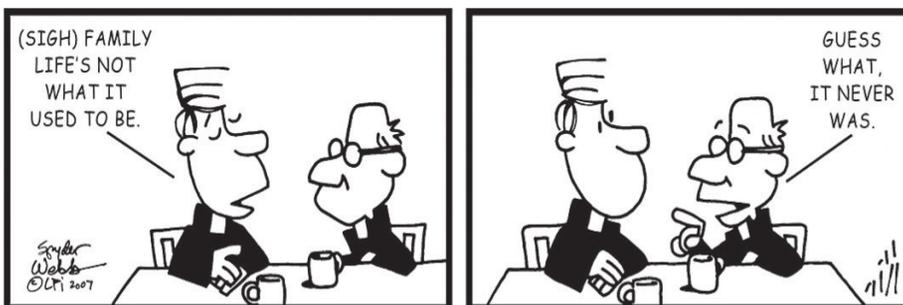
In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. So all went to be enrolled, each to his own town. And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.



Now there were shepherds in that region living in the fields and keeping the night watch over their flock. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were struck with great fear. The angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying: “Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”

When the angels went away from them to heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go, then, to Bethlehem to see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” So they went in haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child. All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds. And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. Then the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told to them. *Luke 2:1-20*

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## GRACIOUS LORD, CHILD OF BETHLEHEM

Gracious Lord, Child of Bethlehem,  
As you were born into a family who fled to Egypt as refugees, help us grow in solidarity with refugees everywhere, to know we are all refugees, until our hearts find refuge in you.

As you were born under an oppressive regime, let us grow in solidarity with those whose governments deny them their rights and try to undermine their dignity. Help us work for just governance everywhere.

As it was workers, the shepherds, who first came to know you, the carpenter's son, let us remember the dignity of human labor— that you share a special love for those who work hard for their sustenance, and toil beside them. Let us honor you, in work and in prayer, that livelihoods may be secure, and that workers not be exploited.

As you were adored by the Magi who came from far-off nations to honor you, let us bring to all nations the great good news that is your love.

As your coming was joyfully sung by angels, let us with joy celebrate the gift of life every time a child of God is conceived, and honor that gift with our care.

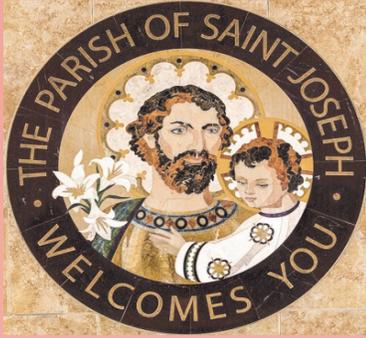
As you were denied any birthplace but a stable, help us to open our homes, our lives, our hearts to the coming of God and his presence in your people.

Be born this time into our hearts, dear Lord. Gracious Lord, Child of Bethlehem, through the cradle of our hearts, be born into our world.

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## CHRISTMAS



# Body & Soul

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NOREEN BAKER  
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ADDED Attention Family  
Members**

After 4 weeks, please notify  
the Rectory if your loved one  
still needs our prayers.

## Prayers for Our Troops

Please pray for the men and women  
in our Armed Forces. May God pro-  
tect them and return them safely to  
their families:

LNCPL CONNOR JOHN ANDERSON  
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*From Death to Eternal Life  
Please Pray for*

**CHARLES AKAI, JR.**



*May the choir of angels lead him  
into Paradise.*

## Communion to the Sick

The Ministers of Care will bring  
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or in the home upon request.  
Please call the Rectory to make  
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Prayer requests\* can be submitted :

- On the Parish website:  
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- By calling the Rectory and dial 77
- Email: [prayers@posjhomewood.org](mailto:prayers@posjhomewood.org)

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