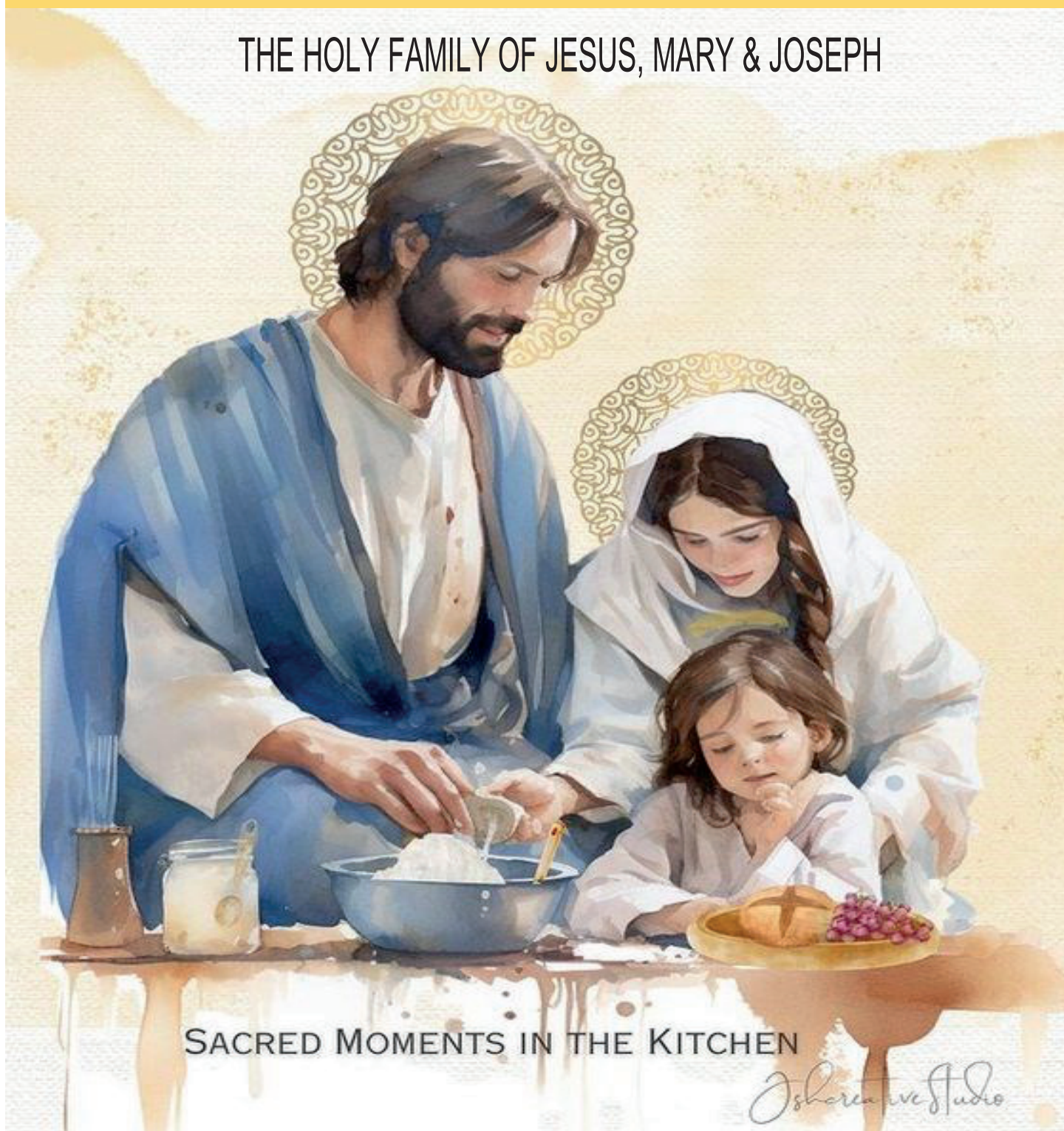


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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday
5:00 p.m.

Sunday
7:00 a.m.
8:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon	No Mass
Tue	8:00 a.m.
Wed	6:30 p.m.
Thu	8:00 a.m.
Fri	8:00 a.m.

HOLY DAY MASSES

Vigil and Holy Day Mass times vary; please see bulletin or website

SPECIAL DEVOTIONS

Tuesday: St. Jude Novena following
8:00 a.m. Mass

Thursday: Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Novena following 8:00 a.m. Mass

Thursday: Patriotic Rosary in Church
6:30 p.m.

First Friday: The Most Blessed Sacrament
and Eucharistic Adoration following 8:00 a.m.
Mass until 5:00 p.m. closing
with Benediction

First Saturday: Mass at 8:00 a.m. followed
by the Rosary and Confession

RECONCILIATION

Sat	4:00-4:45 p.m.
Wed	6:00-6:15 p.m.
Or by request	

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Friday 8:00a.m.-3:00 p.m.

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Parish Mission Statement

It is the mission of our Church Parish to follow the commands of Jesus to Saints Peter and Paul: "Feed My sheep" and "Carry My name among the nations."

REGISTER

If you are new to the parish, we invite you to register by filling out a form located in the holder at the Church entrances and place it in the collection basket or come by the office.

SACRAMENTS

Baptism

Usually the third Sunday of the month (except during Lent) following the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Please call for registration forms at least **three weeks** in advance.

Matrimony

By appointment with the parish priest or deacon at least **six months** in advance. No other arrangements should be made before contacting the priest.

Anointing of the Sick

Upon request for the seriously ill, infirm and those undergoing major surgery. Please contact the Church Office when someone is homebound or hospitalized and in need of the sacrament.

Communion for Ill/Shut-In

Please call the Church Office if you know of anyone who would benefit from this ministry.

Funerals

Families should contact the priest (office) before making arrangements.

WEEKLY EVENTS

Tuesday Morning Rosary—Tuesday after 8:00 a.m. Mass and St. Jude Novena in Parish Hall

RCIA Tracks I & II—Tuesday 6:30 p.m. in classrooms

Legion of Mary—Thursday 10:00 a.m. St. Anthony Hall

Patriotic Rosary—Thursday 6:30 p.m. in church

Eucharistic Adoration—Friday beginning with mass at 8:00 a.m. and ending with Benediction at 5:00 p.m.

Devotion to Immaculate Heart of Mary—Saturday 8:00 a.m. begins with mass, confession and the Rosary

St. Joseph Guild Baking—Saturday 8:00 a.m. Parish Hall

PSR—Sunday Youth Attend Mass & Adoration



Volunteers are needed to help clean the House of God. If you are interested in helping to clean the church, call Audrey Ruiz at 601-799-4527. This will only take a little bit of your time once a month.



PRAY FOR THE SICK

Audrey Bonnet, May Caballero, Diana Bradshaw, Mary Salzer Brown, Elizabeth Kittel, Zachary Cresson, Patricia Cuccia, Kathy Johnson, Ed Roszczynialski, Norris Ripp, Bunny Shriver, Mary Ware, Ryan Ware, Lily Jorns, Dalin Davis, Maria Kalcic, Beverly Cosse, Lou Lou Battle, Fay Vogt, I&J Landry, Steve Dunn, Joann Brewin, Vivian Sedgebeer, Romana Smith, Joseph Decaro, Barbara Galino Gonzales, Isaiah Deblanc, Larry Dickerson, Shirley Matthews, Jim Richmond, Catherine Lambert,

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 1

(Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21)

8:00 a.m. Dan Jocks†

Tuesday, January 2

(1 Jn 2:22-28; 3cd-4; Jn 1:19-28)

8:00 a.m. Tammy Gilbert†

Wednesday, January 3

(1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Jn 1:29-34)

6:30 p.m. Purgatorial Society

Thursday, January 4

(1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42)

8:00 a.m. Josephine Rodriguez†

Friday, January 5

(1 Jn 3:11-21; Jn 1:43-51)

8:00 a.m. Michael Bourgeois†

Saturday, January 6

(1 Jn 5:5-13; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or Lk 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38)

5:00 p.m. Joseph D'Antoni, Jr.†, Roszczynialski/Stottman Family, Poor Souls in Purgatory, Lee & Yvonne Tracey†, Ken & Adele Salzer†, Dan Jocks†, Sarah Stokes, Eleanor Strickland, Lawrence Otilio, Danny Ragusa, Sr.†

Sunday, January 7

(Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12)

7:00 a.m. Deacon John & Mary Joyce Howard†

8:30 a.m. Deacon Pat Downey†, Danny Ragusa, Sr.†, Dan Jocks†, Corbin DeBautte†, Earline Garity, Hazel Guidry

10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

PARISH ROSARY PROGRAM

Week 1 : 378

Week 2: 289

Year to Date: 18,728





POPE FRANCIS' INTENTION FOR DECEMBER

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

ST. JOSEPH ALTAR GUILD

The St. Joseph Altar Guild is a group of people who wish to continue the tradition of constructing altars in honor of St. Joseph to share their good fortune with others in need. They begin to bake on Saturdays in January to have food prepared to share with the public on St. Joseph's Day, March 19th. Without exception, the altar workers explain that they contribute to the altar not for their own purposes, but for St. Joseph, or a family member or friend. The workers can always use help. Please join them in their good works in January. For more information contact the office.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

First Reading – Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

Good parents are a blessing from God. God commands us as good Christian stewards to honor and care for our parents whatever the circumstances may be.

Psalms 128:1-5

As Christian stewards, we realize our spouse and children are true blessings from God and are to be nurtured.

Second Reading – Colossians 3:12-21

As God's chosen ones, we are to put on compassion, reconciliation, and love for one another as members of the Body of Christ. A good steward does everything in the name of Jesus, follows His Word, and prays and sings gratefully to God. The family is called the domestic Church. Love and respect one another.

Gospel – Luke 2:22-40

With great joy, Mary and Joseph manifested their gift of faith in Jesus by presenting Him in the Temple, to be thanked and praised by those longing for salvation.

Stewardship Thought

Parents who practice good stewardship use their time and talents to pass on their faith, to educate, to nurture, and to protect their children.



AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW ORLEANS



2024 ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW ORLEANS MEN'S CONFERENCE: "I Have Called You Friends"

Registration is now open for the Archdiocese of New Orleans Men's Conference, Saturday, February 24, 2024 at St. Catherine of Siena, Metairie. This year's conference is "I Have Called You Friends". Recent studies indicate that the percentage of adult men with at least 6 close friends has been cut in half since 1990 and as many as 20% of men report having no close friendships at all. It is a growing problem not only for the life of the Church, but one which is gaining attention and causing concern even within secular society. Our Catholic faith is rooted in friendship. Even as the Apostles were sent out into the whole world to proclaim the good news, it was their friendship with Christ and with one another that held them together in the unity of faith. That same friendship holds us together today. Our men need friends to live up to their calling as men of God and as men of the Church. Register by contacting the office to qualify for the group discount. Call 985-863-7935 or email kdickerson@sppcpria.com.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In the last century, a few new feasts were blended into the Church year, including today's. After World War I, the chaos of daily life in Europe made its impact felt on the family structure. Partly to offer Christians an image of hope and holiness in married family life, and also to promote the welfare of children, today's feast was "invented" in 1921. In 1969, it became a feast of Christmas.

The prayers today remind us not only of family life, but of life in the community of faith. We ponder the mystery of a God who loves us dearly enough to embrace the struggles, joys, and daily sorrows of family life. The message of Christmas shines through: God-with-us is available to us in the ordinary patterns of our lives and commitments. The lives of people who raise their children in difficult circumstances, and of people who remain faithful to life in the Church in spite of some of their own family struggles, occupy a special place in our hearts today in prayer. —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Sometimes we say, "It's impossible."

But Jesus says in Luke 18:27, "Things that are impossible for men are possible for God."



PASTOR'S CORNER

THE MOTHER OF GOD DEFEATS AN EARLY CHURCH HERESY

January first is on a Monday this year. As usual we celebrate it as the feast of Mary the mother of God. Have you ever wondered why the church came up with this title or how Mary could be the mother of God? I found a wonderful article explaining the doctrine of Mary, the Mother of God.

In the early part of the fifth century the Catholic Church turned to Mary, the Mother of God, to refute a heresy taught by Nestorius, the bishop of Constantinople. Nestorius taught that the man Jesus Christ was not God. He taught that Jesus was only a physical vessel in which God dwelled. This was a very serious heresy since it attacked the very person of Jesus. Nestorius said that Jesus' divine and human natures were totally separate rather than united. If you believe this heresy, you have an incorrect view of both Jesus' nature and of salvation. You would believe that only Jesus, the man, suffered and died, not Jesus, God.

The heresy spread and the Church had to deal with it. After numerous unsuccessful attempts to stop Nestorius from preaching the heresy, the Church called a general, or ecumenical, council at Ephesus in 431 A.D. The council reasoned that if Jesus' human and divine natures were united, Mary would be the mother of Jesus, the man, and Jesus, God. The council therefore declared Mary to be the Mother of God. The Greek word for this is "Theotokos" which means "Birth-giver of God." Hence, Nestorius' fallacy was refuted by a formal doctrine of the Catholic Faith.

But did the council invent the doctrine of Mary as the Mother of God? We have only to look back to beliefs of the early Church, Apostolic Tradition, and Sacred Scripture to find out. There is historical evidence that the early church practiced devotion to Mary. A fresco in a catacomb dating back to the end of the first century shows Mary between St. Peter and St. Paul. This symbolizes Mary's central role in the early Church. Other images show Mary as a sign of protection, defense and intercession.

The earliest prayer we have referring to Mary as the Mother of God dates to about 250 A.D. It is called "Sub Tuum Praesidium" ("Under Your Protection") and begins, "We fly to your patronage, O Holy Mother of God...."

But the understanding of Mary, Mother of God, goes back even further to St. Ignatius of Antioch. St. Ignatius was the third bishop of Antioch (St. Peter was the first) and was martyred around 110 A.D. He had heard the preaching of St. John the Apostle with whom Mary lived after the crucifixion (John, 19:26-27). Ignatius wrote, "For our God, Jesus Christ, was conceived by Mary in accord with God's plan..."

Other early Church fathers, including St. Justin Martyr, St. Irenaeus of Lyon, and St. Ambrose wrote about Mary. Clearly, the early Church had a special devotion to Mary and considered her to be the Mother of God. But we don't have to rely solely on early prayers and the writings of the Church fathers. We can also go directly to Scripture to see that Mary is the Mother of God. When Mary visited Elizabeth, Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. And Elizabeth said to Mary, "And why is this granted me, that the Mother of my Lord should come to me?" (Luke 1:43)

What we have here is a demonstration of how the Catholic Church, relying on Scripture and Apostolic Tradition, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, brought the doctrine of Mary, the Mother of God, to its fullness at the appropriate time. Nothing was invented. The doctrine was believed by the faithful from Apostolic times and was formally and officially declared to be a truth of the Faith when it was needed.

Remembrance Mass

Please join us for a Remembrance Mass to
honor your lost loved one.

When: 8:00 a.m. Saturday, January 13, 2024

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To list your loved one in the
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January 2024

Sts. Peter and Paul Church

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 New Year's Day Office Closed	2 8 am Mass followed by St. Jude Novena 8:45 Rosary Group	3 Confession 6:00-6:15 pm 6:30 pm Mass	4 8 am Mass followed by Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena 10 am Legion of Mary 6:30pm Patriotic Rosary	5 8 am 1st Fri Mass Adoration till 5 pm	6 8 am 1st Sat Mass & Confessions 8 am St. Joseph Altar baking 4-4:45 pm Confessions 5 pm Mass
7 7-8:30-10:30 am mass 8:30 Youth Attend Mass & Adoration	8 12 pm GASPP	9 8 am Mass followed by St. Jude Novena 8:45 Rosary Group 6:30 pm RCIA I & II 7 pm Antonians	10 Confession 6:00-6:15 pm 6:30 pm Mass	11 8 am Mass followed by Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena 10 am Legion of Mary 6:30pm Patriotic Rosary	12 8 am Mass Office Closed for training	13 8 am St. Joseph Altar baking 4-4:45 pm Confessions 5 pm Mass
14 7-8:30-10:30 am mass Building Fund PSR begins with 8:30 Mass	15 Martin Luther King, Jr. OFFICE CLOSED	16 8 am Mass followed by St. Jude Novena 8:45 Rosary Group 6:30 pm RCIA I & II	17 Confession 6:00-6:15 pm 6:30 pm Mass	18 8 am Mass followed by Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena 10 am Legion of Mary 11 am Widows Group 6:30pm Patriotic Rosary 9:00 Altar Society Meeting	19 8 am Mass	20 8 am St. Joseph Altar baking 4-4:45 pm Confessions 5 pm Mass
21 Baptism 7-8:30-10:30 am mass PSR begins with 8:30 Mass	22	23 8 am Mass followed by St. Jude Novena 8:45 Rosary Group 6:30 pm RCIA I & II	24 Confession 6:00-6:15 pm 6:30 pm Mass	25 8 am Mass followed by Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena 10 am Legion of Mary 6:30pm Patriotic Rosary	26 8 am Mass	27 8 am St. Joseph Altar baking 4-4:45 pm Confessions 5 pm Mass
28 7-8:30-10:30 am mass PSR begins with 8:30 Mass 7:30-12:30 Blood Drive	29	30 8 am Mass followed by St. Jude Novena 8:45 Rosary Group 6:30 pm RCIA I & II	31 Confession 6:00-6:15 pm 6:30 pm Mass	Happy New Year!		



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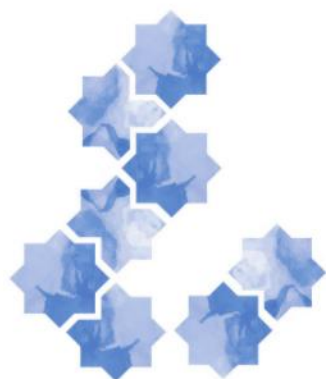


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