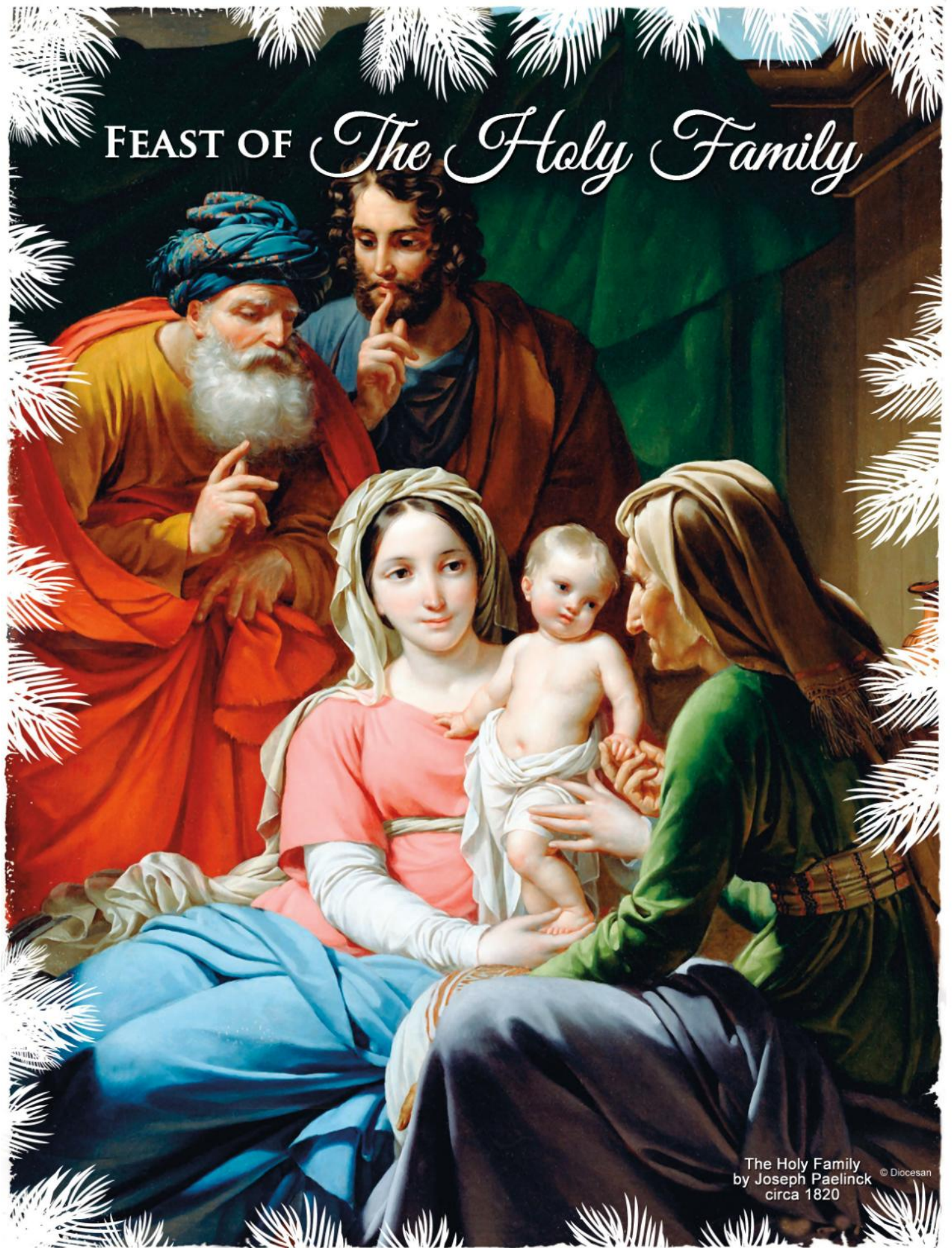


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MASS SCHEDULE

Sat. Vigil: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m.
7:30 p.m.
Mon.-Fri.: 7:00, 8:30 a.m.
Saturday: 8:30 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:00-3:45 p.m.
Sunday: 8:30-9:15 a.m. &
6:45-7:15 p.m.



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HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE SICK & SHUT-INS

Holy Communion will be brought to the home. Please call the church office when someone is ill and unable to come to church, or when someone is in a hospital. Prayers may be requested for the sick and elderly.

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ADORATION CHAPEL

Our St. Joseph Perpetual Adoration Chapel is located on the first floor of the Msgr. Champagne Complex on the corner of Jefferson Hwy. and Ravan Ave. and is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. (For everyone's safety, only assigned adorers are allowed entry with a key code between the hours of 6:00 pm and 7:00 am) Prayerfully consider spending an hour a week with Our Divine Lord. If you cannot commit to a specific hour, why not consider being a substitute? If you are interested, please contact the church office at 737-2915.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The sacrament is administered upon request to those near death, gravely ill, permanently handicapped, very elderly and those undergoing major surgery.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

3rd Sunday of each month following the 11:30 a.m. Mass.

BAPTISM SEMINAR

Parents and Godparents are required to attend a baptism seminar held at 7:00 p.m. every month in the Mary Room at the rectory. Parents must attend the baptism seminar before their child can be baptized.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

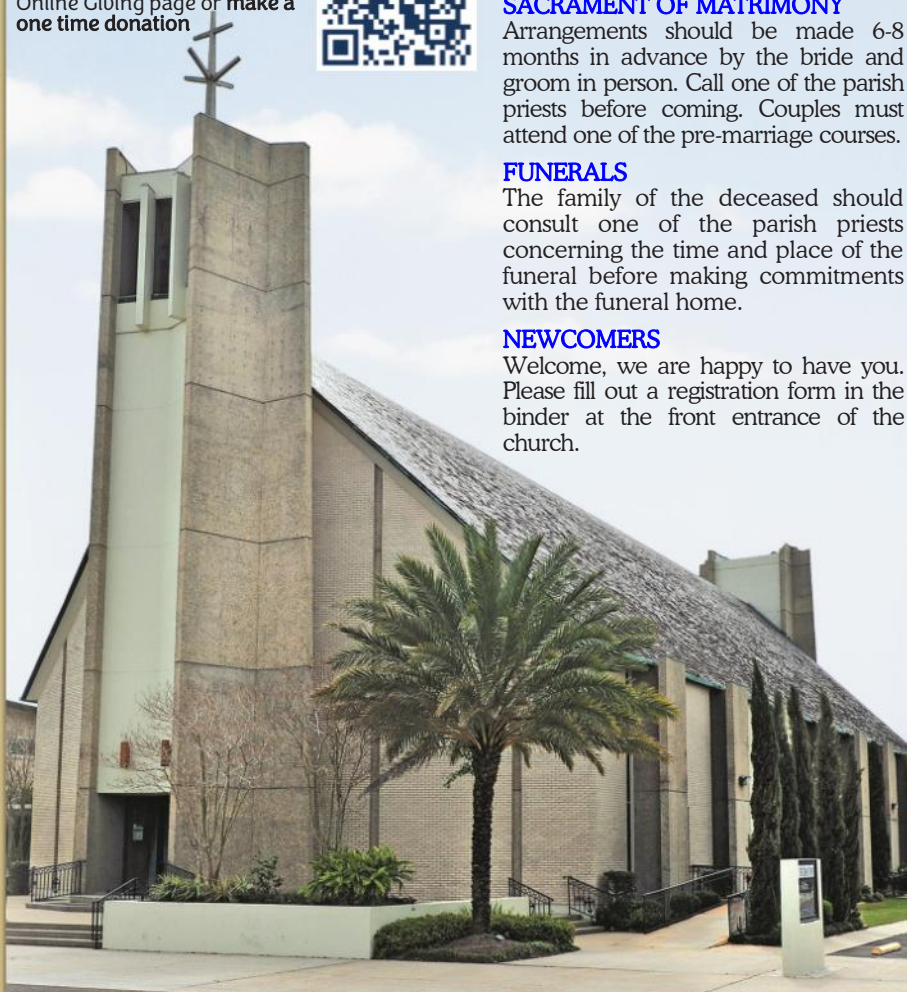
Arrangements should be made 6-8 months in advance by the bride and groom in person. Call one of the parish priests before coming. Couples must attend one of the pre-marriage courses.

FUNERALS

The family of the deceased should consult one of the parish priests concerning the time and place of the funeral before making commitments with the funeral home.

NEWCOMERS

Welcome, we are happy to have you. Please fill out a registration form in the binder at the front entrance of the church.



St. Rita Harahan, Louisiana

Sunday, December 29, 2024



Sunday Dec. 28, 4:00 pm George & Mary Ann McKearan	
Peter Vallelungo	Gary Boihem
Deborah Mula	In Honor of Jesus Suffering
Edwin L. Sternberger, Jr.	Joyce Landry
Barbara Brehm Calongne	Julie Ann Calongne
Dorothy V. Calongne	Geraldine C. Feugas
J. Gayle Calongne	
Sun. Dec. 29, 7:30 am Monica Flick	
9:30 am Clarence & Hilda Orgeron	
Paul Wang, Sr.	Bob Velez
Alvin Castay—healing	Jacqueline Barousse
Betty Faia	Alden Ross healing
11:30 am Sandy Prevost	
7:30 pm Parishioners	
Mon. Dec. 30, 7:00 am Clarence Orgeron—Birthday	
8:30 am Gene Menetre	
Tues. Dec 31, 7:00am Frank Hafner	
8:30 am Scott & Eddie Benoit	
6:00 pm Peter Vallelungo	
Clarence & Hilda Orgeron	John McCrossen
Bob Velez	Joyce Landry
Wed. Jan. 1, Midnight Parishioners	
7:30 am Margaret Sedita	
9:30 am LeBlanc, Blaise, Pechon & Rodrigue Families	
Miriam French	Gloria Cooper
Timothy Power—Healing	
Noon Ky Buis' Family intentions	
Thurs. Jan. 2, 7:00 am Joseph Liem Vu	
8:30 am Joseph Wilder	
Fri Jan. 3, 7:00 am Timmy Power—healing	
8:30 am Chaisson Family	
Sat. Jan. 4, 8:30 am Joseph Liem Vu	

Scripture Readings

For the Week of December 29, 2024

Sunday	Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52
Monday	1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Lk 2:36-40
Tuesday	1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13; Jn 1:1-18
Wednesday	Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God Num 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5,6,8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
Thursday	Memorial of Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 1:19-28
Friday	1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6; Jn 1:29-34
Saturday	Memorial of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9; Jn 1:35-42
Sunday	The Epiphany of the Lord Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Weekly Collection Totals

Dec 15

\$12,737.88

Dec 22

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Weekly Parish Expenses

\$14,945.60

These figures exclude extraordinary income & expenses

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

What better way could there be to begin the New Year?

TUES, DEC 31 - 6:00 VIGIL

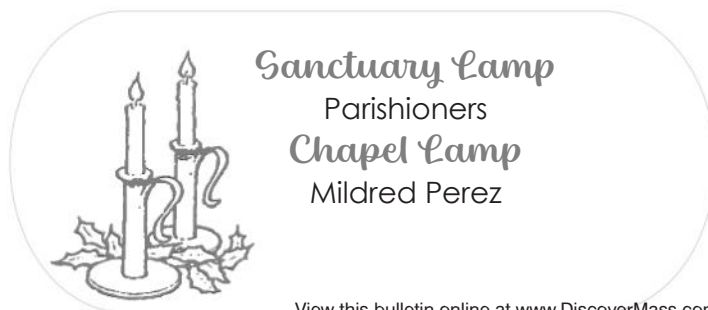
WED, JAN 1 - 12:00 MIDNIGHT MASS

7:00am

9:30am

12:00 NOON

NO 7:30PM MASS



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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



Sun. Dec. 29	
Mon. Dec. 30	7:00 pm RCIA
Tues. Dec. 31	Church office closed 6:00 pm Vigil
Wed. Jan. 1	Church office closed Midnight, 7:00 am, 9:30 am ,Noon
Thur. Jan. 2	10:00 am Legion of Mary 7:00 pm Baptism Seminar
Fri. Jan. 3	9:00 am Holy Hour
Sat. Jan. 4	

**Church office Hours : 9:00 am—4:00 pm
Lunch 12:00 pm— 12:30 pm**

Pray for Them

John, Earl Deibel, Mary Ann Schmitt, Catherine Kives, Willie "Bill" Wolverton, John Paris, Doris Portera, Fr. Randy Roux, Dc. Nolen LeBlanc, Pat Trahan, Dale Fishel, Jo Maraist, Mark Crawford, Lianne Lightfoot, Randy Smith, Gloria Krieger, Andrea Thomas, Diane Smith, Phil Crowson, Edwyna Combe, Letty Loomas, Harold Bartchy, Lena Sparacio, Deacon Gary Borne, Bobbie Ann Bergeron, Jack Serigne, Lindsey Collier, September Wang, Suzanne Unger, Linda Mayer, Cynthia B. Farrara, Dora Higgins, Amanda Livaudais, Mr. Tim Smith Sr. & Family, Mr. Tim Smith Jr. & Family, Worley Parks, John Bel, Henry S. Tuminello, Joyce Benoit, Bridget Celestin, Robert Vallejo, Alicia Walker- Cole, Alvin M. Castay, Sr., James McCilwain, Beau & Trudy Barrett, Joseph McAdam, Leslie and Al Mendoza, Barbara Guidry, Louise Chapman, Tim Walker, Nellie Barsoza, Francis Parks, Joel Stansbury, Yvonne Rousset, Donald Geier, Dan Peeler, Rebecca Wahl, Betty Oneill, Paige Brock, Randy Sroeba, Kathy Livaudais, Charlotte Evola, Janet Wild, Fred Grilletta, John Johnson, Louella Lange, Laura Knipper, Gerard Tonglet, Elizabeth Bonnette, August V. Cristina, Mr. & Mrs. Peter Ward, Theresa Arroyo, Rodney Este, Sr., Philip Godbold, Gabriella Ogg & Baby Dominic, Tommy Woods, Bruce Perry, The Picou Family, Shelley Vathy, Melissa Korn, Tomalyn Disalvo, Marilyn Pankratz, Lee Belgarge, Stephen Parks, Angie Kimbell, Jolene Salito, Frances Kemp, George & Greg Fay, Eric Rousselle, Lynne Podany, Steve Culotta, Joe Miceli, Lynn Andoillna, Sylvia Belile, Fredrick Jones, Ronald Waguespack, Mary Giovenco, Robert Kemp, Danny & Emily Barre, Linda Bauer, Carl Dolly, Esther Coy, Patrick Lonergan

Name will remain on the list for 6 weeks. If at the end of 6 weeks you wish for them to remain on the sick list for 6 more weeks you must call the office. This request must be made by the individual or an immediate family member.

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

We Are Family

On the feast of the Holy Family, it is tempting to compare our own families to the family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. If your parish used the year A readings that were traditionally used for this feast, the second reading from Colossians has much practical advice for our families. However, while living as a family today is challenging enough, the Gospel for year C reaches a lot farther.

Luke's narrative of the twelve year old Jesus in the temple is not a warning for parents to watch their children closely while travelling. The story looks forward to the time Jesus would be "lost" in the tomb after his crucifixion. Just as his parents found him on the third day, so Jesus would rise from the dead on the third day. And Jesus' remark, "I must be in my Father's house" (Lk 2:49) gives us a hint at who is Jesus' family.

Luke was well aware that the Temple was considered God's dwelling place. So to call it his Father's house showed that Jesus was the Son of God. Keep that in mind as you look at the second reading from the First Letter of John: "we may be called children of God." (1 Jn 3:1) Like Jesus, we call God our father, and like Jesus, we are part of a larger family than the one we live with. That family of all God's children is the one we are called to serve.

But remember Jesus was 12 in this part of the gospel. So his duty to God included being obedient to his parents. We too have a tension between obedience to our parents and following God's call, a tension between taking care of our children and giving time to God's children in the church and the community. At election time we have the tension of voting for candidates who will keep our family safe, or for those that help the poor or the aged. Just remember that, while we have a warm, cozy picture of the Holy Family, Jesus' ultimate duty was to give his life for all, especially sinners. Let us ask God to help us appreciate what our family obligations really are.

Tom Schmidt



Gloria Cooper

December 29-Holy Family:

Today is the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, and so we can celebrate that we all belong to the holy family of God which makes us brothers and sisters to each other.



At Christmas this year, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to bring the joy and hope to our "brothers and sisters" who are poor by assisting families, providing in food, in gifts, and for utility and rent bills. Thank you!

75 TH ANNIVERSARY ST. RITA PILGRIMAGE

OCTOBER 6-16, 2025

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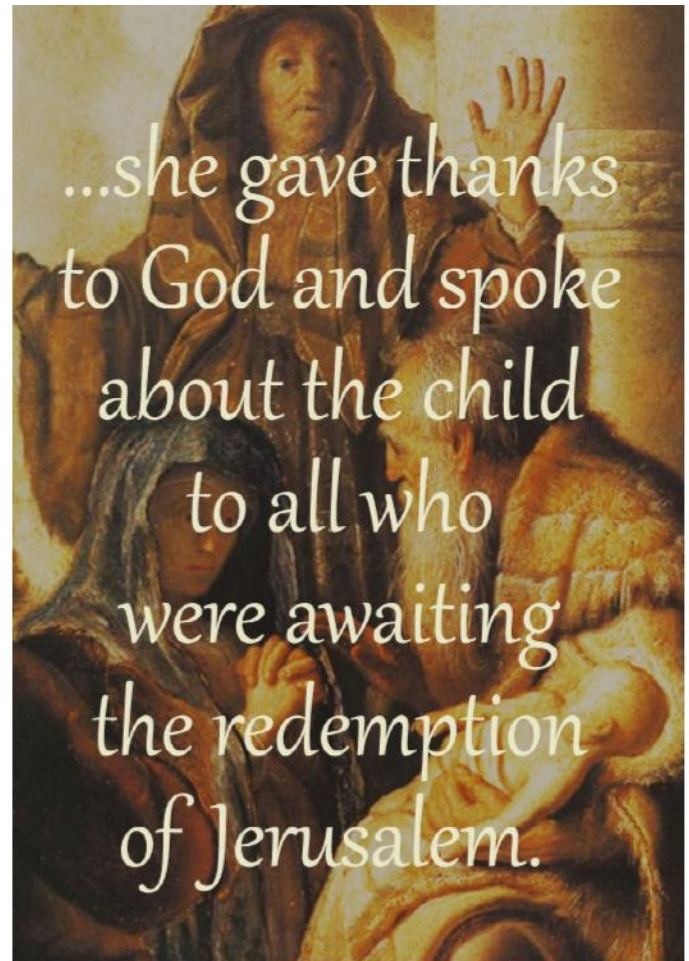
- Day 1 Oct 6 (Mon) Board the plane for Italy
- Day 2 Oct 7 (Tues) Arrive in Rome, Italy
- Day 3 Oct 8 (Wed) Rome
- Day 4 Oct 9 (Thurs) Rome
- Day 5 Oct 10 (Fri) Rome – Pietrelcina – San Giovanni Rotondo
- Day 6 Oct 11 (Sat) Monte Sant'Angelo
- Day 7 Oct 12 (Sun) San Giovanni Rotondo – Lanciano – Loreto – Assisi
- Day 8 Oct 13 (Mon) Assisi
- Day 9 Oct 14 (Tues) Roccaporena and Cascia
- Day 10 Oct 15 (Wed) Assisi – Rome
- Day 11 Oct 16 (Thurs) Depart Rome and return Home

MEDJUGORJE OPTIONAL EXTENSION

OCTOBER 16-19, 2025

- Day 1 Oct 16 Depart Rome, to Medjugorje
- Day 2 Oct 17 Medjugorje
- Day 3 Oct. 18 Medjugorje– Dubrovnik, Croatia
- Day 4 Oct. 19 Depart Dubrovnik, Croatia

For more information or to reserve a space:
Mary Perricone: (504) 512-4021
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Silver Wedding Anniversary Celebration

The Office of Marriage and Family Life is pleased to announce the annual Silver Wedding Anniversary Celebration will be held on Sunday, February 16, 2025, 3:00 p.m. at Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church, New Orleans. This prayer service will honor couples who are celebrating or have recently celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary. The celebration is open to couples married between 1995 - 2000.

To register, please contact your parish office by Friday, January 17, 2025.

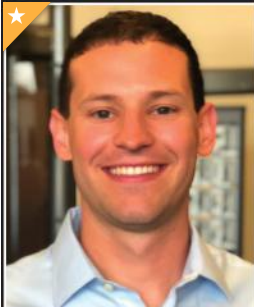
Please Note: The Silver Wedding Anniversary celebration is a prayer service, not a Mass and will not fulfil the couple's Sunday obligation. Couples should plan to attend Mass at their home parishes.

Holy Family



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