

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

December 27, 2020

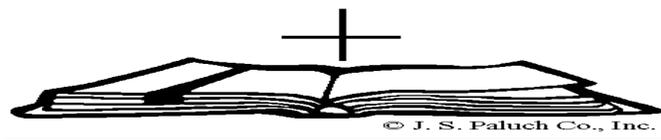
My eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared
in the sight of all the peoples.

— Luke 2:30-31

WE ARE GOD'S HOLY FAMILY

The scriptures of Israel are filled with many stories of barren couples who were miraculously granted the gift of children by God. Surely the best known among these is the first reading from today, from which Luke took inspiration when he recounted the miraculous birth of John the Baptist to Zechariah and Elizabeth, and the more miraculous birth of Jesus to Mary and Joseph. In each instance, we are given examples or role models of those who trusted in God. More than examples of those who trust, they are models of self-surrender. They abandoned their own presuppositions and prejudices about the workings of the world and turned their lives over to belief in a God who can make life grow where none ought to; a God who can turn death around into a new and unimagined life; a God who can, today, take a tiny child of humble parents in an insignificant town and make him into a light for all the world. This is what we, as God's holy family, are called to do each day: to trust not in ourselves and the way we think things should be, but to open ourselves and surrender ourselves in faith to a God of endless promise.

Mass Intentions



Sat. Dec. 26, 4:30 p.m. Dennis McCloskey, Huval Family, Louis Perschall Sr., Janel Ann Resweber, Olivia Istre, and for the living: Special Intention, Karge Family, Kelly Constanza

Sun. Dec. 27, 7:30 a.m. Carol Pieri, Margaret Mary Mule', Edward Arndt, Ruthi Olson, Joseph Leonard, Edward Knieper, Frank Minyard, James Leonard, Alice Leonard, Audrey Arceneaux and for the living; Chico and Olga Mathes

Sun., Dec. 27, 9:15 a.m. Parishioners

Sun., Dec. 27, 11:00 a.m. Fr. Michael Dobbins

Mon., Dec. 28, 8:00 a.m. Joy Guidry (L)

Tues., Dec. 29, 8:00 a.m. NO MASS

Wed., Dec. 30, 8:00 a.m. David Tucker

Thurs., Dec. 31, 8:00 a.m. Wednesday Work Crew (L)

Thurs., Dec. 31, 6:00 p.m. Nick Sita

Fri., Jan. 01 9:00 a.m. Charlie Armstrong

PRAYER LIST

Rosalind Baham

Fred Kopfler

Kenneth Vicari

Roy M. Piazza

Pam Strander

Debra Vandendorre

Jason Stein

Catherine Atkins

RJ Bourgeois

Louise Cashmere

Yolanda Bourgeois

LeLe Kopfler

Roxanne Troxclair

Walter Boroughs

Matthew Carlin



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Loose	\$ 1,213.45
Bldg. and Pres. Fund	\$ 261.00
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<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stjohnfolsom>.

THE CANDLES BURN IN HONOR OF:

Sanctuary: Nick Sita

Blessed Mother: Dennis McCloskey

St. Joseph: Dennis Turgeau

St. Ann: Darralyn Hahn

If you would like to honor your intention by burning a 7-day candle please call 796-3806.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD

Friday, January 1st, 9:00 a.m.

Thursday, December 31st, 6:00 p.m.

In Church

The office will be closed on Friday, January 1st in observance of the Solemnity of Mother of God. We will reopen the following Monday, January 4th.

On behalf of everyone, thank you to the Knights of Columbus for coffee and donuts with Santa. Also, thank you for all you do through the year for parish of St. John's Church.

POPE FRANCIS'S DECEMBER PRAYER INTENTION

We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

PRAYER FOR PROTECTION FROM CORONAVIRUS LET US PRAY,

Loving and faithful God, the coronavirus reminds us that we have no power, and we are dependent on you. We place ourselves in your loving hands. Give eternal rest to all who have died from the virus. Place your healing hand on those who are ill and give your protection to us in this time of fear and uncertainty. Calm our fears and help us to trust you as our faithful God. Enlighten our government and Church leaders as they are faced with important decisions. Give blessing to those in health care and protect them. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Our Lady of Prompt Succor hasten to help us. Blessed Francis Seelos, pray for us. **AMEN**

A KC INVITATION

Looking for ways to serve your neighbor – while enjoying the fraternity of the men of your parish, and experiencing opportunities for spiritual growth? If you are a Catholic man 18 years or older, consider joining the Knights of Columbus (Council 10176) here at St. John's. It's easy; start with online membership at kocf.org/JoinUs. Please call our Membership Director, Bill Zimmermann, 985-796-1310.

CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY FAMILY DECEMBER 26TH AND 27TH

Members of Knights of Columbus Council 10176 once again invite all parishioners, particularly our families with young children, to participate in the Consecration to the Holy Family which will take place on December 26th and the morning masses on Sunday, December 27th. At the end of each mass Father Vincent will lead the community prayer which seeks the intercession of the holy family on behalf of all families to follow their example of faith and devotion to the Father. We have literature available to all parishioners that will further explain the meaning of the ceremony including suggestions for other activities that may benefit you in your efforts to seek God's grace, as did Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, on behalf of our Families who have been under so much strain in 2020. You can pick up the flyers and prayer cards in the back of Jonathan Hall.

Wednesday night Adoration will continue after Advent. The new time slot will be 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. in Church.

A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH THE MASS

Take a Fascinating tour of the Mass in this 5-part DVD study beginning, Tuesday, January 12th from 7:00 - 8:15 p.m. or Wednesday, January 13th from 9:30 - 10:45 a.m. Dr. Edward Sri explores the biblical roots of the words and gestures we experience at Mass and explains their profound significance. In this study, you will come to know and understand the Mass like never before, leading you to a richer, more fruitful worship experience. Come join us in Odilo Hall for the DVD presentations and discussions.

YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST

Beginning on the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord, January 10, 2021, the local Catholic Church has entered the Year of the Eucharist, a time of renewal, healing, and communion. This year is dedicated to helping all of us, clergy, religious, and laity, grow in our relationship with Christ.

We begin this important year on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord because baptism marks the beginning of our initiation into Jesus Christ, a lifelong journey toward union with Christ and one another. The Eucharist is communion with God. Christ nourishes us with his very Body and Blood so that we can be joined more closely to him and to all humanity.

Throughout this year, we will join with Catholics around the world to call upon the prayers and patronage of St. Joseph to help us more fully understand the meaning of the parts of the Mass, the theology of the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist, and the obligation we have as Catholics to participate in Mass on Sunday.

As the universal church observes a special Year of St. Joseph as proclaimed by the Holy Father, we in the Archdiocese of New Orleans call upon St. Joseph's powerful intercession to bring us closer to Jesus in the Eucharist.

REMINDERS

PSR Classes, Wednesdays, 6:15 – 7:30 a.m., Jonathan Hall and Office Classrooms

First Saturday Mass at 8:00 a.m.

Weekly Wednesday Adoration, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.

First Friday Adoration Benediction, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.

Men's Study Group in Odilo Hall, Mondays, 6:30 p.m.

Knights of Columbus meeting, Thurs, Jan. 14th 7 p.m.

Weekly Wednesday Evening Adoration, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

On Monday, December 28th at 9:00 a.m. in Odilo Hall, our Church history class will continue our study of the time period, Weak Leaders and Schism, by exploring the life of St. Catherine of Siena. When human weakness leads the Church on a downward spiral, God's response is to raise up great saints like Catherine, whose holiness and boldness redirects the Church back to its mission.