

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary,  
and Joseph**

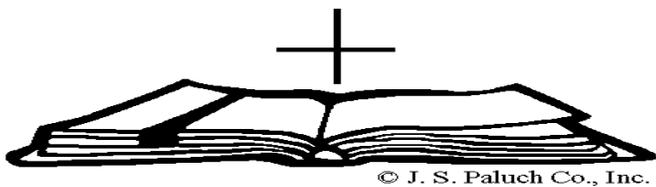
**December 26, 2021**

Beloved, we are God's children now;  
what we shall be  
has not yet been revealed.  
— 1 John 3:2a

**FAMILY LIFE**

Christmas celebrates the Incarnation, the “en-fleshment” of God as a human person. In Jesus, God is bodily present in the human story. Today we honor the Holy Family, helping us to see that God is active in daily family life. God is near at hand, amidst the tensions, joys, and uncertainties of family life. As our Gospel passage describes, even with family miscommunications and with limited understanding of Jesus’ mission, the Holy Family persevered in their life together. Like many family conflicts, there was no immediate or clear resolution of the issues raised by Jesus and by Mary. God’s intentions for the family, and for Jesus, were still unfolding. They continued to stay connected with each other and with God. Within the turbulence of family life, they trusted God to actively sustain and guide them into an uncertain future. We are invited to follow their example.

**Mass Intentions**



- Sat., Dec. 25, 9:15 a.m.** A.J. Serpas, James “Mac” McLachlan IV, **and for the living:** Jason and Rachel Miller
- Sun., Dec. 26, 7:30 a.m.** Carol Pieri, Margaret Mary Mule’ and Ethel Istre
- Sun., Dec. 26, 9:15 a.m.** Yvonne Morel
- Sun., Dec. 26, 11:00 a.m.** Pam Billiot **and for the living:** Parishioners
- Mon., Dec. 27, 8:00 a.m.** Fred and Frances Hebbler
- Tues., Dec. 28** NO MASS
- Wed., Dec. 29, 8:00 a.m.** Joseph Legnon
- Thurs., Dec. 30 8:00 a.m.** Special Intention (L)
- Fri., Dec. 31, 4:30 p.m.** Lester Watson
- Sat. Jan. 01, 8:00 a.m.** James Mac McLachlan IV

**PRAYER LIST**

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| Chuck Armstrong    | Jasay Ketchum     |
| Sandy Fanguy       | Terry Saux        |
| Jim Fanguy         | Robert Till       |
| Mangerchine Family | Brandon Shoalmire |
| John Bordes        | Donald Bourgeois  |
| Rachelle Triay     |                   |



Envelopes	\$ 6,658.00
Loose	\$ 1,832.00
E-giving	\$ 460.00
Building and Preservation Fund	\$ 930.00

**Thank you to all for the continued contributions.** If you wish to give online, please go to:  
<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stjohnfolsom>.

**THE CANDLES BURN IN HONOR OF:**

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| <b>Sanctuary</b>      | Louis and Timmy Meyer |
| <b>Blessed Mother</b> | Dennis McCloskey      |
| <b>St. Joseph</b>     | Sidney Huval          |
| <b>St. Anne</b>       | Ethel Istre           |

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

Sanctuary flowers are in honor of

***The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph***

**POPE FRANCIS DECEMBER PRAYER INTENTION  
CATECHISTS**

Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

**THANK YOU!**

On behalf of everyone, thank you to the Knights of Columbus for Breakfast with Santa. Also, thank you for all you do through the year for our parish, St. John’s Church.

## **SOLEMNITY OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD**

It's not a Holy Day of Obligation this year, but there will be an 8:00 a.m. Mass because it falls on a first Saturday. The Mass schedule for the remainder of that weekend will be as usual – including a 4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass on that Saturday.

## **CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY FAMILY DECEMBER 26TH**

Members of St. John's 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 Sunday, December 26<sup>th</sup>, 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 2021.

## **ARCHDIOCESAN SILVER ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

Will take place on Sunday, March 27, 2022, at 3:00 p.m. In St. Joseph Church in New Orleans. If you will be celebrating your 25<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary in 2022 (married in the year 1997) or were married between 1992-1996 and wish to attend, please register with the parish office no later than Tuesday, January 18, 2022. Attendance at Mass for Sunday obligation will have to be met within one's parish.

## **CHRISTMAS OUTREACH**

The Outreach Ministry would like to thank all those who donated to our Christmas outreach. Your generosity helped us share the love of God with our brothers and sisters in Christ in a concrete way. God bless you!

**The office will close at noon Thursday, Dec. 30th and will reopen on Monday. Happy New Years**

## **NEWCOMERS**

We welcome all newcomers to St. John's Church and invite you to register as members of our parish family. Please complete a "Parishioner Form" located on the entrance tables in church. You can drop it off at the office or place it in the collection basket.

## **THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH**

We are in the season of the Incarnation, the mystery of God's love poured out in Christ's birth. The word derives from the Latin *carnis* meaning "flesh." Throughout history, some Christians have distrusted the "flesh," and stressed a hatred of this world and its pleasures. Perhaps they have not paid enough attention to how "embodied" the sacraments are. One third-century author put it plainly in an image that may alarm diet-conscious Americans, explaining that we wash the body so the soul can be cleansed, that we anoint the body so the soul can be strengthened, and that we eat the body and blood of Christ so that "the soul can fatten on God."

Catholics "get" that God is revealed in this world. The sacraments use the "stuff" of creation: water and oil; the senses of the body, touch and taste and smell. We use the things of this world rightly. After all, God's love poured out into human flesh means the world has eternal value. Why else would Jesus describe the kingdom to come as a teeming city or a marriage banquet? Catholics are realists, and nowhere is that more evident than when we gather for a sacrament.

## **REMINDERS**

First Saturday Mass at 8:00 a.m.

PSR 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade, Mondays, 6:15 - 7:30 p.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. 13th at 7 p.m.

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

Friday Morning Adult Bible Study, 9:00 a.m., in Library

Because of the Christmas Holiday, our Church history class will not meet on Monday, December 27th. We will resume on Monday January 3rd.

Because of the Christmas Holiday, our Bible study group will not meet on Tuesday, December 28th. We will resume on Tuesday January 4th.