

# HOLY ANGELS CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Rev. Patrick Hirtz*

DECEMBER  
Month of the Divine Infancy

*"Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways."  
Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5*



December 26, 2021 — The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (C)

**Holy Angels Catholic Church**  
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## **Parish Office Hours:**

**Monday – Friday**  
9:00am – 4:00pm

## **Parish Staff:**

**Pastor** - Rev. Patrick Hirtz  
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Wednesday Evenings: 6:00-8:00pm

## **Mission Statement**

Holy Angels is a Catholic community of faith joining past, present, and future members on a journey with Christ to the Father. Through worship, stewardship, evangelization, and works of charity, we strive to more perfectly image God, who is love.

## **Mass Schedule**

**Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm**

**Sunday: 8:00am and 10:45am**

**Spanish Mass: Sunday at 1:00pm**

**Daily Mass: M, W, F at 12 noon; Th at 9:00am**

**First Saturday ONLY is at 8:00am**

**(Holydays & Holidays: See special announcement in bulletin)**

**CONFESSION - Saturday: 4:00-4:30pm;**

**Sunday: between Masses or by appointment**



We welcome any visitors, including those who may not be of our Catholic faith. We pray that our celebration of the sacred liturgy today was a meaningful one for you. If you are a new member in the parish, complete a census form and return it to the Parish Office. Census forms can be found on the bookcase in the foyer. To date we have 140 families and 353 parishioners.

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK of Dec 26<sup>th</sup> – Jan 1, 2022

12/26	Su	8:00am 10:45am 1:00pm	<b>THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH</b> Repose of the soul of Edie Ford by Bill & Judy Boehmler Repose of the soul of Patricia Ann Pease by Marge Pinkowski <b>Spanish Mass</b> People of Holy Angels, living and deceased
12/27	M	<del>9:00am</del>	<b>NO Mass</b>
12/29	W	9:00am	Repose of the soul of Bill Crannick
12/30	Th	9:00am	Repose of the soul of Charles Corrigan
12/31	F	5:00pm	<b>New Year's Eve Vigil</b> Repose of the soul of John Henry Hirtz
1/1	Sa	<del>8:00am</del> 9:00am 5:00pm	<b>MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD</b> <b>New Year's Day</b> <b>NO First Saturday</b> Repose of the souls of Pete & Clara Ann Hirtz Repose of the souls of Lawrence & Mini Corrigan

## MINISTERS SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEK:

Dec 31/Jan 1 Solemnity of Mary	Friday Dec 31 5:00pm Vigil	Saturday Jan 1, 2022 9:00am
Lector	Barbara Pugh	Ghett Cayabas
Eucharistic Ministers	Sue Hurst	J C Rivera Janet Pepito
Servers	Volunteers	Volunteers
Ushers	Volunteers	Volunteers
	Volunteers	Volunteers
Greeter	Ushers	Ushers
Honor Family	Ushers	Ushers
Sacristan	Volunteer	Volunteer

Jan 1/2 Epiphany	Saturday Jan 1, 2022 5:00pm	Sunday Jan 2, 2022 8:00am	Sunday Jan 2, 2022 10:45pm
Lector	Sarah Jean	Marilyn Luckenbaugh	Carrie Beld
Eucharistic Ministers	Sue Hurst	Steve Stanionis Terry Stanionis	Sarah James Janet Pepito
Servers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers
Ushers	Volunteers	Sylvester Simpson Bryan Frank	Nerio Pepito Tucker Cozort
Greeter	Ushers	Ushers	Ushers
Honor Family	Ushers	Ushers	Ushers
Sacristan	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer



## Collection Reports

for

**Dec 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup>**

**Dec 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Dec 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup>**

**Jan 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>**

**will be published  
in the  
Bulletin dated  
Jan 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup>**

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Collections for January

- 1/2 Building Maintenance  
1/23 The Church in Latin America

### Special Collections for January

- 1/1 Solemnity of Mary (New Year's Day)

You can drop-off your collection checks by  
using the outside black secure mailbox  
located at the office door on Tucker Street.



### Attendance

(140 families /353 parishioners)

- 12/18-19 Numbers will be  
12/24 published in the  
12/25-26 Bulletin dated  
1/1-2/2022 Jan 8-9, 2022

### Alb Care Volunteers

December – Kathy Yarbro

### Altar Linen Care Volunteers

December – Linda Epley

## Men of Holy Angels...

Want to learn more about the Knights?  
Visit [www.holyangelscc.com](http://www.holyangelscc.com) and learn  
more.

Why wait... Do it today!!!



**KNIGHTS  
OF COLUMBUS**

Sunday, Jan 23, 2022  
6:00pm in the Conference Room

**FORMED – To sign up FREE of charge as a parishioner of Holy Angels Church, go to your account. After doing so, you'll have access to a wealth of material to grow in your**

**Dec 26<sup>th</sup> — Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph** which is usually observed on the Sunday in the Octave of Christmas, is quite a new feast, added to the calendar by Pope Leo XIII in 1893. The pope wanted to highlight the importance of the Christian family and to point to the Holy Family as a model for all families to follow. Mary and Joseph could not surround the newborn Jesus with material things: he was born in poverty, with, as we sing in the carol, “no crib for his bed” (“Away in a Manger”). Yet, what they had, they lavished on Jesus: love, tenderness, and care. Love transformed the stable, making it a source of light and hope, just as love can transform every home, even the poorest, and make it a place where children can grow as Jesus did, in wisdom, love, and grace. This feast urges us to see in the Holy Family, a “shining example” for all family life. In their mutual love and forbearance, in their patience in times of trial, and in their total obedience to God’s will for them, the Holy Family shows us how to live together in peace.

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The feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph has its origins in North America. The first bishop of Quebec, François-Xavier de Montmorency-Laval (beatified by John Paul II in 1980), promoted devotion to the Holy Family and founded a confraternity dedicated them. Two centuries later, Pope Leo XIII instituted the feast on the calendar.

**Dec 27<sup>th</sup> — Bible Club Monday** Due to the Christmas holiday, there will be NO Bible Club on Dec 27<sup>th</sup>. We will resume Bible Club on Jan 3, 2022 with Chapter 20; Jan 10<sup>th</sup> Chapter 21 and on Jan 17<sup>th</sup> we will have a discussion on all we’ve learned. Please join us for an hour-long, casual bible study beginning at 1:00pm, every Monday at the home of Sarah & Ken Alley. Contact Sarah at 731-445-2922.

**Dec 28<sup>th</sup> — Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs** The Holy Innocents are remembered on December 28<sup>th</sup>. These were the infants slaughtered throughout Bethlehem at Herod’s order when he learned that a new king, Jesus, had been born whom he feared would challenge his throne. Many pro-life groups observe this day as a special day of prayer for the unborn.

Herod the Great, fearing for his throne after the Magi told him about the birth of Jesus, ordered the execution of all male children in Bethlehem, hoping that Jesus would be among those killed (Matt 2:16-18). According to Matthew, this fulfilled the prophecy of Jeremiah (31:15) “In Ramah is heard the sound of sobbing, / bitter weeping! / Rachel mourns for her children.”

**Dec 29<sup>th</sup> — Scriptural Rosary** The Scriptural Rosary will be recited on Wednesday, Dec 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:45pm in the Church. We will recite the Joyful Mysteries this week.

**Jan 20-22 — March for Life in Washington DC**

Depart Memphis Thursday morning, January 20 flying American Airlines to DCA—Ronald Reagan International Airport on Flight #AA5216 or #AA5260

Phoenix Park Hotel / 520 N. Capital Street / Washington, DC  
<https://www.phoenixparkhotel.com>

Return Saturday, January 22 Flight #AA5185 at 12:45 – 2:22pm  
— or —

Sunday, January 23 Flight #AA5260 at 9:00am – 10:49am

**2022 Parish Calendars / Collection Envelope / Year End Statements** Pick up your parish calendar and box of collection envelopes for 2022. Contact the Parish Office if you will need a year-end annual financial statement for tax purposes.

**SACRAMENTS**

**Baptism** - A preparation class is required of parents requesting Baptism for their first child. Parents and godparents are encouraged to attend the class before the baby’s birth.

**First Communion** – is celebrated with students who are at least in the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and have completed the 2 year required preparation process in our PRE program.

**Confirmation** - is celebrated with students who are at least in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade and have completed the 2 year required preparation process in our PRE program.

**Matrimony** - Couples planning to marry should contact the Pastor at least 6 months prior to the proposed date so all parish and diocesan requirements may be completed.

**Holy Orders** - If you feel called to a vocation to the priesthood or religious life, please contact the Pastor.

**Anointing of the Sick** - If you wish to receive this sacrament, contact the Pastor. In an emergency situation, an immediate family member should contact the Pastor.

**Nursery**

The nursery is located in the classroom in the Parish Hall. The nursery is open to children birth to 4 years.

**Notify the Parish of Seriously Ill Family Member**

If a family member has been admitted to the hospital or is ill at home, please let us know by contacting Cathi Shea in the Parish Office.

**Bulletin Announcement Deadline**

All items must be received by Monday 12 noon at [Cathi.shea@holyan Angels.cdom.org](mailto:Cathi.shea@holyan Angels.cdom.org)



CATHOLIC DIOCESE of MEMPHIS

**Procedure for Reporting Sexual Abuse**

Anyone who has knowledge of or who has cause to suspect an incident of sexual abuse should report the information to the appropriate civil authorities first at the **Tennessee Child Abuse Hotline**

1-877-237-0004, then to the

**Diocesan Dir of Child & Youth Protection**  
901-359-2027, or the

**Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator**  
901-652-4066

The Diocese of Memphis will treat all reports in a confidential manner

(5/27/2021)

**www.holyangelscc.formed.org, click on the “REGISTER NOW” button and establish an r faith. Please take advantage of this opportunity to benefit yourselves and others.**



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Between the Infancy Narratives and the beginning of his public ministry as an adult, Scripture is silent about the life of Jesus, except for today’s Gospel passage about the 12-year-old Jesus who is lost and found in the Temple of Jerusalem. These stories grants us a glimpse into the Holy Family, as Mary and Joseph search frantically for the missing Jesus, are astonished to find him teaching in the Temple and then are puzzled by his justification that he must be in his Father’s house. Yet, like his presentation to Simeon, this story foreshadows Jesus’s ultimate mission and identity as Savior. In a few years’ time, he will again head up to Jerusalem for the Passover and give himself over to his Father’s will and service completely as he takes up the cross. His obedience to his parents prepares his heart for the dark night spent in prayer at Gethsemane, when he gives his will over to his heavenly Father.

**FIRST READING** (1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28) Today’s First Reading is perhaps best understood by reading the first chapter of 1 Samuel in its entirety. Prior to the birth of her child, Hannah was a woman of deep suffering and shame. She had promised the Lord that she would dedicate her child to him (“Nazirite,” see Numbers 6:1-21) if he answered her prayer. We have the beautiful and tender scene of his dedication to the Lord in the second part of the reading. Samuel had an important role in the history of salvation: he was the prophet who anointed David to be king of Israel (1 Samuel 16).

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** (Psalm 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10) The beauty of God’s dwelling place and the joy of those who dwell there is the focus of today’s Psalm 84. The Psalm describes the Temple in Jerusalem. The Lord’s dwelling place spoken of in the First Reading was the shrine of the Lord at Shiloh.

**SECOND READING** (1 John 3:1-2, 21-24) John’s words bring home to us the reality of the family of God to which we belong through the loving gift of our Heavenly Father. We have life from the Father and share in the divine life through his love. John says that the world does not recognize us. Do we recognize this reality in ourselves? Note the importance given to keeping his commandments if we are to “remain,” to live in this reality. Jesus “remains,” dwells within us, through the gift of his Spirit.

**GOSPEL** (Luke 2:41-52) Today’s Gospel gives us a beautiful image of the Holy Family faithfully keeping the traditional practice and observances of Judaism. Today it is the pilgrimage to Jerusalem at the time of Passover. The mention of Jesus’ 12 years also calls to mind the customary Bar Mitzvah that we know today. We witness Jesus’ deep interest in the scriptures and his desire to know and understand them. Note how themes of his Passion are previewed in today’s reading; the Passover, the three days, the business of the Father which he must be about.



## Readings: The Week of Christmas (C)

Su	12/26	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 • Ps 128:1-5 • Col 3:12-21 • Lk 2:41-52
M	12/27	1 Jn 1:1-4 • Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 • Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Tu	12/28	1 Jn 1:1-5—2:2 • Ps 124:2-5, 7c-8, • Mt 2:13-18
W	12/29	1 Jn 2:3-11 • Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6 • Lk 2:22-35
Th	12/30	1 Jn 2:12-17 • Ps 96:7-10 • Lk 2:26-40
F	12/31	1 Jn 2:18-21 • Ps 96:1-2, 11-13 • Jn 1:1-18
Sa	1/1/22	Nm 6:22-27 • Ps 69:2-3, 5-6, 8 • Gal 4:4-7 • Lk 2:16-21



### Anniversaries: Dec 26<sup>th</sup> – Jan 2<sup>nd</sup>

12/28 Donna & Mark Fontaine  
12/30 Terrence & Susan West  
12/31 Nicolas Bañuelos-Cossio & Perla Beltran Arinaga  
1/1 Susan & Jerry Charley  
1/2 Therese & David Cohen, Sr.

### Birthdays: Dec 26<sup>th</sup> – Jan 2<sup>nd</sup>

12/26 Stephen Thaggard  
12/28 Lily Cravens  
12/30 Alexis Hurt, David Calderon  
12/31 Barbara Johnson, Shannon Lee  
1/1 Manuel Echavez, Dante Cavazos-Zabel  
1/2 Aaron Boone

### FOOD DRIVE for Matthew 25:40

Help us fill Matthew’s Food Pantry!!!  
Place donations in the grocery buggy located in the hallway at the entrance to the church.

### SHARE WHAT YOU CAN

### Pope Francis’ Monthly Prayer Intention

Each year, the Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month. You are invited to answer the Holy Father’s request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for this intention each month. Only one intention is offered per month, whether universal or related to evangelization.

### DECEMBER

#### Intention for Evangelization

#### 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.

### Funerals

When planning a funeral for a loved one, please call the pastor before making any arrangements with the funeral home regarding the date and time of visitation, the funeral Mass or service at the funeral home.

### Hospitality Committee

Holy Angels will provide a funeral luncheon if the family of the deceased requests one. The Hospitality Committee consists of several women from the parish who volunteer to host the luncheons. Someone from the committee will be calling on you for food and help when the need arises.