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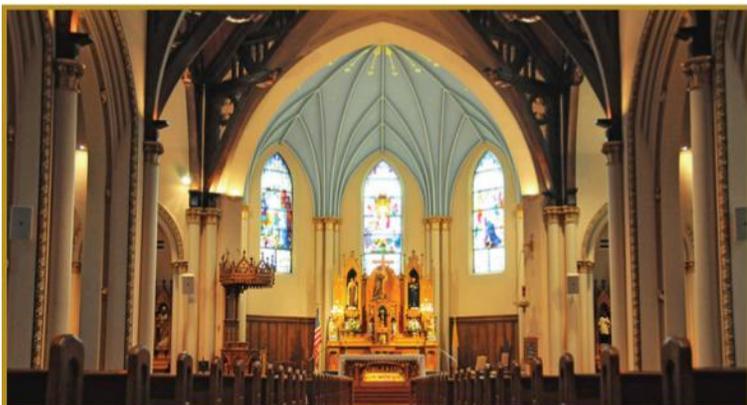
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### PARISH PRAYER

Loving Father, You gather us together as a Roman Catholic family, to thank and praise You in shared faith and lived love. May we be drawn more completely into the life of Your Holy Spirit and hear Your personal call for each of us, helping us to reveal Your presence in this world. Inspired by Your love and moved by the example of our patron, St. Francis, let us be instruments of peace, to sow love where there is hatred, pardon where injury, faith where doubt, hope where despair, light where darkness, joy where sadness. Knowing that it is only in giving that we receive, in pardoning that we are pardoned, in dying that we are born to eternal life, we make this prayer through Your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*



## PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We are a welcoming Christian community in New Orleans that is centered in the Eucharist. We are committed to the teachings of Jesus Christ, the traditions of the Roman Catholic Church and the dignity of human life. We are a family that strives to learn and share our faith by living the Beatitudes and by reconciling ourselves with God and one another.

### PARISH STAFF

**Pastor:** Very Rev. Michael J. Schneller, V.F.  
**Diaconate Candidate -** Dr. Tim Kettenring  
**Coordinator of Religious Education -** Shelly Chiappetta  
**Director of Family Life Ministries -** Melisa Rey  
**Receptionist/Secretary -** Caroline Toso  
**Administrative Assistant -** Teresa Miller  
**Director of Music/Organist -** Thomas D. Wright  
**Cantors -** Julia Ernst, Jayne Edwards  
**Sacristan -** Paul Vetter

### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil	4:00 p.m.
Sunday	9:30 & 11:30 a.m.
Holy Days	To Be Announced
Monday	8:30 a.m.
Tuesday	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday-Friday	8:30 a.m.

### SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday	3:00 to 3:45 p.m.
Tuesday	5:30 p.m.

At other times by appointment

### NOVENA

In honor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help on Tuesday following the 6:00 p.m. Mass.

### ADORATION

Friday 9:00-10:00 am - In the Church

### INFANT BAPTISMS

Celebrated on the 4th Sunday of each month after the 11:30 a.m. Mass excluding the season of Lent. First time parents and godparents are expected to participate in a Baptism preparation seminar which may take place during pregnancy. Please contact the Parish Center for more information.

### MARRIAGE ARRANGEMENTS

The policy of the Archdiocese requires a minimum six-month preparation period for marriage, during which the couple meets with the priest or deacon and participates in the Archdiocesan marriage preparation program. Engaged couples should telephone the Parish Center no less than six months prior to the anticipated date of marriage for an appointment with the priest or deacon.

### FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

The parish priest is to be contacted before the family makes any arrangements with the funeral director. Family members are also asked to meet with the priest to prepare for the Funeral liturgy.

## Uptown Canticle by Father Michael

A doctor went to pick up his car at the local mechanic's garage. When handed the itemized bill, the physician was highly indignant at the cost of the repairs. "All this for a few hours' effort?" he asked. "Why, you guys charge more for your work than we in the medical profession do!" "Well now," drawled the mechanic, "the way I reckon, we deserve every bit of it. You folks have been working on the same old model since doctorin' started, but we gotta' learn a brand new model every year."

Aren't families pretty much the same as they've always been, or are we dealing with a "new model every year" that requires us to change our approach constantly? And what about the phrase "Holy Family"? Are we any more certain what a "holy family" would look like? Finally, is the Church on the right track in offering us a "model" family from 2,000 years ago?

Ample evidence exists that our concept of what constitutes a "family" has changed significantly over the years. What is "normal" when it comes to family? The naysayers would assert that the family is disintegrating while the optimists would say it has been "diversifying."

We have a wide range new vocabulary of adjectives to describe our situation today. Words such as "mixed" and "blended" have been adopted to help us designate what kind of family we are dealing with. We also have the family of origin, the nuclear family, traditional family, single parent families, adoptive families, and dysfunctional families, those from a broken home. All have been discussed and examined psychologically. The term "family" can even be stretched until it becomes simply a metaphor for any close-knit group. We speak of our Catholic parishes as families.

The Holy Family that we celebrate today may not be as "traditional" or "normal" as we like to think. We tend to cherish a pious notion of the family at Nazareth as a cozy little nuclear unit, but just a moment's thought should remind us that the situation of Joseph, Mary, and Jesus was, to say the least, "complicated." We have a "foster" father, a "virgin" mother, and a "divine" son.

Today's Gospel makes it clear that there was at least some degree of friction and anxiety in the Holy Family. Mary and Joseph felt compelled to rein in their precocious son and used a scolding tone to do so. You can just hear Mary's heart pounding as she tries to let Jesus understand what he has done to them. We are told that Jesus caused his parents "sorrow." Again, most parents of today can say, "Been there, done that."

The Holy Family embodies values that transcend cultural shifts and the passage of time. Imagining the hidden life of Jesus, it seems obvious that his parents were the first instructors in the faith. As he heard the stories of the heroes of his faith tradition, he saw their reflection in his own family experience. How much more did he learn from the example of his parents' prayer life? How much carpenter Joseph must have appreciated Psalm 127 about human labor, "Unless the Lord build the house, they labor in vain who build." We see clear parallels between Mary's Magnificat and Jesus teaching about the poor and hungry, the rich and the proud in his Sermon on the Plain.

Our concept of family has changed rather dramatically over the centuries. We can still see that the family at Nazareth offers at least three qualities that seem crucial to designating a family as "holy." Those qualities are acceptance, loyalty, and love.

A holy family is *accepting* of the frailty of its members. Accepting of behaviors that may not be what the family conceived of as "ideal" or even "normal." Think of Joseph taking the pregnant Mary into his home despite the vicious gossip that must have swirled about her "situation." And note how Joseph and Mary seem to accept, in today's Gospel passage that their son is probably not a "normal" child.

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## Uptown Canticle - continued

A holy family is *loyal*. One need only think of Mary at the foot of the cross to see how powerful was her attachment to her son. Most of the closest disciples of Jesus had fled in panic by the time of his execution, but Mary stuck with her son fearlessly to the end.

A holy family is *loving*. Jesus, in his dying moments, expresses his concern and love for his mother by entrusting her to a faithful disciple's care. And we can surmise that Jesus didn't come to his deep convictions about God's love "out of the blue." Only one who has known the love and tender care that family provides can fully appreciate the kind of God whom Jesus proclaimed.

Our coming together as a parish family is ratified and made stronger by our gathering at the one table in a truly Holy Communion. May the Eucharist we gather for weekly, serve to make us more accepting of one another and more loyal and loving members of God's family.

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## Pastoral Staff Update

Since last Spring it seems that the members of the Pastoral Staff of St. Francis of Assisi Parish have been circling through a revolving door. You may recall that Teresa Miller, our Administrative Assistant, submitting her resignation at Thanksgiving. She will be with us until January 14, 2022. Although she is not officially a member of the parish, she has served us with a commitment and devotion as if it were her own parish family. We will miss her presence and the gifts she brought to her position. If you wish to offer words of thanks and farewell for her service, please call her at the Parish Office.

After interviewing two applicants, Father Michael offered the position to Caroline Toso and she accepted. Caroline has been serving as our part-time Secretary/Reception on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Her husband is Patrick and together they have four children Josie, Lucy, Patrick and Addie. They live one block away from church. What a blessing to have one of our own parishioners serve our parish family.

Now, we begin the search for a successor to Caroline as a part-time secretary/reception. Interested persons may apply to Father Michael Schneller for an interview [frmichael@stfrancisuptown.com](mailto:frmichael@stfrancisuptown.com). He will be available for interviews after he returns on January 9 from a vacation in England he scheduled two and a half years ago. As he celebrates the New Year of Grace 2022 in the United Kingdom, please remember him in your prayers for a journey free from Covid-19 and a safe return.

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## Notre Dame Seminary Institute for Lay Ecclesial Ministry (ILEM) Open House

The Notre Dame Seminary Programs for Laity will be hosting an Open House for prospective students interested in learning about and applying for the Institute for Lay Ecclesial Ministry (ILEM), the Master of Arts in Pastoral Leadership (MAPL) and the Master of Arts in Theological Studies (MATS) programs. The Open House will take place on Wednesday, February 2nd, 2022, from 6:30-7:30pm in the Pastoral Center in St. Joseph Hall. There will be presentations by the ILEM, MAPL, and MATS program directors and current students about the programs, along with information about the Handing on the Faith Scholarship Program. The ILEM program will begin a new cohort of students this Summer 2022. Registration is open for this program only once every two years. All prospective students are strongly encouraged to attend the Open House and apply for this holistic formation program! The ILEM program culminates in a public commissioning as a Lay Ecclesial Minister of the Archdiocese of New Orleans by Archbishop Aymond, and both the MAPL and MATS programs are fully accredited MA programs. For those who cannot attend in person, there will be a virtual option as well.

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH  
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

**CHURCH SUPPORT**

Due to the holiday schedule of Diocesan Publications, Church Support totals for the weekend of December 18-19, 25-26, and January 1-2 will be posted on the weekend of January 8-9.

Your generosity in the area of Church support as always is greatly appreciated



**MASS INTENTIONS**



**FRIDAY, December 24 - 4:00pm** - Lucille Mire McCann, Lionel & Catherine P. Hammock, Margaret "Butsy" Ross, Julia & Earl Pansano, Gregory Juan, Henry Schorr, Michael Rapier, Joe & Beverly Castle, Sidney A. Mills, III, Joseph Vindel. **6:00pm** - Sidney A. Mills, III, Joseph Vindel, Geraldine LaGreca. **10:00pm** - Sidney A. Mills, III, Joseph Vindel, Jack Hartley

**SATURDAY, December 25** - Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi

**SUNDAY, December 26 - 9:30am** - Betsie Melancon, Clay Milling, Merique Ellinghausen, Giulio Pigoncelli, Lionel T. & Catherine P. Hammock, Juan Edwardo Rudeke, Gail Lavis, In Thanksgiving

**11:30am** - Parishioners

**MONDAY, December 27** - Special Intention Margaret Duncan

**TUESDAY, December 28** - Special Intention Felipe & Matilde Balingit

**WEDNESDAY, December 29** - Merique Ellinghausen

**THURSDAY, December 30** - All Souls Book of Remembrance

**FRIDAY, December 31** - Lucille Mire McCann

**SATURDAY, January 1** - Lucille Mire McCann, Margaret "Butsy" Ross, Henry Schorr, Julia & Earl Pansano, Gregory Juan, H.L. Hawthorne, Bernard Scully, Lionel T. & Catherine P. Hammock, Jack Hartley

**SUNDAY, January 2 - 9:30am** - Parishioners

**11:30am** - Betsie Melancon, J. Elmer Melancon, Clay Milling, Merique Ellinghausen, Gail Lavis

**MONDAY, January 3** - Phil & Esther Miller

**TUESDAY, January 4** - Marion & Freida Morris

**WEDNESDAY, January 5** - All Soul Book of Remembrance

**THURSDAY, January 6** - Michael Morris

**FRIDAY, January 7** - Debbie Morris

**WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**December 26<sup>th</sup> - January 1<sup>st</sup>**

<b>Sunday</b>	1 Sm 1: 20-22. 24-28 or Sir 3: 2-6. 12-14/ Ps 84: 2-3. 5-6. 9-10/ 1 Jn 3: 1-2. 21-24 or Col 3: 12-21 or Col 3: 12-17/ Lk 2: 41-52
<b>Monday</b>	1 Jn 1: 1-4/ Ps 97: 1-2. 5-6. 11-12/ Jn 20: 1a and 2-8
<b>Tuesday</b>	1 Jn 1: 5-2: 2/ Ps 124: 2-3. 4-5. 7b-8/ Mt 2: 13-18
<b>Wednesday</b>	1 Jn 2: 3-11/ Ps 96: 1-2a. 2b-3. 5b-6/ Lk 2: 22-35
<b>Thursday</b>	1 Jn 2: 12-17/ Ps 96: 7-8a. 8b-9. 10/ Lk 2: 36-40
<b>Friday</b>	1 Jn 2: 18-21/ Ps 96: 1-2. 11-12. 13/ Jn 1: 1-18
<b>Saturday</b>	Nm 6: 22-27/ Ps 67: 2-3. 5. 6. 8 (2a)/ Gal 4: 4-7/ Lk 2: 16-21

**January 2<sup>nd</sup> - January 8<sup>th</sup>**

<b>Sunday</b>	Is 60: 1-6/ Ps 72: 1-2. 7-8. 10-11. 12-13/ Eph 3: 2-3a. 5-6/ Mt 2: 1-12
<b>Monday</b>	1 Jn 3: 22- 4: 6/ Ps 2: 7bc-8. 10-12a/ Mt 4: 12-17. 23-25
<b>Tuesday</b>	1 Jn 4: 7-10/ Ps 72: 1-2. 3-4. 7-8/ Mk 6: 34-44
<b>Wednesday</b>	1 Jn 4: 11-18/ Ps 72: 1-2. 10. 12-13/ Mk 6: 45-52
<b>Thursday</b>	1 Jn 4: 19-5: 4/ Ps 72: 1-2. 14 and 15bc. 17/ Lk 4: 14-22
<b>Friday</b>	1 Jn 5: 5-13/ Ps 147: 12-13. 14-15. 19-20/ Lk 5: 12-16
<b>Saturday</b>	1 Jn 5: 14-21/ Ps 149: 1-2. 3-4. 5 and 6a and 9b/ Jn 3: 22-30

**Prayer Intentions**

Please remember the following parishioners and friends in your prayers: Jerry Abdo, Anne Atkinson, Ann Babington, Barbara Barrosse, Glenn Becnel, Simone M. Becnel, Christopher Brewster, Ben Capshaw, Antoinette Clark, Marvette Clark, Cathy Dermady, David Doll, Sr., Guella Dragon, Rosita Duplantier, Mildred Flynn, James Ira Ford, Jr., Cynthia Gilmore, Tamberly Gray, Ryan Hartley, Sherry Heller, Pat Jones, Leona Labat, Meredith Landry, William Robert Little, Robert Maddox, Cheryl Ann McDonald, Craig Melancon, Darnell Menasco, Veronica Merritt, Lynn Middleton, Emma Miller, Jeff Mitchener, Joy Morton, Johnny Parker, Angelle Pecoraro, Paige Peterson, Melissa Phelps, Steven Philburn, Nedine Rende, Betty Richburg, Nell Ricker, Fred Riggle, Patricia Riggle, Justin Roy, Emma Ryan, Robert Schwab, Louis Scott, Sr., Samantha Smith, Harriet Suarez, Sara Surgi, Deacon Wil Toups, Nancy Williams, Residents of Hainkel, Covenant & Poydras Homes & Lambeth House.

*O heavenly Father, You sent Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to heal every infirmity and to deliver us from death. We pray that You heal Your servants from our parish family, friends, and relatives of every spiritual and bodily ill which afflicts them. Amen.*



**Church Sanctuary Lamp**  
Our Church Sanctuary Lamp burns  
this week in memory of  
**Tornado Victims**

The Parish Office will be closed for the



Christmas holidays on  
Monday, December 27<sup>th</sup>.

Merry Christmas!

and

Friday, December 31<sup>st</sup> &

Monday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>

Happy New Year!



CHRISTMAS  
FLOWER  
OFFERING



REQUESTED BY:

Ellen Mills & Trevor

IN MEMORY/HONOR OF:

Sidney A. Mills, III

### High School Confirmation

Students who attend Catholic high school receive the sacrament of Confirmation through their home parish. Catholic school students in the 10th grade who wish to be confirmed in October 2022 are asked to please register for the sacrament as soon as possible. Registration forms are available on the parish website and by contacting the parish office. Immediate preparation classes begin January 9, 2021.

For information contact  
Shelly Chiappetta at (504) 227-3765 or  
[schiappetta@stfrancisuptown.com](mailto:schiappetta@stfrancisuptown.com),

## MASS SCHEDULE



The Holy Family of  
Jesus, Mary, and Joseph  
Sunday, December 26, 2021  
9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Mass

The Solemnity of Mary  
the Holy Mother of God  
Saturday, January 1, 2022  
(not a holy day of obligation)



The Epiphany of the Lord  
January 2, 2022

4:00 p.m. Vigil on Saturday January 1, 2022  
Sunday 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Masses



*Respect Life*

Every Life is a Gift, From Conception  
until Natural Death

### December Focus: Mental Health

**Seek professional help if you need it**

Despite your best efforts, you may find yourself feeling persistently sad or anxious, plagued by physical complaints, unable to sleep, irritable and hopeless, and unable to face routine chores.

Many people benefit from reaching out to friends, family and support groups for encouragement. If these feelings last for a while, talk to your doctor or a mental health professional.

The NAMI HelpLine  
800-950-6264 or [info@nami.org](mailto:info@nami.org)  
can offer you sympathy and support and  
provide you information about resources in  
your community.

Remember: *you are not alone and help is available.*

# FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY



## Help Us to Grow

Father,  
through the holy family,  
you have made all families holy.  
You have given them as a model for us  
as we walk through life together.  
Help us to be ever more merciful.

Help us to forgive one another and  
to do small things with great love.  
Help us to grow together in holiness.  
Give us the wisdom to imitate Mary,  
holding all great mysteries in our hearts.  
Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, December 26, 2021  
All Families Are Made Holy

## THIS WEEK AT HOME

### Monday, December 27

#### St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

Today the Church celebrates the Feast of St. John, apostle and evangelist. He and his brother were early disciples of Jesus and witnesses to the resurrection. He traveled to Ephesus, where he composed his Gospel and letters, and later wrote the Book of Revelation from the island of Patmos. It is traditional to bless wine and cider on the Feast of St. John. *Today's readings: 1 John 1:1-4; Psalm 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; John 20:1a, 2-8.*

### Tuesday, December 28

#### The Holy Innocents

When Herod massacred all baby boys under two years of age, he sought to eliminate the threat the messiah posed to his power. His horrific, violent act epitomizes a truth we know even today: those who benefit most from the world's brokenness and injustice will always oppose the transformation God has promised. The infant Jesus needed protection, protection God provided in the person of St. Joseph. The deaths of the children were profound violations of the law of God. God is the God of life. God raised the infants to be saints, that the profound injustice of their deaths might be transformed: from death to life, that is the way of our God. *Today's readings: 1 John 1:5-2:2; Psalm 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8; Matthew 2:13-18.*

### Wednesday, December 29

#### Simeon: Waiting in Hope

God had promised Simeon that he would not see death until he had seen the salvation of Israel. The child Jesus, not yet six weeks old, is brought to the temple to be dedicated to the Lord. What must it have been like for him to feel the fulfillment of the promise? What desires of your heart are you awaiting God to fulfill? *Today's readings: 1 John 2:3-11; Psalm 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6; Luke 2:22-35.*

### Thursday, December 30

#### Anna the Prophetess

Anna the prophetess "spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Israel." The hope that she has held onto has been realized before her eyes, and she cannot keep it to herself. She goes out into the world to be the bringer of the Good News, to bring hope. When we celebrate Christmas, we are making present the incarnation through which God continues to bring about a renewed world. Christians are to testify about our hope, just as Anna did. How can you share your hope today? *Today's readings: 1 John 2:12-17; Psalm 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Luke 2:36-40.*

### Friday, December 31

#### Word Made Flesh

"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us." The evangelist John tells us the cosmic significance of the birth of Jesus. Because John uses the language of philosophy and poetry, it can be hard to grasp what he means. But because he uses these elevated ways of speaking, it is possible to approach the inexplicable mystery that is contained in the incarnation. Read today's Gospel. What word or phrase sticks out to you most? Copy it and meditate on it as you pray this week. *Today's readings: 1 John 2:18-21; Psalm 96:1-2, 11-12, 13; John 1:1-18.*

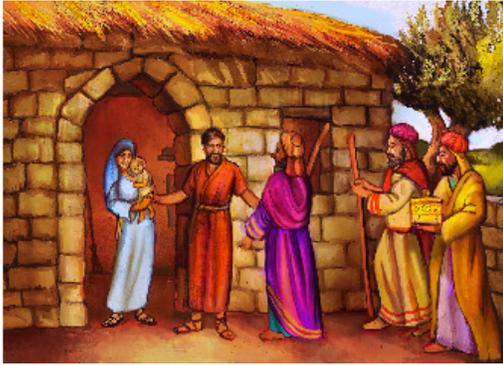
### Saturday, January 1

#### Mary, the Holy Mother of God

"Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart." Mary's central place in this great mystery of God dwelling among us led her to a place of contemplation. Though she was the one chosen to bring Jesus into the world, she did not have all the answers. Praying the Rosary, we have the opportunity to contemplate like Mary, deepening our reflection while our words proclaim the memorized prayers. Pray the Rosary today and ask Mary to help you to hold all these things in your heart. *Today's readings: Numbers 6:22-27; Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Galatians 4: 4-7; Luke 2:16-21.*



# THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



## Be Our Light

Father,  
you reveal yourself throughout the ages,  
showing us the light of your love.  
You said, "Let there be light,"  
and there was light.  
When you sent your Son to reveal  
yourself most fully,

you gave a star as a sign.  
Be our light.  
Fill us with your light  
that we might light the way to you.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, January 2, 2022

Overjoyed

## THIS WEEK AT HOME

### Monday, January 3

#### A Great Light

"The people who sit in darkness have seen a great light." Jesus reveals himself as the light when he preaches the kingdom of God and heals those who come to him. One purpose of the healing Jesus performed was to return to the community those who were separated from society because of illness or disability. As Jesus heals, his identity shines forth as clearly as it did in the star of Bethlehem. With each healing, he also enters into the vocation of the messiah. *Today's readings: 1 John 3:22—4:6; Psalm 2:7bc–8, 10–12a; Matthew 4:12–17, 23–25.*

### Tuesday, January 4

#### St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was the first person born in the United States to be canonized a saint. As a young widow and mother of five, she converted to Catholicism. She founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph's, and began the first Catholic girls' school in the United States. She is the patron saint of Catholic schools. *Today's readings: 1 John 4:7–10; Psalm 72:1–2, 3–4, 7–8; Mark 6:33–44.*

### Wednesday, January 5

#### Perfect Love

"Perfect love drives out fear." John certainly knew that the world was a broken place when he wrote his first letter. He had witnessed the crowds turning on Jesus and the early persecutions, in addition to the daily worries and anxieties all human beings experience. John knew that there were many dangers in the world. He does not say that perfect love causes fear not to arise. He says perfect love drives it away. This is not about a feeling but about whether we choose to let fear overwhelm us, or whether we choose a different path. Do not be afraid, God says. How can you choose love today? *Today's readings: 1 John 4:11–18; Psalm 72:1–2, 10, 12–13; Mark 6:45–52.*

### Thursday, January 6

#### Fulfilled in Your Hearing

Proclaiming the Scripture from Isaiah, Jesus describes the messiah and the era he has come to inaugurate. As Christ's hands and feet in the world, we too must live this fulfillment. What might it mean to proclaim glad tidings to the poor? How can you proclaim liberty to captives? Where can you heal brokenness? The heartbreak that you feel over conditions is your call to live in the kingdom of God. *Today's readings: 1 John 4:19—5:4; Psalm 72:1–2, 14, 15bc, 17; Luke 4:14–22.*

### Friday, January 7

#### Carrying the Light

Some people keep their Christmas tree or manger until the traditional date of Epiphany, which was yesterday. There is also a tradition of keeping some decorations until the Feast of the Presentation in the Temple, or Candlemas, which is celebrated February 2. It can be beautiful to carry the joy of Christmas into Ordinary Time by leaving up a few decorations, possibly some lights to symbolize that Jesus is the Light of the World. *Today's readings: 1 John 5:5–13; Psalm 147:12–13, 14–15, 19–20; Luke 5:12–16.*

### Saturday, January 8

#### Joy Made Complete

Human beings are prone to conflict. In today's Gospel, we hear the disciples of John the Baptist perceiving rivalry between John and Jesus. As a prophet, John knows that God's project is healing all such divisions. He knows that he was called to prepare the way for the messiah, and now that the messiah is come, he feels nothing but joy. Where in your life has unnecessary conflict and rivalry stolen your joy? How can you be a peacemaker in those situations? John's joy comes in seeing with God's eyes. Can you look at a difficult situation with new eyes? *Today's readings: 1 John 5:14–21; Psalm 149:1–2, 3–4, 5, 6a, 9b; John 3:22–30.*

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