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CHRISTMAS SEASON BULLETIN

DECEMBER 20 & 27, 2020

“O COME, LET US ADORE HIM”

MASS SCHEDULE

MASS TIMES

Saturday..... (Vigil) 4:00pm
Sunday..... 8:30am, 10:30am, 7:00pm
..... (Spanish) 3:00pm

DAILY MASS

Mo, Tu, Th, Fri..... 8:30am
Wednesday..... 6:00pm

Daily Mass and the 10:30am Sunday Mass are live-streamed and can be viewed on our parish Facebook page or the Parish Website.

CONFESSIONS

One half hour before each Mass daily and Sundays.

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"For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." - Lk 2:11-12



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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 21 • St. Peter Canisius

8:30 am Henry Harris, Jr.

Tuesday, December 22

8:30 am Greg Entremont, Karen James

Wednesday, December 23 • St. John of Kanty

6:00 pm Vivian & Lionel Fisher, Jr.

Thursday, December 24 • Vigil of Christmas

4:00 pm (Vigil) Vivian & Lionel Fisher, Jr., Crayon & Lato Families, Melvin & Nellie Powell, Henry & Florence Forsythe, John & Olga Porteous, Huey Waguespack, Armand Brinkhaus, Jr.

6:00 pm (Vigil) E.J. & Edna Guidry, Conrad & Betty Hymel, Fr. Benny Piovan, Scofield & Hoffman Families, Deacon Paul & Philip Dupuy, Edith Layton, Cynthia Naquin, Martin Naquin, James McCarron, Living & deceased members of Waguespack & Simoneaux Families, Thiel Bueto, Special Intention

Friday, December 25 • The Nativity of the Lord

Midnight Steve Navarre, Tom & Teresa Bautsch, Jack Townsend, Kim Cox
10:30 am Norman & Verna Millet, Rosalind Hutson, Deborah Acosta, Jessica Fournet, Alonzo "Berry" Nellums, Fe Laygo, Deacon Frank Hernandez, Helen Brayard, Ira & Aurelia Marcelle, Garnet & Eddie Torres, Special Intentions

12:00 noon (en espanol) Clotario Espinoza Concha

Saturday, December 26 • St. Stephen

4:00 pm Stuart Torres, John Paul Loupe, E.J. & Edna Guidry, Conrad & Betty Hymel, Grady Duff, Jr., Scott Duff, All Souls, Glen Keating, Fisher & Melancon Families, Dolores Fajardo, Ronald G. Perilloux, Ronald N. Perilloux, In thanksgiving for answered prayers, Anthony J. Valure, Jacques Williams, Sr., Helen Brayard, Dolores Brock, Thiel Bueto, Healing of America

Sunday, December 27 • The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

8:30 am Gwen Booth, Joseph & Verlie Marks, Nancy Freitas, Minnie Kerr, Tony Biven, Gwen Lieb, Shanon Graver, Vera & Stephanie Haydel, Tammy Balliviero, Sheldon Haydel, John Snyder, Sr., All Souls, Frank & Merlene St. Pierre, Eamon Akinosho, Irvin Scioneaux, Sr., Eric & Joseph Dangerfield, Gail Gordon Favorite, In thanksgiving, Special Intention
10:30 am Vivian Fisher, Maude Hymel
3:00 pm (en espanol) Our Parishioners, Clotario Espinoza Concha
7:00 pm A.J. & Mary Clyde Melancon

Monday, December 28 • The Holy Innocents

8:30 am For all unborn babies and babies of abortion, Scott Duff

Tuesday, December 29 • St. Thomas Becket

8:30 am Scott Duff, Jerry & Rosalie Lucia Sander

Wednesday, December 30

6:00 pm Special Intention

Thursday, December 31 • St. Sylvester I

4:00 pm (Vigil) Bryon & Thelma Melancon, Anthony J. Valure

Friday, January 1 • Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God • First Friday

10:30 am Cynthia Naquin, Melvin & Nellie Powell, Henry Harris, Jr., Dr. Constance J. Washington, Clem M. Washington,
12:00 noon (en espanol) Our Parishioners

Saturday, January 2 • Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen • First Saturday

4:00 pm Cynthia Naquin, Stuart Torres, Jeanne Guidry, E.J. & Edna Guidry, Conrad & Betty Hymel, Armand J. Brinkhaus, Jr., Steve Navarre, Tom & Teresa Bautsch, Fisher & Melancon Families, Dolores Fajardo, Rauch & Stumpf Families, Ronald G. Perilloux, Ronald N. Perilloux, Anthony J. Valure, All Souls, Richard K. Navamuel, Jacques Williams, Sr., Glen Keating, Jonathan Lee Lanza, Fryoux & Roussel Families, Dolores Brock, Healing of America, Eric & Joseph Dangerfield, Felicie, Joseph & Vincent Favorite, Special Intention

Sunday, January 3 • The Epiphany of the Lord

8:30 am Maxie & Mary Lee, Maxie Lee, Jr., Belle Barrios, John Snyder, Sr., All Souls, Living & deceased members of Waguespack & Simoneaux Families, Souls of all babies, Kim Cox, Harold Strehle, Annette Poche, Anthony St. Pierre, Connie Thornton, Claudia Mauberret, Maurice & Mary St. Pierre, Mr. & Mrs. Lance Poche, Gwen Booth, Special Intentions
10:30 am Vivian & Lionel Fisher, Jr., Maude Hymel
3:00 pm (en espanol) Our Parishioners
7:00 pm Peggy Farinelli



VIGIL LIGHT

In Memory of Norman & Verna Millet,
Deborah Acosta, Jessica Fournet, and
Rosalind Millet Hutson

CHAPEL CANDLES BURN FOR: Week of December 20

In Memory of Sheldon Haydel
In Memory of Jacques Williams, Sr.

Week of December 27

In Memory of Jacques Williams, Sr.

The Nativity of the Lord

Our hearts are aglow with the joy of Christmas! Our senses are alive with the season, from the rich smells of evergreen and gingerbread to the feel of crisp air on our skin and the warmth of a loved one's embrace. At some point in the holiday hustle and bustle, take a few moments of quiet. In the silence, reflect on the other senses of the season. Imagine the cool damp of an animal stable, the earthy smell of hay and feed, and the crisp night air blowing in softly. Imagine kneeling beside an exhausted, joyful mother and a relieved, protective father. Imagine an infant wrapped in cloth scraps held out to your open arms. Imagine holding the infant Jesus. As his eyes meet yours, welcome into your heart the greatest gift of Christmas. ©LPI



Father Walter and the Staff at Ascension of Our Lord wish you a Holy and Merry Christmas and a Happy and Blessed New Year!

How to Build Your Catholic Legacy by Spreading Joy with Giving

Help AOL Parish charitable goals by fostering your generosity through the Catholic Community Foundation.

End-of-year giving is upon us! Just a reminder that the CARES Act, which was signed into law in March 2020, includes provisions affecting both individual and corporate donors. Visit ccfnola.org/cares-act to learn more and see the following provisions:

- New \$300 deduction for qualified charitable donations
- 60% of Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) limit suspended for 2020
- Corporations' 10% limit increased to 25% for 2020



Catholic Community Foundation offers parishioners of AOL opportunities to be generous through many philanthropic avenues. Some popular ways to give back include:

- **Wills and Bequests:** A **Will** allows you to choose how to distribute the assets that you have accumulated during your lifetime, and a **Bequest** in your will provides the flexibility to use these assets for any unforeseen expenses. You can bequeath a specific item, amount of money, or percentage of your estate. Support your favorite charities by adding specific language to your will (ccfnola.org/bequest-language).
- **Donor Advised Funds (DAFs):** With a DAF, you create a centralized, efficient, and accessible repository to manage charitable giving. Cash, securities, or other appreciated assets may be gifted into a designated fund, from which you recommend grants at any time.
- **Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD):** For donors 70½ and older who have a **Required Minimum Distribution (RMD)** from their IRA, QCDs may provide a tax benefit for them to direct funds to a parish, school, or nonprofit ministry directly instead of receiving the income themselves. Learn more about QCDs or download and complete a Letter of Intent to direct a QCD to an organization at www.ccfndla.org/ways-to-give.

CCF makes it easy to achieve your charitable giving goals. Before fostering your generosity, we recommend that you contact your attorney or financial tax advisor to discuss the impact of making charitable contributions.

Questions? Please contact Executive Director Cory J. Howat at chowat@ccfnola.org or Linda Biven, Ascension of Our Lord Business Manager at aolparishoffice@gmail.com.



CHRISTMAS SEASON BULLETIN

PARISH CALENDAR

Monday, December 21

No school; No PSR

Tuesday, December 22

No school

Wednesday, December 23

No school

7:00pm Spanish Ministers Training - Church

Thursday, December 24

Parish Office closed; No school

Friday, December 25

Parish Office closed; No school

Saturday, December 26 • Team 4**Sunday, December 27 • Team 4****Monday, December 28**

No school; No PSR

Tuesday, December 29

No school

Wednesday, December 30

No school

Thursday, December 31

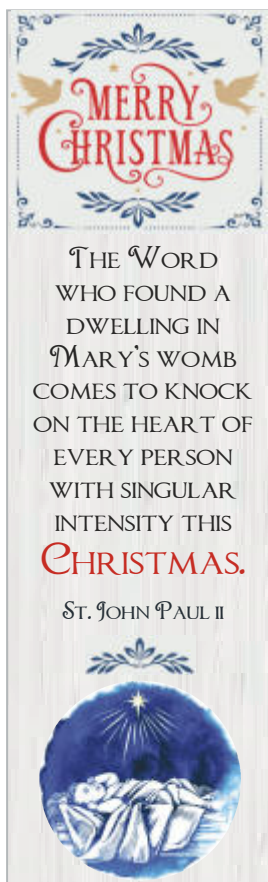
Parish Office closes at noon; No school

Friday, January 1

Parish Office closed; No school

Saturday, January 2 • Team 1**Sunday, January 3 • Team 1**

4:00pm Meet & Greet with Fr. Galvez - PPH



PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

Adorers Needed:

Sundays: 10am, 1pm

Mondays: 2am

Fridays: 10am, 2pm, 3pm

Saturdays: 8am

Come back and pray!

"Be at peace; what God has started, He will finish."

St. Faustina (Diary, 132)

**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

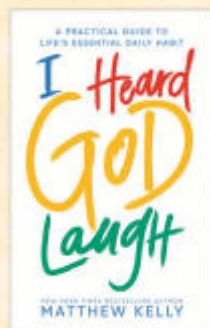
December 24 - 4:00pm, 6:00pm
December 25 - Midnight, 10:30am,
12:00noon (Spanish)

SOLEMNITY OF MARY MASS SCHEDULE

December 31 - 4:00pm
January 1 - 10:30am, 12:00noon (Spanish)

**** The 4:00pm Masses on December 24 & 31 will be live-streamed ****
and available for viewing on our parish Facebook page.

The Parish Office will be closed on December 24th, 25th, and January 1st.
We will be open until noon on December 31st.

**Is Your Life Working?**

Most of us are trying to put together the jigsaw puzzle we call life without a very important piece. Over time this becomes incredibly frustrating. In this extraordinary book, Matthew Kelly powerfully demonstrates that we cannot live the life we have imagined, or experience the joy we yearn for, unless we learn to tend the soul. From there, with his classic style of practical wisdom, he teaches us how to remedy this problem.

A copy of this book will be given out to all families at all Christmas Masses. Please enjoy this gift from Father Walter.

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS: Baptismal seminars are held on the first Tuesday of each month in the Parish Office at 7:00pm. Please call the Parish Office to pre-register.

WEDDINGS: Couples must contact the priest at least six months prior to the preferred date of the wedding.

ANointing OF THE SICK: Please call the Parish Office or 985-630-2837 (evenings).

HOLY COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND: To be added to the list, please call the Parish Office.

FUNERALS: Family must make arrangements with the priest prior to making final arrangements with the funeral home.

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DECEMBER 20, 2020

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High."

Luke 1:31-32a

God chooses His friends not in the way we choose our friends. People cannot understand why God chooses many of the friends He chooses. After all they seem so ugly at times. Look at King David in the first reading. God chose him as a shepherd boy to become a great king. Yet so many times King David acted in sinful ways. Ways that hurt his relationship with God. Despite these times King David loved God and God loved him. God chose King David to help carry out His plan of salvation. A plan that St. Paul talks about in the second reading today. This plan began in the mind of God before the world began and will not end until Jesus comes again in glory at the end of the world. In the meantime, God reveals this plan little by little using people as His messengers. David did his part.

In the gospel we find God preparing Mary for her part. She would be the mother of Jesus. Mary does not understand why God chose her. But she accepts her role. She will do whatever God asks of her.

In a similar way God has chosen each of us to continue His plan of salvation. He asks us to tell others about Jesus and what Jesus said. We do that in a special way by living like Jesus calls us to live. Have you heeded His call?

READINGS FOR DECEMBER 20-JANUARY 3

Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [2a]/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

Monday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56

Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66

Thursday: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79

Friday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25. Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14. Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20. Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

Saturday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 [6]/Mt 10:17-22

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1] or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [7a, 8a]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

Monday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18

Friday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 1:19-28

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

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DECEMBER 27, 2020

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, & JOSEPH

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

Luke 2:40

It Takes a Covenant to Raise a Family

The Holy Family—so easy to marvel at and honor, so difficult to think of imitating. On the face of it, the family life of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph seems too utterly unique to take as a model for our flawed efforts at being parents and children. The virginal conception and divinity of the Child are enough to render the Holy Family apparently inimitable. And who among us can hope for guidance in major decisions by way of angelic messages in dreams? And yet this Sunday's Scriptures do offer ways for us to relate the life of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph to our own.

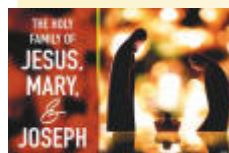
When we think of Mary, Joseph, and the child Jesus in splendid, nuclear isolation, we forget two things. First, no family in first-century Palestine lived disconnected from their network of relatives. Second, and more important, their family life was lived as part of the larger family life of Israel's covenant life with God.

It takes the whole covenant community to be a family. The passage from Sirach demonstrates the way Israelite family life was considered an expression of covenant life. Each statement Sirach makes about living the parent-child relationships refers to what those relationships mean about one's relationship with God. Indeed, those relationships are described in liturgical terms. For example, "He who honors his father is gladdened by children, and when he prays he is heard." Or again, "He obeys the Lord who brings comfort to his mother."

However divine conception and direction by dreams highlights their uniqueness, Jesus, Mary, and Joseph had in common with all the families in the land of Israel this sense that their relationships with one another were expressions of their relationship with God as creator and redeemer. With all of their neighbors, they knew that it takes a covenant community to be a family, and that their lives were the gift of God to be lived out in service of that God.

When Paul speaks of right relationships in Christian community and family life, he draws upon that same sense that these human relationships derive from that larger covenant relationship. "As the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do." "And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in our body." That peace is the shalom of the covenant life lived faithfully and fully. It takes the whole covenant community to be a family. As we honor the Holy Family today, we can take their unique experience as a reminder of the covenant life with God in which all of our families can find encouragement. Just as Mary, Joseph, and Jesus were not a family on their own, neither are we.

Fr. Walter Austin



Father Walter will lead us in a Consecration to the Holy Family at all Masses on Dec. 26th & 27th.



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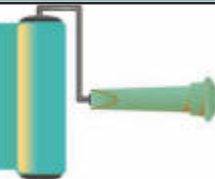


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