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MASS TIMES

Sunday
9:00 am & 11:30 am
Tues & Thurs 5:30 pm
Wed & Fri 12:05 pm

OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Thurs
8:30 am - 4:00 pm
Fri
8:30 am - 12:00pm

RECONCILIATION

Tuesday 4:30 pm - 5:25 pm
Thursday 4:30 pm - 5:25 pm

ADORATION

Tuesday 7:00 am - Midnight
Suspended for Dec. 21 and 28th

Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord

Merry Christmas everyone! Today is the day! We have been preparing for four weeks through the season of Advent for today, the celebration and remembrance of the very fact that God has become a man, the Word has taken on flesh, and He is with us. The people of Israel have waited for this for centuries before, with great expectation and anticipation for the Messiah, the Christ, the anointed one. Prophets have foretold of His coming. For example, one of the readings from Christmas depicts Isaiah's prophecy: "See, the Lord proclaims to the ends of the earth: say to daughter Zion, your savior comes!" Liturgically speaking there are four sets of readings for the Christmas Masses, each highlighting a different dimension of the same mystery, Christ's incarnation. This is an awesome mystery because this means that God not only sustains us and gives us life, but He has chosen to become one of us. Jesus knows the griefs and joys, the dreams and the sorrows, the troubles and tribulations, the faith and doubt, and the loves and betrayals that we experience. This is the impact of the Mystery of the Incarnation, that God has emptied Himself and taken on humanity in order to redeem us. And this He has done! May we also come to adore Him, our Savior, born as a child in Bethlehem, and may we know what a gift this is! Blessings to all of you for a wonderful Christmas season!

Peace,
Fr. Jason Johnston

MASS INTENTIONS

(+) Deceased; (SI) Special Intention; (NI) No Intention

Monday, December 26	No Mass
Tuesday, December 27	No Mass
Wednesday, December 28	**11:00 am** - Karen Lilly+
Thursday, December 29	5:30 pm - John Killebrew Perry+
Friday, December 30	12:05 pm - Living and deceased members of the Kurtz family
Saturday, December 31	5:00 pm - (Corpus Christi) Mass for the People
Sunday, January 1	9:00 am - Mass for the People 11:30 am - Special Intention

STEWARDSHIP IN ACTION

December 18, 2022 Regular $10,215.00 Online $ 9,478.21

For unto us is born this day a Savior! In response to so great a love, only the gift of my whole self will do. You have given us Yourself, dear Lord; in love and thanksgiving,
I commit myself afresh to You.

Scan me

Scan the QR code and it will take you directly to St. Joseph's online giving.

Readings for the Week

December 26 - Monday - St Stephen, The First Martyr
Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22

December 27 - Tuesday - St. John, Apostle & Evangelist
1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

December 28 - Wednesday - The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Mt 2:13-18

December 29 - Thursday - 5th day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
St. Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr
1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35

December 30 - Friday - Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

December 31 - Saturday - 7th day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
St. Sylvester I, Pope
1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18

January 1 - Sunday - Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God
Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Daily Mass Schedule

December 26 - No Mass
December 27 - No Mass
December 28 - **11:00 am**
December 29 - 5:30 pm
December 30 - 12:05 pm

January 2 - January 6, 2023
No Daily Masses

Emmanuel
God with us

Here's what's going on this week at St. Joseph

Sunday, 12/25

Monday, 12/26 - Office Closed

Tuesday, 12/27 - Office Closed
NO ADORATION

Wednesday, 12/28 - Office Closed
9:30 am - Visitation for Karen Lilly (Church)
11:00 am - Funeral Mass for Karen Lilly (Church)
4:00 pm - Baptism (Church)
6:00 pm - 9:00 am Choir Practice (Church)

Thursday, 12/29 - Office Closed

Friday, 12/30 - Office Closed
11:30 am - Pro-Life Rosary (Church)

Saturday, 12/31

Sunday, 1/1

THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of December 25, 2022

Where are You? Forgiven Episode 1
As we make resolutions for 2021, don't forget about your spiritual well-being! Watch our Forgiven series, so you can help guide friends and family to new spiritual beginnings!

FORMED Live: Who is St. Stephen
Join Dr. Gray and Dr. Barber as they discuss the life of St. Stephen, first Christian martyr and heroic leader of the early Church.

Christmas as Christ's Mass
by Dr. Michael Barber
Dr. Michael Barber explains the extraordinary connection between Christmas and the Eucharist, coining the great solemnity as "Christ's Mass."

Our parish has a FORMED subscription.
Visit signup.formed.org and select our parish name.

An offering from the Augustine Institute and Ignatius Press

Christmas Poinsettias in Memory of

Paul and Mary Lou Andol
John and Mildred Andol
(by John and Anna Andol)

Deceased Members of the
Tubertini and Anthony
Families
(by Lanie and Marc Anthony)

Deceased Family Members
(by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Awng)

Vicky Blaine
(by Sharon Blaine)

Joe Balzli
Margaret Balzli Rula
Ann Balzli
Bill Duncan
(by Dr. Tom and Marsha Balzli)

Robert Moffett
Breck Moffett
(by Miriam Balzli)

Bill and Margaret
Bresnahan
Edna and Shorty Self
(by Bob and Deb Bresnahan)

Vernon and Jeanette Waller
Ronald Vernon Waller
Rocky Alba
James John Chrisman, Sr.
(by Jim and Karen Chrisman)

Deceased Members of the
Cmar and McCleary Families
(by John and Beth Anne Cmar)

Richard, Eulalia and Chris
Coughlin
Richard, Marie and Ricky
Best
(by Richard and Donna Coughlin)

Warren Bourgeois, Sr.
Warren Bourgeois, Jr.
(by Romma Bourgeois;
David, Lisa & Jennifer Darce)

Deceased Members of the
Delouche & Narem Families
(by Curt & Shirley Delouche)

Marie Day
Onie Davis
(by Jack Day)

Deceased Family Members
(by Hoang and Bich Doan)

Mary and Joseph Bernardelli,
Sr., Joseph Bernardelli, Jr.,
Julie Coolidge,
Deceased Members of the
Contri Family, and
Frederick Frank, Sr.
(by Barbara Frank)

Patricia Garrard
(by Tony and Tania Garrard)

Hugh Gerald, Rose Fischer
and Bob Cini
(by Libby Gerald)

Deceased Family Members
(by Eduardo Gutierrez)

James and Margie Hamill
(by Teresa Hamill)

Mr. and Mrs. John Pollman
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harris
(by Alex Cindy Harris)

Kazimierz Haupt
Erna Haupt
Zbigniew Jalocha
(by Bo and Tomasz Haupt)

John Holmes
Mrs. Josephine Moses
Mrs. Bobby McConnell
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Holmes
(by Gigi Holmes)

Norman and Jane Henry
Otho and Laura Hoover
Wayne and Marjorie Orr
(by Charles and Lucia Hoover)

Deceased Family Members
(by John Jackovic)

Charlie and Bernadette Shira
Robert and Joyce Joy
David Lack
Danny Holt
Carole and Jimmie Holt
(by Susan Shira Lack, Laurette Shira Joy and
Dennis Joy)

Thadus Justice
Henrietta Justice
(by Cheryl Justice)

Deceased Members of the
Keith and Rivers Families
(by Sal Keith)

Ana Maria Lopez
(by Mariano Lopez)

Bob Mangum
(by Jeri Mangum)

Deceased Members of the
Marszalek, Kozmer and
Bourgon
Families
(by John and Jean Marszalek)

Deceased Family and Friends
Deceased Members of the
Lambert and McCoy Families
(by Pat and Mary McCoy)

Mick McGrath
Margaret Naquin
Deceased Members of the
Naquin, Couvillion and
McGrath Families
(by Vince and Linda McGrath)

Raymond "Doc" Orgler
(by Gerry Orgler)

Bob Parker
(by Kathie Parker)

Jason Pigg
(by Robin Pigg)

Bobby and Buck Denman
(by Mary Ann Putt)

Craig Randall
David and Gloria Perkins
(by Kathryn Randall)

John J. Read
(by Lisa Read)

Ruth and Cade Britt
Vallie and Robert Reginelli
Warren Croft
Anna Chromiak
(by Dennis and Deborah Reginelli)

Deceased Members of the
Rollins and Dumas
Families
(by Amy Rollins)

Mary Runnels
Pat Wilkes
Deceased Members of the
Runnels and Rook Families
(by Liz Rook)

Hugh and Jewel Chambers
Ollie and George Sills
(by George and Huel Sills)

Deceased Members of the
Goellner and Smith Families
(by Mary Smith)

Dan Stumpf
(by Suzanne Stumpf)

Deceased members of the
McMorris Family
(by Mable Thomas)

Deceased Members of the
White Family
(by Elaine White)

Peggy Wolverton
(by Bob Wolverton, Jr.)

IN HONOR OF

JoAn Tubertini
(by Marc and Lainie Anthony)

Hubert Blaine
(by Sharon Blaine)

Mary Lavelle
(by George and Oscar Bock)

Mike Delouche
(by Curt and Shirley Delouche)

Lynn Perez
(by Kathryn Randall)

Pray for Parishioners

Gloria Correro
Nancy Comish
Bos Stevens
Bob Bresnahan
Dennis Reginelli
Tani Dubuisson
Romma Bourgeois
Dan Ryder
Laura Thurmond
Greg & Flo Henley
Mariano Lopez
Sharon Blaine
Joyce Browning
David Gaudin
Bill Wilson
JoAn Tubertini
Amelia Bevill
Florence Richardson
Jim Smith
Robert Wolverton, Sr.
Emily Jones
John Andol
George Sills
Tim Bastow
Edwina Hogue
Lee Ann Wilson
Ronnie & Tara Puckett
Joe & June Schmidt
Joel Okula
Mary Beth Moore
Kathryn Randall
Robert Harris
John Simpson
Al Baca
Patricia Raines
Susan Brown
Dianna & Kolten Janus
Kathy Winston
Jane Ammerman
Dee Dee Cook
Barbara Setaro

Pray for Families and Friends of Parishioners

Barbara Brown: mother of Robin O'Nan

Hunter Campbell: friend of Katy Richey

J. C. Patton: friend of the Holmes and Hoover families

Ray West: former parishioner

John and Lois Riske: parents of Sarah Twietmeyer. Jordan Riske: niece of Gregg and Sarah Twietmeyer. Rose Zimmerman and Ivan Popov: friends of Gregg Twietmeyer

Hazel Anderson: Grandmother of Connor Anderson

Cindy Walker: friend of Patti Abraham

A young friend of G G Holmes

Connor Bastow: nephew of Tim Bastow

Sarah Moreland: sister of Amelia Bevill

Sr. Margaret O'Brien: sister of Fr. Mike O'Brien

Brenda and Robert Groves: sister and brother-in-law of Debra Lipe

Willie "Cookie" Gray and family: friends of Peter Franco

Jo Ann and Robert Moore: sister and brother-in-law of Rosemary Cuicchi

Jayna McQuade: niece of Beverly Wilson

Dalin Davis and the Davis Family: Great niece and family of Janet Downey

Delaney Pricer: friend of Ree Herschede

Cindy Pittman: daughter of Wil White

Repose of the soul of John Sellers and for his family: relative of Jim and Greer-Smith

Paul Kurtz: nephew of Gerry Orgler

Tom and Mary Parker: brother and sister-in-law of Suzanne Stumpf

Brenda and Robert Groves: sister and brother-in-law of Debra Lipe

Mike Delouche: son of Curt and Shirley Delouche

Gerald Michel: former parishioner

Jordan Bruce: son-in-law of Randy and Melissa Follett

Mary Margaret Brabston: sister of Peter Franco

Hunter Smith: son of Greer and Jim Smith.

Ruby Wren Raftery: infant daughter of Kevin and Erin Raftery

Mary Lancaster: cousin of Melissa Follett

Matthew Duchaine: son of Taylor and Edy Duchaine

Irene Duff and Teresa Dumas: Aunts of Amy Rollins. Kim Horner, Rebecca Plunkett , Pam Champion and Robin Hunter: friends of Amy Rollins

Patricia Uzoigwe and Marilyn Muse: friend of Mary June Lavelle and former parishioner

Celeste Wood: Sister of Mary Ann Reese

Dan Purvis: friend of Dan and Lynne Ryder

Letty Jane Clark: mother of Robin Pigg

Kathleen LeBlanc: daughter of David and Lisa Darce

Bruce Morton: friend of Ben and Carolyn Abadie

People of Ukraine and all war-torn areas of the world

Linda Tucker: friend of Jim Tomlinson

Frank Smith, Sr.: father of Frank Smith, Jr.

Donald Thompson: friend of Bennie and Diane Keith

Maggie Reedy: relative of Mary June Lavelle and Fran Lavelle

Mike Kassouf: former parishioner

Emily Rust: former parishioner

Marie Faust: friend of parishioner

Mark Poole: relative of Marie Portera

Jeffrey and Catherine Simmons: brother and sister-in-law of Rhonda and Bradley Burns

Portia Keel and Alando Keel: granddaughters of Claire Keel

Stephanie and Mike Missanelli: friends of Laura McPhail

Betty Mooney: mother of Laura McKee

Samantha and Nathan Hood: friends of Cynthia Harris

Dan Mangum: son of Jeri Mangum; Braden Preus: friend of Jeri Mangum. Susan Griffin: friend of Jeri Mangum

Mary Katherine Prewitt: relative of John and Anna Andol

John B. Lane, III: uncle of Dianna Janus Alexander Rosener & family: brother of Dianna Janus Juana de Naveda: grandmother of Diana Janus. Bob Rosener: step-father of Dianna Janus. Mike Janus: cousin of Mark Janus

Jeannine Dionne: mother of Dawn McGinley. Wes Webb: brother-in-law of Deacon John and Dawn McGinley. Thomas Lott : friend of Deacon John and Dawn McGinley

Harold Ray: friends of Marc and Lainie Anthony

The Burnham family, the Coleman family and Ida Harrell: friends of a parishioner Joy Impastato: mother of Debra Few

James and Mary Brown; Karen McRae and family: family members of Susan Brown. Thelma Sparkman and Anne-Cummings; friends of Susan Brown

Pray for our soldiers

Adam Fuhrmann
Christian Bondi
Ryan Mangum
Conor Mangum
Cory Delouche
Robert Elias
Clayton Eckler

Pray for our seminarians

Carlisle Beggerly
Deacon Andrew Bowden
Ryan Stoer
Tristan Stovall
Will Foggo
Grayson Foley

Father in heaven,
our hearts desire the warmth of your love
and our minds are searching for the light of your Word.
Increase our longing for Christ our Savior
and give us the strength to grow in love,
that the dawn of his coming
may find us rejoicing in his presence
and welcoming the light of his truth.
We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.
Amen.