

THE CHILD GREW
AND BECAME STRONG,
FILLED WITH WISDOM;
AND THE FAVOR OF GOD
WAS UPON HIM.

LUKE 2:40



THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

DECEMBER 27, 2020

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and living as true disciples of Christ.*

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening:	Sunday
5:30 PM (Vigil)	9:00 AM live stream
	10:30 AM
	12:00 Noon

Weekdays:

Monday - Friday 7:00 AM
Tuesday - Saturday 8:00 AM

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Saturdays after the 8:00am Mass/Chapel Confessional
Saturdays 4:00pm - 5:00pm in the Church

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1:15 PM Sundays by appointment only

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt:13-18
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40
 Thursday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
 Friday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
 Saturday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
 Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Please Pray For...

Members of our Armed Services: 2nd Lt. Emma Altonji, USA, 1st Lt. Aaron Reed, USA, 2nd Lt. Ryan Gutshall, USA, Pvt. Anthony Donatelli, USA, Cpt. David Guerin, USMC, CWO2 Adrian Stanko US Army, Maj. Stefan Stanko USMC, Specialist Dominic Giampietro, USA, Cpt. Thomas Comer, USA, Lt. Col. Katherine Comer Irish, AF, SSGT Andrew Ludwig, LT Mike Martinson, USN, Lt. Col. Jeff Bogle, USMC, USN Cmdr. Timothy Knapp, RCT James Joseph Curley, Corpsman Tony Ferrara, EMT USN

Our loved ones: Fran O'Brien, Luis Etcharren, Lori Vaeth, Deacon Luke Hally, Connie Siceloff, Sofia Rose Barile, Amy Nault, Ruven Hoffman, Jason Haviland, Joseph Franceus, Blandine Nembo, Susan E. Kuchera, Rose Marie Miciak, baby Freya Wilkinson, Robert J. Cimi, Jr., Patricia Kennedy, Caroline Marie Hugman, Gerry Beaudry, Joetta Stula, Marcella Strutt, Bob Puglise, Linda Wittman, Victoriano Alvarez, Sally Asher, Margie Bohrmann, Samantha Worob, Michael Tallon, David Kraus, Martin Feinberg, Chris de Poortere, Richie de Poortere, Jr., Faith Beaudry, Marlene Cababe, Lynn Frazier, Courtney Tisdale, Rosa Perrella, Annette & Anthony Ferrara, and Vera LiPuma,

Mothers of: Debbie Cortese, Margaret Hoffman,
 Susie McGeough and Joseph Franceus

Father of: Joseph Franceus;

Sister of: Lisa Pensevene

Prayers for the Deceased

Herbert Mitschele

Mass Intentions for the Week

SUNDAY, December 27 *The Holy Family*
 7:30am Elyse Falato Staropoli
requested by: The McInerney Family
 9:00am Richard Regan
requested by: The Regan Family
 10:30am Deceased Members of the Gajewski and Liaguno Families
requested by: Gloria Gajewski
 12:00 pm The People of the Parish

MONDAY, December 28 *The Holy Innocents*
 7:00 am Donald Moore
requested by: The Cervino Family

TUESDAY, December 29 *St. Thomas Becket*
 7:00 am Thomas Ricca
requested by: Brian McMahon
 8:00 am Dorothy Frame
requested by: The Vieser Family

WEDNESDAY, December 30
 7:00 am James McMahon, Sr.
requested by: Brian McMahon
 8:00 am Rob Rossiter
requested by: The Kahm Family

THURSDAY, December 31 *St. Sylvester, I*
 7:00 am Dorothy Frame
requested by: David and Julie Berry
 8:00 pm Edward Kobble, Jr.
requested by: The Laska Family
 5:30 pm George C. Schmitt
requested by: Mickey Schmitt

FRIDAY, January 1 *Mary, Mother of God*
 NO 7:00 or 8:00 am
 9:00 am Agnes Gallagher
requested by: Joanne and Mike McClain
 11:00am Sandra Carbone
requested by: Jack and Rose Salaki

SATURDAY, January 2 *St. Basil the Great and St. Gregory Nazienzen*
 8:00am Lawrence T. Adelberger
requested by: Jill and Rob Potdevin
 5:30pm John Aiello
requested by: The Aiello Family

SUNDAY, January 3 *The Epiphany of the Lord*
 7:30am The People of the Parish
 9:00am Mark Huebner
requested by: Ray and Marge Gsell
 10:30am Pat Knox
requested by: Mary Hess
 12:00 pm Chancy Conte
requested by: Miriam Schwartz

A message from our Pastor...

The Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

My dear friends:

In his first encyclical, "Lumen Fidei," or "The Light of Faith," July 5, 2013, Pope Francis highlighted the need to let Christ's love transform and renew our lives, so that we may transmit our faith to the world. "Faith is born of an encounter with the living God who calls us and reveals his love for building our lives."

"Transformed by this love, we gain fresh vision, new eyes to see; we realize that it contains a great promise of fulfillment, and that a vision of the future opens up before us." He noted the key role of family as a critical setting for the growth of faith, specifically referencing "the stable union of man and woman in marriage," which creates the good of new life.

The Holy Family consisted of:

1. The mother, who consented to conceive a child through the power of the Holy Spirit
2. The father, who listened to angels and fled to another country, turning his family for a time into refugees
3. The son, who gave everything on the cross

That which made them so remarkable is that they were so *unremarkable*. They were not rich or influential. They were just Jesus, Mary and Joseph: the carpenter's family, from a place called Nazareth who did all they did out of love.

Nazareth was a place of everyday life and everyday problems, in fact in Sacred Scripture someone even mocks it by saying: "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?"

In Paul's beautiful letter to the Colossians, our second reading this weekend, he speaks eloquently of love. Paul was not writing about romantic love. The letter we hear today is about how to form a healthy and holy Christian community. How do we do this? "Put on compassion," Paul tells us kindness, lowliness, meekness, patience, forgiveness, and love."

We could do nothing better than to follow that model: to live faithfully, each in our own world, remembering the example of the Holy Family. Remembering to open our eyes and our hearts to what is around us. Cherish every ordinary, mundane, stressful, joyful moment at home. And if you do, your family may discover something the Holy Family knew so well: that the living God reveals His love for building our lives, "and transformed by this love, we realize that it contains the grace for a promise of fulfillment, a vision of hope and everlasting love, now and in the future."

Merry Christmas,

Msgr. Cronin

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Calendar at a glance...

December 31: Vigil Mass at 5:30 pm in the chapel

January 1: The Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God—Masses will be celebrated at 9:00 am and 11:00 am in the church. There will be no 7:00 am or 8:00 am daily Masses. The dispensation from attending Holy Mass still applies to this Holy Day of Obligation.

January 1: The parish office will be closed.



Thank you and the members of St. James for your incredibly generous donations of gift cards that you hand delivered to our Catholic Charities Bridgewater office the other day. Your contribution is most appreciated and will help many, many individuals and families over the holidays.

On behalf of all the staff at Catholic Charities, we are so very thankful and appreciative. God bless you and all the parishioners of St. James Church. We wish you a very happy and blessed Christmas.



Christmas Flower Memorials

Requested by:

Mr. Benaldo Abbate
Ms. Monica Aerstin

Mr. and Mrs. John Aiello
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Mr. and Mrs. Roy Amalfitano

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Mr. and Mrs. Edward Donovan
Mrs. Geraldine Doody
Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Dougherty
Mrs. Joanne Ducz
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Ricky RJ Johnson;
Mr. and Mrs. KJ Aerstin
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deceased family members
Mr. and Mrs. Giovanni
Guiseppe & Anna Amalfitano
Betty Andreach
deceased family members
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Joseph Bagnato
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John G. LaPira
Daniel Mark Caesar
James Caffrey, Veronica
Campione, Sheila Shelec
deceased family members
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& Abbondanzo families
deceased family members
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deceased family members
Cherney & Laczynski families
deceased family members
deceased family members
Closkey & Flanagan families
deceased family members
Colonna & Patarca families
Catherine Sullivan
Florence Molfetto
deceased family members
Corrigan & Shields families
Coughlin & Boyle families
deceased family members
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deceased family members
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	Perrella & Janet Franceus
	Eileen V. Freda
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y	Pat Scanlon
	Grabowy & Henry families
	deceased family members
	deceased family members
	Guerin & Padron families,
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	deceased family members
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	deceased family members
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Binaghi &	Torregrossa families
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MEMORANDUM

From: Most Rev. Kevin C. Rhoades, Bishop of Fort Wayne, South Bend, Chairman Committee on Doctrine; Most Rev. Joseph F. Naumann, Archbishop of Kansas City, Chairman Committee on Pro-Life Activities

Subject: Vaccines for COVID-19

Date: 23 November 2020



There appears to be some confusion in the media regarding the moral permissibility of using the vaccines for COVID-19 developed by Pfizer Inc. and Moderna. We would like to offer some clarifications.

Neither the Pfizer nor the Moderna vaccine involved the use of cell lines that originated in fetal tissue taken from the body of an aborted baby at any level of design, development, or production.¹ They are not completely free from any connection to abortion, however, as both Pfizer and Moderna made use of a tainted cell line for one of the confirmatory lab tests of their products. There is thus a connection, but it is relatively remote. Some are asserting that if a vaccine is connected in any way with tainted cell lines then it is immoral to be vaccinated with them. This is an inaccurate portrayal of Catholic moral teaching.

There are three documents from the Holy See that treat the question of tainted vaccines: 1) the 2005 study by the Pontifical Academy for Life, "Moral Reflections on Vaccines Prepared from Cells Derived from Aborted Human Foetuses"; 2) paragraphs nos. 34-35 in the 2008 Instruction on Certain Bioethical Questions (Dignitatis Personae) by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith; 3) the 2017 Note on Italian Vaccine Issue, by the Pontifical Academy for Life. These documents all point to the immorality of using tissue taken from an aborted child for creating cell lines. They also make distinctions in terms of the moral responsibility of the various actors involved, from those involved in designing and producing a vaccine to those receiving the vaccine. Most importantly, they all make it clear that, at the level of the recipient, it is morally permissible to accept vaccination when there are no alternatives and there is a serious risk to health.

The Pontifical Academy for Life gives as an example the case of rubella (German measles): "We find, in such a case, a proportional reason, in order to accept the use of these vaccines in the presence of the danger of favouring the spread of the pathological agent, due to the lack of vaccination of children. This is particularly true in the case of vaccination against German measles."²

The Pontifical Academy does call for appropriate expressions of protest against the origins of these vaccines as well as for vigorous efforts to promote the creation of alternatives. "There remains a moral duty to continue to fight and to employ every lawful means in order to make life difficult for the pharmaceutical industries which act unscrupulously and unethically." The Pontifical Academy adds, however, that public health must not be sacrificed. "The burden of this important battle cannot and must not fall on innocent children and on the health situation of the population."

¹See the chart provided by the Charlotte Lozier Institute: COVID-19 Vaccine-Candidates-and-Abortion-Derived-Cell-Lines.pdf (pcdn.co).

² Pontifical Academy for Life, "Moral Reflections on Vaccines," (9 June 2005) in National Catholic Bioethics Quarterly 6:3 (2006): 541-49, especially n. 16.

**Pre-Kindergarten - 3**

Mrs. Tracey Lewis's preschoolers have been having so much fun this year. We have been working on sharing, taking turns, and thinking about other people's feelings. The students enjoy the "Mother Goose Time" pre-kindergarten curriculum as it incorporates all subject areas as they learn through play, music, and movement.

This month we have been preparing for Jesus and His birth. We are learning about the story of Jesus and the Nativity. We have also been hard at work at our own classroom North Pole. Our December centers include Santa's Mail Center where children can write letters, The Cookie Bakery where we pretend to bake cookies, and The Elves Workshop where we imagine being an elf and make toys. Our family project this month was to disguise a gingerbread man to not get caught by the fox!

**Christmas Party and Tree Lighting**

The SJS Community kicked off the holiday season with a virtual Christmas Party and Silent Auction on December 4, 2020. Some highlights from the evening included honoring two well respected and loved SJS teachers, Mrs. Elaine Comer and Miss Christina Duffy followed by an inspirational talk from Mr. Sam Khichi, a former SJS student.

On Friday, December 11, SJS held their first ever livestream Christmas tree lighting! The tree was donated by Nat Conti of Conti Construction and the lights were donated and arranged on the tree by Michael Deo of NatureScape Lighting in Millington. The tree will remain lit from 5:00pm to 11:00 pm every day through the Christmas season. Please come by and take some pictures with your family!



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