

December 26, 2021



The Holy Family

OF JESUS, MARY,
AND JOSEPH

After three days Jesus' parents
found him in the temple,
sitting in the midst of the teachers,
listening to them and
asking them questions.

Luke 2:46

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4:30pm

Sunday Masses:

7:30am and 10:00am

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The Christmas Season

If I haven't had the opportunity to do it in person yet, I wish everyone a Merry Christmas! Easter and Christmas are my two favorite holidays during the year. As a priest, I find joy and fulfillment in celebrating the great feasts of the liturgical year. Christmas is always enjoyable to me because it celebrates Christ's birth. We celebrate both in the world but more importantly in the Church, we celebrate the birth of Christ! I remember going to Mass in the night as a Child at the Cathedral and always enjoying it. While it was late, it was one of the year's highlights!

You will likely notice that the trees will come down when December 26th comes around, the Christmas lights and the Christmas music will stop playing. For the secular world, Christmas runs from Thanksgiving to Christmas day. But for the Church, Christmas has only begun. Christmas will continue until the feast of the Baptism of the Lord on January 9th. Then we will start Ordinary Time when we start wearing green again. Traditionally Christmas was celebrated until the feast of the Presentation of the Lord, which was 40 days after Christmas. We no longer celebrate Christmas this long unless you go to Mass in the Extraordinary Form. Another celebration is the Octave of Christmas. For eight days, we will celebrate Jesus' birth ending with the Solemnity of the Mother of God on New Year's Day. An octave only occurs two times during the liturgical year- the Octave of Easter and the Octave of Christmas. An octave is another word for eight. For eight days, the Church celebrates the birth of Christ with great joy. Just as during Easter, we celebrate Christ's resurrection for eight days. We follow this tradition from the Old Testament, which would celebrate many of its feasts for eight days. For example, the Passover was marked not just one day but eight days. We continue this tradition.

The twelfth day of Christmas is typically celebrated as the Epiphany of our Lord. You may be familiar with the twelve days of Christmas. That song was based on the idea that Christmas is observed until the Magi visited Jesus on the twelfth day. The Church extends that celebration until the Baptism of the Lord, which marks the beginning of his public ministry. Epiphany is not celebrated on the day itself in most Dioceses in the United States. Instead, it is celebrated on the first Sunday after January 1st, which is the 2nd. Some places in the world will celebrate it on the feast of Epiphany itself.

I hope everyone has a blessed Christmas season and a Happy New Year. I hope you will have a blessed time with family and friends as we all celebrate Christ's birth. I look forward to what 2022 has in store!

In Christ,

Fr. Tim

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Parish Activities

Sunday, December 26

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

Mass—7:30am and 10:00am

Monday, December 27

7:30am—Mass

8:15am—Foundation for Praying Priest
Scriptural Rosary

Tuesday, December 28

9:00am—Mass

Wednesday, December 29—OFFICE CLOSED

7:30am—Mass

Thursday, December 30

10:00am—Mass

Friday, December 31

4:00pm—New Year's Eve Vigil

Saturday, January 1—New Year's Day

Solemnity of Mary

9:00am—Mass

Sunday, January 2

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Mass—7:30am and 10:00am

2nd Collection—Maintenance Fund

Monday	1 John 1:1-4; John 20:1a, 2-8
Tuesday	1 John 1:5-2:2; Matthew 2:13-18
Wednesday	1 John 2:3-11; Luke 2:22-35
Thursday	1 John 2:12-17; Luke 2:36-40
Friday	1 John 2:18-21; John 1:1-18
Saturday	Numbers 6:22-27; Galatians 4:4-7 Luke 2:16-21
Sunday	Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 Matthew 2:1-12

SANCTUARY LIGHT

The Sanctuary Light will be burning the week of December 26—January 1 in memory of Augustine "Goose" Templet, Lena Templet Alleman, Lloyd Dugas, Sr. and Lloyd "Casey" Dugas, Jr. by Family; Rita & Floyd Blanchard, Evelyn Mabile and Jean Fruge by Ann Blanchard & Family; Alvin Friloux, Pierre & Tut Breaux, Chansé Metrejean, Chester & Lula Mae Pipsair and Joe & Marion Daigle by Kat, James, Jake, Aimee and Emma Daigle and Lloyd Comeaux, Jr. by Wife and Daughter; Winnie Landry by Thomas & Susan Hue and Family.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

December 12, 2021

Offertory

Identified Givers (118)	\$4,780.00
Unidentified Giver	898.00
Online Giving (108)	4,027.00
Total Collection	\$9,705.00

Retirement Fund for Religious

Identified Givers (59)	\$ 934.00
Unidentified Givers	413.83
Online Giving (13)	315.00
Total Collection	\$ 1,662.83

Building Fund

Identified Givers (27)	\$ 530.00
Online Giving (23)	1,064.00
Total Collection	\$1,594.00

Immaculate Conception

Identified Givers (46)	\$ 823.00
Online Giving (17)	278.00
Total Collection	\$ 1,101.00

2022 CALENDARS ARE IN—PLEASE TAKE ONE PER FAMILY AS THERE IS A LIMITED SUPPLY.

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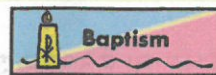
NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

Friday—New Year's Eve
December 31—4:00pm
Saturday—New Year's Day
January 1—9:00am



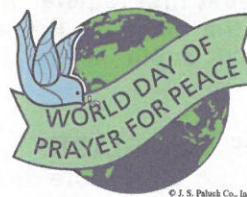
St. Joseph the Worker would like to extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of Faye Sylvester, sister of Billy Gautreau. May she enjoy everlasting life as she is welcomed into the open arms of our Lord. Please keep this family in your prayers.

PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE—The Parish Office will be closed Monday, December 27 through Monday, January 3. **WISHING EVERYONE A BLESSED NEW NEW YEAR.**



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St. Joseph the Worker would like to welcome **Drew Catherine Ann Falcon**, daughter of Trevor & Jenni Falcon, into our Parish Family. May the Holy Spirit bless her and continue to guide her parents as they nurture her journey in the Catholic Faith.



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THE NAME FOR GOD

Mother is the name for God on the lips and in the hearts of little children.

—William Makepeace Thackeray

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

COME ALIVE NIGHT EVERY WEDNESDAY—Students in 7th–12th grades are invited to join us every Wednesday in the Parish Hall Meeting Room from 6:30pm–8:00pm. Come join us for Praise and Worship and Bible Study.

Confirmation Sessions 2021–22
Sunday, January 9th – St. Philomena
Sunday, February 6th – St. Benedict

Confirmation Date 2022
Monday, April 25–7:00pm

HOMESCHOOLING WITH A CATHOLIC COMMUNITY—Catholic Schoolhouse, a local homeschool program, is currently registering students for the 2022–2023 academic year in Pierre Part. More than an academic co-op, Catholic Schoolhouse is a structured program meeting weekly for homeschoolers that includes chorus, classroom instruction, hands-on science, art projects, and opportunities for socializing after class. Please join us Thursday, January 27th at St. Joseph the Worker Church Education Building for an information night at 7:00pm (light refreshments at 6:30), or contact Joni Landry at ilandrycsh@gmail.com.

TABLES FOR SALE—We have tables that are too heavy to move around on a regular basis that we would like to replace in the Religious Ed Bldg. Call the Parish Office if interested.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

O God, who were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that we may imitate them in practicing the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity, and so, in the joy of your house, delight one day in eternal rewards. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Reflection question:

How can I imitate the Holy Family this week?

A VOCATION VIEW-FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

—By Baptism we are God's holy family today. Pray for the grace to live faithfully your vocation as a single, married, ordained or consecrated person. If God is calling you, call or email Father Joshua Johnson at (225) 336-8778, jjohnson@diobr.org, or visit www.diobr.org/vocations.

Mass Intentions For The Week



Monday, December 27

7:30am—Winnie Landry

Tuesday, December 28

9:00am—Souls In Purgatory

Wednesday, December 29

7:30am—Anna & Patrick Gaudet

Thursday, December 30

10:00am—Ronald Comeaux

Friday, December 31

4:00pm—Phillis Gaudet

Saturday, January 1

9:00am—Donald & Melanie Bordelon

Sunday, January 2

7:30am—Fred & Joan Paine, Florence & Irvy David and Kathleen L. Simoneaux & Raymond LeBlanc

10:00am—Parishioners

FAMILY LIFE—Christmas celebrates the Incarnation, the "en-flesh-ment" of God as a human person. In Jesus, God is bodily present in the human story. Today we honor the Holy Family, helping us to see that God is active in daily family life. God is near at hand, amidst the tensions, joys, and uncertainties of family life. As our Gospel passage describes, even with family miscommunications and with limited understanding of Jesus' mission, the Holy Family persevered in their life together. Like many family conflicts, there was no immediate or clear resolution of the issues raised by Jesus and by Mary. God's intentions for the family, and for Jesus, were still unfolding. They continued to stay connected with each other and with God. Within the turbulence of family life, they trusted God to actively sustain and guide them into an uncertain future. We are invited to follow their example.



Elizabeth Mabile, Janet Anderson, Buck McCarthy, Dolly and Grady Gaspard, Doris Friloux, Horace Gaspard, Bowen Castro, J. C. Petite, Brenda & Nolbert Templet, D. J. Berthelot, Jaxon Blanchard, Chasely Diez, Edith Settoon, Gussie Rodrigue, Herbert Rivere, James Breaux, Raymond Russo, Sandy George, Emelda Landry, Faye Ruiz, Leanna St.Germain, Katie Aucoin, Craig Aucoin, Delta Chaney, Isabelle Zeringue, Robert Theriot, Gloria Alleman, Kirk Chedotal, Audrey Sparks, Elmo Guillot, Regina Templet, Patrick Courville, Nelson Mabile, Angela Bourg, Dorothy Gaudet Johnson, Samantha Blanchard, Colton Johnson, Jenny Templet, Hepburn Cavalier, Helman Ackman, Harlen Hebert, Allie "Babe" Theriot, Bonnie Morales Knobles, Beulah LaJaurie, Wilma Blanchard, Patricia Gaudet, Laci Cavalier, Lynn Breaux, Inez Leonard, Lennis Blanchard, Jr., Ashley Richard, James Alleman, Jr., Dora Guillot, Kristen Landry, Leona Aucoin, Tammy Richard, Roy Gaudet, Sr., Jessie Ponville, Jr., Jamie Hue, Dennis Sanchez, Earl Landry, Grayson McBroom, Brenda McCarthy, Bonnie Landry, Audrey Domingue and the sick of our parish not mentioned. If prayer is needed for someone, please call the Parish Office at 252-6008.

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