



OUR LADY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH

DIocese of Shreveport

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Mission Statement

We, the parishioners of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church, promise to abide by the commandments and will of God, which is nurtured in us by our prayer life and by our worshipping together. We will proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ. In doing this, we will work to minister to the growth and needs of our neighbors and this community.

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Rev. Deacon Charles Thomas (cell 347-9226) DeaconCharles@olbschurchsport.org

**Parish Office Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Monday - Friday**

Welcome **NEWCOMERS!**

We invite you with great joy to become a member of our parish by filling out an enrollment form and census form located in the vestibule. You may put the completed forms in the collection basket or mail to the office. Thank you.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)
Saturday after the mass at 6:45 – 7:15pm, and by appointment**

Questions about other Sacraments (Baptism, Holy Eucharist, Confirmation, Marriage)

Please contact Fr. Duane C. Trombetta

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New Mass Time - Saturday Vigil 5:30 p.m.

Sunday Mass 9:00 a.m.

Monday – Thursday ----- Holy Mass----- 5:00 p.m.

Holy Days ---- 9:00 a.m.



Following 9AM Mass on the 2nd and 3rd Sunday

Journey of Faith: Tuesday @ 5:30 pm

Soup & Scripture: Wednesdays @ 11:00 am

Christian Men's Group – Be A MAN - 2ND Saturday of the Month @ 11:00 AM

Third Order of the Secular Franciscans – 3rd Saturday of the Month 10:00 am

December 18, 2022



Second Collection: Building Maintenance

 <h2 style="text-align: center;">ACIS: An Easy Way to Pray Guide</h2> 	
<h3 style="text-align: center;">Adoration</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Praise God for who He is. • Read scripture that praises God • Reflect upon God's mercy, love, goodness, generosity, or some other attribute of His • Rest in God's presence, invite Him into your prayer 	<h3 style="text-align: center;">Contribution</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reflect on what you have done or failed to do today that has distanced you from God • Speak about struggles and need of God's mercy and grace • Ask God for help in reparation of sin • Ask for help in repairing relationships
<h3 style="text-align: center;">Thanksgiving</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank God for the small or big blessings of today • Thank God for bringing about good in the world • Thank God for people and things placed in your life • Thank God for His never ending love 	<h3 style="text-align: center;">Supplication</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ask God for the things I need physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually for the day, week, year • Ask God to answer the needs of others, the Church, and the world
<p><small>themelancholicmomma.com</small></p>	

Request a Mass Intention

Remember to offer Masses for: **Deceased relatives, deceased Birthdays, Anniversary of Marriages, Ann. of Deaths, Health and Healing for relatives, dads, moms, brothers, sisters, cousins, children, Special Intentions, Giving Thanks to God, etc. Need our supplications. "Happy are those who are merciful to others; God will be merciful to them". Mt. 5:7**

Call the office or send in your intentions by mail. There are forms in the vestibule of church. Forms have also been sent to your email so you can send your requests to olbschurchsport.com.

*****Please submit your requests to the office no later than noon on Wednesdays.** Thank you and God Bless!

FORMED

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish is pleased to offer a very special resource to our Parishioners - FORMED.ORG - which contains Catholic content from more than 60 leading faith-based production companies. Now access thousands of movies, children's programs, ebooks, audio, parish programs, and studies direct from any browser, mobile, or connected device like ROKU, Chromecast, or Apple TV. Best of all, it's available at no cost to our parishioners.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*****Any announcement requests to be approved and MADE by Father and should be submitted to the office no later than noon on Wednesdays.**

Reserved Meetings & Events Schedule

Center reserved:

Jan 15th after mass – Fr. Knabel KPC Council 144 & The Altar Society

Saturday, Feb 4 all day - KPC

1st Sunday every month after mass (KPC)

Tuesday 5:45 pm. (Journey of Faith)

Wednesday 11 am – 2 pm (Soup & Scripture)

2nd Sunday (Cookies, Coffee, and Conversation) following mass

2nd Saturday 11 am (Christian Men's Group - Be A Man)

3rd Saturday 10 am (Third Order of the Secular Franciscans)

3rd Sunday every month (Bake Sale) Altar Rosary Society, After Mass

Last Thursday of every month 4:00 pm (St. Vincent de Paul)

Please call the office if you need to schedule an event or meeting anywhere on the church grounds.

Dec 18 Fourt Sunday of Advent
Dec 25 The Nativity of the Lord

Please visit our Parish Facebook Page for LIVE STREAM liturgy broadcasts!

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

& Divine Mercy Chaplet Daily 3:00 p.m.

All able-bodied Catholics are required to attend Mass in person.

"Remember the Sabbath and keep it Holy."

Fr. Duane



Father will announce the Christmas Mass times!

Please pray for the Sick and Homebound



Dress up your T-shirt with a Christmas tie or Christmas earrings for T-shirt and Koins for Kids Sunday!



December 18: Fourth Sunday of Advent

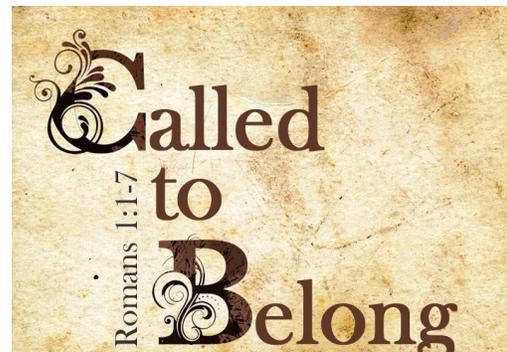
In today's Gospel, we hear that Jesus will be named Emmanuel, which means "God is with us." The mystery of the birth of Jesus is supremely a mystery of love. May each Christmas find us more and more like him: more humble, more holy, more happy and more full of God.

Your gifts to the Society of St. Vincent dePaul helped those who are poor and suffering to find Emmanuel and they also came to know that "God is with us."

First Reading



Second Read



A Dream that Changed the World
Matthew 1:18-25





“Second Homily” by Fr. Duane Trombetta

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 18, 2022

Here at Holy Trinity, we have enjoyed a lively and spirit-filled journey through the 2022 Season of Advent. Last week we celebrated Gaudete, or “Rejoice,” Sunday, with rose-colored paraments and beautiful pink flowers in our sanctuary. This week, as we bring Advent to a close, we continue to ponder the importance of “waiting with expectation” for the coming of our Lord at his nativity, and at the end of time.

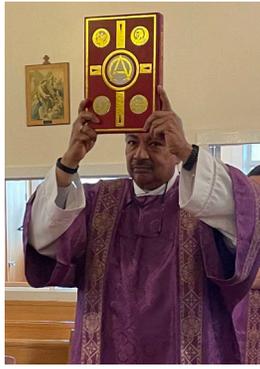
Have you been keeping up with the traditional practices of lighting Advent candles and opening Advent calendars in your home? Did you honor that ancient Advent practice of filling your shoes with candy on the Memorial of St. Nicholas of Myra on December 6? Have you received the Sacrament of Reconciliation? And have you made intentional efforts to hold off Christmas music and shopping, to best enjoy the Season of Advent while it lasts?

Once again this Christmastime, I invite all our parishioners to draw attention to Holy Trinity’s nativity creche in the west side altar of our church. We are blessed to have such artistic and historic nativity figures! Did you know that our infant Jesus figure is over 100 years old? In addition, we have once again set up our beautiful towering poinsettia tree. Special thanks to our Altar Society for their creative and loving efforts to care for our church and décor.

I look forward to celebrating Christmas liturgies with you starting next Saturday, December 24. Please refer to this week’s bulletin insert for a complete list of events – including both Christmas caroling and Mass times. Remember to pray not only for your fellow parishioners at Holy Trinity, but also for our Christian brothers and sisters at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament.

Blessings to all for a wonderful conclusion of Advent.

Fr. Duane



The Fourth Sunday of Advent - Year A

The Call to Be a Christian

Among all the activities that swirl around us during these final days before Christmas, the Church wants to make sure that we do not forget the REAL meaning of this great Christian holiday. Christmas is the anniversary of the birth of Jesus Christ, the day when we celebrate Christ's birth. The exchange of gifts that we are getting ready for, the time that we will be spending with family and friends is something we all look forward to. We are reminded that by the exchanging of gifts that on Christmas, God gave us his greatest gift, our Savior. This is the heart of what Christmas is all about. But it is not just something that happened in the past. Through the Church and the sacraments, Christ has wanted to stay with his newly adopted family all throughout history each Christmas we celebrate.

Each time we gather together as a church family at Christmas Mass or any Mass it is a new Bethlehem, a new coming of Christ among us. And every day he renews his invitation to us, the invitation he brought when he arrived on earth on that first Christmas night. What is that invitation? We are called to remember that we belong to Christ and through the Spirit, he wants us to remain holy. Christmas reminds us that Christ wants us to peel off our self-centered lives and begin a Christ-centered life. That is what it means to "belong to Jesus Christ" and "to be holy." And that is exactly what all of us are called to.

The birth of Christ brought forth the Good News, as Jesus invited the people of his time to follow him to the truly abundant life promise by the Father. And twenty centuries later, we can still hear that invitation because his followers through the years have continued to pass that Good News on to every generation. Now it is our turn. We know Christ. We know the true meaning of Christmas. But all around us there are people who do not know Christ, or who have given up on him. All around us there are people who may be celebrating Christmas on the outside, but on the inside, they are hurting spiritually. Though our lives are not in perfect shape by any means, but we have heard the call of Christ; we know his voice; we have set out on the path that leads to the only lasting fulfillment available us and them.

There is a good chance that someone, at some point in our lives, took the trouble to show and teach us about Christ, to invite us to follow him. It could have been a parent, godparent, teacher, or friend. As we come to celebrate the Birth of Christ on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, let's keep our eyes open for those people who need someone to tell them about Jesus Christ and pass on to them the Good News. In fact, invite them to one of our services this coming weekend (Christmas Eve or Christmas Day). That is the best present we can put under the tree for Jesus on his birthday.

Deacon Charles

The **Catechism** of the **Catholic Church** states that "**Adoration** is the acknowledgement of God as God, creator and savior, the Lord and master of everything that exists, as infinite and merciful love.". "**Adoration** is homage of the spirit to the King of glory, respectful silence in the presence of the ever-greater God."... en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Adoration **Can You Spend One Hour with Me**



Saturday --- 5:30 P.M.

Sunday --- 9:00 A.M.

Weekday, Monday – Thursday --- 5:00 P.M.



Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



Faith Formation

Faith Formation instruction for the Sacraments for all ages began **Sunday, September 11, 2022**. Formation sessions are held on the second and the third Sunday of each month in the parish classrooms. Parents if you have not registered your child for Faith Formation (Catechism), please call Nadalie Thomas at 347-9219 at any time or Sylvia Williams at the church office between 9AM-2PM.

Lector Ministry Schedule

December 17	Lois Davis
December 18	Fala Anderson
December 24	Tim Ford
December 25	TBD

Attendance

Dec 10 ----- 13
Dec 11 ----- 84



December

Volunteer Not-for-Profit Organizations

We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.



ADORATION

Imagine the fulfillment of allowing yourselves to be surrounded by God in all His Awesomeness.

Will you do this for HIM?

Adoration is every Wednesday
10:00 am – 4:00 pm

We need someone to be present at every hour that the Blessed Sacrament is exposed.

FRIENDSHIP HOUSE

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish is committed to serving the people of our local community. In particular, we wish to help the families and children of Friendship House on Clay Street in the Allendale neighborhood. Community Renewal Friendship Houses are beacons of hope, providing after-school education programs, character building, service projects, GED courses, tutoring, computer training, art and music lessons, and more. Will you consider offering your time to tutor children in reading and school projects? Just an hour or two per day, on one or more days per week would make a big impact! And what a rewarding way to serve our brothers and sisters in Christ! Call the parish office for more info.



Why does the Church need the Catechism at this time?

The Second Vatican Council re-defined and re-affirmed the Church's traditional teachings for the contemporary world. Just as in the cases of previous Ecumenical Councils, after the Second Vatican Council, there was a need to consolidate those teachings and re-present them in a compelling and inviting way. In addition, today many people are looking for a clear and coherent presentation of the Church's teaching. The *Catechism* provides such an intelligent and complete presentation.

How does the Catechism strengthen the Church's bond of unity rather than cause division within the Church?

Pope John Paul II said that the *Catechism* provides "the service of supporting and confirming the faith of all the disciples of the Lord Jesus, as well as to strengthen the bonds of unity in the same apostolic faith."

The *Catechism*, then, is intended to "carefully guard the unity of the faith and fidelity to Catholic doctrine."

The *Catechism* sets forth what Catholics believe throughout the world without regard for their particular cultural situations. It seeks to foster the unity of the faith as it is lived distinctively throughout the universal Church. In addition, the "In Brief" summaries especially offer a common language of faith for diverse believers to express and celebrate the one Catholic faith.

The *Catechism* has a great potential to diminish division within the Church and draw believers closer to one another and to Christ.

Every Sunday the Holy Rosary is being said before Mass.
Everyone is invited to join in for this special time with the Blessed Mother.



Please continue to pray the Rosary daily for the People in Ukraine and for Peace throughout the World!

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.

Amen.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT Weekly contributions needed--\$5,000.00		We appreciate your contributions! God bless all of you!	
Dec 4	Weekly Col.:	\$3,205.00	\$10,070.65
Dec 11	Weekly Col.:	\$3,073.00	\$1,322.80
Dec 18	Weekly Col.:		
Dec 25	Weekly Col.:		
		Income: \$6,278.00	Expense: \$11,393.45



Appeal 2022 - Please consider making your pledge TODAY! Update as of Thursday, November 24, 2022

Parish ID	# Of Parish Families	# Of Families Participating 2022 (to date)	% Of Participation 2022 (to date)	% Of Participation 2021 Total	Amount Pledged 2022 (to date)	Amount Pledged 2021 Total
69	150	26	17%	15.4%	\$6,820	\$7,626

O.L.B.S. 2022 - 2023 Assessments

These donations are to help off-set the monthly assessment that we pay to the Diocese. We are asking each family to give at least **\$200** Our goal is to raise \$15,000.

To date Total: \$6690.00

Report as of December 15, 2022

29 Families paid the full amount of \$200.00

7 Families paid a % of the \$200.00

Our Lady of the
Blessed Sacrament,
Pray for Us!

Readings for the Fourth Week of Advent

<i>Monday</i>		Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a	Luke 1:5-25
<i>Tuesday</i>		Isaiah 7:10-14	Luke 1:26-38
<i>Wednesday</i>		Song of Songs 2:8-14	Luke 1:39-45
<i>Thursday</i>		1 Samuel 1:24-28	Luke 1:46-56
<i>Friday</i>		Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24	Luke 1:57-66
<i>Saturday</i>		2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16	Luke 1:67-79
<i>Sunday</i>		Isaiah 52:7-10/Hebrews 1:1-6 <i>Christmas Day</i>	John 1:1-18
Day	Date		Requested by:
<i>Sat.</i>	Dec 17	Cedric Pinkney (Happy Birthday) Connie Weber Canada (Health & Healing) Sylvester S. Deldrage (Rest in Peace)	Mattie Calhoun David Butler and Debra Weber Sylvia LaCour- Williams
<i>Sun.</i>	Dec 18	Adrienne Brooks Jack (Happy Birthday) Connie Weber Canada (Health & Healing) Juanita Hays (Rest in Peace) Deberah Levy Washington (Rest in Peace) Eleanor Baines (Health & Healing)	Michelle Valentine Society of St. Vincent de Paul Lisa Hays The Levy Family Francis Metoyer
<i>Mon.</i>	Dec 19		
<i>Tue.</i>	Dec 20		
<i>Wed.</i>	Dec 21	Juanita Hays (Deceased Birthday) Men & Women of Angola & Their Families	Lisa Hays Van Sanders
<i>Thur.</i>	Dec 22		
<i>Fri.</i>	Dec 23		
<i>Sat.</i>	Dec 24	Connie Weber Canada (Health & Healing) Victims of Crime	Debra Weber and David Butler Van Sanders
<i>Sun.</i>	Dec 25	Bettye Frierson (Health & Healing) Sylvester Daldrage (Rest in Peace) Connie Weber Canada (Health & Healing) John Adger Jr. (Rest in Peace)	Joan Carthrum & Sons Sylvia LaCour-Williams Francis Metoyer Sherrie M. Allen & Family



The church will be open on
Wednesday for Adoration! 10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

December 18, 2022

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Lectionary: 10

Reading 1

Is 7:10-14

The LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying:

Ask for a sign from the LORD, your God; let it be deep as the netherworld, or high as the sky!

But Ahaz answered, "I will not ask! I will not tempt the LORD!"

Then Isaiah said:

Listen, O house of David! Is it not enough for you to weary people, must you also weary my God? Therefore the Lord himself will give you this sign: the virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6.

R. (7c and 10b) Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.

The LORD's are the earth and its fullness;
the world and those who dwell in it.

For he founded it upon the seas
and established it upon the rivers.

R. Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.

Who can ascend the mountain of the LORD?
or who may stand in his holy place?

One whose hands are sinless, whose heart is clean,
who desires not what is vain.

R. Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.

He shall receive a blessing from the LORD,
a reward from God his savior.

Such is the race that seeks for him,
that seeks the face of the God of Jacob.

R. Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.

Reading 2

Rom 1:1-7

Paul, a slave of Christ Jesus,

called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God,
which he promised previously through his prophets in the holy Scriptures,
the gospel about his Son, descended from David according to the flesh,
but established as Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness
through resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him we have received the grace of apostleship,
to bring about the obedience of faith, for the sake of his name, among all the Gentiles,
among whom are you also, who are called to belong to Jesus Christ;
to all the beloved of God in Rome, called to be holy.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia

Mt 1:23

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The virgin shall conceive, and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Mt 1:18-24

This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about.

When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph,
but before they lived together,
she was found with child through the Holy Spirit.

Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man,
yet unwilling to expose her to shame,
decided to divorce her quietly.

Such was his intention when, behold,
the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said,

"Joseph, son of David,
do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home.

For it is through the Holy Spirit
that this child has been conceived in her.

She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus,
because he will save his people from their sins."

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet:

Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel,
which means "God is with us."

When Joseph awoke,
he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him
and took his wife into his home.

**MOMENTS IN
OUR LADY OF THE BLESSED
SACRAMENT CHURCH HISTORY**



**EARLY PHOTO OF OUR LADY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH
OUR LADY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH
CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION**

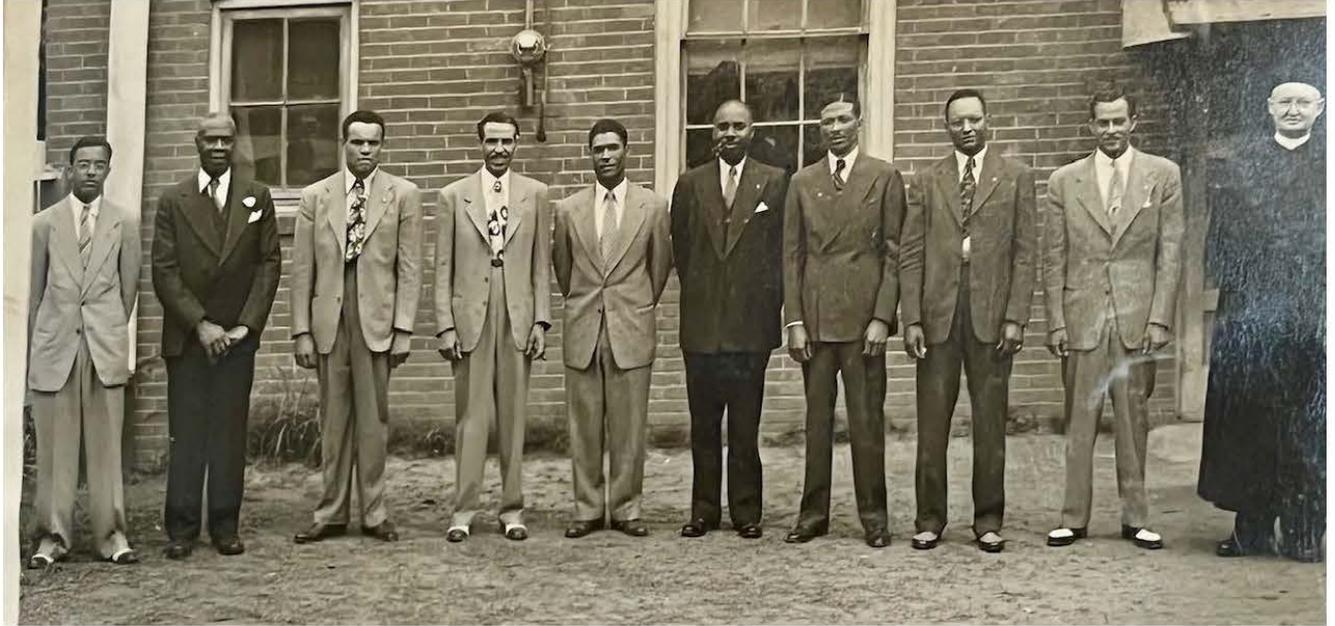
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God”**

CENTENNIAL MASS

Sunday, January 29, 2023 – 9:00 A.M.

Most Reverend Francis Malone, Bishop of Shreveport, Homilist

MOMENTS IN OUR LADY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH HISTORY



OUR LADY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH USHERS 1940-47

(Jimmy Moran, Frederick Moran, Noble Moran, Nathaniel McDonald, Frank Moran, Joe McCoy Roque, Joseph Llorens, Fr. Joe Lundergan)

**OUR LADY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH
CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION**

**“OLBS, 100 Years of Servicing Our Families, Our Community, and Our
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CENTENNIAL MASS

Sunday, January 29, 2023 – 9:00 A.M.

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