

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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Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

7PM — THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31 (VIGIL)

10AM — FRIDAY, JANUARY 1

Sunday Obligation: Dispensation allowed due to Covid-19

Pastor — Father Andrew Wojtan

Business Manager — Dianne Sweeney

Facilities Maintenance — Mike Gutman

Family Formation Director — Chris McCormick

Music Director — Open P/T Position

SACRAMENTS & MINISTRIES

ANointing OF THE SICK — Father Andrew anoints the sick after the 11am Mass in the chapel on the third Sunday each month (**January 17**). In the event of accident, illness, surgical procedure, or impending death, call the office for anointing at home, hospital room, ER, or local nursing home. **(321) 269-2282**.

BAPTISM — Parents requesting baptism for their infant child should contact Chris, Family Formation director, to schedule two baptism preparation classes and baptism, **(321) 269-7785**. Adult baptism requires instruction of the faith through RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). Call the office for details, **(321) 269-2282**.

FUNERALS — Call Father Andrew, **(321) 269-2282**. You'll be contacted by our bereavement coordinator, Chris Doyon, to assist in arrangements for a funeral Mass and graveside committal service at a local cemetery.

MARRIAGE/MARRIAGE CONVALIDATION — Call 6 months in advance to meet with Father Andrew & our Music Director. *Already married, but not in the Church?* Call for **Marriage Convalidation** details.

PARISH FOOD PANTRY — Serving our local community from Garden Street to the Volusia County line on Wednesdays from 11am to 1pm at Carpenter Hall Parish Office & Activity Center, 2399 Holder Rd, Mims. There is **NO pantry the first Wednesday of the month**.

RECONCILIATION — 2ND PRECEPT: CONFESS YOUR SINS AT LEAST ONCE A YEAR. Prepare for the Eucharist by means of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). This sacrament *"continues baptism's work of conversion and forgiveness."* (Monthly reconciliation is recommended for spiritual guidance and growth.)

6:15pm to 6:50pm — Wednesday evening
3pm Saturday

Call the parish office to make an after-hours reconciliation appointment, (321) 269-2282.

MASS SCHEDULE & MASS INTENTIONS

Spiritual Work of Mercy:

PRAY FOR THE LIVING & THE DEAD

† *Deceased* ♦ *Special Intention*

Saturday, December 26

4:00pm Bill & Theresa Rogers †

Sunday, December 27

8:30am For the parish ♦

11:00am Caroline Sokoloski ♦

Monday, December 28

5:30pm Dymphna Thomas ♦

Tuesday, December 29

8:00am Teresa Komar †

Wednesday, December 30

7:00pm George Cohen †

Thursday, December 31

8:00am Matthew Sokolosi †

Vigil Mass — Mary, Holy Mother of God

7:00pm Frankie Dobson ♦

Friday, January 1 — *Mary, Holy Mother of God*

10:00am For the parish ♦

Saturday, January 2

4:00pm Bosco Family ♦

Offer a Mass Intention for a sick or deceased person.

Contact the parish office—phone, email, website. Mail or deliver the \$10 suggested stipend to Holy Spirit. ♦



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Spiritual Work of Mercy:

PRAY FOR THE LIVING & THE DEAD

Our complete parish prayer list is online at

holyspiritmms.com/prayer-list

(Faith in Action tab)

Names are included here for two weeks.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Steve Lincourt • Ken Barnes

Barbara Valentino

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

Jim Kenney

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May all the souls of the faithful departed
rest in peace. Amen. ♦*

PREPARE FOR NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 3, 2021

First Reading - Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The Lord shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

Psalm - Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

Second Reading - The Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

Gospel - Magi from the east arrived, looking for the newborn king of the Jews (Matthew 2:1-12).

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PARISH NEWS

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION — We celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God on January 1. Plan to attend the 7pm Vigil Mass on Thursday, December 31 or the 10am Mass on Friday, January 1 to fulfill this Holy Day of Obligation. ♦

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD - VIGIL

New Year's Eve

Thursday, December 31

7:00pm Mass ♦

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

New Year's Day

Friday, January 1

10:00am Mass

END OF YEAR GIVING — This weekend, December 27, is your last opportunity to have charitable contributions to Holy Spirit included on your 2020 Tax statement. ♦

Elijah Cup — Parishioners pray for an increase to the priestly & religious vocations with the sacred vessel which once held the Precious Blood—the **Elijah Cup**. A booklet with suggested daily prayers is included in the case with photos for displaying **the Cup** in a place of honor in your home. The signup binder is in the vestibule.

This week: Sunday, December 27, 8:30am — Angelamary

Next week: Saturday, January 2, 4:00pm — Benninghoff Family ♦

Social Distancing — Mask wearers... **Before** arriving at the altar for communion, please lower or remove your mask. Make a 'throne' of your hand to receive the Body of Christ. Thanks for maintaining a 6' distance from other family groups during Mass. ♦



Christmas Ornaments—A heartfelt **thank you** to everyone who helped to make the ornaments for the trees this year! Thank you for all those who donated decorations, too. Thank you for all those who helped to decorate our church and may God bless you this season of Christmas. ♦

We Are God's Holy Family

The scriptures of Israel are filled with many stories of barren couples who were miraculously granted the gift of children by God. Surely the best known among these is the first reading from today, from which Luke took inspiration when he recounted the miraculous birth of John the Baptist to Zechariah and Elizabeth, and the more miraculous birth of Jesus to Mary and Joseph. In each instance, we are given examples or role models of those who trusted in God.

More than examples of those who trust, they are models of self-surrender. They abandoned their own presuppositions and prejudices about the workings of the world and turned their lives over to belief in a God who can make life grow where none ought to; a God who can turn death around into a new and unimagined life; a God who can, today, take a tiny child of humble parents in an insignificant town and make him into a light for all the world. This is what we, as God's holy family, are called to do each day: to trust not in ourselves and the way we think things should be, but to open ourselves and surrender ourselves in faith to a God of endless promise.

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The Annunciation to Virgin Mary

Fr. Andrew Wojtan · Homily Summary · December 20, 2020

When the Angel came to Mary as a Virgin, she wasn't just betrothed to Joseph. Although Joseph was poor, a simple artisan, he belonged to the royal family of David. Ancient Israel was a monarchy that was established by God. After the Babylonian exile, all of David's descendants and heirs went underground, because they were no longer in power. Yet for Jews their family tree was very important. Mary was betrothed to him, so her child was going to be a rightful heir to the throne of David. At that time, Caesar in Rome was ultimately the king of the world. There was a puppet king named Herod the Great, who was reigning over Judea at the time of Jesus' birth. Herod was a half-Jew, but he was not a member of the David's royal family. Yet Herod was in power. Whereas Joseph, who was the heir to the throne of David's kingdom, was just a poor carpenter. That's the irony that is taking place at the Annunciation.

At Annunciation to Mary, four elements stand out: Mary's child will be great; The Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David; He will be called Son of the Most-High; of His Kingdom there will be no end. Those four elements are almost quotations from a prophecy to David in (2 Samuel 7). In 2 Samuel 6, David had brought the Ark of the Covenant up to Jerusalem. David was such a special king, because he wanted God to be the center of his kingdom. He decided to build something more than just the Tabernacle for the Ark of the Covenant. *"I want to build a house for God to dwell in, so I can give Him the glory that He rightly deserves."*

Mary, in the Annunciation, hears that at last the kingdom is going to come, through her and her Son. Mary's child is going to be the Son of God. He is going to be the Eternal Son of God. God is going to fill her womb with the New Life through the power of the Holy Spirit. She will actually bear God's Son as king of the world, as King of kings and Lord of lords. What's one of the distinctive features of this future Davidic king? He is going to call God His Father. He is going to have a filial relationship with God.

CCC 484 says: *"The Annunciation to Mary inaugurates 'the fullness of time,' the time of the fulfillment of God's promises and preparations."* Sometimes in our lives we think we can feel like God has abandoned us, or God has forgotten us. The reality is that God doesn't abandon us. God never breaks His promises. Against all odds and all visible appearances, where it looks like God has broken His promises, He comes in the mystery of the Incarnation. He not only fulfills His promise, but transcends even the wildest imagination of the Jewish people. He's giving us Christ, the Eternal Son of God come as man. Mother Mary held the Word of God in her heart until its fulfillment! Let us take the Word of God into our hearts and keep it until its fulfillment. ♦



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Diocese & Community News

RFR — Thanks for giving! *"We are conscious of the great generosity of the many benefactors who support the Retirement Fund for Religious (RFR) each year,"* says a Catholic sister. *"Support from the fund has been a tremendous blessing to our retired sisters."* Thank you for donating to last week's collection. It's not too late to donate. *A day or week late is still a blessing for our retired religious in helping to provide medications, nursing care, and other necessities.* ♦

Catholic Days at the Capitol — All activities will be held virtually on Tuesday and Wednesday, February 2-3, 2021. Register at <https://www.flaccb.org/cdac-registration>. A link will be sent to registrants prior to the date of the event. Registration donation is \$20 per person for those attending the online events. *(Individuals who wish to participate in legislator meetings must participate in the virtual legislative briefing on Tuesday.)* NOTE: The Red Mass is open to the public and will be available to view online—registration not required. Questions? Contact Michele Taylor, (850) 205-6817. ♦

FAMILY FORMATION

CHRIS MCCORMICK, FAMILY FORMATION DIRECTOR
(321)269-7785 FaithFormation@holyspiritmims.com

Persons ministering to children, elderly & infirm are required to be fingerprinted & complete the diocesan Safe Environment Training. Call the office for details (321) 269-2282. ♦

Sacramental Prep Mass — The next Mass & session #13 for First Reconciliation students is at 6:30pm, **Thursday, January 7**. Father Andrew will teach the children at Carpenter Hall. Confirmation teens will meet in Emmaus Hall after Mass that evening. ♦



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2019 - 2020 COMPARISON

December 15, 2019	December 13, 2020
\$ 4,649	\$ 7,457

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Problem? Call Dianne in the parish office, (321) 269-2282 or info@holyspiritmims.com. ♦

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Bulletin Submission

Submit items by 9am as indicated by deadline date.

Bulletin Issue	Submission Deadline
January 10, 2021	Monday, January 4, 2021

Email bulletin@holyspiritmims.com
Online holyspiritmims.com/bulletin-submission
Photos.....JPG or PNG file (high res—1MB)

Photos of kids never include their names. ♦

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