





Corpus Christi Cathedral

Diocese of Corpus Christi 505 North Upper Broadway

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Dec. 31st, 2023 Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

The Most Reverend

WM. Michael Mulvey, STL, DD

Bishop of Corpus Christi

The Very Reverend Fr. James Stembler, Rector

Rev. Peter Thenan, Parochial Vicar

Deacon Michael Mantz

Deacon Adelfino Palacios

Deacon Amando R. Leal Jr.

Annointing of the Sick

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Sacrament of Baptism

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MASS TIMES

Monday - Friday 7:00am (Emmanuel Chapel)

Monday - Friday 12:05pm (Main Church)

Saturday Vigil Mass 5:30pm

SUNDAY MASSES

7:00am, 9:30am, 12:30pm

11:00am (Spanish)

9:30am & 11:00am Live Streamed

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Saturday
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Sunday
10:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.

MASS INTENTIONS



Mass Intentions for: January 1, 2024 – January 7

Monday, January 1 Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God
7:00 a.m. For the city of Bethlehem & all of Israel by Sally Jaime
12:05 p.m. +Pedro B. Elizardo, Sr. by Family

Tuesday, January 2 Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen
7:00 a.m. Powell Family by John Powell
12:05 p.m. +Lala Garibay (30th Anniv.) by Josie Garza & Family

Wednesday, January 3 The Most Holy Name of Jesus
7:00 a.m. Nora Maria Perez (Bday) by Daughters
12:05 p.m. Open Mass
Powell Family by John Powell

Thursday, January 4
7:00 a.m. For All Souls in Purgatory, Especially Deceased Members of FOSS by Elda Garcia
12:05 p.m. +Lily Valdez by Lamar Childress

Friday, January 5 St. John Neumann
7:00 a.m. Powell Family by John Powell
12:05 p.m. +Irene Peters (Bday) by Patrick Dunne

Saturday, January 6 St. Andre Besette
5:30 p.m. +Frank Garza (13th Anniv.) by Josie Garza & Family

Sunday, January 7 The Epiphany of the Lord
7:00 a.m. In reparation for offenses by the Church, City, & People of Corpus Christi by Rick McCabe
9:30 a.m. Open Mass
+Lionel Pena by Cueva Family
+Paul Pineda by Wife, Myrna Pineda
+Lillie Villarreal by Marian B. Elder
+Frank Garza, Jr. by Josie Garza & Family
+Alberto Bueno by Bueno Family
11:00 a.m. For the People of Corpus Christi Cathedral
12:30 pm +Elijah Chupe by Family

Sanctuary Lamps

BBlessed Sacrament Chapel: +Elijah Chupe
Emmanuel Chapel: Jerry Mathieu

Scripture Reading

For the week of December 31st, 2023

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Lk 1:26-38

Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God The Octave Day of Christmas

Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7
Lk 2:16-21

Memorial of Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

1 JN 2:22-28; 98:1, 2-3AB, 3CD-4;
Jn 1:19-28

Christmas Weekday

1 JN 2:29-3:6; PS 98:1, 3CD-4, 5-6; Jn 1:29-34

Memorial of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9; Jn 1:35-42

Memorial of Saint John Neumann, Bishop

1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6;
Lk 2:22-35

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 5:5-13; PS147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Mk 1:7-11

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2023-2024 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CALENDAR

December 24	NO CLASS	Fourth Sunday of Advent
Monday, December 25	Holy Day of Obligation	The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
December 31	NO CLASS	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
Monday, January 1, 2024	Holy Day of Obligation	Mary Mother of God
Saturday, January 6	6:30 pm	LIVE NATIVITY (Presented by Religious Education Students) Session 13- Family Faith Activity
January 7	NO CLASS	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY Epiphany of the Lord
January 14	10:45 am – 12:00 pm	Classes Resume Session 14

MASS SCHEDULE

Feast of the Holy Family – Sunday Dec. 31st
7am – 9:30am – 11am – 12:30pm

The Solemnity of Mary Mother of God
January 1st, 2024
7am – 12:05pm *Not a Holy Day of Obligation



*The entire staff at CC Cathedral would
like to wish you and your family a*

HAPPY NEW YEAR

*We hope you have a year full of
Blessings!*



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We Give Thanks

Better late than never! Special thanks to all those who donated to our St. Anne's Bake Sale and Country Store.

Frank's Produce
Kay Avala
Martin and Mary Jean Pena
Fr. Pat Beck

And to everyone else who helped (you know who you are)

Thank you, it is because of your generosity that our sale was a great success!

We are delighted to share some wonderful news that enhances the way we can all contribute to the well-being of our parish community. We have a brand-new Online Giving System, making it easier than ever for you to support the various ministries and activities that make our parish thrive.

Your generous contributions play a crucial role in sustaining our parish and enabling us to continue spreading the love and teachings of our faith. We hope you find the new Online Giving System to be a convenient and efficient way to contribute. Thank you for your ongoing commitment to our parish family.

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Greetings to one and all as we enter the Fourth Sunday of Advent. This liturgical year, Advent is as short as it can be. After all we light the four Advent candles at the Saturday Vigil and Sunday morning and early afternoon Masses, and then we will be celebrating the Vigil of Christmas (Christmas Eve) this very Sunday night at 5:30 p.m. Now, to make it clear, both Saturday evening/Sunday morning and early afternoon, December 23 and 24 a.m. is a holy day of obligation as it is a Sunday Mass; and Sunday evening December 24th and Monday morning, December 25th is a holy day of obligation because it is Christmas. There is no way that you can go to one Mass and take care of both holy days of obligation.

Please note that January 1st, which is a holyday of obligation most years, is not a holy day of obligation as 2024 begins because January 1st falls on a Monday. In the late 20th century, the Bishops of the United States requested permission from the Vatican office of Divine Worship and the Sacraments, which is proper for them to do, to rescind the obligation of attending Mass on the Solemnities of Mary, Mother of God; on the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary; and on All Saints' Day when those Solemnities fall on a Monday or on a Saturday. The Vatican gave permission for this, so now that is law in the United States. Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral at 7:00 a.m. and at 12:05 p.m. on January 1st; however, it is not a holy day of obligation in 2024 as it falls on a Monday.

As you can easily see, it is beginning to look a lot like Christmas in the sanctuary and around the Cathedral. Many thanks to the Knights of Columbus; and the Arts and Environment team and helpers on Sunday, December 17th who put all of this together. I was able to help a little bit myself – I moved just one thing, as well as talked to several people and then left for a meeting – and I know that they were in the Cathedral throughout the afternoon. I am sorry I could not help further. Sorry about that! There are wonderful and helpful workers around here, which is very much appreciated by all of us! Thank you so much! The proof will be in the pudding, so to speak. When you see the results. I lit up as we begin the Christmas Season, be sure to thank Vickie, Donald, the Knights of Columbus, and all the others who were incredibly instrumental in putting it all together. Sorry I do not have all the names but do understand that you are all greatly appreciated! God sees all!

Just a reminder that due to the Church's understanding of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick and our desire to be in line with the mind and heart of the Church, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will no longer be offered following Mass on the First Friday of each month beginning in January. **From the Catechism of the Catholic Church #1527: The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick has as its purpose the conferral of a special grace on the Christian experiencing the difficulties inherent in the condition of grave illness or old age. The word used in the Instruction for this Sacrament is "periculose," which is officially translated into English as "serious." It is not a Sacrament of general healing; it is a Sacrament for those who are experiencing serious illness due to a grave condition or old age.** You can call the Rectory and request that one of the priests give you the Sacrament of the Sick if the time has come for it to be received. This will be in keeping with Scripture, from the Letter of James: "Is any among you sick? Let him, or her, call for the priest of the church, and let them pray over him or her, anointing him, or her with oil in the name of the Lord..." James 5: 14-15). The Cathedral priests will be happy to celebrate this Sacrament with you.

I would like to begin the custom of reciting the Litany of the Sacred Heart on First Friday, as we recall those devotions which are important to many Catholics on First Friday, namely that on nine consecutive First Fridays, one goes to Confession, receives the Eucharist, and in the recitation of the Sacred Heart Novena, we are all reminded of the Sacred Heart: Jesus, meek and humble of heart, make our hearts like unto thine! That would be a wonderful thing if our hearts were like the Sacred Heart.

More about this in the coming weeks. Please have patience as we get a routine unfolding on First Fridays, but I am convinced that the Good Lord will guide us as we move forward as the Cathedral parish community.

In these last few hours of Advent, a blessed Advent to one and all and when it comes: a Happy and Merry Christmas to all of you! May the gift of Jesus the Christ help us understand beyond a shadow of a doubt that God loves us immensely. We see this in the tiny little child in the manger at Bethlehem!

Blessings,
Fr. James Stembler
C.C. Cathedral Rector

