



St. John the Baptist Church

St. Mary Church – Clearmont
 St. Hubert Church – Kaycee

Office and Rectory

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 Website: www.sjbc-buffalo.com
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St. John the Baptist Church

Saturday 5:00 PM
 Sunday 9:00 AM
 Daily Mass T - F 8:00 AM
 Holy Days
 Anticipatory 6:00 PM
 Day of... 7:00 AM

St. Mary Church, Clearmont

2nd & 4th Sunday 12:30pm

St. Hubert Church, Kaycee

1st & 3rd Sunday 2:00pm

Confessions Saturday 11:00am
 Saturday after 5pm Mass
 By Appointment

Religious Education / Meeting

Monday, Dec. 27 – 7pm Holy Hour
Wednesday, Dec. 29 – NO CCD
Thursday, Dec. 30 – 6:30am Men of St. Joseph
Friday, Dec. 31 – 6pm New Years’ Eve Mass
Saturday, Jan. 1 – 9am New Years’ Mass

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Baptisms – Please call Fr. Pete, 684-7268

Marriage – Planning and preparation 6 months in advance

Prayer line Requests –Jan Edgcomb – jmpe@wyoming.com or Honey Harriet, 620-1890

Rosary Guild – Thursdays at 8:30am to 10am; call 307-660-4936 for meeting place

Sacrament of the Sick – After first Sunday Masses or call the Parish Office

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

DECEMBER 26, 2021

Altar Assisters:

FRIDAY, Dec. 31 – 6pm

Lector: Volunteer

Altar Servers: Volunteers

SATURDAY, Jan. 1, 5pm

Lector: Mary Smith

Altar Servers: Asher/Kieran Murray

SUNDAY, Jan. 2, 9am

Lector: Nolcha Fox

Altar Servers: Will Finkle, Carter Zink,
Michael/James Ihnat, Fletcher Kozisek, Brady
Farris

COLLECTIONS FOR WEEK Dec. 19, 2021

St. John's	\$ 4,197.00	YTD\$ 93,655.04
St. Mary's	\$ 110.00	YTD \$ 2,797.00
St. Hubert's	\$ 200.00	YTD \$ 2,125.00
Poor Donations	\$ 190.00	
Online	\$	

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon.	12.27	8:00 a.m.	No Mass
Tue.	12.28	8:00 a.m.	+Ariana Johnson
Wed.	12.29	8:00 a.m.	+Ariana Johnson
Thu.	12.30	8:00 a.m.	Nora Gillespie
Fri.	12.31	8:00 a.m.	Dixie Gillespie
		8:30 a.m.	Adoration
		9:30 a.m.	Reposition
		6:00 p.m.	Mass for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Sat.	01.01	5:00 p.m.	Bri Keegan
Sun.	01.02	9:00 a.m.	+Chris Schafer
		2:00 p.m.	Kaycee: for the parishes

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Mon-1 John 1:1-4; Gospel: John 20:1a & 2-8

Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist

Tue-1 John 1:5—2:2; Gospel: Matthew 2:13-18

The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

Wed-1 John 2:3-11; Gospel: Luke 2:22-35

Thu-1 John 2:12-17; Gospel: Luke 2:36-40

Fri-1 John 2:18-21; Gospel: John 1:1-18

Sat-Numbers 6:22-27; Galatians 4:4-7; Gospel: Luke
2:16-21 *Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God*

FR. PETE:

Many thanks to all who helped to make the Advent Potluck Dinner so enjoyable! Val Spanos organized the dinner; Gene Gagliano arranged the decorations; Mary Ann worked with the Confirmation students so they could get their community hours in by serving and cleaning up; Tony led the music; and the Knights of Columbus did a great job convincing St. Nicholas to take time out of his busy schedule to come and visit with our children. And the food...lots of it! And all of it great! If anyone left hungry it was their own fault!

Please note that the Feast for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God is not a Holy Day of Obligation. Only one Mass will be offered on New Year's Eve at 6:00 p.m. for those who wish to honor the Mother of God as they kick off the New Year.

The Christmas Season ends on January 9, the Baptism of the Lord. The CCD children will perform their annual Christmas play and the Knights of Columbus will prepare breakfast for those who wish to come. This will be the last parish celebration of Christmas. (For those who think the Christmas season is just too short, consider doing what I do. I celebrate Orthodox Christmas which is January 7. Their Christmas season extends longer so I keep my tree and decorations out a bit longer).

Many thanks to all who helped decorate the Church, from creating and hanging the wreaths to decorating the sanctuary. The Church really looks great. What a shame it will all have to be taken down in a few short weeks.

“Fr. Pete...What does the term ‘ordinary time’ mean?” It simply refers to a period of time in which the Church is not in a particular liturgical season. Normally the priest's vestments are in green. The next big liturgical season will be Great and Holy Lent which will start on Ash Wednesday, March 2.

“Fr. Pete...When can we start having coffee and donuts again?” The question has been asked a number of times and the answer is always the same: when people volunteer to set up, get the donuts, and clean up. I think it would be best to offer just one Sunday for the time being and see if there is any real interest. Far too often we had a lot of leftover donuts.

A wonderful analysis of Archbishop Gomez's speech given on November 4 to members of the Congress of Catholics and Public Life in Madrid, Spain. The critics came out in force and not with joy. Read on.

December 17, 2021

Catholic League President Bill Donohue comments on [the great work of Archbishop Gomez](#):

The National Catholic Reporter, which works hard to undercut the Church's teachings on many issues, has named Los Angeles Archbishop José Gomez as their Newsmaker of 2021. The dissidents are angry at him for a speech he gave on November 4th. Here is my response.

On November 4, Los Angeles Archbishop José Gomez made one of the most brilliant addresses given in Catholic circles in recent memory. His speech was given at the Congress of Catholics and Public Life in Madrid, Spain.

Like so many other Catholic intellectuals, Gomez is rightly concerned about the radical secularization that has taken root in the Western world. Unlike most of them, he has also been in the trenches. I know because the Catholic League has assisted him in his efforts to combat the agenda of secular zealots, made plain, for instance, in attempts to break the seal of the confessional.

Gomez takes direct aim at the ruling class, those who occupy the command posts in the United States and Europe. "In the elite worldview," he says, "there is no need for old-fashioned belief systems and religions. In fact, as they see it, religion, especially Christianity, only gets in the way of the society they hope to build." He offers as an example the "cancel culture" that is so prevalent.

There can be no denying the veracity of Gomez's observation. Anyone who dares challenge the conventional wisdom, on issues ranging from critical race theory to gender

ideology, is a candidate for censorship. It is not those who promote these pernicious views who are being silenced, it is those who challenge them.

Sociologists have long understood that when the dominant cultural strain in society atrophies, it is filled with an ersatz philosophical or religious variant. Power vacuums never last long. Thus, Gomez is right to call attention to the extent to which the de-Christianization of the West has been replaced by movements such as "social justice," "wokeness," "identity politics" and the like.

"They claim," as he perceptively notes, "to offer what religion provides." Indeed, they provide "a sense of meaning, a purpose for living, and the feeling of belonging to a community." This is exactly what the great sociologists have been saying for over a hundred and fifty years. Sadly, it is now happening in the United States.

Gomez's critics take umbrage at his comment that the reigning movements function as a new religion. He properly notes that "Today's critical theories and ideologies are profoundly atheistic." Anyone who follows what the proponents of these ideologies espouse know that Gomez is right. Indeed, they don't even try to hide their animus against Christianity.

John McWhorter is a Columbia University professor and he understands what Gomez is talking about. An African American, he has written a book, *Woke Racism: How a New Religion Has Betrayed Black America*. Both men call attention to identity politics and radical race theories—which judge people on the basis of their race, not their individual characteristics. These ideological currents not only profoundly racist in themselves, they satisfy the religious yearnings of those drawn to them.

As a man of God, Gomez wants us to repair to the Gospel, not to "these new religions of social justice and political identity." But to his critics, many of whom are Catholic

theologians, what he says is verboten. Some no doubt would like to cancel him.

Franciscan Father Daniel Horan is upset with Gomez for making a speech that exhibits a "shocking disconnection from reality." Too bad he never says what the disconnect is. He cites for support a left-wing Jesuit theologian, Fr. Bryan Massingale, who, according to Horan, said the problem is that bishops like Gomez "have the audacity to speak with unearned authority about issues they clearly do not understand."

It would be hard to find a more arrogant example of professorial elitism than this. Readers should know that Horan and Massingale spend much of their time writing and lecturing about homosexual and transgender issues. Gomez spends much of his time writing and lecturing about the Catholic Church: He is president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Thus, has he earned the authority to speak about any issue of interest to the Catholic community.

Fr. Tom Reese wonders why Gomez "abandoned" the term "social justice" to those he considers the enemy of religion, especially when social justice has a place in the "long history of the church's social teaching." This is a serious misreading of Gomez's address. He has not abandoned social justice—the term has been hijacked by those whose ideology sharply departs from the Church's understanding of it.

The late Fr. Richard John Neuhaus wrote a seminal book, *The Naked Public Square*, that describes what happens when a society rooted in the Judeo-Christian heritage weakens. The cultural holes are destined to be filled with exactly the kinds of secular movements that Gomez alludes to in his speech. The only difference is that even someone as bright as Neuhaus did not envision how quickly and radically the transformation would be.

That is what makes Gomez's presentation so valuable. He sees what is going on in the United States and Europe and beckons

us to get back to basics, the basics as outlined by Jesus. If we do not resist the forces of decadence and division, the future will soon become unrecognizable.

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MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER – We rediscover Jesus every year at Christmas and recognize the great gift He has given us. Why not share a weekend with your spouse and show them what a great gift they are to you? These weekends are a powerful time for you to focus on one another, reconnect and grow closer. Upcoming dates: Billings, MT Feb. 4-6, 2022, Gillette, WY Feb 18-21, 2022, Elk Mountain Apr 22-24. Call Dan/Clare Dooley 406-697-3275 to find out more.

RESPECT LIFE HOLY HOUR – This month we will be praying for the repeal of Roe v. Wade abortion decision of 1973. The Supreme Court recently heard oral arguments in Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health, on the Mississippi law banning abortion after 15 weeks. The Respect Life Holy Hour will be on **Monday, Dec. 27 at 7pm**. Come before the Blessed Sacrament and our Lord's Eucharistic Presence for an hour of prayer in support of the dignity of human life from conception to natural death. During this Eucharistic Holy Hour, the Word of God will be proclaimed and we will be praying the Rosary, the Luminous Mysteries.

DAILY CATHOLIC WISDOM – "The rights of parents and their primary role in the education of their children in the area of morality and religion must be safeguarded. It is in the family that peacemakers, tomorrow's promoters of a culture of life and love, are born and nurtured." – Joseph Ratzinger (Benedict XVI) from Faith and Politics

DAILY CATHOLIC WISDOM – "Anyone whose common sense has not been dulled by familiarity should be able to see the blindingly obvious truth that there is something radically wrong with a civilization in which millions devote their lives to pointless luxuries that do not even make them happy, while million of others are starving; a civilization where no hand, voluntary or involuntary, moves money from luxury yachts to starving babies fast enough o save the babies." -Peter Kreeft from his book *Back to Virtue*

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!