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**Spiritual Communion Prayer**  
My Jesus,

I believe that You are present in the Most Holy  
Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire  
to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this  
moment receive You sacramentally, come  
at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You  
as if You were already there and unite  
myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be  
separated from You. Amen

**Our Mission Statement** - St. Joseph Parish is a diverse, rural, family oriented, growing Catholic faith community. Centered in Christ, this community strives to provide for the spiritual growth and faith development of all of its members within a warm and welcoming atmosphere. All parishioners are invited to actively participate by sharing their gifts and talents in selfless service for others, and by being respectful, forgiving and honest in their relationships. Parishioners strive to make everyone feel valued, especially newcomers, families, the elderly and the youth.

Please inform the office if you know of a St. Joseph parishioner in the hospital or homebound for Father Barnabas to contact or visit.

**St. Joseph Catholic Church**  
Founded in 1873

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All are Welcome!  
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**Our Parish COMMUNITY**

**December 26, 2021**  
Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph (C)  
Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28  
Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24  
Lk 2:41-52

**All in the Family**

So many family-oriented television programs today feature the antics of dysfunctional families. They're often so well produced that we laugh at the blundering exploits, thus giving them credibility. The readings for today's feast show us what a real family looks like. Parents worry about the security of their children (Luke); brothers and sisters are told to be compassionate, kind, humble, gentle, and patient (Colossians); elders are respected and cared for in their need (Sirach). Even the psalm response sketches the profile of a flourishing family as understood at that time.

We can only guess what the Holy Family must have been like. There is no indication that their neighbors saw them as anything more than an average family. Jesus learned Joseph's trade and, most likely, would take over the business after he died. Instead, he launched out as an itinerant preacher. Even that does not seem to have been so exceptional for that time. Nor was Mary's widowhood reason for him to stay home. The Gospels indicate that she was part of a protective family unit. This did not appear to be an exceptional family. But how exceptional it was!

The lesson is that even an average family has the potential to be a holy family. What we should do is pattern our lives after Paul's exhortation to the Colossians. If we live like this, we will discover that holiness is all in the family.

**FOR Reflection**

- What might you do to make family life easier for those with whom you live?
- Do you show gratitude to your family for their respect and care of you?

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**Additional Focus** Wednesday Worship Hour from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. will now include **Heal Our Land - Holy Hour**. Join us to pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the USA!  
**Come, get blessed and filled with the Holy Spirit! Men, Women, Children**  
**All are welcome!**

**The Church Office will be closed the week of December 27-31, 2021**



## Dear Padre,

**I've been trying to teach my children about the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. Any advice?**

**I**t's easy to teach young children about the works of mercy if you keep it simple and call their attention to what they're doing.

When they set the table and pour drinks, tell them they're feeding the hungry and giving drink to the thirsty. When they bring homework to a sick classmate, they're visiting the sick. If they go to a funeral, they're helping bury the dead. When they make up with their siblings after a fight, they bear wrongs patiently and forgive all injuries. Siblings who help each other with their homework are instructing the "ignorant."



A child who soothes someone who's been hurt is comforting the sorrowful. Praying for anyone, living or dead, is a spiritual work of mercy. Listening when someone confides in them is counseling the doubtful. Talking a friend or sibling out of doing something wrong is admonishing the sinner.

As your children get older, volunteer as a family with organizations that build homes for low-income families and help the children of prisoners.

Performing the corporal and spiritual works of mercy, whether for each other or with each other, will bring you closer as a family as well as closer to God.

*Fr. Rick Potts, CSSR / Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org*

**Do you have a question for the Padre?**

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about Dear Padre.



### A WORD FROM Pope Francis

*The works of mercy reawaken in us the need, and the ability, to make the faith alive and active with charity. I am convinced that, through these simple, daily actions, we can achieve a true cultural revolution....If every one of us, every day, does one of these, this will be a revolution in the world!*

GENERAL AUDIENCE, OCTOBER 12, 2016

### Calendar

**Monday**  
DECEMBER 27  
St. John,  
Apostle and Evangelist  
1 Jn 1:1-4  
Jn 20:1a, 2-8

**Tuesday**  
DECEMBER 28  
The Holy Innocents,  
Martyrs  
1 Jn 1:5-2:2  
Mt 2:13-18

**Wednesday**  
DECEMBER 29  
Christmas Weekday  
1 Jn 2:3-11  
Lk 2:22-35

**Thursday**  
DECEMBER 30  
Christmas Weekday  
1 Jn 2:12-17  
Lk 2:36-40

**Friday**  
DECEMBER 31  
Christmas Weekday  
1 Jn 2:18-21  
Jn 1:1-18

**Saturday**  
JANUARY 1  
Blessed Virgin Mary,  
the Mother of God  
Nm 6:22-27  
Gal 4:4-7  
Lk 2:16-21

**Sunday**  
JANUARY 2  
Epiphany of the Lord  
Is 60:1-6  
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6  
Mt 2:1-12e

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*St. Joseph's Christmas Card Box is ready in the Narthex. Be sure and check to see if you have received a card.*



*Let us all rejoice in the Lord, for our Savior has been born in the world. Today true peace has come down to us from heaven.*

### Mass Intentions for the Week/ Symbols

† - In honor of deceased    ♥ - Anniversary/Marriage

♫ - Birthday/Thanksgiving    SI - Special Intentions

December 25 - Sat. 9:00 a.m. - For the People of the Parish

December 26 - Sun. 7:30 a.m. - James Zak (†) Jim & Donna Jones

December 26 - Sun. 9:00 a.m. - Derrick Cann ♫ Buddy & Karen Franz

December 28 - Tues. - Aaron & Corey Welfel (†) Norman & Carolyn Schoener

December 29 - Wed. - Kelly Ann John (†) Donna & Doug Veselka

December 30 - Thurs. - Norman & Carolyn Schoener ♥ Schoener Family

December 31 - Fri. 5:00 p.m. - Anna Marie Hencerling (†) C. Swenson & A. Strnadel

January 1 - Sat. 7:30 a.m. - Debbie Kuchler (†) Danny & Lori Witte

January 1 - Sat. 5:00 p.m. - Johnnie & Leona Ressler (†) Ressler Family

January 2 - Sun. 7:30 a.m. - For the People of the Parish

January 2 - Sun. 9:00 a.m. - Kevin & John DeBault (†) Blaine & Brenda Warzecha



### Ministry Schedule

**December 24 - Friday 5:00 pm**

Christmas Eve - Children's Mass  
Volunteers

**December 25 - Saturday 7:30 am**

Christmas Day Mass - Volunteers  
Lector - C Ballard

**December 25 - Saturday 9:00 am**

Christmas Day Mass - Volunteers

**December 25 - Saturday 5:00 pm**  
No 5:00 p.m. Mass

**December 26 - Sunday 7:30 am**

Altar Server: Volunteers

E. Minister of HC: Volunteer

Lector: C Ballard

Ushers: Volunteers

**December 26 - Sunday 9:00 am**

Altar Server: Volunteers

E. Minister of HC: Volunteer

Lector: Volunteer

Ushers: Volunteers

### Ministry Schedule

**January 1 - Saturday 7:30 am**

Solemnity of Mary - Volunteers

**January 1 - Saturday 5:00 pm**

Altar Server: Volunteers

E. Minister of HC: Volunteer

Lector: Volunteer

Ushers: Volunteers

**January 2 - Sunday 7:30 am**

Altar Server: Volunteers

E. Minister of HC: Volunteer

Lector: Volunteer

Ushers: Volunteers

**January 2 - Sunday 9:00 am**

Altar Server: Volunteers

E. Minister of HC: Volunteer

Lector: Volunteer

Ushers: Volunteers

## THANK YOU!

### Last Week's Church Giving Report

Church Giving Report - includes eGiving

CCD Program: \$170.00

Prayer Garden: \$105.00

2022 Picnic-incl.eGiving & sub groups: \$600.00

Scholarship: \$30.00

Weekly Building/Memorials: \$5.00

Weekly Offering/Holy Day & eGiving: \$730.00

Weekly Loose Offering: \$224.00

**Total: \$1,864.00**

**2021 DSA St. Joseph Goal: \$28,860.00**

**2021 DSA 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection (total): (\$12,121.00)**

**2021 DSA St. Joseph Goal balance: \$16,739.00**

### Upcoming Mass Schedule:

#### Mark Your Calendar

**December 24 - 5:00 pm**

**December 25 - 7:30 am and 9:00 am**  
(no 5:00 pm Mass)

**December 26 - 7:30 am and 9:00 am**  
**December 31 - 5:00 pm**  
(no 7:30 am Mass)

**January 1 - 7:30 am and 5:00 pm**

**January 2 - 7:30 am and 9:00 am**

**Lectors, E. Ministers and Server**  
**Volunteers will be needed for these**  
**Masses.**

### ♫ Happy Birthday & Anniversary ♥

We wish you many blessings!

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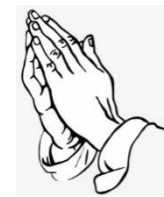
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### Mark Your Calendar

**December 27-31 - The Church Office will be closed.**

**January 4, 2022 - Parish Council Meeting - 6:00 pm - Education Center**

**January 5, 2022 - Regular in person CCD class**

**January 6, 2022 - Bible Study Group meets - 9:30 a.m. - Education Center**

**January 8, 2022 - Ordination Mass - OLV - 10:00 am**

**January 15, 2022 - Catholic Rural Life Mass - Bishop Cahill will celebrate**  
a Mass at BH Genetics in Ganado - 10:00 am

