

Prayers for Healing: Johnny Newport, Amanda Bates, Jason Boatwright, Jonathan Haydel, Ariella Beard & Family, Bob Feduccia, Theriot Family, Ashley & Lincoln Touns, Ron Gaudin, Troy Allen, Clifford & Cindy Galey, Nathan Williamson, Joseph & Wanda Fernald, Jimmy Ceuvas, Charleen Rush, Thomas Young, Lawrence & Jo Russell, Caleb Haymes, Merideth Walker, Pierre Ahlstrom, Chris Smith, Norris Acy, Nancy Oliver, Nick Andrews, Darryl White, Ted Dear, Joe Pennington, Bertha Hughes, Rob Mason

Prayers for the Homebound: Bela Nagy, James Howard, Roseann Harris, Carol & James Laird, Joe Robin, Larry Ledet, Stephanie Gustavson, Steve Albright, Cindy Slagle, Deanne Shoemaker

Our prayers are with all of those called to defend our country, especially:

Major Charles Andrew Griggs, Tucker Hoeniges, Sgt. Keagan Smith

Prayers for Healing
Please contact the Parish Office
601-833-1799
to add a name to the prayer list.

Mass Intentions



Saturday, December 28 Mass at 4 pm—Robert Wusterbarth (RIP)
Sunday, December 29, Mass at 9 am—Our Parish
Tuesday, December 31 Mass at 5:30 pm —Anne & Stanley Manahan (RIP)
Wednesday, January 1 Mass at 12:10 pm—Robert Wusterbarth (RIP)
Thursday, January 2 Mass at 12:10 pm—Mary Lou Anderson (RIP)
Friday, January 3 Mass at 12:10pm—Margaret Weathersby (RIP)



December 29, 2024—Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus

Today's Gospel tells a familiar story: the time Jesus was lost and then found in the Temple after Passover. At this point in His life, Our Lord was on the cusp of becoming a young man, and He was getting ready to do His Heavenly Father's work here on earth. The Gospel tells us that it was a tradition for the holy Family to travel to Jerusalem for the Passover feast, and that they traveled with their extended family to the celebrations. When Passover is over and the family leaves the Holy City to journey home, Jesus gets left behind in the shuffle. Mary and Joseph assume that Jesus is somewhere with the family and spend at least a day searching for Him among the many aunts, uncles, and cousins. They finally realize that Jesus isn't there, and Mary and Joseph search for their Son throughout Jerusalem: when they finally locate Him—in the Temple—Jesus is surprised that it wasn't the first place they searched. Mary and Joseph were obviously upset, and when Jesus returned home with them, the Gospel tells us He was obedient to them, growing in "wisdom and age and favor before God and Man."

This familiar Gospel story is an echo of the first two readings and, indeed, the Responsorial Psalm, which all give us Scriptural examples of how a family ought to operate. Throughout the Old Testament, God instructed His people through the prophets, trying to show them how a good family should be. Sirach told them that the father of the family is an honored position, that mothers are to be revered, and that children should honor their father and care for him in his old age. The Responsorial Psalm talks about how blessed a man who loves and fears the Lord will be, with a blessed life, a wife who loves and cares for him and children to make his days happy. And Saint Paul's letter to the Colossians talks about how families should love each other, respect each other, and treat each other with kindness and compassion.

The Holy Family is the perfect example for us all. After thousands of years of teaching through His prophets, God finally came to us Himself—in the form of a baby—to show us how to love within a family. To show us how children should behave, God became a child. To show how men should treat their elderly parents, God became a human with parents to care for. To show how spouses should love one another, God died for His Bride, the Church, in an act of complete and selfless giving.

Ponder:

Family life can be difficult. Every person has his own personality and needs in a family, but God desires us to learn to love each other through these needs, and sometimes even in spite of them. Am I giving myself in love to my family each day? Do I look to the Holy Family for my example of how a family ought to love each other?

Pray:

Jesus, there are days I fail to love my family the way I should—the way You want me to love them. Help me to learn from Your Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph, Your foster father, so that I may love my family more perfectly, according to Your divine will. Help me to cherish them, and to ponder all of my memories in my heart, just as Your Blessed Mother, Mary, did as You grew up.

Excerpts: *Catholic Mom*



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DECEMBER 29, 2024 Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Staff

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Ange'le Bartholomew, Youth Minister

Mass Times

- Saturday Vigil Mass at 4:00PM
- Saturday (Spanish) Mass at 5:30PM
- Sunday Mass at 9:00AM

Daily Mass Schedule

Monday: No Daily Mass—

Tuesday: Solemnity of Mary, Mass at 5:30PM (Church)

Wed: Solemnity of Mary, Mass at 12:10 PM

Thursday: 11:50 Rosary 12:10 Mass

Friday: First Friday 11:15 Exposition
11:20 Rosary 11:40 Silent Adoration 12:10 Mass

Saturday: First Saturday 9:00AM Mass

Benediction

The first weekend of every month.

Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration from 9am—4pm.

Sacraments

Reconciliation: 3:30 PM on Saturday & 8:30 AM on Sunday or by appointment.

Baptism: Contact the office to make an appointment with Fr. Mano

Marriage: Contact the office to make an appointment with Fr. Mano at least six months in advance.

St. Francis of Assisi Pastoral Council Members

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We extend a special welcome to all of our visitors. If you are new to the area and have decided to make St. Francis your church family, please pick up a blue registration card in the vestibule of the church, complete the card and place it in the offering basket.

SAVE THE DATE:
January 18
Parish Wide Appreciation Dinner
more details to follow

OCIA & Faith Formation
are on holiday break
Classes will resume the week of
January 6, 2025

ATTENTION
Beginning Friday,
January 10
the daily Mass will be
as follows
11:30—12:00 PM
Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament
12:00—12:10 PM
Litany of the Sacred Heart
of Jesus
12:10 Mass
This will be a permanent
change in schedule and will
take place in the Chapel.

The Catholic Diocese
of Jackson &
the Office of St. Francis will be closed
for the holidays from
December 24—January 1
See you in the New Year!



Time is running out to sign up for the
MARCH FOR LIFE!
In Washington, DC.
January 23—26.
Cost is \$100 per person
includes travel and hotel accommodations.
Please contact the office to register.

Happy Birthday!!
Gloria Kramer (30)
Bryanna Miles (30)
Michael Smith (31)
Paige Jackson (31)
Billy George (1)
Andres Mendez (1)
Huy Nguyen (1)
Norman Ratliff (2)
Beth DeLaughter (3)

NO Coffee & Donuts
after the 9am Mass
on December 29.

Christmas Flower Donations

*In memory of Wade Ditcharo
given by Cathy Ditcharo*

*In memory of Stephanie Eskine & Norma
Bienvenu given by Debbie Bienvenu*

*In memory of Hugh Louviere, Sr., Heath
Louviere, & Don Powell given by Hugh &
Donnell Louviere*

*In memory of Harris Family & Gloria Hall given by
Alice Hearn*

*In memory of deceased members of the LeJeune & Fuselier
Families given by Cathy Fuselier*

*In memory of Clarence Hutson Family & Amien George Family
& Richard Boyd given by TA Boyd*

*In memory of Ray & Louise Newell & Charlie & Adaline
Feduccia given by Charles & Becky Feduccia*

*In memory of Matthew Corkern
given by Tom & Becky Corkern*

*In memory of Kathleen LeBlanc Bailey
given by Clifford & Cindy Gale*

*In memory of the Henriquez & Puffer Families given by
John & Peggy Henriquez*

*In memory of Robert Jones given by
Joyce Jones*

*In memory of deceased Family & Friends given by
June Smith*

*In memory of Margaret Smith, Mary Ratliff, Buddy Ratliff, &
David Ratliff given by Paige Jackson*

In memory of Gwendolyn Wallace given by Terry Wallace

*In thanksgiving for their children Mandy, Brandon, &
Nicole Bowman given by Merle & Becky Bowman*

*In memory of Mack & Adeline Flynn given by
Mark & Mary Nettles*

*In memory of Robert A. Wusterbarth given by
Lanelle Wusterbarth*

*In memory of JoAnn & William Apperson & Myrtle & Dudley
Valentine & William Wilson Valentine given by
Dennis & Amy Valentine*

*In memory of the Craig & Hartt Family members given by
Jim & Celine Craig*

Flower donation by Linda Moak

Flower donation by Maillien Nguyen

LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS

Saturday, December 28

Eucharistic Ministers (H) Gerry Whitman
Erica Looney, Alice Methvien
Lector: Cathy Fuselier
Commentator: Joshua Atwater
Altar Servers: Kenneth Goodrum
Ushers: Charles Feduccia, John Chandler
Greeters: Alice Hearn, Phyllis Hobbs
Music: Steve Russell, Hilda Harrigill

Sunday, December 29

Eucharistic Ministers (H) Eric Postma
Kelly Postma, Jennifer Townsend
Lector: Lindsey Smith
Commentator: Jim Craig
Altar Servers: Josie Townsend, Julianna Townsend, and
Tucker Smith
Ushers: Mark Smith, Chad Townsend
Greeters: Beth DeLaughter, Susan Smith
Music: Eileen Neal

December 21 & December 22, 2024

Regular Offertory

Envelopes	\$ 3648.27
Loose Cash	\$ 476.55
Total	\$4124.82

THANK YOU!
Eric and Bria Postma
for your time in presenting
the informative Iconography
classes during this Advent
Season!

THANK YOU:
to the decorators of the
church, the musicians, &
the singers for your time
and talents during this
Christmas Season!

*GOD is GOOD
all the time
all the time
GOD is GOOD!*

Dec. 28 & 29
There will be a second
collection for the
St. Vincent de Paul Ministry

Celebrating the 12 Days of Christmas at Home

To celebrate these 12 days in your household, gather each day, light a candle, read the suggested biblical passage, then share what you can do to make Jesus' presence more real in our world. The Vatican Council II reminded us, "Christ is the light of nations. Because this is so, by proclaiming the Gospel to every creature, (we) bring the light of Christ to all persons." (Constitution of the Church, #1)

Monday, December 30: The Sixth Day of Christmas (Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23)
When the holy family becomes refugees fleeing Herod's persecution, Joseph must trust God's plan to protect Jesus and Mary.
How might we respond to help refugees and immigrants find a better life?

Tuesday, December 31: The Seventh Day of Christmas (John 1:1-18)
Jesus, God's Word made flesh, invites us to embody in ourselves the loving, forgiving, nurturing ways of God.
How might each of us better model these godly ways in our relationships?

Wednesday, January 1: The Eighth Day of Christmas (John 1: 19-28)
John the Baptist prepares the way for others to discover and draw near to Jesus.
How might we "make straight the Lord's way" in our daily activities?

Thursday, January 2: The Ninth Day of Christmas (John 1: 29-34)
John the Baptist knows that God's Holy Spirit is at work in Jesus.
How might each of us show our trust that through the Holy Spirit God is also working in us?

Friday, January 3: The Tenth Day of Christmas (John 1: 35-42)
Jesus asks his would-be disciples "What are you looking for?"
How might each of us answer this same question to better understand who Jesus is and who we are as his disciples?

Saturday, January 4: The Eleventh Day of Christmas (John 1: 43-51)
Inspired by his experience of Jesus, Philipp invites Nathanael to come and meet Jesus too.
How might we reach out to share what we know and love about Jesus with someone else?

Sunday, January 5: The Twelfth Day of Christmas (Matthew 2: 1-12)
The Gentile magi follow the star as the sign of God's inclusive love for all peoples.
How might we make real God's inclusive love in our society, especially the most vulnerable?



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Wednesday, January 1
Holy Day of Obligation
Solemnity of Holy Mary, Mother of God
Mass on Tuesday, December 31 @ 5:30PM
Mass on Wednesday, January 1 @ 12:10PM