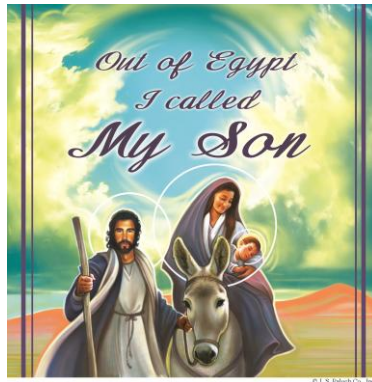


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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

FIRST READING: Those who honor and comfort their parents shall never be forgotten (Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14).

PSALM: Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways (Psalm 128)

SECOND READING: You are called into one body. Bear with one another; forgive one another; let Christ's peace control you (Colossians 3:12-21).

GOSPEL: Joseph rose, took the child and his mother, and fled to Egypt (Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23).

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR LECTORS

New Year's Eve Mass

5:30PM Wednesday, Dec 31st
Lector: Denise Lakatos

New Year's Day Mass

9:00 AM Thursday, Jan 1st
Lector: Pat Wess

5:30PM Saturday, Jan 3rd
Lector: Elaine Angus

9:00 AM Sunday, Dec 4th
Lector: Linda Lopez

Mass Intentions for the Week: (Dec 29th - Jan 4th)

MON 12/29 7:00AM. . . + Thomas Blair - (Janet Knapp)
TUES 12/30 7:00AM. . . + (A) Rich Poplinski - (Wife, Connie & Family)

WED 12/31 NEW YEAR'S EVE
NO MORNING MASS
5:30PM. . . .For Living & Deceased Members of the St. Anne's Parish Family

THURS 01/01 9:00AM. . . +(B) Margaret Blair - (Daughter, Connie & Family)

FRI 01/02 7:00AM. . . +Martin & Matilda Simcic
SAT 01/03 5:30PM. . . .Pro Populo
SUN 01/04 9:00AM. . . + (A) Ralph Holtzman- (Eleanor & Family)



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Stewardship Reflections:

Today, as we continue our celebration of the Christmas season, we focus our attention in a special way on the Holy Family. This is a great time to thank God for the gift of family life. The Catechism of the Catholic Church refers to the family as the “domestic church”, so today’s feast is also a fitting time to consider the importance of the virtue of hospitality – a fundamental aspect of the stewardship way of life – within the context of our domestic churches.

Why is hospitality so important to a stewardship way of life, beginning with family life? Well, we can hardly expect our family members to pray together, study their faith, and serve others if we have a home where we are disconnected from each other or the atmosphere is stressful and tense. Of course there will be moments like this. But we must be intentional in creating homes where everyone feels cherished, accepted and important. We want our homes to be the place where we can get recharged and filled up to go out and bring love to everyone we encounter outside our home.

Lest we think that the Holy Family is somehow unable to sympathize with our struggles, we see in our Gospel passage from Matthew that this Family was certainly not free from trials and stress, quite the contrary. The very life of the newborn Jesus was threatened by Herod’s extreme jealousy such that the family had to flee suddenly into a foreign land for protection until Herod’s death. Yet Mary and Joseph remained united and ever obedient to the leading of the Holy Spirit for direction. Who better to turn to for help and inspiration for our own families?! Happy feast day to all families living a stewardship way of life



Thank you so very much!! A special thank you to everyone who helped to get the Church ready for Christmas! All of the hard work that went into setting up the manger scenes, the cleaning and beautiful decorating of the Church, the Lectors, and Nadine for the beautiful music. Thank and God Bless each and every one of you.

2026 Envelopes – Adult & Children’s envelopes are ready for pick up.

PLEASE NOTE BOXES ARE IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER

We are asking during the month of January that you write your name on your collection envelope to assist in posting. Thank you



Solemnity of Mary

The Feast of the Solemnity of Mary – is this Thursday, Jan 1st and is a **Holy Day of Obligation.**

There will be a Vigil Mass on Wednesday, Dec 31st at 5:30PM.

Mass on Thursday will be at 9AM.



The Christian Mothers would like to thank the “Special Angels” who volunteered their time to help wrap gifts at Boscov’s. Your generosity is appreciated more than you know.

20+C+M+B+26

Bless Your Home -- Gather at the threshold of your home (inside or outside). Say a prayer noting the sacredness of your home and asking a blessing on all who enter and leave through this door. Using white chalk, write **20+C+M+B+26** above the door. These letters stand for the first letters of the names of the three kings, Balthasar, Gaspar, and Melchior. In Latin, these letters are also the first letters of the words “*Christus mansionem benedicat*”

God Bless This House

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS -- there are envelopes in your boxes for the Christmas Flower Collection.



There are also extra envelopes in the back of the Church. If you wish you may claim a poinsettia and take it home after the Feast of The Three Kings.

