

Holy Family Traditional Roman Catholic Church

Traditional Latin Mass according to the Tridentine Rite codified by St. Pius V

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Father Gregory Safreed, OSF



Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 22, 2019

MASS INTENTIONS

	INTENTION	REQUESTED BY
Sunday, December 22, 9:00 AM:	James Audley+	The Audley Family
11:30 AM:	Our Children & Grandsons	Alicia & Sam Liburdi
Monday:	Special Intention	Anonymous
Tuesday:	Holy Souls in Purgatory	Dominic
Midnight Mass:	Missa Pro Populo	
Christmas Day, 10:00 AM:	Stephanie Adams+	Steve Adams
Thursday:	Midge & Marty Gurbach	Alicia & Sam Liburdi
Friday:	Gabriella Haire	Vincent DeFillips
Saturday:	Nicholas DeFillips 21st Birthday	Mom & Dad
Sunday, December 29, 9:00 AM:	Fr. Gregory & Priests Serving Holy Family	Joan
11:30 AM:	Natividad Garcia Caban	Joe & Yvette Sebetka +deceased

HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

Sundays: 9:00AM and 11:30AM

Weekdays: 9:00AM

Holy Days of Obligation: 9AM and 7PM

CONFESSIONS - Before Each Mass

ROSARY - Before All Masses

BAPTISMS, MATRIMONY, EXTREME UNCTION

CONSULTATIONS AND SICK CALLS

Please contact the Priest at 321-775-4325

NOVENAS

Miraculous Medal - Saturdays after Mass

Sacred Heart - Fridays after Mass

COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Sundays after 9AM Mass

BLESSING OF RELIGIOUS ARTICLES

At the communion rail after Mass

CHOIR PRACTICE - Sundays after 9AM Mass

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

Fourth Sunday of Advent

“I am the light of the world...” While people can shed the light of goodness and truth in the world, Christ is the source of that light. “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life” (John 8:12). He also says, “You are the light of the world” (Matthew 5:14). This means more than catching a spark of Christ the Light: it means to have Christ’s Light in the soul, enlightening the intellect and strengthening the will. This is the “state of grace” which describes any one of us who has worthily received a sacrament.

There is a Latin expression, “cupio dissolvi,” which means that I wish to dissolve, or be annihilated, expressing what St. Paul meant when he wrote: “It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me” (Gal. 2:20). Paradoxically, it is by this self-annihilation, that the personality becomes more vivid. This is the opposite of the “self-affirmation” conceit of our narcissistic culture, and it helps explain why the “Greatest Generation” has been followed by the “Smallest Generation.” Isaiah says that when you help the hungry, homeless and naked, “your light shall break forth like the dawn” (Isaiah 58: 7ff). Without these “corporal works of mercy,” all spiritual aspirations are escapist sentimentality. But for the Light of Christ to shine fully, the corporal works of mercy work in tandem with the “spiritual works of mercy, which help the ignorant, doubtful and sinful while bearing wrongs patiently, forgiving offences willingly, comforting the afflicted, and praying for the living and the dead.”

When the Light of Christ is hidden, life and death alike become puzzles. Our morally darkened age thinks it has autonomy over life, and at the same time it fears death. It is appallingly logical that a culture, which destroys innocent life, should avoid funerals, not even knowing how properly to bury the dead.

St. Bonaventure says: “Christ is the lamp that illuminates the whole of Scripture: he is its gateway and its foundation. For this faith is behind all the supernatural enlightenments that we receive while we are still separated from the Lord and on our pilgrimage. It makes our foundation firm, it directs the light of the lamp, it leads us in through the gateway.” St. Paul communicated the Light of Christ in this way: “I did not come with sublimity of words or of wisdom. For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified” (1 Cor. 2:1-2).



THE HOLY INNOCENTS: The story of the slaughter of the Holy Innocents is part of the narrative of Jesus’ birth. Herod governed the Jewish portion of the Roman Empire when Jesus was born. When he heard that people looked for the birth of a new “king of the Jews,” and that scholars from the east had already come to worship him, Herod felt threatened.

He learned that this messiah was to be born in Bethlehem and sent for the visiting magi. He cross-examined them to learn what they knew, then told them to report back to him after they found the child under the pretense that he, Herod, wanted to pay homage as well.

The magi were warned in a dream to avoid returning to Herod, so they went home a different way.

At the same time, an angel warned Joseph to flee with Mary and Jesus to Egypt because “Herod is going to search for the child to destroy him” (Mt 2:13).

When Herod learned that the magi had deceived him, he became furious and ordered the murder of all the boys in and near Bethlehem 2 years old or younger.

Herod was a barbaric ruler responsible for many crimes and slaughters.

Tradition has inferred the slaughter of the Bethlehem children to have killed numbers of children-----several thousands---but it is not likely that nearly this many were killed. Estimating by the size of Bethlehem, including its surroundings, there could not have been more than 25 baby boys 2 years old or younger at any given time.

The feast of the Holy Innocents has been remembered by the Church since the fifth century. St. Augustine called the Innocents, buds killed by the frost of persecution the moment they showed themselves.

GOSPEL Luke 3:1-6 Now in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and Philip his brother tetrarch of Iturea and the country of Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilina: Under the high priests Anna and Caiphas: the word of the Lord was made unto John, the son of Zachary, in the desert. And he came into all the country about the Jordan, preaching the baptism of penance for the remission of sins. As it was written in the book of the sayings of Isaias the prophet: "A voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be brought low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways plain. And all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Christmas Day Masses - Tuesday, December 24th - The choir will commence singing at 11:30pm, followed by Christmas Midnight Mass. There will be one Mass on Christmas Day at 10:00 AM**
- **2020 Sacred Heart Calendars** are available at the rear of the church. The cost is \$7.
- **The Altar & Rosary Society will hold their annual CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE TODAY**, Sunday, December 22nd, after both the 9:00am & 11:30am Masses in the room at the back of the church.
- **Parishioners, friends and visitors are welcome to refreshments** in the church hall following the 9:00am Mass.
- **Merry Christmas. Father Safreed, the Board of Directors** and staff that produces the weekly bulletin, extends to the parishioners, friends and benefactors of Holy Family, sincere wishes for a happy, holy and safe Christmas Season.
- **Wednesday, January 1, 2020 is a Holy Day of Obligation**, Masses are at 9:00 AM & 7:00 PM.



This is the last Sunday of our preparation for Christmas, the anniversary of Christ's birth. We can all feel unworthy of the honor of welcoming Him into our hearts and our homes. We are indeed unworthy, not because we have little of this world's goods, but because we have so little humility, so little charity, so little faith and trust in God's goodness. Let us try to imitate Joseph and Mary, the humblest of the humble, the kindest of the kindly, and the greatest-ever believers in God's goodness and mercy. We can never hope to equal them, but we can follow them humbly, from afar.

The feast of Christmas should draw the hearts of every child of God towards the divine love. In the manger, the infinite love of God for us miserable sinners is dramatically and forcefully portrayed before our eyes. In that helpless Baby we know that the person, and the power, of the omnipotent Creator and sustainer of the universe lie hidden. "He emptied himself, taking the form of a slave" for us. He became a creature, like ourselves so that He would make us sharers in His divine nature. He came on earth to bring us to heaven. He hid His divine nature so that He could cover us with it.

"Unsearchable indeed are the judgements of God, and inscrutable His ways." And though we are unworthy of His infinite love, let us imitate Joseph and Mary and accept the honor which God is giving us, as we trust that He will continue to make us daily less unworthy.



On Saturday, January 11, 2020 all Holy Family couples are invited to a Marriage Meet & Mingle to get to know each other better in our Catholic Community.

PLACE: Church Hall TIME: 4:00pm – 6:00pm

The purpose of this evening is, learning about resources, and engaging in discussion about the common hurdles that married couples face, and some of the habits we can develop to have a stronger, happier marriage. Must be 18 or older to attend.

ROSARY ROSTER

9:00 12/22 - Tony Verzi 12/29 - Pat Lankenau 1/5 - Larry Gomez 1/12 - Martin Crain 1/19 - Mary Crain
11:30 Volunteers Needed

DRESS POLICY

When attending any functions at the chapel, especially Holy Mass, you are in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Please dress accordingly, with due modesty and respect. **Everyone should refrain from jeans, shorts or T-shirts.** Ladies, please use a head covering, available in the rear of the church either for loan or for purchase.



Remember, also, Lord, Your servants and handmaids below who are gone hence before us, marked with the sign of faith, and sleep the sleep of peace. To them, Lord and to all that rest in Christ, grant, we implore You a place of happiness, light and peace through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Deceased of the Schumaker & Kosack Families R.I.P.
 Deceased Members of the Brown & Mallett Families R.I.P.
 Ernie & Dennis Janzen; Gabels & Zechas R.I.P.
 Deceased Members of the J. H. Crain / F.A. Croucher Families
 Members of the Hunter & Watkinson Families
 Terry Baldwin
 Allan Knight
 Deceased of the Lagemann, Kitchen & Lee Families
 Deceased Members of the Rehm / Trager Families
 Deceased Toth and Gurbach Family Members
 Deceased Liburdi and Fleischer Family Members
 Zygmunt and Olga Tubielewicz R.I.P
 Richard and Roma Kehne R.I.P.
 Herman and Bertha Durflinger R.I.P.
 Deceased of the Clark & Ziegler Families
 Audrey Alesio, Deceased of Alesio & Royce Families R.I.P.
 Charles & Antoinette Sutly R.I.P.
 Charles & Mary Sutly Requiescant in pace
 Deceased of Flynn, Galloway & Hague Families
 Deceased Members of the Smith & Gwise Families
 Deceased Family and Friends of the Audley Family
 Janelle & Joseph McKinney and souls of McKinney & Legge Families

For the Repose of the Soul of Katherine Basala R.I.P.
 Joseph & Carmela DiPaolo R.I.P.
 Repose of the Souls of Gosta and Greta Jonsson R.I.P.
 Deceased Members of the Blatt-Scherer Family R.I.P.
 Beatriz Jaramillo R.I.P.
 Patrick Galbraith R.I.P.
 Sue and Tommy Martin R.I.P.
 Deceased McCallan Family Members R.I.P.
 Lynn Marie Reynolds R.I.P.
 Deceased Members of the Burgio Family R.I.P.
 Anna Margiotta R.I.P.
 John Griffin R.I.P.
 Catherine and Bernave Torrez
 Deceased Family & Friends of Voors & Harber Families
 Repose of the Souls of Ann N. & Patrick A. Slane R.I.P.
 Deceased Members of Mercier / Brubaker Families
 DeFillips and Dark Families and Friends R.I.P.
 Deceased of Baskiewicz and Perzanowski Families R.I.P.
 Deceased Members of the Lankenau & Cabble Families R.I.P.
 Deceased Family & Friends of Ray & Michelle DeFillips



"We must empty Purgatory with Our Prayers"



THE ALTAR &
 ROSARY SOCIETY
 WILL HOLD THEIR
 ANNUAL
**CHRISTMAS BAKE
 SALE**
TODAY,
 DECEMBER 22ND,
 AFTER BOTH THE
 9:00AM & 11:30 AM
 MASSES IN THE
 ROOM AT THE BACK
 OF THE CHURCH.



PARISH HALL RENTAL

Less than 50 Members of the Chapel - \$100
 Less than 50 Non-members - \$150
 Greater than 50 Members of the Chapel - \$200
 Greater than 50 Non-members - \$300

SUGGESTED DONATIONS

Mass Intentions - \$15 Requiem Mass - \$150
 Baptism - \$50 Requiem Mass w/ Graveside Service - \$175
 Nuptial Mass - \$150 Wedding Service - \$125
 Organist Donation - \$50