

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



Sunday within the Octave of the Nativity

December 27, 2020

Mass intentions will resume once Father Safreed has returned.



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

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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

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GOSPEL Luke 2:33-40 At that time, Joseph and Mary, the mother of Jesus, were wondering at those things which were spoken concerning Him. And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary His mother: "Behold this Child is set for the fall and for the resurrection of many in Israel and for a sign which shall be contradicted. And thy own soul a sword shall pierce, that, out of many hearts thoughts may be revealed."

And there was one Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Aser. She was far advanced in years and had lived with her husband seven years from her virginity, and by herself a widow to eighty-four years. She never left the temple, with fastings and prayers worshipping night and day. And coming up at that very hour, she began to give praise to the Lord, and spoke of Him to all that looked for the redemption of Israel.

And after they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their city Nazareth. And the Child grew and waxed strong, full of wisdom: and the grace of God was in Him.



If we have kept a diligent Advent...

If we have kept a diligent Advent, we shall be able to celebrate the Christmas Season better than those who have been trying to inflate an imitation of it ever since Halloween without understanding what it is all about. The Incarnation of Christ the Son of God is celebrated for twelve days, and in the Catholic Church the Christmas carols begin, and do not end, on Christmas Day.

When I lived in Rome, I came to learn different Christmas customs, and among them was the singing of a hymn by Saint Alphonsus Liguori: "Tu scendi dalle Stelle" (You come down from the stars) with these lines:

Great King, from heaven's high throne descending low, In Bethlehem's stable born in cold and woe, Thou shiverest in a manger, Babe Divine, Much hast Thou borne for sins: how much for mine!

The season of gift-giving begins on December 25 and reaches its climax on the Epiphany, when the Magi brought their offerings.

The Holy Trinity needs nothing, but the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost want us. In other words, we are not necessary, but we are willed by the Divine Love. With nothing to offer God that he needs, the best gift we can offer is a humble confession of the various ways the human soul has blocked the will of God. Sin contradicts our existence. Confession provides many graces. Sins are forms of selfishness, but when confessed they become the greatest gifts, offerings of the heart, and they place us back into God's plan for the human race.

You might give yourself a fine gift by getting one of the many books written by the twentieth century English convert, Monsignor Ronald Knox. In his "Stimuli" he writes: "To us Christians, the first Christmas Day is the solstice or bottle-neck of history. Things got worse till then, ever since we had lost Paradise; things are to get better since then, till we reach Paradise once more. History is shaped like an X". A very happy and holy Christmastide to us all. Father G. Rutler

The Feast of the Epiphany is the continuation of the mystery of Christmas. Its very name, which signifies Manifestation, implies that it celebrates the apparition of God to His creatures. The Epiphany is indeed a great Feast, and the joy caused us by the Birth of Our Lord Jesus must be renewed on it, for as though it were a second Christmas Day, it shows us our Incarnate God in a new light. It leaves us all the sweetness of the dear Babe of Bethlehem, who hath appeared to us already in love; but to this it adds its own grand manifestation of the divinity of our Jesus. At Christmas it was a few Shepherds that were invited by the Angels to go and recognize the Word Made Flesh; but now, at the Epiphany, the voice of God Himself calls the whole world to adore this Jesus and hear Him.

Thus, Epiphany came to mark the end of Christmastide—the twelve days of Christmas, which began with the revelation of Christ to Israel in His Birth and ended with the revelation of Christ to the Gentiles at Epiphany.

ROSARY ROSTER

9:00 12/27 - Pat Lankenau 1/3 - Sam Liburdi 1/10 - Martin Crain 1/17 - Mary Crain 1/24 - Ken Peldunas 1/31 - Tony Verzi

11:30 Volunteers Needed

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Friday, January 1, 2021 is a Holy Day of Obligation**, Masses are at 9:00 AM & 7:00 PM.
- **The Altar & Rosary Society** will hold their monthly meeting on Saturday, January 2, 2020 after the 9:00 AM Mass.
- **Fr. Gregory's 12th Ordination Anniversary**, is January 7th, please keep him in your prayers to continually strengthen his vocation.
- **2021 Religious Calendars** are available at the rear of the church. The cost is \$7.
- **Parishioners, friends and visitors** are welcome to refreshments in the church hall following the 9:00 AM Mass.

St. Ephrem the Syrian's "Hymn on the Nativity"

My Lord, this day gladdens kings, priests and prophets,
for on it were fulfilled and realized all their words.
Since today the Virgin has given birth to Emmanuel in Bethlehem,
the word Isaiah spoke was accomplished today.
He Who registers peoples was born there;
the psalm that David sang has been fulfilled today.
The word that Micah spoke was realized today,
for a shepherd went out from Ephrata, and his staff herded souls.
"Behold, a star shone forth from Jacob, and a prince rose from Israel.
The prophecy that Balaam spoke found its meaning today.
The hidden light descended, and its beauty shone forth from a body:
the dawn of which Zechariah spoke lights of Bethlehem today.
....Today a child was born, and he was called wonder, for it is
a wonder that God reveals Himself as an infant.



GOSPEL for January 1st, The Circumcision of Our Lord.;
Luke 2:21 At that time, when eight days were fulfilled for the
circumcision of the Child, His name was called Jesus, the
name given to Him by the Angel before He was conceived in
the womb.

The Octave of the Nativity is celebrated from Christmas Day to
January 1st, the Circumcision of Our Lord.

In the Old Testament, circumcision was a sign of the covenant
between God and Abraham, and thus between God and the
Jewish people. The oath of this covenant was sealed by the act
and sign of circumcision. It was on the eighth day that this
important event took place.

The true descendants of Abraham were separated from the other
nations by the sign of circumcision (a prefigurement of Baptism

[Colossians 2:11]) and thereby became members of the God-ruled community of the Old Testament; that is,
through circumcision, they entered among the chosen People of God.

Many see this as "just another feast day". In fact, some grumble about it as an inconvenient feast day because
it falls on New Year's Day – a holy day of obligation following a night of revelry and staying up way past
bedtime. But this feast day marks an important clarification of the doctrine of Christ's divinity and humanity.

COVID-19 Virus: At this time, with regard to the Coronavirus event, we are not making any changes in the availability of sacraments or the schedule
of mass. However, in an abundance of caution, we are asking all parishioners to make decisions that are prudent for their situation. Elderly
parishioners are particularly at risk and are excused from their Sunday obligations. Any parishioners that feel uncomfortable are excused as well.
As always, if you are exhibiting any signs of sickness or feel unwell, please be considerate of your fellow parishioners and do not attend mass or any
chapel functions. Thank you for your understanding in these trying times. Please stay well and may God bless you.



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.

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

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