



Rev. Mike Austin, Pastor

Deacon Bill Vrazel

Mass Schedule: Summer Months, Saturday: 5:00 p.m.

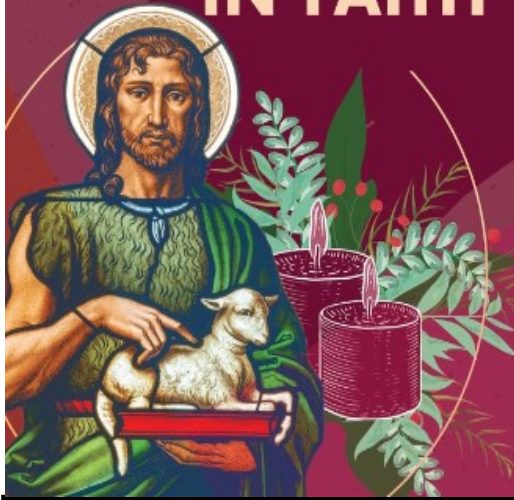
Winter Months, Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., & 5:00 p.m.

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2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
**HOLD ON
 IN FAITH**



Refuse to Submit Our Freedom to False Rulers

We like to think we are totally free, but the bitter truth is we simply are not. Or better put, our freedom is limited on every side — by governments, corporate giants, physical and mental frailties, genetic shortcomings, and even the boundaries of time and space, and above all, the burden of our sins and pending deaths. In our day, we are perhaps particularly aware that we are not free to disconnect from the technocratic rulers of the air. If you doubt me, try not paying your internet bill and see what happens. We are not totally free.

It's nothing new, of course. In Jesus' day, everyone felt the crushing weight of the Roman Empire. You can say you're free all you want. But try not paying your taxes to Rome and see what happens.

Once we feel this burden in our own lives — however it comes — we are ready to hear the stunning announcement that commences Mark's gospel, "**The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.**" It's not a simple perfunctory introduction, but a dramatic announcement of new freedom. The word "gospel" was a political, even military, term. It meant: a great victory has been won and a new king is in charge. This Jesus — not the Roman emperor — is God's son, and he has defeated all that crushes human freedom. It's time to follow him and be truly free. This week let's refuse to submit our freedom to false rulers — especially that of sin. And let's rejoice that Christ is coming to make us perfectly free from all our oppressors. — *Father John Muir*

**TODAY'S
 READINGS**

First Reading: A voice cries out: In the desert prepare the way of the LORD! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God! (Is 40:3)
Psalm: Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation. (Ps 85)
Second Reading: We await new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. (1 Pt 1:13)
Gospel: John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. (Mk 16:4)

**READINGS
 FOR THE
 WEEK**

Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30
Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab/Mt 11:11-15
Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Next Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 (Is 61:10b)/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

**EVENTS
 OF THE
 WEEK**

Monday, December 11, 2023 —	- 8:00 am Mass - Church - 10:00 am Holy Family Parish Prayer Group - Chapel - 5:00 pm — 11:00 pm Adoration - Church - 5:00 — 6:00 pm Reconciliation offered in Church
Tuesday, December 12 —	- 6:30 pm Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help - Chapel - 7:00 pm Vigil Mass - Chapel
Wednesday, December 13 —	- 8:00 am Mass — Church Angel Tree Gifts deadline - 6:30 pm Advent Penance Service - Church
Thursday, December 14 —	- 8:00 am MASS — Chapel - 9:00 am — 5:00 pm Adoration until Benediction at 5:00 pm—Chapel
Friday, December 15 —	- 8:30 am Mass and SVdP Live Nativity — Church - 3:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet - Chapel
Saturday, December 16	- 4:00 pm Mass — Church Reconciliation offered 30 minutes prior to Mass

Lord, Hear Our Prayer

Louise Altier, Adam Amort, Jerri Anderson, Sandra Angeline, Lois Audley, Andrew B. Barrett, Tammy Bates, Jeff Beaver, Kim Beech, James Bell, Tracy Biggs, Sandra Bishop, Rusty Bohn, Dian Bradley, Mike Brown, John Bull, Josephine C., Martha Burdette, Fr. Ronnie Calkins, Jamie Ann Canton, Patty Caranna, Sarah Carboni, Fr. David Carucci, Bruce Carver, Jerry Casey, Jim Cooke, Mae Mae Cooley, David Corollo, Cecil Creel, Donna Dantin, Lynn Dantin, Danny Davis, Sr., Jim Dean, Megan Delgado, Marvel Desroche, Dawn Domecq, Jeannie and John Dubuisson, Anne Erickson, Peter Fenn, Kim Fitzgerald, Janet Galen, Roy and Betty Gamez, Charles Grey, Donnie Haley, Jr., John Hayden, Alan Hoda, Pat Hoda, Fay Hogan, Daniel Huck, Butch and Betty Hughes, Paul Hughes, David H. James, Sally James, Janet Jefferson, Sierra Jefferson, Faye Johnson, John Knight, Marcus Kaszabowski, Natalie Koenenn, Jill Ladner, Missy Ladner, Pam Ladner, Dustin Leochner, Debbie Lizana, Charlotte Logan, Mark Logan, Marlene Logan, Michelle Logan, Evelyn Lumpkin, Laura Creel Meadows, Carl Molesworth, Pat Morley, Dennis Mottola, Kevin Niolet, Rita Norman, Joshua Parker, Larry Peterman, Konner Peterson, Michelle Pisciotta, Jane Prescott, Bill Redo, Bryce Riordan, Jacob Rivera, Jaxson Rivera, Bev Rogers, Taige Roof, Tammy Graham Rome, June Rutland, Janet Ryan, Kevin Ryan, Clyde Schepens, William "Scooter", Leah Scott, James Senac, Rachel Singleton, Melissa Starita, Barbara Swilley, Jim and Michael Trott, Morgan Ulrich, Pat Vial, Anastasia Virvilis, Jimmy Wetzell, Bragg Williams, Nadia Williams, Becky Wooley, Angie Parker Yonkin



In Memoriam



Lynne Bohn
Elizabeth Yoder

Please contact the Parish Office at 228-452-4686 to add or take some off the Holy Family Prayer List. Thank you.

Weekly Operating Report

December 4, 2023

Weekly Operating Credits

Offertory/Collection: \$20,234

Building Fund: \$519

Youth Ministry: \$35

Cemetery: \$75

Masses: \$120

Memorials: \$5

Second Collection: \$2,258

Christmas Flowers: \$185

Direct Debit—Electronic Transfers
Forms are available in the back of the church or by calling the office at 228-452-4686

Weekly Fixed Expenses

Schools: \$3210

Salaries and Benefits: \$4750

Diocese Support Tax: \$917

Utilities: \$1187.50

Janitorial, Maintenance, Grounds: \$1189.75

Insurance: \$584

TOTAL FIXED WEEKLY EXPENSES: \$13,075.00

"These are just the fixed expenses. There are many areas of ministry that require funding throughout the year (Youth Ministry, Religious Education, Adult Education, Liturgy, Office Supplies). I am publishing this as part of our new financial

Pray For a Priest Each Day

"O Holy Mother of God, pray for our priests your Son has chosen to serve the Church. Help them, by your intercession, to be holy, zealous, and chaste. Make them models of virtue in the service of God's people. Help them be pious in meditations, efficacious in preaching and zealous in the daily offering of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Help them administer the Sacraments with love and joy. Amen".

Sun., Dec. 10: For Fathers Tomasz Powroznik and Ken Ramon-Landry

Mon., Dec. 11: For Father Donbosco Puthiyakunnel

Tues., Dec. 12: For Father Mark Ropel

Wed., Dec. 13: Father Fathers Alwin Samy and Jacob Smith OFM

Thur., Dec. 14: For Fathers James Smith and Mike Snyder

Fri., Dec. 15: For Father Michael Somers

Sat., December 16: For Father S. Kennedy Soosa



	December 16 & December 17	4:00 pm - Saturday, 12/16/23	8:30 am - Sunday, 12/17/23	11:00 am - Sunday, 12/17/23	5:00 pm - Sunday, 12/17/23
Lectors		Ken Austin	Rodney Malburg	Joy Burke	Daniel Huck
EEMs		Don Frilot, Shannon Parker and Catherine Wood	Michael Burch, Jennifer D'Aquilla, Tony Diaz del Valle, Isabelle C. Rawls and Louise Vrazel	Lena Farr, Stuart Farr, Michael Mayeaux, Meg Payment and Liz Shaw	Ann Giles, Jo Johns and Joe Spence
Altar Servers		Gage Garriga, Kaleb Garriga and Cooper W. Ferrill	A. Banks Barrett, Anna Ladner, C. Reed Pace and Finley Pace	Elleigh James Burge, R. J. Sandoz and Anna Claire Thomas	Allie Giles, Sophia Gonzalez and Carleigh A. Russo



Advent Penance Service
Wednesday, December 13th
6:30 pm
at Holy Family Church

Advent is the perfect time to receive God's mercy and forgiveness through this healing sacrament. God wants extend His love to you - all you need to do is accept the call. Whether it's been a few days or a few years, you're invited to join us.



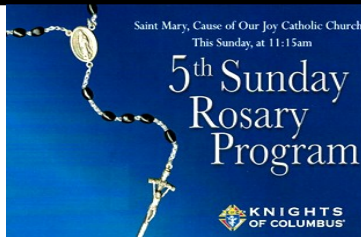
Please join us every **FIRST** and **THIRD FRIDAY** of the month for the

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY



The next Chaplet is **Friday, December 15th** at 3:00 pm at St. Paul's Chapel
For the sake of His sorrowful passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

We invite you to come and pray your special intentions with the Knights of Columbus at the



FIFTH SUNDAY ROSARY

Sunday morning,
 December 31st
 After 8:30 am Mass
 Holy Family Church

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, December 9	4:00 pm <i>(Winter months)</i>	† Bobbie and Billie Molsbee Healing for Tom Matthews
Sunday, December 10	8:30 am 11:00 am 5:00 pm	Special Birthday Intentions for Shirley Schmidt † Carol Stewart † Elizabeth Yoder † Stephen Smith Healing for Garrett Clark † Lynne Bohn
Monday, December 11	8:00 am	† Knost Family Special Birthday Intentions for Shirley Schmidt
Tuesday, December 12 <i>(Chapel)</i>	7:00 pm	† Lynne Bohn
Wednesday, December 13	8:00 am	† Knost Family † Marie Finnorn † Elizabeth Yoder
Thursday, December 14 <i>(Chapel)</i>	8:00 am	† Lynne Bohn † Mowetha Williams
Friday, December 15	8:30 am *† The Repose of the Soul	Special Birthday Intentions for Shirley Schmidt



Mark Your Calendars!
A Visit By Our Friends
from the Holy Land
December 16th & 17th



Just in time for Christmas,
 Our Holy Land master hand-carver friends will be visiting Holy Family on December 16th and December 17th selling their beautiful olive wood handcrafts.

Especially now in these troubling times, and in light of the good working relationship we have enjoyed with our Holy Land friends, Holy Family has assists many of these Christian families in need, by invitthem for the display and sale of hand-carved religious art from the Holy Land.



Bring your money and finish your Christmas shopping right here at Holy Family.



Thank you for supporting our Holy Land friends.

FAMILY PRAYER HOUR



It was a beautiful evening at Holy Family preparing our hearts for the Advent season.

Thank you Eucharistic Revival Team for making this night so special for the children and our young families.

A big thank you from the Walking With Moms in Need Ministry for the many and much needed baby blanket donations.

Your generosity will move mountains!



Holy Family Christmas Sweatshirts Have Arrived!



If you ordered a sweatshirt, please come by the Parish Office to pick up.

Second and Third Edition



Ornaments In a Series Are In!

If you ordered Holy Family Christmas Ornaments, please come by the Parish Office to pick them up.

We have extra ornaments if you missed ordering this summer: \$25 for 1 and \$40 for the set.

Online Giving

Donations to Holy Family Catholic Church can be made by cash, check, or bank draft. Please call the Parish Office at 228-452-4686 for assistance

Recurring or one-time donations can also be made online.

QR CODES



Upcoming 2023 Second Collections

December 9 -10 Retired Religious

Text Hfp27 to 84576,
 You can also download the **flocknote app** at



<https://signup.flocknote.com>

PROPERTY FOR SALE

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