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Deacon Bill Vrazel

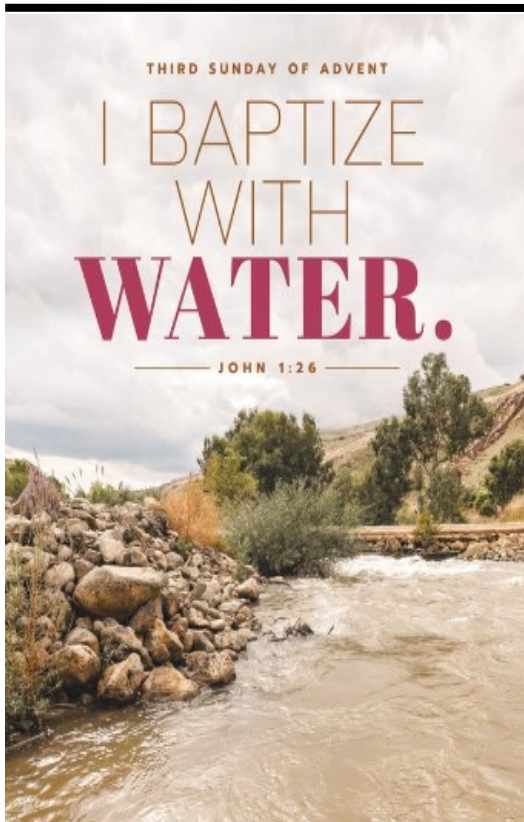
Mass Schedule: Summer Months, Saturday: 5:00 p.m.

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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We Believe Because of John the Baptist

Why do we believe in Jesus and the Catholic Church? Why should we continue to do so? We've never seen him face-to-face (at least not most of us, I assume). Most of us have never had mystical visions of angels or saints. We live in the same world as our atheist and secularists friends. Why do we believe in Christ if we've never seen him?

The simple, symbolic answer the Gospel presents to us this week might surprise us: we believe because of John the Baptist. Early in John's Gospel we hear: **"There was a man sent from God, his name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him."** The Baptist powerfully announces Jesus. This is a historical fact, and it is also now a *pattern* at work in our lives.

John the Baptist stands for the entirety of the old covenant, everything entrusted to the Jewish people. And yet he prophetically opens the door to something entirely new in Jesus, to the revival and fulfillment of God's promises. In every generation, and in every human life, God continues to do this. He has done it through people named Augustine, Francis, Catherine, Theresa, and countless others. In my life, the Baptist's spirit has come through persons named Eric, Paul, Mary, and Ron. I challenge you to name at least three people through whom God has announced the coming of Jesus in your life. Consciously thank God for their testimony. And let's commit ourselves to listening to the spirit of John the Baptist testify again this week so that we might more strongly believe in the light. — *Father John Muir*

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: I rejoice heartily in the LORD, in my God is the joy of my soul. (Is 61:10)

Psalm: My soul rejoices in my God. (Is 61:10b)

Second Reading: May the God of peace make you perfectly holy and may you entirely, spirit, soul, and body, be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Thes 5:23)

Gospel: "I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." (Jn 1:23)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25

Tuesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25

Wednesday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38

Thursday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45

Friday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56

Saturday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66

Next Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 (2a)/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Monday, December 18, 2023 —	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 19 —	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 6:30 pm Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help - Chapel - 7:00 pm Vigil Mass - Chapel
Wednesday, December 20 —	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 8:00 am Mass — Church
Thursday, December 21 —	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 8:00 am MASS — Chapel - 9:00 am — 5:00 pm Adoration until Benediction at 5:00 pm—Chapel
Friday, December 22 —	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 8:30 am Mass — Church - 6:30 pm Our Lady's Rescue Mission: Dinner & Concert by Cody Roth - HFC Conference Center
Saturday, December 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 11, 2023

Weekly Operating Credits

Offertory/Collection: \$23,755

Building Fund: \$396

Youth Ministry: \$655

Masses: \$300

Cemetery: \$5

Memorials: 5

Second Collection: \$1,429

Christmas Flowers: \$778

Local Charity: \$50

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. 17: For Father Emmanuel Subaar

Mon., Dec. 18: For Father Sebastian Thekkedath CMI

Tues., Dec. 19: For Father Anil Thomas SVD

Wed., Dec. 20: Father Father Truong Q Trinh

Thur., Dec. 21: For Father Joe Uko

Fri., Dec. 22: For Father Adam Urbaniak

Sat., December 23: For Father Peter Varghese CMI



December 23 & December 24

Lectors

Gayle Nolan

EEMs

Don Frilot, Ursula Frilot and Roger Ridgeway

Altar Servers

Gage Garriga, Kaleb Garriga and Cooper W. Ferrill

8:30 am - Sunday, 12/24/23

Michael Burch

Angele Boudreaux, Fran Braud, Carol Church, Justin Pletsch and Lisa Simpson

A. Banks Barrett, Abram Herring, Zoey Mileham and Jared Smith

11:00 am - Sunday, 12/24/23

Richard A. Alarcon

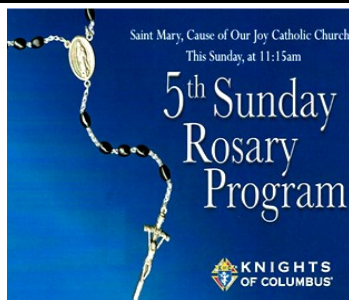
Chad Burge, Joy Burke, Sid Petagna, Don Smith and Jean Smith

Archer Kraft, Emily Payment and Anna Claire Thomas

5:00 pm - Sunday, 12/24/23

See Christmas Schedule in this Bulletin

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



FIFTH SUNDAY ROSARY

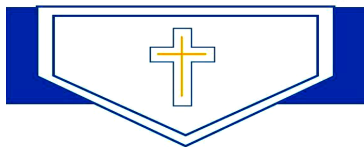
Sunday morning,
December 31st
After 8:30 am Mass
Holy Family Church

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, December 16	4:00 pm <i>(Winter months)</i>	† Frank Koppe † George Schloegel
Sunday, December 17	8:30 am 11:00 am 5:00 pm	† L. J. St. Pierre † Frank and Patricia Schmidt Special Birthday Intentions for Shirley Schmidt † Carol Stewart † Harry Black † Mowetha Williams † Lynne Bohn † Kevin Miranne
Monday, December 18	8:00 am	† Knost Family † Mowetha Williams
Tuesday, December 19 (Chapel)	7:00 pm	† Lynne Bohn † Margaret Dibble Healing for Brenda Dubuisson
Wednesday, December 20	8:00 am	† Lynne Bohn † Mowetha Williams Healing for Brenda Dubuisson
Thursday, December 21 (Chapel)	8:00 am	† Knost Family Healing for Brenda Dubuisson Special Intentions for Shirley Schmidt
Friday, December 22	8:30 am <i>*† The Repose of the Soul</i>	† Mary and Ray Gallagher † Lisa Bobinger Special Intentions for Shirley Schmidt

*Holy
Family*

Altar Society



Mark your Calendars!

Holy Family Altar Society Meeting

Wednesday, January 3, 2024 at 10:00 am
in the Church Multi Purpose Room

New members are welcome.

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

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY



The next Chaplet is

Friday, January 5, 2024,

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.*



Angel Tree

Holy Family and Saint Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank all of our very generous parishioners for their participation in the Angel Tree project.

Because of you, many children will have a very Merry Christmas.

A very special THANK YOU to Ursula Frilot for heading up the Angel Tree Project this year!



Have a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Msgr. Leech Knights of Columbus would like to thank our Holy Family Parishioners for donating toys to the 2023 Marines Toys for Tots Campaign.

Thanks to you, Toys for Tots programs bring the joy of Christmas and sends a message of hope to America's disadvantaged children.



Merry Christmas
& God Bless!



**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 Here!

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 January 2024
Second Collections

January 6 – 7 *Aged and Infirm Priests*

January 27 – 28 *Church in Latin America and Saltillo Mission*

Text Hfp27 to 84576,

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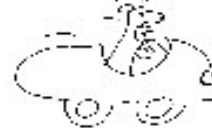


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