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Deacon Bill Vrazel

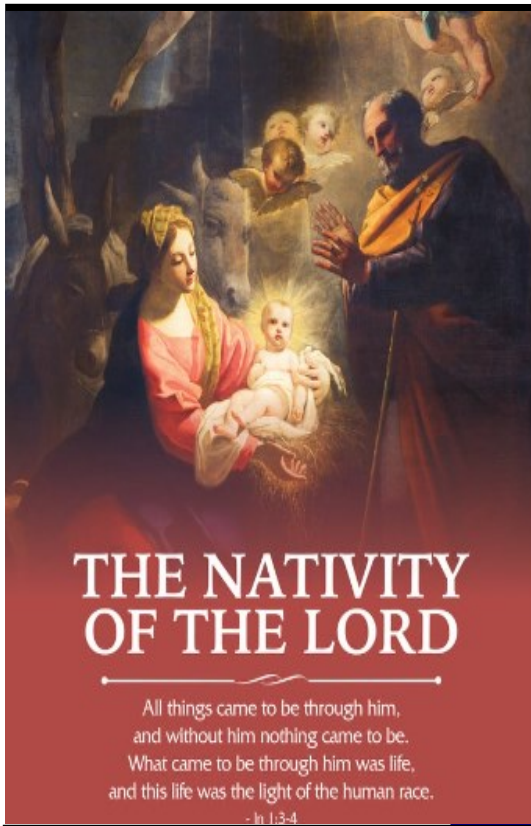
Mass Schedule: Summer Months, Saturday: 5:00 p.m.

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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It's About the Presence of Divine Love

Life is troubling. Who among us has not struggled with anxiety and difficulties, sometimes massive ones? I certainly have, as have many of my loved ones. If we do, does this mean that we don't trust the Lord or just need to toughen up?

I don't think so. How encouraging for us anxious and troubled souls to hear Luke describe the Blessed Mother Mary in these words, "**But she was greatly troubled at what was said.**" An archangel has visited her. An inconceivable promise has been made to her. Her life has become wildly unpredictable, perhaps more so than any person before or since. The first point for us: the Lord is with her *precisely when she is troubled*. Her anxiousness and God's presence are not mutually exclusive. Christianity is not about a trance-like robotic indifference. It's about the presence of divine love. Even in — especially in — troubled circumstances.

Our troubled soul can become our greatest treasure. What seems so troubling at first to Mary becomes the best possible thing, Jesus, the Savior and Lord, is now her son. All the difficulties and troubles remain, and yet her movement into the fullness of God is accelerated. What is troubling you right now? This scripture invites us now, this week, to hear the Lord's messenger say to us what he said to Mary, "**Do not be afraid! You have found favor with God.**"

— *Father John Muir*

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: "Your house and your kingdom shall endure forever before me; your throne shall stand firm forever." (2 Sm 28:16)

Psalm: Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord. (Ps 89)

Second Reading: The revelation of the mystery kept secret for long ages but now manifested through the prophetic writings and, according to the command of the eternal God, made known to all nations to bring about the obedience of faith. (Rom 16:25-26)

Gospel: "Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus." (Lk 1:31)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25,

Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96: 1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14, **Dawn:** Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20 Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Tuesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22

Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Thursday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8/Mt 2:13-18

Friday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40

Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

EVENTS OF THE WEEK

<p>Monday, December 25, 2023 —</p>	<p>- 10:00 am Mass - Church</p> <p style="text-align: right; color: green;">Christmas Day</p>
<p>Tuesday, December 26 —</p>	<p>- 6:30 pm Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help - Chapel</p> <p>- 7:00 pm Vigil Mass - Chapel</p>
<p>Wednesday, December 27 —</p>	<p>- 8:00 am Mass — Church</p>
<p>Thursday, December 28—</p>	<p>- 8:00 am MASS — Chapel</p> <p>- 9:00 am — 5:00 pm Adoration until Benediction at 5:00 pm—Chapel</p>
<p>Friday, December 29 —</p>	<p>- 8:30 am Mass — Church</p>
<p>Saturday, December 30 —</p>	<p>- 4:00 pm Mass — Church</p> <p style="text-align: center; color: red;">Reconciliation offered 30 minutes prior to Mass</p>

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 Wetzel, 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 18, 2023

Weekly Operating Credits

Offertory/Collection: \$10,574
Building Fund: \$252
Youth Ministry: \$62
Masses: \$280
Cemetery: \$5
Memorials: \$5
Second Collection: \$3
Christmas Flowers: \$565

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. 24: For Father Khoa Phi Vo

Mon., Dec. 25: For Father Marcin Wiktor

Tues., Dec. 26: For Retired, Extern and Deceased Priests, Brothers and Deacons

Wed., Dec. 27: Father Priest and Brothers at St. Augustine Seminary and St. Stanislaus High School

Thur., Dec. 28: For Our Deceased Bishops Joseph Howze and Roger Morin

Fri., Dec. 29: For Our Deacons and Deacon Candidates and Those Discerning

Sat., December 30: For Our Seminarians



December 30 & December 31

Lectors

4:00 pm - Saturday, 12/30/23

Gayle Nolan

EEMs

Lee Ayuso, Miriam MacDiarmid and Lauri Wood

Altar Servers

Gage Garriga, Kaleb Garriga and Cooper W. Ferrill

8:30 am - Sunday, 12/31/23

Jennifer D'Aquilla

Angele Boudreaux, Ken Braud, Jack Miller, Lorraine Miller and Tracy Patridge

Abram Herring, Asa Jones, Leo Jones and Anna Ladner

11:00 am - Sunday, 12/31/23

Carl Mayeaux

Sharon Lowe, Charles Lowe, Gretchen Mayeaux, Gayle Parker and Sid Petagna

Elleigh James Burge, Archer Kraft and R. J. Sandoz

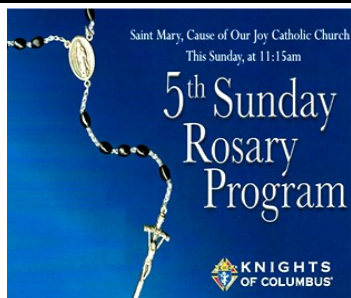
5:00 pm - Sunday, 12/3/23

Allie Giles

Joy Miller, Jo Johns, Joe Spence

Evelyn Giles, Sophia Gonzalez and Thomas Williston

*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

*Holy
Family*



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.*

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, December 23	4:00 pm <i>(Winter months)</i>	Healing for Pat Taconi Special Intentions for Ann Alexander Special Intentions for the Whaley Family
Sunday, December 24	8:30 am	† Mowetha Williams † Frank and Patricia Schmidt † Edward Reid, Sr.
	4:00 pm	† Carol Stewart † Roy Titus † Julian Jones Healing for Brenda Dubuisson
	6:00 pm	† Roy Titus Healing for Brenda Dubuisson
12:00 am Midnight Mass		† Julian Jones † Lou Miller † Roy Titus Thanksgiving to Divine Mercy
	Monday, December 25	10:00 am
Tuesday, December 26 (Chapel)	7:00 pm	† Mowetha Williams Healing for Pat Taconi Special Intentions for Shirley Schmidt
Wednesday, December 27	8:00 am	† Knost Family † Mowetha Williams Healing for Brenda Dubuisson
Thursday, December 28 (Chapel)	8:00 am	† Emma Christine † Kenneth Lyons Special Intentions for Shirley Schmidt
Friday, December 29	8:30 am * † <i>The Repose of the Soul</i>	† Knost Family † Ida Vrazel Healing for Pat Taconi

Reminder!

Holy Family Parish Office
will be closed
Monday, December 25th
through
Tuesday, January 2nd.



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!



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.

Have a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!



**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.



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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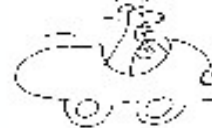


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