



**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.**

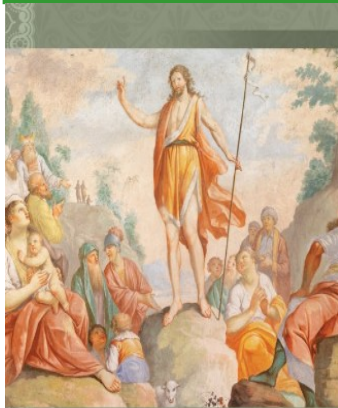
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December 7, 2025  
**Second Sunday  
of Advent**



**2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

"John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!'" - Mt 3:1

## Christ Will Come Like a Thief To Steal Us Back!

This week we hear that John the Baptist is out in the wilderness eating “**locusts and wild honey**” (Mark 1:6). It’s not just a strange historical detail. It’s a symbolic expression of a healthy spiritual diet. The path to Christ includes both the hard and the beautiful, the gritty and the sweet. We have to learn to gulp the locusts and savor the honey.

I remember working with a young couple preparing for marriage. They were sincere, but raw — barely beginning to discover faith. Part of me wanted to rush them ahead, to fill in all the gaps, to bombard them with scripture and church documents. I swallowed that instinct. It was like eating locusts.

But I also recall them light up as they spoke about each other, about their first child, then their second. And they wanted to be close to God. Something innocent and beautiful was unfolding. That was the honey. I knew God was asking me to savor it.

This Advent, maybe we’re each being invited to accept both locusts and honey. Maybe it’s time to stop avoiding the difficult parts of faith — prayer that feels dry, the call to repentance, the patience with the troublesome. It’s time to eat some locusts.

But we also need to notice the small gifts God gives us: a peaceful moment, a good conversation, the joy of serving someone else, new life, good intentions of our friends. That’s the honey. Savor it!

John didn’t avoid either. He took it all in. And so can we. What are your locusts? Your honey? If we let God feed us with both, we’ll be ready — really ready — for the coming of Christ. — *Father John Muir*

Today’s  
Mass  
Readings



Daily Mass  
Bible  
Readings

**First Reading:** The spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him: a spirit of wisdom and of understanding, a spirit of counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the LORD. (Isa 11:2)

**Psalms:** Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace forever. (Ps 72)

**Second Reading:** Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God. (Romans 15:7)

**Gospel:** “I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I.” (Mt 3:11)

**Monday:** Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

**Tuesday:** Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/Mt 18:12-14

**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:** 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

**Saturday:** Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

**Next Sunday:** Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 (see Is 35:4)/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

<p><b>Monday, December 8 —</b></p> <p><b>HOLY DAY</b></p>	<p>- 7:25 am Rosary - Church</p> <p>- 8:00 am <b>MASS</b> - Church</p> <p>- 10:00 am Parish Prayer Group - Chapel</p> <p>- 12:00 pm <b>MASS</b> - Chapel</p> <p>- 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm <b>RECONCILIATION - Church</b></p> <p><b>HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION ~ Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b></p>	<p>- 5:00 pm - 11:00 pm Adoration - Church</p> <p>- 5:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal - Chapel</p> <p>- 7:00 pm <b>MASS</b> - Church</p>
<p><b>Tuesday, December 9 —</b></p>	<p>- 6:30 pm Novena To Our Lady of Perpetual Help - Chapel</p> <p>- 6:30 pm Ladies Auxiliary Meeting - Parish Hall</p>	<p>- 7:00 pm <b>Mass</b> - Chapel</p>
<p><b>Wednesday, December 10 —</b></p>	<p>- 6:30 am Java &amp; Jesus Men’s Group - Parish Hall</p> <p>- 7:25 am Rosary - Church</p> <p>- 8:00 am <b>MASS with Moms</b> - Church</p> <p>- 9:00 am Bible Study - Parish Office Conf. Room</p>	<p>- 6:30 pm OCIA Faith Formation Classes - Conf. Ctr</p> <p>- 6:30 pm Confirmation Class - Multipurpose Room</p>
<p><b>Thursday December 11 —</b></p>	<p>- 7:25 am Rosary - Chapel</p> <p>- 8:00 am <b>MASS</b> - Chapel</p> <p>- 9:00 am Adoration until Benediction at 5:00 pm - Chapel</p>	<p>- 6:30 pm Father Mike’s Bible Study - <b>The Great Adventure Through the Bible</b> - Conference Center</p>
<p><b>Friday, December 12 —</b></p>	<p>- 8:30 am <b>MASS</b> (Children’s Mass during school year) - Church</p> <p>- 9:30 am - 11:30 am St. Vincent de Paul Society - Parish Hall</p>	
<p><b>Saturday,</b></p>	<p>- 1:00 pm Youth Ministry setup - Parish Hall</p>	



# Prayer Request

Mary Helen Allen, Louise Altier, Adam Amort, Jerri Anderson, Leota Ayuso, Lee Ayuso, Tammy Bates, Jeff Beaver, Kim Beech, James Bell, Jan Berry, Tracy Biggs, Sandra Bishop, Rusty Bohn, Asher Bonura, Dian Bradley, Jim Bradley, Richard Brasard, Mike Brown, John Bull, Josephine C., Martha Burdette, Fr. Ronnie Calkins, Jamie Ann Canton, Patty Caranna, Sarah Carboni, Phylis Carlton, Jerry Casey, Jim Cooke, Mae Mae Cooley, David Corollo, Donna Dantin, Lynn Dantin, Danny Davis, Sr., Jim Dean, Megan Delgado, Marvel Desroche, Kim Desrosier, Dawn Domecq, Brenda Dubuisson, Jan Dubuisson, Jeannie and John Dubuisson, Anne Erickson, Peter Fenn, Kim Fitzgerald, Janet Galen, Roy and Betty Gamez, Hannah Gest, Gerry Gough, Charles Grey, Donnie Haley, Jr., John Hayden, Alan Hoda, Pat Hoda, Olivia Hood, Daniel Huck, Betty Hughes, Paul Hughes, David H. James, Janet Jefferson, Sierra Jefferson, Faye Johnson, Phillip Jones, Marcus Kaszabowski, Natalie Koenenn, Thomas Koenem, Barbara Ladner, Jill Ladner, Missy Ladner, Pam Ladner, Griffis Lamar, Anita Lambert, Vickie Landrum, Dustin Leochner, Charlotte Logan, John Logan, Mark Logan, Marlene Logan, Michelle Logan, Lynda Lumpkin, Evelyn Lumpkin, Rod Malburg, Stephanie Marvel, Laura Creel Meadows, Lori Miller, Carl Molesworth, Pat Morley, Dennis Mottola, Kevin Niolet, Rita Norman, Kyle Patridge, Joshua Parker, Larry Peterman, Konner Peterson, Michelle Pisciotta, Jane Prescott, The Pruett Family, Emily Reaves, Bill Redo, Bryce Riordan, Jacob Rivera, Jaxson Rivera, Bev Rogers, Tammy Graham Rome, June Rutland, Kevin Ryan, Clyde Schepens, William "Scooter Leah Scott, Beth Sealy, James Senac, Rachel Singleton, Melissa Starita, Barbara Swilley, Father Truong Q Trinh, Jim and Michael Trott, Morgan Ulrich, Brittany Varney, Pat Vial, Anastasia Virvilis, Bragg Williams, Nadia Williams, Becky Wooley, Wayne Wooley, Paul Yaegar, Angie Parker Yonkin

## In Memoriam

John Warren "Jake" Erwin, Thomas "Wayne" James, Sr., Susan Ann Israel Rafferty

For additions and deletions to Holy Family Prayer List, please call the Parish Office at 228-452-4686.



## WEEKLY REPORT

**December 1, 2025**

### Weekly Operating Credits

**Offertory/Collection: \$9124**

**Building Fund: \$144**

**Youth: \$110**

**Masses: \$100**

**Memorials: \$5**

**Cemetery: \$15**

**Pickle Jar: \$21**

**Second Collection: \$2,098**

**TOTAL: \$11,617**

### Additional:

**Eggplant LaRosa: \$80**

**Cookie Sales: \$485**

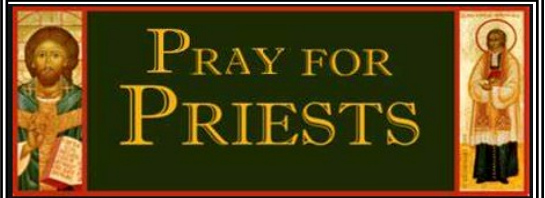
**Christmas Fowers: \$86**

### Weekly Fixed Expenses

TOTAL FIXED WEEKLY EXPENSES ARE CURRENTLY BEING UPDATED.

WE WILL PROVIDE THE UPDATED EXPENSES

AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.



*"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., December 7:** For pope Leo XIV  
**Mon., December 8:** For Father George Murphy (Retired)

**Tues., December 9:** For Fathers Cuddy O'Connell and Michael O'Connor

**Wed., December 10:** For Fathers Bernard Papania and Daniel Marinez Patin

**Thur., December 11:** For Fathers Dominic Vu Xuan Pham and Thang John Pham

**Fri., December 12:** For Father Tomasz Powroznik

**Sat., December 13:** For Fathers Donbosco and J. Maxwell Quaye



**December 13 & December 14, 2025**

**4:00 pm - Saturday Vigil, 12/13/25**

**LECTORS**

Richard Allard

**EEMs**

Ken Austin, Lauri Wood and Alan Dubuisson

**ALTAR SERVERS**

Solomon Molsbee, Gage Garriga and Kaleb Garriga

**8:30 am - Sunday, 12/14/25**

Martin Dagostino

Mary T. Boudreaux, Fran Braud, Carol Church, Justin Pletsch and Lisa Simpson

Reed Pace, Finley Pace and Mary James Puckett

**11:00 am - Sunday 12/14/25**

Andrew Koslosky

Carl Mayeaux, Gayle Parker, Meg Payment, Don Smith and Jean Smith

Sophia McCartney, Charlotte Payment and Anna Claire Thomas

**5:00 pm - Sunday, 12/14/25**

Evelyn Giles

Rusty Bohn, Joy Miller and Aimee Tramontana

Sadie Colbert, Allie Giles and Carleigh Russo

# DECEMBER

Mondays OR Thursdays each week - 6:30pm - 8pm - Father Mike's Bible Study, *The Great Adventure Through the Bible - The Story of Salvation History Mass - Conference Center*

Wednesdays - 6:30pm - *OCIA CLASSES - Conference Center*  
 Wednesdays - 6:30pm - *CONFIRMATION CLASSES - Church Multipurpose Room*

THURSDAYS - *YOUTH CHOIR PRACTICE - 3pm - 3:45pm - Church*

Monday, December 1 - *HFC Youth Cookies For Christmas Fundraiser ORDER DEADLINE*

Monday, December 1 - 9am (after 8am Mass) - *Fellowship, Coffee & Donuts - Parish Hall*

Wednesday, December 3 - 10am - *Altar Society Meeting - Multipurpose Room in Church*

Wednesday, December 3 - 6:30pm - *DIVINE MERCY PRAYER SERVICE - Church*

Friday, December 5 and 19 - 3pm - *Divine Mercy Chaplet - Chapel*

Sunday, December 7 & 8 - 2 - 5pm - *Sensory Santa - Conference Center*

Sunday, December 7 - 5pm - *Christmas Tree Lighting - Church Courtyard*

Monday, December 8 - *HOLY DAY - Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - 8am MASS at Church, 12pm MASS at Chapel, 7pm MASS at Church*

Friday, December 12 - *Angel Tree Gifts deadline - Return gifts to Parish Office*

Sunday, December 14 - 10am - 11am - *Catholic Parents Book Study - Conference Center*

Sunday, December 14 - *HFC Youth (5th-12th Grade) Christmas Night - Pajamas Breakfast and Bonfire - Church*

Sunday, December 21 - 11am Mass - *Youth Christmas Nativity Pageant - Church*

Monday, December 23 - *Youth Cookies For Christmas DELIVERY*

Sunday, December 27 - 5:30pm - *Noel: A Night of Everlasting Love - The Story of Christmas - Church*

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK



Saturday, December 6, 2025	4:00 pm	† Wayne James † Taige Roof Healing for Phyllis Compretta
Sunday, December 7	8:30 am  11:00 am	† Jerry Levens † L. J. St. Pierre † Mary and Ray Gallagher  † Jimmy Johnson † Susan Rafferty Special Intentions for Members of the Parish Prayer Group
Monday, December 8	8:00 am	† Knost Family Healing for Bragg Williams Healing for Phyllis Compretta
Tuesday, December 9	7:00 pm	† Eileen Chapoton † Lisa Owens † Wayne James
Wednesday, December 10	8:00 am	† Victoria Magers Healing for Wayne Papania Healing for Donna Levens Healing for Donna Schmidt
Thursday, December 11 (Chapel)	8:00 am	† Knost Family Special Intentions for Bonnie Talbot
Friday, December 12	8:30 am *† <i>The Repose of the Soul</i>	† Louise Henderson Healing for Phyllis Compretta Healing for Donna Schmidt

*Chaplet of Divine Mercy*  
 First and third Friday of each month.

December 5th & 19th  
 3:00 pm at St. Paul Chapel

*For the sake of His sorrowful passion, have mercy on us and the whole world.*



### Upcoming 2025 Second & Special Collections

December 6 - 7: St. Paul Cemetery

December 13 - 14: Retired Religious



## CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS

ARE HERE!

Holy Family Parish  
6th and 7th Edition Ornaments in a Series



If you missed the order deadline,  
WE HAVE EXTRAS!

Pick up your ornaments in the Parish Office.

For questions, please call the Parish Office at 228-452-4686.

Thank you Holy Family Parishioners for participating this year's Angel Tree!

HOLY FAMILY PARISH  
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# Angel Tree

PLEASE  
REMEMBER TO  
RETURN YOUR  
ANGEL TREE  
GIFTS (wrapped  
with the Angel  
Tree angel attached  
to your gift) by  
FRIDAY,  
DECEMBER 12TH!

BEGINNING SATURDAY,  
NOVEMBER 22<sup>nd</sup>, PICK AN  
ANGEL OFF THE ANGEL TREE  
IN THE CHURCH VESTIBULE  
TO HELP A CHILD IN NEED.

PLEASE RETURN YOUR  
ANGEL AND WRAPPED GIFT  
TO THE PARISH OFFICE NO  
LATER THAN FRIDAY,  
DECEMBER 12<sup>th</sup>.

For questions, please  
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God Bless &  
Merry Christmas!



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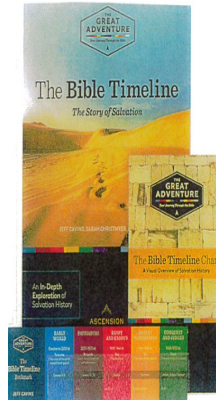
# ANGEL TREE

## The Great Adventures Through the Bible The Story of Salvation History

A reminder that Father Mike's  
Bible Study is one day a week.

Mondays OR Thursday's

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm  
Conference Center



### PLEASE NOTE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Our last classes will be the week of  
December 15th and 18th.  
We will resume classes in 2026 the week of  
January 5th and 8th.

For questions, please contact the Parish  
Office at 228-452-4686.

## Celebration of Holy Baptism

Congratulations to  
Jackson Nguyen,  
Son of Johnny and Deim Nguyen  
who received the Sacrament  
of Baptism  
on November 30, 2025



*"Let the children come to me, because  
the kingdom of God is such as these."*



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THE PARISH TO JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF  
COLUMBUS AND THE LADIES AUXILIARY.

### Upcoming **DECEMBER** Events:

- KOC Monthly Meetings: 5pm - 8pm - First Tuesday of the month in the Parish Hall - **December 2, 2025**
- KOC Monthly Corporate Communion: Sunday 8:30 am Mass following the first Tuesday of the month - **December 7, 2025**
- KOC Parish Fellowship, Coffee and Donuts: Sunday following the first Tuesday of each month after 8:30 am Mass - Conference Center - **December 7, 2025**
- Ladies Auxiliary Monthly Meetings: 6:30 pm - Second Tuesday of the month in the Parish Hall - **December 9, 2025**
- KOC Annual Toys For Tots Toy Driver: - **Deadline** to return unwrapped toys **December 12, 2025**
- KOC Toys For Tots Dinner: 6:00 pm - Pass Christian Yacht Club - **December 13, 2025**
- KOC Fifth Sunday Rosary: After 8:30 am Mass - **March 29, 2026**

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