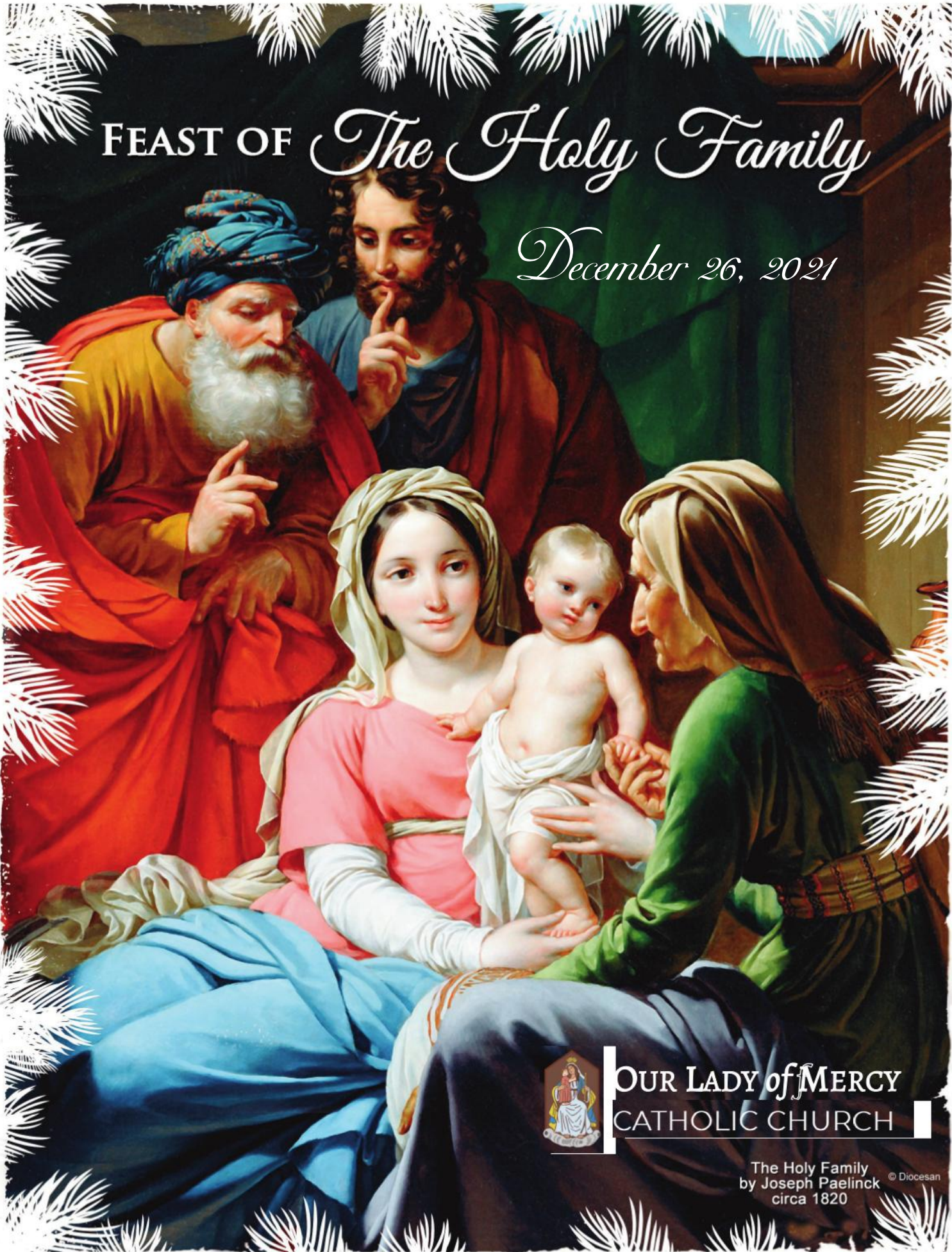


FEAST OF *The Holy Family*

*December 26, 2021*



OUR LADY of MERCY  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Holy Family © Diocesan  
by Joseph Paelinck  
circa 1820



## From The Pastor's Desk...

**Also Known as Chardonnay W(h)ines!**



The word “family” may be a hot button word for many of you, especially following on the heels of Christmas when family experiences can be wonderful or barely tolerable. We may have different feelings about our own families and families in general. And for many, what we celebrate today, the Holy Family, may be romanticized or seem totally unrelated to real world families. But today’s readings have insights, no matter what our own experiences of family may be.

In all of these readings, families are shaped by their faith, culture and traditions. In the first reading, Hannah, at the Temple, dedicated and gave over her only son, who would have a crucial role, unknown to her, in Israel’s history. Mary and Joseph followed the Jewish tradition of the Passover pilgrimage to Jerusalem when they lost Jesus. And the advice given to community members and their families regarding how to live together, as found in Paul’s writing to the Colossians, is shaped by the faith and experience of the earliest Christians. The cultures, traditions and social norms in these readings are different from ours, but there are similarities here that we can relate to and learn from.

It is no surprise that parents ultimately must let go of their children. The story of Hannah’s offering is framed by religious practices of the period and was required by tradition. Samuel would become both prophet and king related to the lineage of King David. The significance of Hannah’s action for Israel’s future was understood by later generations. One gesture in one small family had a lasting impact only time would reveal. As parents are well aware, the outcomes of their sacrifices are usually known only in hindsight. Risks are taken on faith – sometimes they exceed a family’s wildest hopes and dreams. Jesus’ spreading his wings probably came sooner than expected and brought with it both confusion and consternation. Mary and Joseph were not any better prepared than most parents are for the challenges of parenting. In some ways, they did not understand their child any better than most parents. What Jesus was experiencing and where he was led was probably not what they would have wanted for their son. We don’t know what future our children are called to, and we let them go with no small amount of faith, pain and trust that things will work out.

The church reminds us how basic our family units are both for the church itself and for society. Families have far more influence on how the world is shaped than we may realize. Inspired by those families gone before us, we are all called to participate in the building of the human family. This feast of the Holy Family is the feast of our own holy families – and therefore a feast to be celebrated in our own holy communities.

Wishing you a Blessed Christmas Season!



## Liturgy Schedule & Mass Intentions

### Monday, December 27 - St John, Apostle & Evangelist

8:00 am † Elizabeth Markins, by Jeff & Jolene LeRoy  
*(Live Streamed)*

8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration

6:00 pm Benediction

6:30 pm Int Ann Borberg, by Friends

*(Live Streamed • Spanish Mass)*

### Tuesday, December 28 - The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

8:00 am † Alfred & Mary Gabor, by Kathleen Gabor  
*(Live Streamed)*

6:30 pm † Frank Campise, by Phyllis Anderson

7:00 pm Reconciliation (Until 8:00 PM)

### Wednesday, December 29 - St Thomas Becket, Bishop

8:00 am Eucharistic Adoration

12:00 pm † Joseph Salata, by Jeff & Jolene LeRoy

*(Live Streamed)*

### Thursday, December 30 - 6th Day Octave of Nativity

6:30 am † Greg Richardson, by Thelma Reyes

8:00 am † Corazon Gamaro, by The Santos Family

*(Live Streamed)*

8:30 am Eucharistic Adoration

6:00 pm Benediction

### Friday, December 31 - 7th Day Octave of Nativity

8:00 am † *(Live Streamed)*

4:00 pm Int Ann Borberg, by Friends

### Saturday, January 1 - Solemnity of Mary

9:00 am † Victoria Tiu Lo, by Elizabeth Lo

*(Live Streamed)*

No Confessions

4:00 pm Vigil - Epiphany of the Lord

† Rodolfo & Corazon Gamaro, by Santos Family

### Sunday, January 2 - Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 am † Mary Ellen Feldman, by Family  
The People of Our Lady of Mercy

10:00 am † Estela Ramirez, by Family *(Live Streamed)*

12:00 pm † Pat Ring, by Stan & Toni Paluch

5:30 pm Int of The Pagay Family



## Blessed Sacrament Chapel Lamps

***Votive lamps will burn this week before the Blessed Sacrament for the following intentions.***

- |                          |                                 |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. The Poor              | 9. The Feldman Family           |
| 2. The Sick              | 10. Ann Borberg                 |
| 3. Blessing for New Home | 11. Special Intention-C.H.      |
| 4. Visa for JM           | 12. Nelson Tamondong            |
| 5. Family & Friends      | 13. Edward & Sophie Wagner      |
| 6. Dcn Bob & Betty Vavra | 14. Joseph & Dorothy Niedzielko |
| 7. The People of OLM     | 15. The Pluskota Family         |
| 8. The Deceased          | 16. The Homeless                |

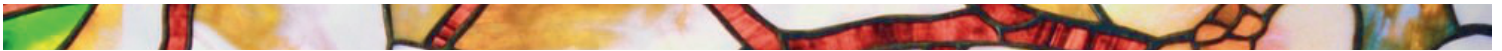
If you wish to have a candle burning for your intention in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, you will find envelopes on the shelf in the Narthex near the Priest's Sacristy or in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

## Our Lady of Mercy Weekend Masses

**January 1 & 2**

**Father James will preach at all Masses.**

<b>Saturday</b>	4:00 pm	Fr James Guarascio
<b>Sunday</b>	8:00 am	Fr Don McLaughlin Dcn Tony Martini
	10:00 am	Fr James Guarascio Dcn Art Tionson
	12:00 pm	Fr Don McLaughlin Dcn Phil Rehmer
	5:30 pm	Fr James Guarascio



## We Pray

Please contact the Parish Office if you or your **immediate** family member wish to be added to the Sick List.

### ***For our sick, confined and their families.***

David Bakke  
Ailani Banulos  
Ann Borberg  
Robert Ciulla  
Michael Dandan  
Wayne Draper  
Mary Dunbar  
Pat Dunne  
Bridget Garry  
Connie Hegg  
Jim Hegg  
Nancy Higgins  
Mark Hoeksema  
Eric Hoerdemann  
Antoinette Humanski  
Steve Johnson  
Helen Joseph  
Michael Kuchinski

Maria Luna  
Kristen Manning  
Susan Massett  
Janice Melisi  
Tony & Letty Mendez  
Susan Mennenga  
Bill Morse  
La Moua  
Charlene Oates  
Flo Paprzycki  
Diane Pazos  
Valerie Plesha  
Julia Schremp  
Diane Singer  
Hedy Sterling  
Thomas F. Sterling  
John Swanston  
Rev. Gerald Tivy  
Kathy Walowski

***Please note:*** Due to the government legislation regarding patient privacy, names of people to be prayed for at Mass or in the Bulletin can be listed only if that person, or in the case of their incapacitation, the person delegated to their medical care, calls to give permission.

Please let the Parish Office know of names which may be removed from the sick list.

***The Parish Offices are closed for the Christmas holidays and will re-open Tuesday, January 4.***

*Merry Christmas*

## Desde el Excritorio Del Pastor

*¡También conocido como Chardonnay W(h)ines!*



La palabra "familia" puede ser una palabra candente para muchos de ustedes, especialmente después de la Navidad, cuando las experiencias familiares pueden ser maravillosas o apenas tolerables. Es posible que tengamos diferentes sentimientos sobre nuestras propias familias y familias en general. Y para muchos, lo que celebramos hoy, la Sagrada Familia, puede ser idealizada o parecer totalmente ajena a las familias del mundo real. Pero las lecturas de hoy tienen perspicacias, sin importar cuáles sean nuestras propias experiencias con la familia.

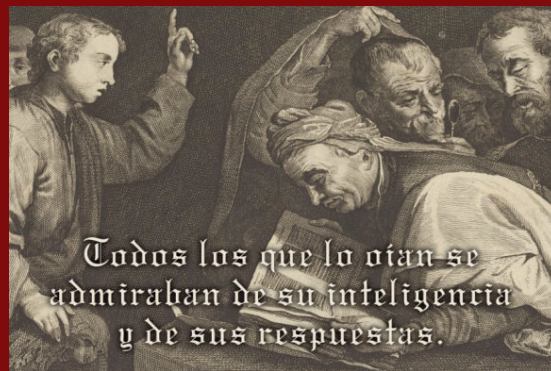
En todas estas lecturas, las familias son moldeadas por su fe, cultura y tradiciones. En la primera lectura, Ana, en el Templo, dedicó y entregó a su único hijo, que tendría un papel crucial, desconocido para ella, en la historia de Israel. María y José siguieron la tradición judía de la peregrinación Pascual a Jerusalén cuando perdieron a Jesús. Y el consejo dado a los miembros de la comunidad y sus familias sobre cómo vivir juntos, como se encuentra en el escrito de Pablo a los Colosenses, está moldeado por la fe y la experiencia de los primeros Cristianos. Las culturas, tradiciones y normas sociales en estas lecturas son diferentes a las nuestras, pero hay similitudes aquí con las que podemos relacionarnos y aprender.

No es de extrañar que, en última instancia, los padres deban soltar a sus hijos. La historia de la ofrenda de Ana está enmarcada por las prácticas religiosas de la época y fue requerida por la tradición. Samuel se convertiría tanto en profeta como en rey relacionado con el linaje del rey David. Las generaciones posteriores comprendieron la importancia de la acción de Ana para el futuro de Israel. Un gesto en una pequeña familia tuvo un impacto duradero que solo el tiempo revelaría. Como bien saben los padres, los resultados de sus sacrificios generalmente se conocen solo en retrospectiva. Los riesgos se asumen por fe; a veces superan las esperanzas y los sueños más descabellados de una familia. El hecho de que Jesús extendiera sus alas probablemente llegó antes de lo esperado y trajo consigo confusión y consternación. María y José no estaban mejor preparados que la mayoría de los padres para los desafíos de la paternidad. De alguna manera, no entendían a su hijo mejor que la mayoría de los padres. Lo que Jesús estaba experimentando y adónde fue llevado probablemente no era lo que ellos hubieran querido para su hijo. No sabemos a qué futuro están llamados nuestros hijos, y los dejamos ir con una gran cantidad de fe, dolor y confianza en que las cosas saldrán bien.

La iglesia nos recuerda cuán básicas son nuestras unidades familiares tanto para la iglesia misma como para la sociedad. Las familias tienen mucha más influencia en la forma en que se configura el mundo de lo que creemos. Inspirados por las familias que nos precedieron, todos estamos llamados a participar en la construcción de la familia humana. Esta fiesta de la Sagrada Familia es la fiesta de nuestras propias santas familias y, por lo tanto, una fiesta que debe celebrarse en nuestras propias santas comunidades.

¡Deseándoles una Bendecida Temporada de Navidad!

*Padre Don*



## Lecturas de la Semana

<b>Domingo</b>	1 Sm 1, 20-22. 24-28 o Sir 3, 3-7. 14-17a / Sal 83, 2-3. 5-6. 9-10 o Sal 127, 1-2. 3. 4-5 / 1 Jn 3, 1-2. 21-24 o Col 3, 12-21 o Col 3, 12-17 / Lc 2, 41-52
<b>Lunes</b>	1 Jn 1, 1-4 / Sal 96, 1-2. 5-6. 11-12 / Jn 20, 2-9
<b>Martes</b>	1 Jn 1, 5-2, 2 / Sal 123, 2-3. 4-5. 7b-8 / Mt 2, 13-18
<b>Miércoles</b>	1 Jn 2, 3-11 / Sal 95, 1-2a. 2b-3. 5b-6 / Lc 2, 22-35
<b>Jueves</b>	1 Jn 2, 12-17 / Sal 95, 7-8a. 8b-9. 10 / Lc 2: 36-40
<b>Viernes</b>	1 Jn 2, 18-21 / Sal 95, 1-2. 11-12. 13 / Jn 1, 1-18
<b>Sábado</b>	Nm 6, 22-27 / Sal 66, 2-3. 5. 6 y 8 / Gal 4, 4-7 / Lc 2, 16-21
<b>Domingo</b>	Is 60, 1-6 / Sal 71, 1-2. 7-8. 10-11. 12-13 / Ef 3, 2-3a. 5-6 / Mt 2: 1-12





December 26, 2021

## Feast of the Holy Family

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 | Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 | Lk 2:41-52

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

### **GROW** AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Some of my fondest childhood memories are of my dad leading my three sisters and me in song as we made the hour-long drive to visit my grandparents every other weekend. Granted, our silly car songs don't qualify as "singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs," as Paul advised the Colossians, but I do think they reveal that my dad took to heart Paul's advice about family and faith. Paul writes that in putting on holiness, kindness, gentleness, and forgiving one another, we "put on love, that is, the bond of perfection." Whatever we do, in word or deed, we ought to do in the name of the Lord Jesus. Fathers, mothers, and children are to love one another, seeking and choosing the good for one another, and helping each other along life's journey - on long car trips as well as in a lifetime of situations. On this feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, we honor their perfect holiness and love, and pray that God may continue to perfect us in holiness and love within our own families, that we may bear good fruit for the Kingdom.

### **GO** EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Three Days? Mary and Joseph couldn't find Jesus for three days! Any parent who has had a child missing for a few seconds understands the anxiety Mary and Joseph experienced in three long days of searching for Jesus. In the end, though, all is well - they find him, and the peace of Christ casts out their fears. It is a remarkable scene: Jesus' parents are *astonished* to see him teaching in the temple, and Jesus is curious as to why they were looking for him - did they not know where he would be? This event marks a sort of milestone in their lives together, as Jesus has hinted at his future public ministry, and his parents have experienced that first bit of soul-piercing that Mary will later fully undergo. For each of them, love is what directed their actions. Joseph and Mary put aside everything to search for their son; Jesus put aside everything to serve his Father; and they joined together in humble obedience to God's will for them. The Holy Family models a way of living for us to imitate, and to witness to others in that imitation.

**SERVE/STUDY** Perhaps you have some down time in this coming week between Christmas and New Year's. As a family, choose an activity that allows you to think outside yourselves and serve others. Or make a plan to read the Scripture for each day of the upcoming week; everyone can choose a favorite verse to memorize each day. You may be surprised how often these verses enter your mind throughout the week.

## Pastoral Care

### **A Christmas Gift of Presence**

Christmas is a time to reflect on what the gift of presence (not presents) means. God gave the gift of himself, the gift of his presence in the person of Jesus Christ. As followers of Jesus, we are called to accept and appreciate the gift of God's presence in our lives. This means developing a relationship with Jesus, staying close to Him during our lives and telling others about Jesus.

The Lord calls us to give the gift of our presence to others. Our presence is the best gift that we can give to people. It is a gift that can only be given in the way that we can give it. When we are with others, the gift of presence involves active listening and giving our full, undivided attention. It may mean putting the cell phone away, sitting still, not looking to see what time it is and listening more, talking less. It is living in the moment, not in the past or the future. It is being intentional. Giving someone our presence may provide healing. The gift of presence involves being fully awake and impacting the moment. The gift of presence does not come in a box and it cannot be opened – it just is.

This Christmas as we enter a new year, reflect on how you are living your life. Are you aware of the presence of the Divine within you whether you are being the gift of presence for someone else or being offered the gift of presence from someone else? As we navigate our lives through the challenges of the pandemic, we find that things that once were a priority have changed. Think about ways that you may be a gift of presence to others especially to those who are lonely and isolated. Let's remember that the best gift of presence for all of us will be found in the manger on Christmas – our Lord, Jesus Christ!

*Wishing you a Blessed and Merry Christmas! May the gifts of Christmas – peace, joy, and love – be in your hearts today and always!*

### **Grief Support Sessions in January**

Weekly grief support sessions will begin in mid-January (dates to be determined) offered in the evening or during the day. If you or someone you know would like more information or would like to register to attend, please contact Jolene Leroy RN Parish Nurse and Director of Pastoral Care at 331-707-5380 or [jolenel@olmercy.com](mailto:jolenel@olmercy.com). Please reach out to your faith community for support and understanding during your experience of grief and loss.

### **Mental Health Awareness**

As the days get shorter, there are less sunny days, cases of COVID-19 are increasing and the weather has become violent in parts of our country – it is important to be aware of your mental health and wellness which is constantly changing. Mental Health America offers the following suggestions to cope with daily stress, anxiety or depression.

Identify your feelings so that you can work on coping with them. Share your feelings with someone else so that you do not feel alone. Remind yourself of the progress that has been made during the past year related to the pandemic. Spend time outside especially in the sunlight. Create a safety plan so that you know what signs to look out for with your own mental health and think ahead about what helps in challenging times.

If you are experiencing depressed feelings – take a depression screening available at [screening.mhantional.org](http://screening.mhantional.org) or take a mental health quiz at [samaracarecounseling.org](http://samaracarecounseling.org). There are a variety of resources for an immediate or crisis situation at the Mental Health America website at [www.mhanational.org](http://www.mhanational.org).

If you would like mental health and wellness support on a local level, please contact the Open HEARTS Ministry at Our Lady of Mercy through Janice Hurtado Aeppli at 312-217-7872 or at [olmopenhearts@yahoo.com](mailto:olmopenhearts@yahoo.com).

NATIONAL SUICIDE  
PREVENTION LIFELINE  
1-800-273-8255

DUPAGE COUNTY CRISIS HOTLINE  
630-627-1700

CRISIS LINE OF FOX VALLEY  
630-906-0516

### **Pastoral Care**

If you have physical, mental, emotional or spiritual health concerns or questions about end-of-life issues, funeral planning, journeying through grief, caregiving for a loved one or are homebound, please contact Jolene LeRoy RN Parish Nurse and Director of Pastoral Care for support and resources at 331-707-5380 or at [jolenel@olmercy.com](mailto:jolenel@olmercy.com).

## Invitamos Mujeres Para Las Clases de Inglés

The Dominican Literacy Center en Aurora esta registrando mujeres que tengan la vacuna del Covid-19 y que quieran aprender a leer, escribir y hablar Inglés. Cada persona se le darán clases individuales desde septiembre hasta mayo por un costo de \$25.00 por año. Por favor llame ahora al 630-898-4636 para obtener información. El segundo semestre empieza en enero.



## SYNOD 2021-2023 LISTENING SESSIONS AT OUR LADY OF MERCY



On October 10, 2021, Pope Francis formally opened the worldwide Synod and invited all the faithful to give their feedback and views on the future of the Church through a local consultation process, which culminates with the Synod of Bishops 2023. This gathering of input at the parish/diocesan level, is underway and will run through April 2022. The theme for the synod is “**For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission**”. The Synod “is intended to inspire people to dream about the Church we are called to be, to make people’s hopes flourish, to stimulate trust, to bind up wounds, to weave new and deeper relationships, to learn from one another, to build bridges, to enlighten minds, warm hearts, and restore strength to our hands for our common mission.” We are called to reflect on our life and mission through prayer, listening and discernment and be guided by the Holy Spirit to better impact the world and increase our ability to encounter Christ.

Our Lady of Mercy Church invites and encourages all parishioners to participate in the synod process in one of the following 3 ways:

- (1) by attending an in-person listening session in February 2022 to be held at the PLC;
- (2) by submitting your feedback digitally on an online form; or
- (3) by filling out a printed questionnaire which will be made available in the pews.

For your convenience we will offer in-person listening sessions on 3 separate days at varying times as follows: Saturday February 5th (1.30-3.30PM), Monday February 7th (9AM-11AM) & Tuesday February 8th (7PM-9PM). You may choose the day/time that best suits your schedule but will be required to register in advance to participate. More details will be made available in the coming weeks.

The focus questions relating to the synod are as follows:

**A Synodal Church, in announcing the Gospel, “journeys together.” How is this “journeying together” happening today at Our Lady of Mercy Parish? What steps does the Spirit invite us to take to grow in “journeying together?”**

Before responding, you are invited to prayerfully reflect/consider:

- a) What are some of the ways in which Our Lady of Mercy Parish successfully brings people together? What groups or individuals feel excluded? What inhibits our listening with an open mind and heart?
- b) What are some of the difficulties or challenges you have encountered and how can participation at Our Lady of Mercy Parish be strengthened moving forward? What insights have you discerned in the context of participation?
- c) Our mission is to witness the love of God in the midst of the whole human family. How might we better witness to the Gospel especially with those who live in the margins and peripheries of our community. Where is the Holy Spirit calling us to mission and service today? What paths are opening up for our Church?

Stay informed about the synod themes, questions and timelines on the diocesan website

<https://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/bishop/sectioncontent.php?secid=1>

## Job Postings

### Part-time Custodial/Maintenance

#### St. Pius X Parish in Lombard

St. Pius X Parish is seeking a part-time custodial/maintenance person. This is a non-benefited position of approximately 30 hours per week (must be flexible for the hours). Must have a skill set knowledge of electrical and plumbing for small repairs. Able to lift at least 40 lbs. Position requires a team-player attitude, attention to detail, and confidentiality. Call Sallie at 630-627-4526 X219 for further information.

### Full-time Parish Accountant

#### Sts Peter & Paul Catholic Church in Naperville

Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church is seeking to hire a full-time Parish Accountant. The parish accountant provides day to day accounting services which supports both the parish and school. The candidate must have excellent knowledge of accounting principles and internal controls and must have effective communication skills and the ability to work and partner with others. Must have a bachelor's degree with an accounting major and at least 8 years of progressive accounting experience, non-profit experience a plus. Please send a resume and cover letter to: [financemanager@sspeterandpaul.net](mailto:financemanager@sspeterandpaul.net).

### Director of Youth and Young Adult Formation, St. Mary Immaculate Parish in Plainfield

St. Mary Immaculate Parish is seeking to hire a Director of Youth and Young Adult Formation. The Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries is responsible for collaborating with Faith Formation Ministers to create and provide to our youth and young adults in the parish with opportunities to encounter Jesus Christ through catechesis, evangelization, service, and worship. The Director facilitates the ongoing development of a personal and communal faith life of our youth and young adults through prayer, sacramental experiences and fellowship and advocates for them to the larger parish and parish ministries. Bachelor's Degree in Religious Studies or Theology and Certification or experience in Youth Ministry required. To view a full job description, visit; [The Roman Catholic Diocese of Joliet in Illinois](http://www.roman-catholic-diocese-of-joliet.org). To apply, send a cover letter and resume to Mrs. Laura VanHam at [lvaham@smip.org](mailto:lvaham@smip.org).

## Around the Parish

### Parish Office Holiday Hours

The Parish Offices will closed for the Christmas holidays and will re-open on Tuesday, January 4.

### Solemnity of Mary Mass Times

Friday, December 31 - Vigil at 4:00 pm

Saturday, January 1 - 9:00 am *This is not a Holy Day of Obligation.*

### Respect Life Ministry

You are invited to stand and silently pray in the public right-of-way across from the Planned Parenthood abortion facility in Aurora on Friday, January 7, 2022. Prayer warriors are needed for one hour shifts 7 am - 4 pm to change hearts and save lives. Please prayerfully consider signing up via <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508054FADAC23A3FA7-olmfirst2> or please call Lisa at (630) 236-3310.

### Free Throw Championship

On Saturday 1/22/2022 at 9am is the Robert H. Weaver Knights of Columbus #12005 Free Throw Championship in the gym at the Parish Life Center. Registration begins at 8:45am. All boys and girls aged 9 to 14, as of 1/1/2022, are invited to participate, please present proof of age during registration with written parental consent. Participants will compete in their respective age divisions, with the winners advancing to the district, region, and state competitions. The District competition will take place in February at a to be determined location. For additional information call (630) 957-7559.

### St. Vincent de Paul Society Volunteers

In 2020 over 120 people/families were provided assistance. The ministry is always looking for volunteers to join our St. Vincent de Paul Society in assisting our neighbors in need. If you would like to volunteer or learn more, send an email at [olmsvdp@gmail.com](mailto:olmsvdp@gmail.com) with your name and contact information.

### Children's Liturgy of the Word CLOW Volunteers

Every Sunday at the 10am Mass is the beautiful ministry of the Children's Liturgy of the Word. Do you love children and caring for them while they listen to the Gospel? Please connect with Mary Jo Trapani [maryjot@olmercy.com](mailto:maryjot@olmercy.com) or Jean Palasz [jeanp@olmercy.com](mailto:jeanp@olmercy.com) to volunteer.



Parish Sacrificial Giving		
Actual Year-to-Date Collections	\$	666,283
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget	\$	690,000
<b>Amount Short of Budget</b>	\$	<b>(23,717)</b>
12/05/21 Sunday Collection	\$	39,889
Weekly Sunday Goal	\$	30,000
<b>Amount in Excess of Goal</b>	\$	<b>9,889</b>
<b>Thank you for your generosity!!</b>		
For the Budget Year 2021/22 we have increased the Parish Sunday goal by 10%, to \$30,000/week, due to the easing of COVID-19 restrictions.		

Parish Life Center (Construction Loan)		
April, 2009	\$	1,950,000
October, 2021	\$	632,712
November, 2021	\$	<b>621,273</b>

## Important Notice

Fr. Don and Fr. James **DO NOT** send texts or emails asking for money or gift cards. If you receive a message appearing to be from Fr. Don or Fr. James, please discard it and **DO NOT SEND ANY ELECTRONIC MONETARY AID.**

Several steps you can take if you think you have received a scam email.

**Double-check the sender's email address.** A spoofed email address often has an extension similar to the legitimate email address. You can outsmart them by looking beyond the name and checking the "from" email address to see if it matches what you know the alleged sender's email to be.

**Always verify in person/telephone before sending money or sensitive data.** Be suspicious! Make it standard operating procedure to confirm email requests for wire transfer, debit cards, account information or confidential information.



It is very important that these pledges be paid so that our parish will reach our goal. Once we have reached our goal in paid pledges, 70% of the additional funds received will be returned to the parish for our use.

Parish Goal	\$ 154,400
Amount Pledged	\$ 167,716
Amount Paid	\$ 164,966
Remaining Balance	\$ 2,750
Rebate Amount	\$ 7,396
# of Families Pledged	531

## Christmas Collection & End of Year Giving

As we prepared for the Solemnity of Christmas, the Scripture readings inspired all faith-filled stewards to stop and ponder in great awe God's ultimate gift: the gift of His only begotten Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. Out of heartfelt gratitude, what of our prayer, service, and generosity can we present to Him? It is a great blessing that all of the funds donated as part of the Christmas Collection stay with Our Lady of Mercy and will help us meet our Weekly Sunday Collection *which we falling short of its weekly goal*. If you wish to donate to the Christmas Collection, please use one of the following three methods:

1. Give online at [www.olmercy.com/give](http://www.olmercy.com/give) look for the online giving portal and be sure to select "Christmas" (use the drop-down arrow)
2. Give during Mass using your Christmas envelope.
3. Give during Mass using a blank envelope labeled "Christmas Collection," also include "Christmas Collection" on the memo line of your check

PLEASE NOTE: only donations received (or postmarked) on or before December 31 will appear on your 2021 giving statement that will be sent out by the end of January, 2022.

# Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church

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## Parish Office

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Monday-Thursday ..... 8:30am-4:00pm

Friday ..... 8:30am-1:00pm

## Mass Schedule

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday ..... 8:00am

Monday (Spanish Mass) ..... 6:30pm

Tuesday ..... 8:00am, 6:30pm

Wednesday ..... 12:00pm

Thursday ..... 6:30am, 8:00am

Saturday ..... 8:30am

Saturday (Anticipated for Sunday) ..... 4:00pm

Sunday ..... 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm, and 5:30pm

## Holy Days of Obligations

Schedule varies. Consult the Mass Schedule in the bulletin or website.

## Confessions

Tuesday ..... 7:00-8:00pm

Saturday ..... 9:00-10:00am, 1:30-2:30pm

1st Fridays of the Month ..... 8:30-9:15am

Or by Appointment

## Prayer Chapel

Open weekdays ..... 7:00am-8:00pm

## Adoration

Monday & Thursday ..... 8:30am-6:00pm

Wednesdays ..... 8:00am-12:00pm

First Friday of the Month ..... 12:00pm

## Benediction

Monday & Thursday ..... 6:00pm

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### Sick and Homebound

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### Hospitalization

If you anticipate a hospitalization or are admitted to an area hospital and would like a visit from a priest or Eucharistic Minister, please notify the parish office.

### Baptisms

Registered parishioners wishing their child baptized must complete a parent workshop. Baptisms are not celebrated during Lent.

### Weddings

The bride, groom or either set of parents must be registered members of the parish for at least six months prior to scheduling a wedding. Weddings may be scheduled no less than six months out in order to fulfill the diocesan marriage preparation requirements. Contact Diane Reiter, ext. 221.

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