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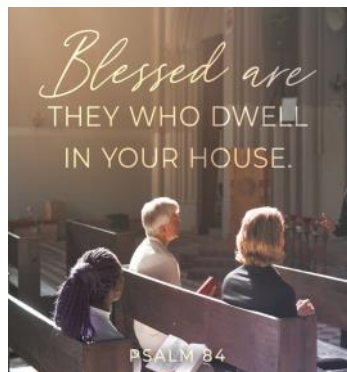


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December 26, 2021 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph



Families can be very difficult things to negotiate. This is true not only of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our Church, our society, and our global family as well. Everything human can be found in family stories. Those stories speak of wonderful life-giving successes as well as painful spirit-robbing abuses. Our greatest joys and our greatest wounds are usually connected with the experience of family. Our needs, experiences, and unresolved baggage often color what we bring to our familiar relationships. They contribute to our level of

In order to break the cycle of dysfunction we have to remember that it is not only by human effort that we negotiate the difficult and challenging events of our lives. There is a Divine Effort at work as well. For sure, the human effort can create quite a mess and easily destroy lives. This is true of any family with which we are associated. Today's Feast of the Holy Family serves to help us understand that there is a Divine Story being told as well. It is a story of perseverance in the face of hardship, determination in the face of despair, healing when we see nothing but wounds, and light where there is darkness.

Do we believe that God is always working, guiding, restoring, and leading? Unless we do, we will never be free from the imperfections and wounds that bind us and never be able to understand what it really means to forgive. Pope Francis tells us that the “light which comes from the Holy Family encourages us to offer human warmth to other families.” While this is most certainly true, we can only really begin to do this when we realize that we are still works in progress, not anchored to the wounds and sins of our past, and still a leading star in God’s continually unfolding story of love. The Holy Family persevered and radiated warmth because they knew they were not alone. We can too. ©LPi

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All in the Family

At first glance, we can often find the image of the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph and the Christ Child intimating — who are we to aspire to that level of discipleship? How could we ever hope to conform ourselves to that mold? Sometimes, it can even be painful — perhaps we hail from a broken family or struggle with a broken relationship within our family, or perhaps we long to be a mother or a father ourselves and that state in life has eluded us.

But the image of the Holy Family is, in reality, a beautiful invitation to us all, no matter our vocation or our state in life, and the example of Mary, Joseph and Jesus is rich with the symbolism of stewardship.

*You need not be a biological mother
who has carried a child in her womb
to be a mother in spirit. Who in
your world needs you to love them
with the heart of a mother?*

The same goes for fatherhood. The Church and the world are crying out for the courageous witness of Christian men like St. Joseph. Who can you love with the steadfast, selfless protection of a father?


Who in your life needs you to love them with the faithful, unconditional love of a son? Who needs your gentle and constant love as a daughter?

*We are the Body of Christ, friends.
Those of us rejoicing in heaven,
those of us suffering in purgatory,
and those of us struggling here on
earth. We are the great family. Let us
love each other well.*
— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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The Year of Grace

December 2021		Immaculate Conception				
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
ABBREVIATIONS: K of C- Knights of Columbus MMLG - Mother Mary's Ladies Guild			1 Grupo de Oración 7:00pm	2 Adoration 5:30am - 6:00pm	3 Youth Group Cookie Baking Service at Santa Sophia	4 Men's Gathering 7:30am First Saturday Mass 9:00am Reconciliation 4:00pm
5 Hispanic Group Breakfast After all Masses	6 Bible Study Join us! 7:00pm	7 K of C Meeting 7:00pm	8 Mass 7:30am Grupo de Oración 7:00pm	9 Adoration 8:30am - 5:00pm MMLG General Meeting 6:00pm	10 BINGO Night Dinner 6:00pm Bingo 7:00pm	11 Mass 10pm
12 Hispanic Group Breakfast After all Masses	13 Bible Study Join us! 7:00pm	14 6:30p Society of St. Vincent & Paul Join the Youth Group	15 Misa de Sanación 7:00pm	16 Adoration 8:30am - 6:00pm Advent Penance Service	17 Hispanic Group Scripture and Play FACTORELA	18 Reconciliation 4:00pm
19 Youth Group Breakfast After 8:30am Mass	20 Bible Study Join us! 7:00pm	21 Youth Group Christmas Party Healing Mass 7:00pm	22 NO Grupo de Oración	23 Adoration 8:30am - 6:00pm	24 Mass 5:00pm Christmas Eve Service	25 Merry Christmas Mass times 9am English 11am Spanish
26 THE HOLY FAMILY	27 Bible Study Join us! 7:00pm	28 Youth Group	29 NO Grupo de Oración	30 Adoration 8:30am - 6:00pm	31 Mass 5:00pm New Year's Eve	

WEEKLY STEWARSHIP	
December 19, 2021	
Envelope Giving	\$1,397
Plate Giving	\$1,677
Online Giving	\$634.42
Total	\$3,708.42
Weekly funds needed for church operations	\$5,000.00
Overage/Deficit	-(\$1,291.58)




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SPRING FORWARD 2022 CONFERENCE

“United in the Breaking of the Bread”: Everyone involved in parish catechesis and other parish ministries as well as others who may be interested are invited to our annual Spring Forward Conference as we partake in song and prayer with nationally renowned presenter, ValLimar Jensen, and reflect on the Gift of the Eucharist. The event will be held on **Saturday, January 22, at Holy Trinity Parish, El Cajon, 9:30 am – 3:00 pm**. Registration cost is \$25. For more information and to register, visit www.sdcatholicdisciples.net/events/san-sf22

DATE NIGHT SERIES FOR MILITARY COUPLES

Join military couples from around the country for an enriching date night! Because of the sacrificial nature of their lives, military couples have a unique perspective on suffering, endurance, and hope. This date night series seeks to affirm those special gifts, and help strengthen military couples and families especially those struggling to see the light at the end of the tunnel. The Military Date Night Series will feature the powerful witness of three military couples on the topics of interpersonal relationship, family and community, and prayer and faith. Fr. Michael Murphy of Sacred Heart Church, Coronado, will also be presenting. Register at www.witnessstolove.org/militarydatenight/.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN:

On January 22, the Church in the United States observes the annual “Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children.” Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in prayer for the respect of human life during the **9 Days for Life**. Sign up to receive daily intentions from January 21st through the 29th at respectlife.org/9-days.... For questions, please contact mvalencia@sdccatholic.org.



WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Question: I have been away from the Church for a few years and really want to get active again, not so much for me, but for my children. Is this a bad reason to come back to Church?

Answer: If you are on your way to the supermarket, and you are forced to detour from your usual route because of road work, does the food you buy taste different? Is the meal less filling? Are the vegetables less tasty? Of course not. In our faith journey, there are many detours called sin. Some are greater than others, some are even a bit longer. But God's grace comes to us in ways we understand and recognize and need. Your children leading you back to the Church is not as important as the fact that you are back.

This is an opportunity for you to renew, strengthen, and deepen your faith. Regardless of how we get to Church, or what draws us closer to God, the fact is we are there. Do what you need to do to get right with God and the Church. Go to confession, begin good family religious practices, and be involved in the ministries your parish offers. Be more than a lukewarm parishioner. Be the kind of Catholic you want your children to be. ©LPi

In this New Year:
 Renew your hope, be open to new opportunities, and adventures, and remember to give as an expression of Love.

The parish office will be closed on Friday, December 31 in observance of the holidays

LIVE THE LITURGY

It was the best of times and it was the worst of times. Our families can bring out the best and the worst in us. This is true of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our church, our society, and the like. In all of our family experiences, what stands out as our most challenging memory? Everything human can be found on the pages of family life. But there is also a Divine story to be discovered as well. When life gets difficult and perplexing, today's Feast of the Holy Family stands to remind us that it is not just by human effort that we tread treacherous waters. We have to remember and learn from the Divine effort too. We need this perspective if our love lessons are going to be learned completely and well. We are all works in progress and we all come from homes that are broken by imperfection. In whatever life brings us and in whatever family we find ourselves, may the promptings we feel toward faith and hope lead us to greater love.

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NEW YEAR PRAYER:

Thank You Lord for giving me
 The brand new year ahead.
 Help me live the way I should
 As each new day I tread.
 Give me gentle wisdom
 That I might help a friend,
 Give me strength and courage
 So a shoulder I might lend.
 The year ahead is empty,
 Help me fill it with good things
 Each new day filled with joy
 And happiness it brings.
 Amen.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Primera Lectura:

Ana, la madre de Samuel y el padre de Samuel son mostrados como padres de profunda oración y gran fe. ¿Cómo describirías la fe de tu madre o tu padre?

Segunda Lectura:

Juan nos enseña que, si creemos en Jesús y nos amamos unos a otros, "podemos ser llamados hijos de Dios." ¿Cómo demuestras gratitud por ser parte de esta sagrada familia?

Evangelio:

Lucas es el único evangelista que conserva una historia sobre Jesús de su juventud. En este relato, María y José estaban llenos de "gran ansiedad" mientras buscaban a Jesús quien pensaban estaba perdido. ¿Cómo buscas la ayuda de Dios para los momentos de ansiedad en tu familia?

Question: Who reads the first and second readings at Mass?

DECEMBER 26, 2021 THE MOST HOLY FAMILY

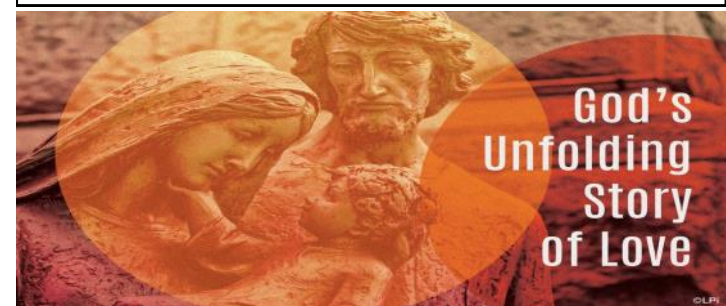
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday Masses 8:30am 11:00am 12:30pm (Spanish) Pray for: Rev. Jay Bananal Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45	Bible Study 7:00pm Pray for: Rev. Abel Barajas Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38	Daily Mass 7:30am Youth Group 6:30pm Pray for: Rev. Karl Bauner Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45	Daily Mass 7:30am Adoration 8:30am - 5:00pm Pray for: Very Rev. Efrain Bautista 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56	Daily Mass 7:30am Adoration 8:30am - 5:00pm Pray For: Rev. Eduardo Bernardino Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66	Parish Office Closed Christmas Eve Mass 5:00pm Pray for: Rev. Jeffrey Blangiardi SJ 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2] Lk 1:67-79	Christmas Day Masses 9:00am (English) & 11:00am (Spanish) Sunday Vigil 5:00pm Pray for: Pope Francis Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/

MASS Intentions

Dec 26	Sun	8:30am	The Most Holy Family
Dec 26	Sun	11:00am	The Most Holy Family
Dec 26	Sun	12:30pm	The Most Holy Family
Dec 27	Mon		NO MASS
Dec 28	Tues	7:30am	+Alfredo Juarez
Dec 29	Wed	7:30am	(SI) Hanna Jappaya y Familia
Dec 30	Thur	7:30am	(SI) Hanna Jappaya y Familia
Dec 31	Fri	5:00pm	For the Parishioners
Dec 25	Sat	9:00am	New Year's Day -English
Jan 1	Sat	11:00am	New Year's Day-Spanish

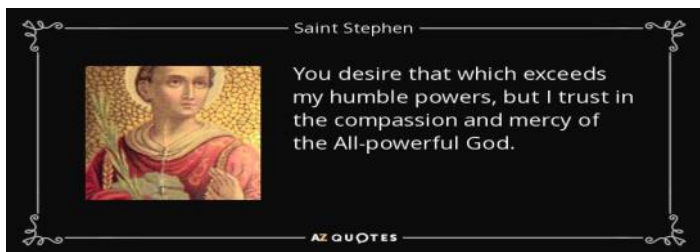
Observances for the week of December 26, 2021

Sunday:	The Holy Family
Monday:	St. John, Apostle and Evangelist
Tuesday:	The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
Wednesday:	St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr
Thursday:	
Friday:	St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve
Saturday:	New Year's Day; Mary, The Holy Mother of God; World Day of Peace



ADORATION THURSDAYS

8:30am - 5:00pm



St. Stephen | Feast Day December 26

The Acts of the Apostles tells the story of St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr. A man filled with grace and power, he worked great wonders among the people. Some Jews debated with St. Stephen but could not match his wisdom and spirit. Eventually, a charge of blasphemy was brought up against him, and the local population demanded that he be tried and sentenced. He was seized and carried before the Sanhedrin. Despite the danger he faced, in front of the Sanhedrin and his accusers, St. Stephen gave a long speech about the history of Israel and the blessings that God had given upon His chosen people. He talked about how Israel had become disobedient despite God's abundant mercy. This enraged his accusers, and eventually the crowd dragged him out of the city and stoned him to death. Even in his final moments, St. Stephen displayed great forgiveness and even asked God not to hold the sins of his attackers against them. Hundreds of years after his death, he is still a role model for us to follow.

DECEMBER 26, 2021 THE MOST HOLY FAMILY



18 and still need Confirmation?

Are you an adult who was never confirmed in the Catholic Church and who now wishes to be confirmed? Our parish will be offering an Adult Confirmation class starting on Sunday, January 9, 2022 and continuing for 8 weeks until Sunday, February 27, 2022. Classes are one hour, from 12:10 until 1:10 p.m., and the registration fee is \$40. Fill out a registration form via the parish or religious education office, or ask us to email one to you. The text we will use will be the *United States Catholic Catechism for Adults*. United States Conference of Catholic Bishops ("USCCB"), July 31, 2006 (the one with the burgundy cover). This text can be purchased or accessed online. A course syllabus is provided upon registering for the course. Adults seeking to start on January 9 should purchase or access the text prior to the end of the year and consult the syllabus.

Questions? Call Lisa Mersereau or the Parish Office at 619-669-0085 or email releducation@stpiusxjamul.com. The Catechetical Ministry Office is open until 2 p.m. on Sundays and the Parish Office is open M-F until 4 p.m.



From the Bishop's office ...

in response to the latest state mandate regarding indoor mask-wearing, tating December 15 and at least until January 15 (subject to change)

Everyone over the age of 2 is required to wear a mask while indoors in all public places, regardless of your vaccination status.

We ask all parishioners, out of concern for the personal health risk due to the Omicron variant and the general concern for the health of others, to comply with these requirements. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



WE WILL SEE IN 2022



Faith Formation

DECEMBER

26: SUN
Christmas Break—NO CLASSES

JANUARY

02: SUN
Christmas Break—NO CLASSES
09: SUN
Faith Formation Resumes

