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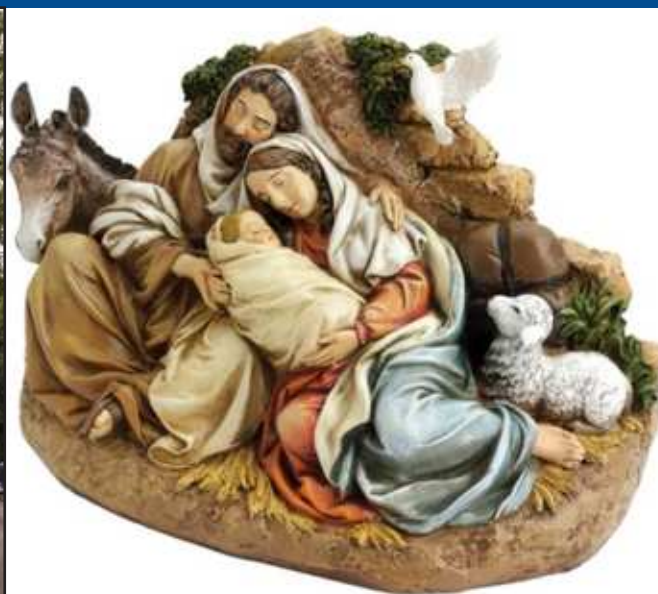
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Monday-Friday: 8:00AM~3:00PM
closed daily 12:00-1:00PM)



A WELCOMING CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF FAITH.

COME EXPERIENCE CHRIST WITH US!

December 27, 2020

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

**“LET US TOO STAND IN THE TEMPLE AND HOLD GOD’S SON AND EMBRACE HIM;
AND THAT WE MAY DESERVE LEAVE TO WITHDRAW AND START ON OUR WAY
TOWARDS A BETTER LAND...”**

A Christmas Sourcebook, p.85

Today is HOLY FAMILY SUNDAY! This day celebrates Joseph, Mary and Jesus as a model of family life for us. Their care, concern, and respect for each other teach us that our families can also reflect these values for one another. We can easily state that our families can’t be like the Holy Family, which is true. But as the building block of society and the church in the home, our families can still reflect the values that make our families unique. These values also include an ability to work together, and the recognition that each person in the family is unique and offers other family members the things that help the family live and grow together. Families model their love for each other and reflect the love of Jesus for each other.

Families have been under a lot of pressure for so many years and the pandemic has made it worse. This is especially true when parents have become unemployed, and children are learning from home. Yet, they have continued to be together and do the best they can. It shows their commitment to one another and to the family unit. They are still able to celebrate the love that Jesus has for them as they continue to care for one another.

The church continues to affirm family life by celebrating the uniqueness of each family, and by enacting policies and programs that bring families together rather than separate them. Of course, COVID-19 has changed what happens in parishes, but we still affirm and support families and family life.

On behalf of our entire Parish Staff: FR. TONY, DEACON JERRY, DEACON HUGH, NANCY CAPUTO, DAN PALKO, OUR SUPPORT STAFF & MYSELF, I want to extend to you and your families our best wishes for a HAPPY & HOLY NEW YEAR! 2021 has to be a better year than 2020!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!! BUON ANNO!! FELIZ AÑO NUEVO!!!

~ Fr. Joe



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURES

Collection totals for December 20 and December 27 will be posted in the January 3, 2021 bulletin.

*To sign up for Online Giving go to:
www.saintjamestheapostle.org*

**WE ALSO ACCEPT ONLINE CREDIT CARD
DONATIONS**

Parishioners wishing to mail-in or drop off their weekly contribution in the Rectory mail slot are welcome to do so

OR

To make a donation to help our parish, please visit our GoFundMe page:

<https://charity.gofundme.com/donate/event/archdiocese-of-newark?lang=en-us>
Select Team: Saint James the Apostle, Springfield
(all donations are gratefully accepted)



MASS INFORMATION

Vigil Mass ~ Saturday 5:00PM
Sunday 7:30AM ~ 9:00AM ~ 10:30AM ~ 12:00PM
(10:30AM Mass Facebook / YouTube)

DAILY MASS

Weekday: Novena 7:10AM ~ Mass 7:30AM
Saturday: Novena 7:40AM ~ Mass 8:00AM

NOVENA

Monday Evenings ~ 7:00PM
Facebook / Zoom only

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

By Appointment



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Due to the ongoing need for social distancing, there are no group baptisms at this time.

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated individually.

Please call the rectory to schedule your infant's baptism.



SACRAMENT INFORMATION

PLEASE CALL THE RECTORY FOR INFORMATION CONCERNING

THE RCIA PROCESS

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process where individuals who seek to receive the Sacraments of Initiation or who have never been baptized enter into full communion with the faith.

BAPTISM ~ CONFIRMATION ~ MARRIAGE ~ SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

VOCATIONS

Is God calling you to the priesthood or Religious Life?
Speak to one of our priests or call the Vocations Office 973-497-4365.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Ms. Nancy Caputo, Director ~ Mrs. Colleen Tyra, Administrative Assistant
Main Office 973-376-2061 :: Facsimile 973-376-4079

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family! Just as Joseph and Mary embraced the rewards and challenges of raising a family, so have our parish parents. This year has been filled with challenges for you and we want you to know that we, your parish family, are here to support and pray with you.

Our parents have risen to the challenge of really being the “first teachers” of their children. Please know that we are doing our best to provide you with the tools and support to help you! If there is anything we can do to lighten your load, please let us know!

We pray that 2021 will bring an end to the pandemic, a renewed sense of “family” in our lives and the ability to once again, gather in praise and thanksgiving to our Loving God.

Along with Fr. Joe, Colleen and I wish you a New Year filled with peace, happiness and good health!

ZOOM CLASS SCHEDULE FOR 2021!

1st through 5th Grades:	7th Grade:	8th Grade:	Family Faith:
January 17			
February 21	January 12	January 19	January 10
March 21	February 9	February 16	February 7
April 18	March 9	March 16	March 7
May 16			
6th Grade:	April 13	April 20	
January 19	May 11	May 18	
February 23			
March 13			
April 20			
May 18			

The Most Holy Family

"The Lord sets a father in
honor over his children;
A mother's authority he
confirms over her sons.
He who honors his father
atones for sins;
He stores up riches who
reveres his mother."
Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14



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MESSAGE FROM FR. JOE

Regarding Attending Mass during Covid-19

Dear Fellow Saint James Parishioners:

It is great to be back together in church for Mass, but things are a little different. Senior citizens and those with underlying medical conditions are encouraged to remain at home and watch the Sunday online 10:30AM Mass, which we will continue to live-stream.

If you do come to church for Mass, please remember the following:

1. You must wear a mask to enter the church and you must keep your mask on at all times while in the church, including during Mass.
2. As you go from the Gathering Area into the church, please use the appropriate door to enter and exit the church.
3. Please observe the one-way aisles, which are marked with blue tape on the floor.
4. You must maintain social distancing while in the church.
5. Half of the pews have been taped off to maintain social distancing. There are pieces of blue tape on each pew where you can sit. They are also on the floor by the back walls for those who prefer to stand. This area is also marked for social distancing.
6. Family members can sit together, but everyone else must sit 6 feet apart.
7. The weekly collection baskets will not be passed from parishioner to parishioner. They will be on the baptismal font. Please drop in your donation as you enter or exit the church.
8. There is no procession of the bread and wine ("bringing up the gifts").
9. Please do not shake hands when sharing the sign of peace. Instead, wave, nod, or bow slightly.
10. There are three Communion stations: one in the center, one by the organ, and one by the ambo. The ushers will direct you to maintain social distance.
11. Hosts can no longer be placed directly on a parishioner's tongue by a priest, deacon, or Eucharistic Minister. You must receive the Host in your hand and place it on your tongue. There is no receiving from the Cup.
12. When it is your turn to receive Communion, approach the priest or deacon, receive the Host in your hand, step aside, raise or lower your mask, and place the Host on your tongue. Immediately replace your mask over your mouth.
13. The candles in the Gathering Area have been turned off and they are taped.
14. There are no printed bulletins. Bulletins are posted online on the parish website.
15. The Worship books have been removed from church. You may bring your own booklet, iPad or iPhone to use during Mass.
16. You will also notice that everything that can be touched has been removed from the church. There is no Holy Water.
17. Once Mass is over, please quickly exit the church so that the pews can be sanitized for the next Mass.
18. If you want to socialize with others whom you may not have seen in a while, please do so outside of church and not in the Gathering Area.

If you have any questions or are unsure of what to do while in church, please ask an usher. I ask your patience as we attempt to navigate through all of this. We realize this is a very different situation for all of us. It can work if we work together. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Stay safe!

Fr. Joe

CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS

**THE CRÈCHE IN THE SANCTUARY
IS DISPLAYED IN LOVING MEMORY OF**

Raffaele & Sabino Battaglia

r/b The Battaglia Family

**THE WREATH IN THE SANCTUARY
IS DISPLAYED IN LOVING MEMORY OF**

Matthew Swajkowski

r/b Cynthia & Matthew Vincent & Alison Swajkowski

**THE POINSETTIAS ADORNING THE ALTAR
ARE DISPLAYED IN LOVING MEMORY OF
The Deceased Members Of Saint James**

r/b Parishioners

Deceased Members of the DelMauro Family

r/b Battaglia Family

**THE POINSETTIAS AT THE SHRINE OF OUR
LADY OF GUADALUPE IS DISPLAYED IN
LOVING MEMORY OF**

The Zara Family

r/b The Battaglia Family

**THE WREATH PLACED AT THE SHRINE OF ST.
JAMES IS DISPLAYED IN LOVING MEMORY OF**

Anne Marie Genninger & Carolyn Nelson

r/b Religious Education Community

**THE POINSETTIAS PLACED AT THE
BAPTISMAL FONT ARE DISPLAYED IN
LOVING MEMORY OF**

The Deceased Members Of Saint James

r/b Parishioners

**THE POINSETTIAS AT THE SHRINE OF
ST. JAMES ARE DISPLAYED IN LOVING
MEMORY OF**

The Battaglia Family

r/b The Battaglia Family



**THE CHRISTMAS TREES IN THE SANCTUARY
ARE DISPLAYED IN LOVING MEMORY OF**

Michael Pierson Bongiovanni, Jr.

Janice Bongiovanni

r/b Deacon Jerry

Tony Graziano

r/b The Family

Bollmeyer & Genco Families

r/b Nancy Caputo

Angelina Crucitti

r/b The Bentivegna & Lefkowitz Families

**THE WREATHS ON THE OUTDOOR
COLUMNS ARE DISPLAYED IN LOVING
MEMORY OF**

Joseph & Mary Barbone

r/b The Family

Edward J. Graziano

r/b Colleen McDonald

Viola Morano

r/b Daughter, Marylou Kjelle

**THE CHRISTMAS TREES BY THE OUTSIDE
CRÈCHE ARE DISPLAYED IN LOVING
MEMORY OF**

Irene Kareivis & Catherine McCluskey

r/b Kathy & Joe Kareivis

**THE WREATH OVER THE DOORS IN THE
GATHERING AREA IS DISPLAYED IN
LOVING MEMORY OF**

Louis Stiglitz

r/b Marilyn Stiglitz

**THE WREATH OVER THE DOORS INSIDE
THE CHURCH IS DISPLAYED IN LOVING
MEMORY OF**

The Fischer, Ragosa & Dondero Families

r/b Francine R. Fischer



CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Blessing of families at all Masses

Saturday, December 26 at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 27 at 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m. Noon

NEW YEAR'S MASSES:

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Friday, January 1, 2021

(No 7:30 a.m. Mass)


Mass celebrated Thursday, December 31 at 7:00 p.m.

Friday, 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m. Noon

***** Schedule subject to change *****



PARISH INFORMATION



St. James the Apostle Church
JOIN US
**ONLINE ROSARY
& NOVENA**
EVERY MONDAY at 7:00 P.M.

www.facebook.com/saintjamestheapostle/live/



Join us in the Gathering Area of the Church or log on to the Saint James the Apostle Parishioner Face Book Page to join us on YouTube!

Has your child been baptized but not catechized or received their sacraments?



Are they of school age and not yet baptized?

Do you have a special needs child needing catechesis?

Please call or email the Religious Education Office.

Parishioners are encouraged to bring your iPhone and/or iPad to Mass with you to access the weekly bulletin and follow along with the readings and sing the hymns!

To access our parish website go to: www.SaintJamesTheApostle.org

Go to the bottom, right side of the website and click either the parish bulletin or click the USCCB website.

SUNDAY READINGS ~ December 27, 2020

Visit: <http://www.usccb.org/> to receive daily Scripture Readings

FIRST READING: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

God sets a father in honor over his children;
a mother's authority he confirms over her sons.
Whoever honors his father atones for sins,
and preserves himself from them.
When he prays, he is heard;
he stores up riches who reveres his mother.
Whoever honors his father is gladdened by children,
and, when he prays, is heard.
Whoever reveres his father will live a long life;
he who obeys his father brings comfort to his mother.
My son, take care of your father when he is old;
grieve him not as long as he lives.
Even if his mind fail, be considerate of him;
revile him not all the days of his life;
kindness to a father will not be forgotten,
firmly planted against the debt of your sins
- a house raised in justice to you.

El Señor honra al padre en los hijos
y respalda la autoridad de la madre sobre la prole.
El que honra a su padre queda limpio de pecado;
y acumula tesoros, el que respeta a su madre.
Quien honra a su padre,
encontrará alegría en sus hijos
y su oración será escuchada;
el que enaltece a su padre, tendrá larga vida
y el que obedece al Señor, es consuelo
de su madre.
Hijo, cuida de tu padre en la vejez
y en su vida no le causes tristeza;
aunque se debilite su razón, ten paciencia con él
y no lo menosprecies por estar tú en pleno vigor.
El bien hecho al padre no quedará en el olvido
y se tomará a cuenta de tus pecados.

The word of the Lord

R. Thanks be to God!

La Palabra del Señor.....

R. ¡Gracias a Dios!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 96

R. Today is born Our Savior

R. Hoy nace nuestro Salvador



SECOND READING: Colossians 3:12-21

Brothers and sisters:

Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do.

And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection.

And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body.

And be thankful.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.

And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Wives, be subordinate to your husbands, as is proper in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and avoid any bitterness toward them.

Children, obey your parents in everything, for this is pleasing to the Lord.

Fathers, do not provoke your children, so they may not become discouraged.

Hermanos:

Puesto que Dios los ha elegido a ustedes, los ha consagrado a él y les ha dado su amor, sean compasivos, magnánimos, humildes, afables y pacientes. Sopórtense mutuamente y perdónense cuando tengan quejas contra otro, como el Señor los ha perdonado a ustedes. Y sobre todas estas virtudes, tengan amor, que es el vínculo de la perfecta unión.

Que en sus corazones reine la paz de Cristo,

esa paz a la que han sido llamados, como miembros de un solo cuerpo. Finalmente, sean agradecidos.

Que la palabra de Cristo habite en ustedes con toda su riqueza. Enséñense y aconséjense unos a otros lo mejor que sepan. Con el corazón lleno de gratitud, alaben a Dios con salmos, himnos y cánticos espirituales; y todo lo que digan y todo lo que hagan, háganlo en el nombre del Señor Jesús, dándole gracias a Dios Padre, por medio de Cristo.

Mujeres, respeten la autoridad de sus maridos, como lo quiere el Señor. Maridos, amen a sus esposas y no sean rudos con ellas. Hijos, obedezcan en todo a sus padres, porque eso es agradable al Señor.

Padres, no exijan demasiado a sus hijos, para que no se depriman.

The word of the Lord

R. Thanks be to God!

La Palabra del Señor.....

R. ¡Gracias a Dios!

Gospel Acclamation

Today is Born Our Savior

Priest / Deacon: The Lord be with you.....

R. And with your Spirit...

Priest / Deacon: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke....

R. Glory to you O Lord

Sacerdote / Diácono: El Señor esté contigo ...

R. Y con tu Espíritu ...

Sacerdote / Diácono: Una lectura del Santo Evangelio según Mateo ...

R. Gloria a ti, oh Señor ...

with your thumb, make a little sign of the cross, first on your forehead; then on your lips; then on your heart

GOSPEL: Luke 2:22-40

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses,
They took him up to Jerusalem
to present him to the Lord,
just as it is written in the law of the Lord,
Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord,
and to offer the sacrifice of
a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons,
in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord.
Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon.
This man was righteous and devout,
awaiting the consolation of Israel,
and the Holy Spirit was upon him.
It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit
that he should not see death
before he had seen the Christ of the Lord.
He came in the Spirit into the temple;
and when the parents brought in the child Jesus
to perform the custom of the law in regard to him,
He took him into his arms and blessed God, saying:
“Now, Master, you may let your servant go
in peace, according to your word,
for my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you prepared in sight of all the peoples,
a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and glory for your people Israel.”

The child's father and mother were amazed at what was said about him;
and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother,
“Behold, this child is destined
for the fall and rise of many in Israel,
and to be a sign that will be contradicted
—and you yourself a sword will pierce—
so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.”
There was also a prophetess, Anna,
the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher.
She was advanced in years,
having lived seven years with her husband after her marriage,
and then as a widow until she was eighty-four.
She never left the temple,
but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer.
And coming forward at that very time,
she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child
to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem.
When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions
of the law of the Lord,
they returned to Galilee,
to their own town of Nazareth.
The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom;
and the favor of God was upon him.

Transcurrido el tiempo de la purificación de María, según la ley de Moisés, ella y José llevaron al niño a Jerusalén para presentarlo al Señor, de acuerdo con lo escrito en la ley: *Todo primogénito varón será consagrado al Señor*, y también para ofrecer, como dice la ley, *un par de tórtolas o dos pichones*.

Vivía en Jerusalén un hombre llamado Simeón, varón justo y temeroso de Dios, que aguardaba el consuelo de Israel; en él moraba el Espíritu Santo, el cual le había revelado que no moriría sin haber visto antes al Mesías del Señor. Movido por el Espíritu, fue al templo, y cuando José y María entraban con el niño Jesús para cumplir con lo prescrito por la ley, Simeón lo tomó en brazos y bendijo a Dios, diciendo:

“Señor, ya puedes dejar morir en paz a tu siervo, según lo que me habías prometido, porque mis ojos han visto a tu Salvador, al que has preparado para bien de todos los pueblos; luz que alumbraba a las naciones y gloria de tu pueblo, Israel”.

El padre y la madre del niño estaban admirados de semejantes palabras. Simeón los bendijo, y a María, la madre de Jesús, le anunció: “Este niño ha sido puesto

para ruina y resurgimiento de muchos en Israel, como signo que provocará contradicción, para que queden al descubierto los pensamientos de todos los corazones. Y a ti, una espada te atravesará el alma”.

Había también una profetisa, Ana, hija de Fanuel, de la tribu de Aser. Era una mujer muy anciana. De joven, había vivido siete años casada y tenía ya ochenta y cuatro años de edad. No se apartaba del templo ni de día ni de noche, sirviendo a Dios con ayunos y oraciones. Ana se acercó en aquel momento, dando gracias a Dios y hablando del niño a todos los que aguardaban la liberación de Israel.

Y cuando cumplieron todo lo que prescribía la ley del Señor, se volvieron a Galilea, a su ciudad de Nazaret. El niño iba creciendo y fortaleciéndose, se llenaba de sabiduría y la gracia de Dios estaba con él.

Priest / Deacon:

The Gospel of the Lord
R. Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ!

El Evangelio del Señor
R. ¡Alabado seas, Señor Jesucristo!



My Jesus,
I believe that You are present
in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.

Gospel Reflection:

Luke 2:22-40

What do you hope for? The hope which God places in our heart is the desire for the kingdom of heaven and everlasting life and happiness with our heavenly Father. The Lord Jesus has won for us a kingdom of righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit gives hope to all who place their trust in the promises of God. God never fails because his promises are true and he is faithful. The hope which God places within us through the gift of the Spirit enables us to persevere with confident trust in God even in the face of trials, setbacks, and challenges that may come our way.

Lord Jesus, you are my hope and my life. May I never cease to place all my trust in you. Fill me with the joy and strength of the Holy Spirit that I may boldly point others to your saving presence and words of eternal life.

NEXT SUNDAY SCRIPTURE READINGS:

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3, 2021

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 60:1-6 ~ SECOND READING: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

GOSPEL: Matthew 2:1-12

HYMNS

Gathering Hymn: The First Nowell

Communion Procession: We Three Kings of Orient Are

Hymn of Sending Forth: Joy to the World

HYMN OF GATHERING

Come, Sing a Home and Family



1. Come, sing a home and fam - i - ly In
 2. At Mar - y's ta - ble Je - sus learned To
 3. By Jo - seph's side young Je - sus learned To
 4. What - ev - er form our fam - 'ly takes, The



Naz - a - reth of old, Whose hum - ble grace a
 bless, give thanks, and eat, To wel - come all as
 work and read and pray, The law and love of
 gos - pel way we seek: To feed the hun - gry,



no - ble place In Chris - tian life now holds: A
 hon - ored guests By wash - ing wea - ry feet. Her
 God a - bove Placed in his heart to stay. While
 heal the sick, Lift up the poor and weak. In



maid - en's ho - ly, vi - brant faith, Which
 sweep - ing floors and light - ing lamps, Her
 cra - dled by the car - pen - ter, The
 dai - ly life and sim - ple tasks Our



said, "Let it be done!" A dream - er who risked
 knead - ing bread with leav'n, Her jour - neys to the
 boy came to dis - cern That prod - i - gal, for -
 song must nev - er cease Of dream - ing work - er,



life and limb Pro - tect - ing God's own Son.
 well fore - told To Christ the reign of heav'n.
 giv - ing arms A - wait a child's re - turn.
 maid - en bold, And child of last - ing peace.

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HYMN DURING COMMUNION PROCESSION

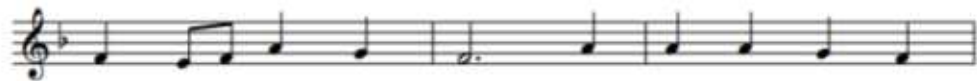
O Little Town of Bethlehem



1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, How still we see thee
2. For Christ is born of Mar - y And, gath - ered all a -
3. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly The won - drous gift is
4. O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, De - scend to us, we



lie! A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep The
 bove While mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep Their
 giv'n! So God im - parts to hu - man hearts The
 pray; Cast out our sin and en - ter in, Be



si - lent stars go by; Yet in the dark streets
 watch of won - d'ring love. O morn - ing stars, to -
 bless - ings of his heav'n. No ear may hear his
 born in us to - day. We hear the Christ - mas



shin - eth The ev - er - last - ing Light. The hopes and
 geth - er Pro - claim the ho - ly birth, And prais - es
 com - ing, But in this world of sin, Where meek souls
 an - gels The great glad tid - ings tell; O come to



fears of all the years Are met in thee to - night.
 sing to God the King, And peace to all on earth!
 will re - ceive him, still The dear Christ en - ters in.
 us, a - bide with us, Our Lord Em - man - u - el!

Text: Phillips Brooks, 1835-1893
 Tune: ST. LOUIS, 8 6 8 6 7 6 8 6; Lewis H. Redner, 1831-1908

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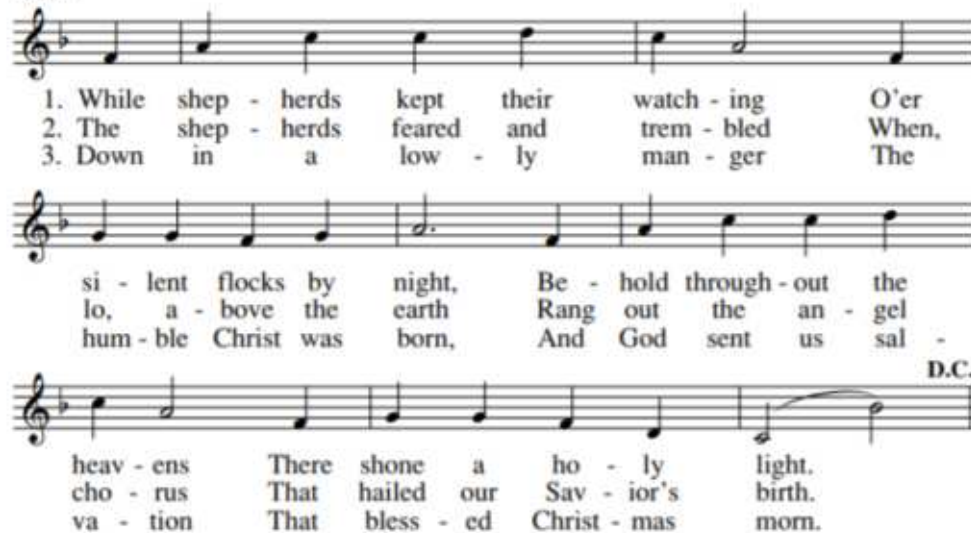
HYMN OF SENDING FORTH

Go Tell It on the Mountain

Refrain



Verses



Text: African American spiritual; verses by John W. Work, Jr., 1872-1925

Tune: GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN, 7 6 7 6 with refrain; African American spiritual; harm. by Robert J. Batantini, b.1942

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Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Feast Day, December 27

Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Holy Family. This celebration is assigned to the Sunday within the octave of Christmas. The Gospel for today is taken from the Gospel according to Luke and is part of Luke's Infancy Narrative.

Today's Gospel describes the presentation of the child Jesus in the Temple and shows Joseph and Mary as devout Jews, following the prescriptions of the Law of Moses. The Gospel alludes to several aspects of the Law of Moses: circumcision, the dedication of the firstborn son to the Lord, and the purification of a woman after childbirth.

Today's Gospel notes that Jesus was circumcised on the eighth day after his birth, in accordance with the Mosaic Law. At that time, he was called Jesus, the name he was given by the angel Gabriel. On the 40th day after Jesus' birth, Mary performed the appropriate purification rites and made her offering at the Temple. Although the Law of Moses required an offering of a lamb, those who could not afford a lamb could substitute two turtledoves or two pigeons. In this scene, Luke identifies Joseph and Mary as being poor, and indeed throughout Luke's Gospel, Jesus will show special concern for the poor.

Another Jewish rite referenced in this Gospel is the dedication of the firstborn son to the Lord. In remembrance of the feast of Passover, when the firstborn children of the Israelites in Egypt were saved from death, the Law of Moses prescribed that all firstborn males of Israel should be consecrated to the Lord. In this tradition, Mary and Joseph present the infant Jesus in the Temple in Jerusalem.

In Jerusalem, Luke reports that Mary and Joseph encounter two devout Jews, Simeon and Anna, who recognize the infant Jesus as the fulfillment of Israel's hope for redemption. In Simeon's words we find a prediction of Mary's witnessing of Jesus' death on the cross. The Canticle of Simeon, also called by its Latin name, *Nunc Dimitis*, is prayed at night prayer, or compline, during the Liturgy of the Hours.

Source: www.LoyolaPress.com

Feast of the Holy Innocents. Feast Day, December 28.

"A voice is heard in Ramah, weeping and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children and refusing to be comforted, because they are no more."

During this octave of Christmas the Church celebrates the memory of the small children of the neighborhood of Bethlehem put to death by Herod. Sacrificed by a wicked monarch, these innocent lives bear witness to Christ who was persecuted from the time of His birth by a world which would not receive Him. It is Christ Himself who is at stake in this mass-murder of the children; already the choice, for or against Him, is put clearly before men. But the persecutors are powerless, for Christ came to perform a work of salvation that nothing can prevent; when He fell into the hands of His enemies at the time chosen by God it was to redeem the world by His own Blood.

Our Christmas joy is tempered today by a feeling of sadness. But the Church looks principally to the glory of the children, of these innocent victims, whom she shows us in heaven following the Lamb wherever He goes.

The Holy Innocents saved the Child Jesus from death by King Herod by the shedding of their own blood. The Holy Innocents are the special patrons of small children, who can please the Christ Child by being obedient and helpful to parents, and by sharing their toys and loving their siblings and playmates.

The Feast of the Holy Innocents is an excellent time for parents to inaugurate the custom of blessing their children. From the Ritual comes the form which we use on solemn occasions, such as First Communion. But parents can simply sign a cross on the child's forehead with the right thumb dipped in holy water and say:

***"May God bless you, and may He be the Guardian of your heart and mind
the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit."
Amen.***

Source: <https://www.catholicculture.org/>

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God. Feast Day, January 1

Way back in 431, there was a bitter controversy among theologians over the role of Mary in the Catholic Church.

They debated the question: Who is Mary in God's plan?

In the end, the bishops declared that Mary is really the mother of Jesus and Jesus is really God. So it must be said that Mary is the Mother of God. The oldest Christian greeting of Mary was proclaimed when Mary's relative Elizabeth called her "Mother of my Lord." When Elizabeth welcomed Mary, she recognized both the great privilege God had given Mary and Mary's great faith in accepting it.

For centuries, Mary has been praised because she believed. She is Mother of God because of her faith in God. The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, celebrates Mary's faith and trust in God alone. The Church wants us to imitate her faith.



Feast of Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen. Feast Day, January 2

Basil was educated in Caesarea, Constantinople, and Athens in the fourth century. He enjoyed stimulating university life. There he met Gregory Nazianzen, a quiet, scholarly man. The two became close friends.

Basil traveled through the East and studied monastic life. As a result, he formed his own monastic group. Gregory joined him. From their discussions, Basil composed a rule of life for monks. He allowed monks and nuns to operate hospitals and guesthouses and work outside the community. His principles still influence Eastern monasticism.

The two friends lived the monastic life for only about five years. Then Gregory had to return home to care for his father, who was a bishop. When Gregory got home, he was ordained a priest, although he did not think himself worthy. He watched over his father's diocese.



In 374, Basil was made bishop of Caesarea. The Church called on him to refute the Arian heresy, which claimed that Jesus was not God. Emperor Valens promoted the heresy. Basil believed the Church must remain independent of the emperor and boldly defended the Church. He preached morning and evening to large crowds. When a famine struck, he gave his money to people who were poor. He organized a soup kitchen and served the people himself. Basil even built a town, which included a church, a hospital, and a guesthouse.

Basil continued to write for the Church and to clarify the doctrines of the Trinity and the Incarnation. When one town was falling away from the faith, Basil ordained Gregory bishop and sent him there. Gregory went unhappily because he disliked conflict. The two friends were later reconciled.

For 30 years, Constantinople had been under the leadership of supporters of the Arian movement. The bishops of the surrounding areas begged Gregory to come and restore the faith, and again he went, dreading the task. Gregory made his house a church and preached on the Trinity. The people called him "the theologian."

Both Basil and Gregory were misunderstood, but in spite of this, they rebuilt the faith. Basil died at age 49. Gregory resigned from Constantinople because of opposition and spent his last years reading, writing his autobiography, and enjoying his gardens.

Source: www.LoyolaPress.com



THE PRAYER CORNER

"To everything there is a season and a time for every purpose..."



INTENTIONS FOR THE SICK

At the *General Intercessions* we pray for the sick. Our prayers for the sick are very important, especially in critical times of sudden illness, surgery or worsening condition. We will continue to pray for and mention the names of the sick. When the condition improves, please call the Rectory so that the name can be removed from the list.

COMMUNION AT MASS

If you cannot walk up the aisle to receive Holy Communion and do not want to sit in the first pew, please let one of the ushers know and an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion will come to you at the end of the procession and administer the Body & Blood to you.

RECEIVING COMMUNION

A reminder that during the Covid-19 restrictions, the Eucharist can only be received in the hands. It is good to remind ourselves of the reverence needed when we receive the Body and Blood of Christ.

When we approach the altar please remove any gloves beforehand.

Remember to bow slightly without being ostentatious and reply "Amen".

If communion runs out, please wait in line for the Minister to return.

The ushers are available to assist you during the reception of Holy Communion and before / after Mass.

A Prayer for Persons Suffering from the Coronavirus

Merciful God, hear our fervent prayer for all who suffer from the coronavirus.

*May those who are infected receive the proper treatment
and the comfort of your healing presence.*

*May their caregivers, families and neighbors be shielded
from the onslaught of the virus.*

Give solace to those who grieve the loss of loved ones.

*Protect and guide those who strive to find a cure,
that their work may conquer the disease and restore communities to wholeness and health.
Help us to rise above fear. We ask all this through the intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes,
and in the name of your Son, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.*

Amen.

Source: www.LoyolaPress.com

A TIME TO BAPTIZE



A TIME TO WED



A TIME TO HEAL

Franco Amato, Pat Anelli, Ginnie Attanasio, Monina Avella, Joyce Bauman, Concetta Bellott, Barbara Bentz, Severina Bion, Arlene Boja, Leo Brady, Victoria Burns, Gerry Campagnola, Enid Cabot, Dolores Cardillo, Helen Chelis, Lena Chromowski, Lucia Cocuzza, Phyllis Colosimo, Celine Correia, James Curry, Maureen D., Richard Delany, Anthony De Santis, Carmela DeSarno, Victoria Egner, Rick Ellmer, Alfredo Fernandes, Berta Franco, Anita Giaimo, Martin Gignac, Carole Griner, Steven Hensle, Laura Hughes, Robert Hunrath, Eddie Jenna, Irene Kurpieski, Dana Kelley, Art Kistler, Maryann Leach, Dina Ledogar, Maureen Le Goff, Lucille Lerner, Andy Lindgren, Angelina Lipski, Chenoa Lipski, Richie Lipski, Marian Lordi, Richard Lorenzo, Barbara Ludolph, Erica Luther, Angie Mazzarisi, Leonard McGinley, Stan Mickham, Richard Miele, Julie Mohnhunn, Andres Montero, Mario Morelli, Timothy Morgan, Ive Mureny, Christian Murphy, Cassidy Musson, Carol Muzacs, Michael Neer, Mary O'Connor, Rafaelina Oliviero, Anna P., Berit Phair, John Reiss, Gary Ruzich, Anthony S., Jack Silbert, Todd Sitomer, Debbie Staib, Davis Stewart, Stephanie Toth, Tracy Tuten, Filomena Vairo, Anne Wallis, Elisa Warshall, Kay Winski, Joseph Yobbi, Mary Yobbi

A TIME TO DIE

all who have died from Covid-19

A TIME OF WAR & PEACE

Tim Arentz, Lance Corporal Kevin Bernor, Brian Braine, Sean Curran, PFC Paul Devine, Capt. Sean P. Eadie, Stacy Enyeart, David Fenton, Shane Fenton, Luis Fonseca, LCPL Christopher P. Garrigan, 2LT Andrew Kerwin, LCPL Kyle Thomas Lynaugh, Stephen Patricco, Aric Patten, Phillip Patten, Aaron Pluto, 1Lt. Stacia Rogacki, 1Lt. Steven Rogacki, LCPL Nick Wheeler



MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, December 27

Holy Family, Jesus, Mary & Joseph

5:00PM (SATURDAY)

Tony Bagnato, Ann, Vincent, Carmella ~ *Ann & Family*

7:30AM

Mary Hayes ~ *Brian & Gianna Hayes*

9:00AM

Luigi & Rosaria Reino ~ *Anthony & Carmelina Reino*

10:30AM

Carol House ~ *Bob House*

12:00PM

Ralph DeFino ~ *Judy, Joe & Family*

MONDAY, December 28 The Holy Innocents

7:30AM

Veronica Kallikkadan ~ *Terry & Family*

TUESDAY, December 29

7:30AM

Vincent Policarpio ~ *Family*

WEDNESDAY, December 30

7:30AM

Michele McNany ~ *Dennis & McNany Family*

THURSDAY, December 31 New Year's Eve

7:30AM

Ernest Reedy ~ *Eugenia Reedy*

7:00PM

For the People of Saint James

FRIDAY, January 1, 2021

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

9:00AM

For the People of Saint James

10:30AM

For the People of Saint James

12:00PM

For the People of Saint James

SATURDAY, January 2

Saint Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen

8:00AM

Giuseppe Zimbato ~ *DeFilippo Family*

SUNDAY, January 3

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

5:00PM (SATURDAY)

Francis Congema ~ *Capron Family*

7:30AM

Sr. Joanne Jankowski ~ *Inneo Family*

9:00AM

Ronnie Fusco ~ *Mother, Carmela*

10:30AM

Eleanor McCusker ~ *Barbara Weber*

12:00PM

Rev. Thomas Roberts ~ *Arlene*



DEVOTIONS AND MEMORIALS ~ *Spiritual Offerings*

To have a loved one remembered, please call the Rectory Office

Sanctuary Lamp ~ Bread & Wine ~ Flowers By the Tabernacle



SANCTUARY LAMP

For the People of Saint James



BREAD

Gene Melleno ~ *Family*

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Under the Guidance of the **Holy Spirit** as a
Welcoming and Diverse Community,

We, the **Parish of Saint James the Apostle**

Invite All to Worship as We Celebrate the Eucharist,
Proclaim the Good News of **Jesus Christ** and Serve the
Needs of One Another,
as We Help Build the **Kingdom of God on Earth.**