

Holy Family Traditional Roman Catholic Church

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CHRISTMAS DAY ~ DECEMBER 25, 2022

MASS INTENTIONS

	INTENTION	REQUESTED BY
Sunday, December 25, Midnight:	Missa Pro Populo	
10:00 AM:	Mr.+ & Mrs.+ F.W. Noel	J. Noel
Monday:	Ray & Barbara DeFillips	James & Mary DeFillips
Tuesday:	Nathaniel Mills	Mr. & Mrs. Montgomery
Wednesday:	Healing of Rosemarie Oxford	Theresa Shepard-Mitchell
Thursday:	Donald Croucher+	Martin & Mary Crain
Friday:	Special Intentions	Dominic
Saturday:	James Audley+	Sue & Tim Audley
Sunday, January 1, 9:00 AM:	Ray & Barbara DeFillips	The DeFillips Family
11:30 AM:	Kathleen Frogge	Mary DeFillips

+ deceased

HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

Sundays: 9:00AM and 11:30AM

Weekdays: 9:00AM

Holy Days of Obligation: 9AM and 7PM

CONFESSIONS - Before Each Mass

ROSARY - Before All Masses

BAPTISMS, MATRIMONY, EXTREME UNCTION

CONSULTATIONS AND SICK CALLS

Please contact the Priest at 321-775-4325

NOVENAS

Miraculous Medal - Saturdays after Mass

Sacred Heart - Fridays after Mass

COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Sundays after 9AM Mass

BLESSING OF RELIGIOUS ARTICLES

At the communion rail after Mass

CHOIR PRACTICE - Sundays after 9AM Mass

Board of Directors: James DeFillips, Jennifer Griffin, Joe Kelderhouse,
Ray DeFillips, Joyce Hunter, Sam Liburdi
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The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

GOSPEL John 1:1-14 In the beginning was the Word: and the Word was with God: and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him: and without Him was made nothing that has been made. In Him was life: and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness: and the darkness did not comprehend it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. This man came as a witness, to give testimony of the light, that all men might believe through him. He was not the light but was to give testimony of the light. That was the true light, which enlightened every man that came into this world. He was in the world: and the world was made by Him: and the world knew Him not. He came unto His own: and His own received Him not. But as many as received Him, He gave them power to be made the sons of God, to them that believe in His name. Who are born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us. And we saw His glory - glory as it were of the Only-begotten of the Father - full of grace and truth.



If we have kept a diligent Advent...

If we have kept a diligent Advent, we shall be able to celebrate the Christmas Season better than those who have been trying to inflate an imitation of it ever since Halloween without understanding what it is all about. The Incarnation of Christ the Son of God is celebrated for twelve days, and in the Catholic Church the Christmas carols begin, and do not end, on Christmas Day.

When I lived in Rome, I came to learn different Christmas customs, and among them was the singing of a hymn by Saint Alphonsus Liguori: "Tu scendi dalle Stelle" (You come down from the stars) with these lines: "Great King, from heaven's high throne descending low, In Bethlehem's stable born in cold and woe, Thou shiverest in a manger, Babe Divine, Much hast Thou borne for sins: how much for mine!"

The season of gift-giving begins on December 25th and reaches its climax on the Epiphany, when the Magi brought their offerings.

The Holy Trinity needs nothing, but the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost want us. In other words, we are not necessary, but we are willed by the Divine Love. With nothing to offer God that he needs, the best gift we can offer is a humble confession of the various ways the human soul has blocked the will of God. Sin contradicts our existence. Confession provides many graces. Sins are forms of selfishness, but when confessed they become the greatest gifts, offerings of the heart, and they place us back into God's plan for the human race.

You might give yourself a fine gift by getting one of the many books written by the twentieth century English convert, Monsignor Ronald Knox. In his "Stimuli" he writes: "To us Christians, the first Christmas Day is the solstice or bottle-neck of history. Things got worse till then, ever since we had lost Paradise; things are to get better since then, till we reach Paradise once more. History is shaped like an X". A very happy and holy Christmastide to us all. Father G. Rutler



THE HOLY INNOCENTS The story of the slaughter of the Holy Innocents is part of the narrative of Jesus' birth. Herod governed the Jewish portion of the Roman Empire when Jesus was born. When he heard that people looked for the birth of a new "King of the Jews," and that scholars from the east had already come to worship Him, Herod felt threatened. He learned that this Messiah was to be born in Bethlehem and sent for the visiting magi. He cross-examined them to learn what they knew, then told them to report back to him after they found the Child under the pretense that he, Herod, wanted to pay homage as well.

The magi were warned in a dream to avoid returning to Herod, so they went home a different way. At the same time, an angel warned Joseph to flee with Mary and Jesus to Egypt because "Herod is going to search for the Child to destroy Him" (Mt 2:13).

When Herod learned that the magi had deceived him, he became furious and ordered the murder of all the boys in and near Bethlehem two years old or younger.

Tradition has inferred the slaughter of the Bethlehem children to have killed numbers of children----several thousands---but it is not likely that nearly this many were killed. Estimating by the size of Bethlehem, including its surroundings, there could not have been more than 25 baby boys two years old or younger at any given time.

St. Augustine called the Innocents, buds killed by the frost of persecution the moment they showed themselves. Herod was a barbaric ruler responsible for many crimes and slaughters.

The feast of the Holy Innocents has been remembered by the Church since the fifth century.

ROSARY ROSTER

9:00 AM: 12/25 - Ken Peldunas 1/1 - Tony Verzi 1/8 - Pat Lankenau 1/15 - Pam Lemcke
1/22 - Sam Liburdi 1/29 - Martin Crain 2/5 - Mary Crain

11:30 AM: Volunteers Needed

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **January 1, 2023 is a Holy Day of Obligation**, Masses will follow the usual Sunday schedule at 9:00 am and 11:30 am.
- **Refreshments will not be served** on Sunday, December 25th or Sunday, January 1, 2023.
- **The Altar & Rosary Society** will hold their monthly meeting on Saturday, January 7, 2023, after the 9:00am Mass.
- **In January, a Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima is available for weekly visits in your home.** A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board in the church hall for those interested in receiving the statue.
- **The Altar & Rosary Society send a heartfelt thank you** to all supporters of the bake sale. It was our most successful one yet.
- **In your kindness, please remember to pray for those listed on the Memorial Page**, and all deceased members of the chapel.
- **If you are new to the Tridentine Mass**, you may find the grey or green paperback missals, found in the pews, helpful in following the liturgy.
- **Pray the Rosary for Peace.** Join parishioners every Tuesday at 3:00 PM in the church to recite fifteen decades of the rosary.



Fr. Safreed and the Board of Directors extend to parishioners, friends and benefactors of Holy Family, sincere wishes for a happy, holy and safe Christmas Season.

FATHER SAFREED'S REFLECTIONS

I'm not sure how many Catholics know about the hidden meaning of the song "The Twelve Days of Christmas."

It's a good deal more than a repetitious song with strange gifts and an interesting melody.

Catholics in England were prohibited from any open practice of the Faith from 1558 to 1829. The "Twelve Days of Christmas" as used in this context was one of the "catechism songs" to help people both young and old to memorize and learn the tenets of the Faith. Seeing that any public profession of Catholicism might not only get you imprisoned but could also get you hanged, drawn and quartered, which was a barbaric and ghastly form of punishment; disemboweled while still alive, suffocated or tied to four large farm horses, and literally torn into five parts. Not exactly my idea of a pleasure vacation.

The gifts sung about in the song contain obscure meanings that concern the teachings of the Faith, which would remain hidden from potential persecutors.

The "true love" mentioned with every gift doesn't refer to an earthly suitor, it refers to Almighty God Himself. The "me" who receives presents is every baptized person, for baptism opens the soul to spiritual gifts. The partridge in a pear tree is the Son of God, our Lord Jesus Christ. In the song symbolically presented is Christ, who as a mother partridge, protects her offspring and fends off predators. The protective bird analogy indicates sadness over the Jerusalem which is a type of the Church: "Jerusalem! Jerusalem! How often would I have sheltered thee under my wings, as a hen does her chicks, but thou wouldst not have it so..."

The symbols that follow contain these meanings:

- 2 Turtle Doves ===== The Old and New Testaments
- 3 French Hens ===== The Theological Virtues of Faith, Hope and Charity
- 4 Calling Birds ===== The Four Gospels and/or the Four Evangelists
- 5 Golden Rings ===== The Pentateuch or the First Five Books of the Old Testament, which chronicles man's fall from grace.
- 6 Geese A-laying ===== the six days of creation
- 7 Swans A-swimming ===== the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit and the seven sacraments
- 8 Mains A-Milking ===== the eight beatitudes
- 9 Ladies Dancing ===== the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit
- 10 Lords A-leaping ===== the ten commandments or the Decalogue
- 11 Pipers Piping ===== the eleven faithful apostles
- 12 Drummers Drumming ===== the twelve points of doctrine in the Apostles Creed

During Christmastide of 2022, let us thank God for the gift of the Faith, and for the many spiritual gifts that God has given through the Church. Let us also be grateful for the fact that we can live the Faith without fear of bloody persecution, at least not yet.

Be assured of my thoughts and prayers this Christmas Season and throughout the New Year, especially at the Divine Office and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

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The tab "NOTEWORTHY NEWS" is updated weekly.

Current Article ~ **Vatican Removes Fr. Frank Pavone, for his Pro-Life Actions, Pope Francis Plays Key Role**



*If you are new to the chapel, Welcome.
New parishioners please consult Father Safreed before the reception of sacraments.*



Remember, also, Lord, Your servants and handmaids below who are gone hence before us, marked with the sign of faith, and sleep the sleep of peace. To them, Lord and to all that rest in Christ, grant, we implore You a place of happiness, light and peace through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Deceased Members of the Montgomery, Pond, & Tennyson Families
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 St. Padre Pio*



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by James Rossi, our Mass organist

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 Less than 50 Non-members - \$150
 Greater than 50 Members of the Chapel - \$200
 Greater than 50 Non-members - \$300

SUGGESTED DONATIONS

Mass Intentions - \$15 Requiem Mass - \$150
 Baptism - \$50 Requiem Mass w/ Graveside Service - \$175
 Nuptial Mass - \$150 Wedding Service - \$125
 Organist Donation - \$50

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