

Holy Family Traditional Roman Catholic Church

Traditional Latin Mass according to the Tridentine Rite codified by St. Pius V
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VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

December 24, 2023

MASS INTENTIONS

	INTENTION	REQUESTED BY
Sunday, December 24, 9:00 AM:	Overcoming of Satanism in America	J.K.
11:30 AM:	The Omar Torres Family	Nancy Calvelli
Monday, December 25, Midnight:	Edwin Poisson	S. Kozaitis
10:00 AM:	Joseph+ & Anne+ Poisson	S. Kozaitis
Tuesday:	Families of the Parish	Dominic
Wednesday:	Johnny Parsons+	SHC
Thursday:	Francis Croucher, Jr.+	Martin & Mary Crain
Friday:	S. Redman Family & C. Crutcher	SHC
Saturday:	James Audley+	Sue & Tim Audley
Sunday, December 31, 9:00 AM:	Missa Pro Populo	
11:30 AM:	Charles F. Kosack, Jr.	Rita

+ 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

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Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord and Fourth Sunday of Advent

GOSPEL Matt. 1:18-21 When Mary, the mother of Jesus was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found to be with child, by the Holy Ghost. Whereupon Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing publicly to expose her, was minded to put her away privately. But while he thought on these things, behold the Angel of the Lord appeared to him in his sleep, saying: "Joseph, son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife, for that which is conceived in her, is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a Son: and thou shalt call His name Jesus. For He shall save His people from their sins."



The last Sunday of our preparation for Christmas, the anniversary of Christ's birth. We can all feel unworthy of the honor of welcoming Him into our hearts and our homes. We are indeed unworthy, not because we have little of this world's goods, but because we have so little humility, so little charity, so little faith and trust in God's goodness. Let us try to imitate Joseph and Mary, the humblest of the humble, the kindest of the kindly, and the greatest-ever believers in God's goodness and mercy. We can never hope to equal them, but we can follow them humbly, from afar.

The feast of Christmas should draw the hearts of every child of God towards the divine love. In the manger, the infinite love of God for us miserable sinners is dramatically and forcefully portrayed before our eyes. In that helpless Baby we know that the person, and the power, of the omnipotent Creator and sustainer of the universe lie hidden. "He emptied himself, taking the form of a slave" for us. He became a creature, like ourselves so that He would make us sharers in His divine nature. He came on earth to bring us to heaven. He hid His divine nature so that He could cover us with it.

"Unsearchable indeed are the judgements of God, and inscrutable His ways." And though we are unworthy of His infinite love, let us emulate The Holy Family and accept the honor which God is giving us, as we trust that He will continue to make us daily less unworthy.



The Nativity of Our Lord "I am the light of the world..." While people can shed the light of goodness and truth in the world, Christ is the source of that light. "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life" (John 8:12). He also says, "You are the light of the world" (Matthew 5:14). This means more than catching a spark of Christ the Light: it means to have Christ's Light in the soul, enlightening the intellect and strengthening the will. This is the "state of grace" which describes any one of us who has worthily received a sacrament.



There is a Latin expression, "cupio dissolvi," which means that I wish to dissolve, or be annihilated, expressing what St. Paul meant when he wrote: "It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me" (Gal. 2:20).

Paradoxically, it is by this self-annihilation, that the personality becomes more vivid. This is the opposite of the "self-affirmation" conceit of our narcissistic culture, and it helps explain why the "Greatest Generation" has been followed by the "Smallest Generation."

Isaiah says that when you help the hungry, homeless and naked, "your light shall break forth like the dawn" (Isaiah 15:8). Without these "corporal works of mercy," all spiritual aspirations are escapist sentimentality. But for the Light of Christ to shine fully, the corporal works of mercy work in tandem with the "spiritual works of mercy, which help the ignorant, doubtful and sinful while bearing wrongs patiently, forgiving offences willingly, comforting the afflicted, and praying for the living and the dead."

When the Light of Christ is hidden, life and death alike become puzzles. Our morally darkened age thinks it has autonomy over life, and at the same time it fears death. It is appallingly logical that a culture, which destroys innocent life, should avoid funerals, not even knowing how properly to bury the dead.

St. Bonaventure says: "Christ is the lamp that illuminates the whole of Scripture: He is its gateway and its foundation. For this faith is behind all the supernatural enlightenments that we receive while we are still separated from the Lord and on our pilgrimage. It makes our foundation firm, it directs the light of the lamp, it leads us in through the gateway."

St. Paul communicated the Light of Christ in this way: "I did not come with sublimity of words or of wisdom. For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified" (1 Cor. 2:1-2).



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Current Article ~ Trad Catholic Family Dragged Out of Home at Gunpoint

ROSARY ROSTER

9:00 AM: 12/24 - Ken Peldunas 12/31 - Tony Verzi 1/7 - Pat Lankenau 1/14 - Pam Lemcke
1/21 - Sam Liburdi 1/28 - Millie Rodriguez 2/4 - Martin Crain 2/11 - Mary Crain
11:30 AM: Volunteers

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Christmas Day Masses - Monday, December 25th, the choir will commence singing at 11:30pm (on December 24th), followed by Christmas Midnight Mass. There will be one Mass on Christmas Day at 10:00 AM.**
- **Monday, January 1, 2024 is a Holy Day of Obligation**, Masses are at 9:00 am and 11:30 am.
- **Refreshments will not be served** on Sunday, December 24th or Sunday, December 31st.
- **Pray the Rosary for Peace.** Join fellow parishioners every Tuesday at 3:00 pm in the church to recite fifteen decades of the rosary.
- **In your kindness, please remember to pray for those listed on the Memorial Page**, and all deceased members of the chapel.
- **New to the Tridentine Mass**, you may find the grey or green paperback missals found in the pews helpful in following the liturgy.
- **Visit our websites.** Both the church and school web addresses can be found in the bulletin.

GOSPEL for the Fourth Sunday in Advent ~ Luke 3:1-6 Now in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and Philip his brother tetrarch of Iturea and the country of Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilina: Under the high priests Anna and Caiphas: the word of the Lord was made unto John, the son of Zachary, in the desert. And he came into all the country about the Jordan, preaching the baptism of penance for the remission of sins. As it was written in the book of the sayings of Isaias the prophet: "A voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make straight His paths. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be brought low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways plain. And all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

FATHER SAFREED'S REFLECTIONS

MODERNISM IV

Modernists believe human reason is the guide for determining right and wrong. They want beliefs and morals to conform to current trends in society and be altered as the need arises. Pope Pius IX describes the tragic results of heresy that are so clearly evident today:

As a result of this filthy medley of errors which creeps in from every side, and as a result of the unbridled license to think, speak and write, we see the following: morals deteriorated, Christ's most holy religion despised, the majority of divine worship rejected, the power of this Apostolic See plundered, the authority of the Church attacked...the rights of bishops trampled on, the sanctity of marriage infringed, the rule of every government violently shaken...

Pope St. Pius X taught that Modernism attacked every doctrine:

Undoubtedly, were anyone to attempt the task of collecting together all the errors that have been broached against the faith and to concentrate into one the sap and substance of them all, he could not succeed better than the Modernists have done...their system means the destruction not of the Catholic religion alone, but all religion.

Hence the danger is present almost in the very veins and heart of the Church, whose injury is the more certain from the very fact that their knowledge of Her is more intimate. Moreover, they lay the axe not to the branches and shoots, but to the very root, that is, to the faith and its deepest fibers. And once having struck at this root of immortality, they proceed to diffuse poison through the whole tree, so that there is no part of Catholic truth that they leave untouched, none that they do not strive to corrupt...They disdain all authority and brook no restraint.

Three years later he published *The Oath Against Modernism* and mandated it be taken by all seminarians before ordination to Major Orders, by professors of philosophy and theology in seminaries and universities, and by confessors, pastors, preachers and religious superiors.

Pope Benedict XV in the encyclical *Ad beatissimi Apostolorum* of November 1, 1914, warned of "the monstrous errors of Modernism."

Pope Pius XI in his encyclical *Mortalium Animos* taught that Christ's teachings are not to be updated in each age, but rather are to remain intact and preserved unchanged.

Pope Pius XII said Modernists interpret Scripture by human reason, rejecting the Church, who alone has authority from Christ to correctly interpret Divine Revelation.

DRESS POLICY ~ If this is the first time you have attended the Traditional Latin Mass you may have noticed that our parishioners do not dress casually in the church. Since the changes of Vatican II in the Church, few parishes have had any kind of dress code: we still believe that modesty and appropriate attire are necessary, especially in Church out of reverence for the Most Blessed Sacrament. Please observe these minimum standards of dress for attendance at Church and when attending any functions at the Chapel:

Everyone should refrain from jeans, shorts or T-shirts. Ladies, use a head covering, available in the back of the church for loan or purchase.



*If you are new to the chapel, Welcome.
New parishioners please consult Father Gregory 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.

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 Deceased Members of the Cianchetto and Ruggiero Families
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 Audrey Alesio and Deceased of the Alesio & Royce Families R.I.P.
 For the Repose of the Soul of Katherine Basala R.I.P.
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 Deceased DeFillips, Dark, Langbein & Mares Families
 Deceased Family and Friends of Dean and Betty Racioppi
 Deceased Family and Friends of Ray & Michelle DeFillips
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 John "Jack" Olski and all Deceased Members of the Olski & Lyons Families
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 Deceased Members of the Kelderhouse Family
 Deceased Marotta Sisters R.I.P.
 Jane and Eugene McCallan R.I.P.
 Deceased Members of the Steffes Family
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"We must empty Purgatory with Our Prayers"
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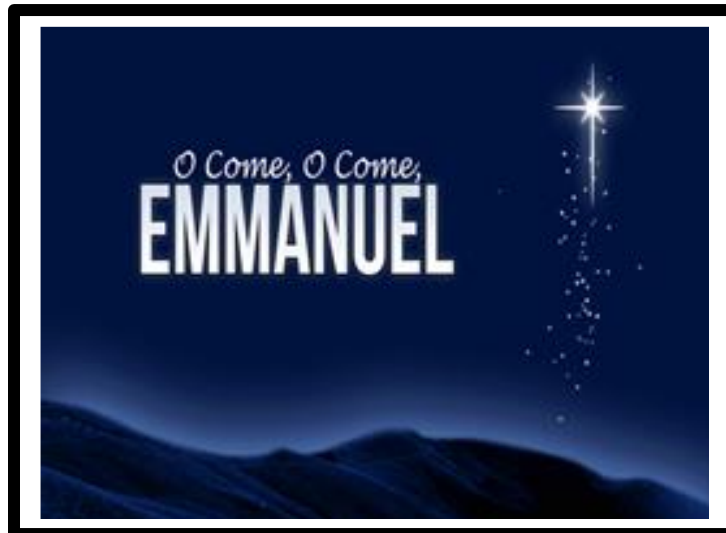
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