



St. Kateri Catholic Church

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DECEMBER 26, 2021

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, & JOSEPH

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Friday:
9:00 AM - Noon and 1:00 - 4:30 PM

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00 PM
Sunday: 9:00 & 11:00 AM

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday: 6:40 PM
Wednesday—Friday: 9:00 AM

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 3:00 PM

ADORATION

Tuesday: 4:00–6:30 PM

PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS

Tuesday at 6:30 PM and
Thursday at 9:00 AM

For **Marriage, Baptism** and
Confirmation information, please
call the Parish Office.

BOOK & GIFT SHOP

Open weekends before and
after Masses



Our hearts are aglow with the joy of Christmas! Our senses are alive with the season, from the rich smells of evergreen and gingerbread to the feel of crisp air on our skin and the warmth of a loved one's embrace. At some point in the holiday hustle and bustle, take a few moments of quiet. In the silence, reflect on the other senses of the season. Imagine the cool damp of an animal stable, the earthy smell of hay and feed, and the crisp night air blowing in softly. Imagine kneeling beside an exhausted, joyful mother and a relieved, protective father. Imagine an infant wrapped in cloth scraps held out to your open arms. Imagine holding the infant Jesus. As his eyes meet yours, welcome into your heart the greatest gift of Christmas.



PRAYER LIST

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| Erinie Adams | Emily Hudson |
| Norma Bak | Logan Hudson |
| Ana Bautista | Stan Kozlowicz |
| Edgar Bautista | Charlotte Lanning |
| Miguel Bautista | Fran LaMacchia |
| Lea Berta | Michael Leonetti |
| Rose Brunetti | Linda Marcella |
| Angela Burger | Judith Masley |
| Bill Carry | Perla Moss |
| Vera Ciavaglia | Perla Navarro |
| Micki Cibor | Peter Nolan |
| Jennie Cinzori | Timothy Nolan |
| Rachel Clark | Kathy Ochs |
| Mary Crumley | Patricia O'Daniel |
| Norb & JoAnn Czernia | Dorothy Pakron |
| Mason Dehl | Leonard Pitek |
| Joseph Dziedzic, Jr. | Ryan Przysiecki |
| Fabian Esquivel | Sidney Saynor |
| Bob Fulkerson | Deborah Stoner |
| Wilmar Good | Dennis Tymosko |
| Mark Grigorian | Cathy Vickroy |
| Kenneth Hasper | Marc Wais |
| Dolores Hnot | Michael Ward |



St. Kateri, maiden so pure, Christian so faithful, lover so kind, we call on you, with faith and hope, to intercede with our Lord Jesus to bring physical, emotional and spiritual healing to our friends mentioned here.

We believe that Jesus heals. We believe that Jesus wants good things for us. And so we make our prayer with the confidence and the fervent expectation that something wondrous, something powerful, something life-giving will happen.

Inspire us to believe as you have believed to the presence and the power of Our Lord. Amen.

From "Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha Prayers and Devotions" compiled by Paula Anne Sharkey Lemire

ADVENT AND HOLIDAY CALENDAR

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| Dec. 31st, Friday, New Year's Eve Mass | 4:00 PM |
| Jan. 1st, Saturday, New Year's Day Mass | 10:00 AM |
| (No 4:00 PM Mass) | |
| Jan. 2nd Sunday, EPIPHANY | 10:00 AM |
| (No 9:00 AM or 11 AM Mass) | |

For all those, who are not able to be present at these Masses or a Holy Day, please remember that you may view our Masses either Livestream through our parish website or on FaceBook.



LITURGY LINK

In what way is your church "your Father's house"?

FAMILY CHALLENGE

Just as Mary did, reflect on the past year and share your most memorable family moment.

FUN FACTS!

The feast of the Holy Family was instituted to encourage Christian families to model the faithful love and devotion of the Holy Family. Although major feast days dedicated to each member of the Holy Family---Jesus, Mary, and Joseph---also exist, the Feast of the Holy Family commemorates their life together, and the celebration focuses on religious family life.

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office will be closed on Friday, December 31st.

Happy New Year to all!

"GOD IS LOVE. WHOEVER LIVES IN LOVE LIVES IN GOD AND GOD IN HIM."

ST. JOHN, APOSTLE

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Merry Christmas

There is something sacred about sun when it dances upon a field of newly iced snow. Lights and colors bounce around in myriad ways flashing prisms of beauty as if in tune with the rhythm of a melodic dance. The Word became flesh and now dwells among us. Humanity can now dance. We sparkle with the beauty and radiance of God and can now walk through life with confidence knowing that we have been divinely kissed. It is a sacred moment, a holy marriage between God and His sons and daughters. All is bright and all is well. Today we celebrate who we are in Christ and rest safely in God's care. God's presence, revealed in the humble birth of His Son, dances in our hearts, calling us to beauty, truth, purpose, and love. Today we know, without doubt, that we are not the product of the rambling offerings of a universe that created itself. We are loved, treasured, and blessed. We have a Savior who can show us the way. Accept him.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

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 defensiveness, how guarded and protected we become, and what prejudices we believe.

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 associat-

ed. 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.



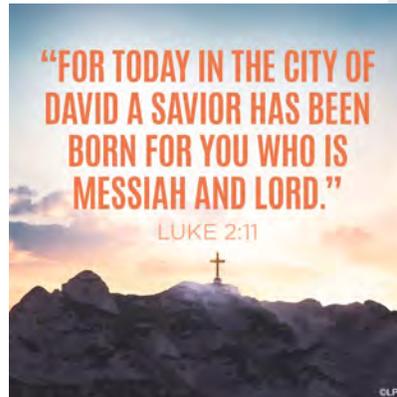
Do we believe that God is always working, guiding, restoring, and leading? Unless we do, we will never be free from the imperfections and wounds that bind us and never be able to understand what it really

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.

Trivia answer from page 5:
Praise the Lord

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

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.



REFLECT & RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

First Reading:

Hannah, the mother of Samuel, and Samuel's father are portrayed as parents of deep prayer and great faith.

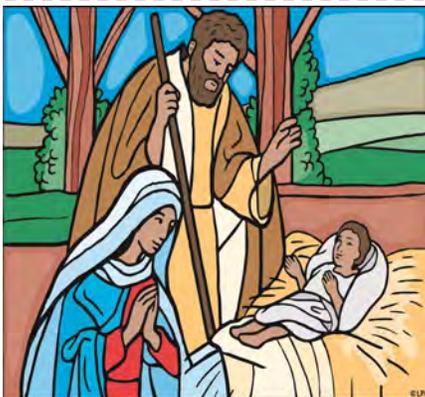
How would you describe the faith of your mother or father?

Second Reading:

John teaches us that if we believe in Jesus and love one another, "we may be called children of God." **How do you show gratitude for being part of this holy family?**

Gospel:

Luke is the only Evangelist to preserve a story about Jesus from his youth. In this account, Mary & Joseph are filled with "great anxiety" as they searched for Jesus who they thought was lost. **How do you seek God's help for the anxious moments in your family?**



And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth.
- Jn 1:14

THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

The song, "The Twelve Days of Christmas" is an English Christmas carol. From 1558 until 1829, Roman Catholics in England were not permitted to practice their faith openly. Someone during that era wrote this carol as a catechism song for young Catholics. It has two levels of meaning: the surface meaning plus a hidden meaning known only to members of the Church. Each element in the carol has a code word for a religious reality which the children could remember. To fit the number scheme, when you reach number 9, representing the Fruits of the Holy Ghost, the originator combined 6 to make 3, taking the 6 fruits that were similar: the fruit in each parenthesis is the that was not named separately. There are actually Twelve Fruits of the Holy Spirit.

The "True Love" one hears in the song is not a smitten boy or girlfriend but Jesus Christ, because truly Love was born on Christmas Day. The partridge in the pear tree also represents Him because that bird is willing to sacrifice its life if necessary to protect its young by feigning injury to draw away predators.

- A Partridge in a pear tree = Jesus Christ
- 2 Turtle Doves = The Old and New Testaments
- 3 French Hens = Faith, hope, & charity, as the principle theological virtues
- 4 Calling Birds = the Four Gospels
- 5 Golden Rings = The first five books of the Old Testament, the "Pentateuch," which gives the history of man's fall from grace
- 6 Geese A-laying = the six days of creation (highlighting life)
- 7 Swans A-swimming = the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, the seven sacraments
- 8 Maids A-milking = the eight beatitudes
- 9 Ladies Dancing = the nine Fruits of the Holy Spirit
- 10 Lords A-leaping = the Ten Commandments
- 11 Pipers Piping = the eleven faithful apostles
- 12 Drummers Drumming = the twelve points of doctrine in the Apostle's Creed



He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man. - Lk 2:51-52

LECTURE SCHEDULE

NEW YEAR'S EVE
 Friday, Dec 31st, 4:00PM
 Therese Terns

NEW YEAR'S DAY
 Saturday, Jan 1st, 10:00AM
 Gary Lewis

EPIPHANY
 Sunday, Jan 2nd, 10:00 AM
 Anna Granch

Eucharistic Ministers

All trained and qualified Eucharistic Ministers, regardless of your parish, are welcome to serve Holy Communion at St. Kateri. Father needs three EMs at each Mass for the Precious Body. Please come forward during the greeting of peace if you wish to serve. Your generosity in this ministry is much appreciated.



Tuesday, December 28th

The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

6:40 PM

+ Carmela DiPaolo

(by Family)

+ Deceased Members of the
Bazner & Slowik Families

(by Family)

Wednesday, December 29th

St. Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr

9:00 AM

Thursday, December 30th

9:00 AM

Friday, December 31st

St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve

4:00 PM

+ Jim Uniewski

(by Carol & Family)

Saturday, January 1st

New Year's Day; Mary, The Holy Mother of God; World Day of Peace

10:00 AM

-/ Living & Deceased Mem
bers of the Benitez Family

(by Family)

+ Estelle, Joseph & Ronald
Kaczorowski

(by Geri Kaczorowski)

Sunday, January 2nd

The Epiphany of the Lord; Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

10:00 AM

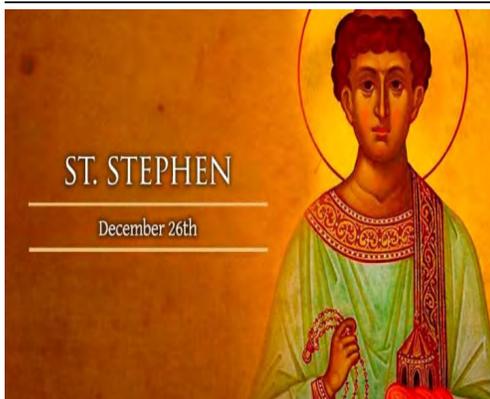
+ Joseph Pulford (by Family)

+ Jane Roberts

(by Kathleen Downer)

+ Laura & Mario Satani

(by Angelina & Tony Scappaticei)



ST. STEPHEN

December 26th

Pray for our Military

Lord, hear our prayers for those who are serving in our military. Bless and protect them. May they know your presence and our appreciation for their valiant service. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

U. S. Air Force	U. S. Army
Diamond Knight	Nick Calvas
Kathleen Lyons	Dalton Evans
Teresa Lyons	Adam Schneider
Timothy Lyons	
Connor Plate	U. S. Marines
U. S. Navy	Anthony P. Alfano
Brendan Burns	Louis J. Bardel
Conor Burns	Lukas Boudreau
James Donahue	Connor Danaher
Ben LePage	Haley Valentine
James Smith	Joseph R. Walker
Rob Swales	

Readings for the Week

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40

Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18

Saturday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12



St. Maria Goretti Food Pantry

- ◆ Coffee – No Decaf Please
- ◆ Coffee Filters
- ◆ Strawberry Jelly
- ◆ TP & Paper Towels
- ◆ Cooking Oil
- ◆ Ketchup
- ◆ Pancake Syrup - Need Badly
- ◆ Spaghetti Sauce in a jar
- ◆ Mayonnaise
- ◆ Peanut Butter



All of us here at the pantry are so grateful for all of the help we've been receiving on our list of food. We have been serving 22 to 29 families per week, which is only 2 days, 4 hours per week. I am expecting us to surpass our \$22,000 amount from our last program we were in. Thank you all in advance. We would like to wish everyone a glorious Christmas season and a very happy and healthy New Year.



GLORIA SERAZIO

We are happy you have joined our parish family.

REST IN PEACE

THOMAS CONNORS
brother of Marjorie Rosbury

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

TRIVIA

— JUST FOR FUN

Question: What does “Alleluia” mean?

Answer on page 3

Welcome

To all our visitors today

No matter what your personal history, age, background, race, or color, and no matter what your self-image or esteem, you are **invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected** at St. Kateri Tekakwitha Church.

NEW MEMBER REGISTRATION

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY & ZIP: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

EMAIL: _____