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Rev. Donbosco, Associate Pastor
Deacon Bill Vrazel

Mass Schedule: Summer Months, Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
Winter Months, Saturday: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., & 5:00 p.m.

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*Sunday,
December 22nd
Fourth Sunday in
Advent*



Help Me To Prepare For YOUR Coming

On a bright Spring morning, a passerby once saw St. Francis of Assisi hoeing a row of beans and asked him, “What would you be doing right now if you knew this was the last day of your earthly life?” The Saint responded, “I’d keep hoeing this row of beans.” Preparing for this world to end — whether by our death or by Jesus’ glorious coming — invites us to live not in the past or the present, but deeply in the present moment.

This same point is on display in the simple advice given by the wild and eccentric John the Baptist. He speaks of the one who is to come who will baptize “with the Holy Spirit and fire” (Luke 3:16). Despite the bizarre awesomeness of this announcement, he tells his listeners to engage in the present moment with simple acts of justice and love as their preparation for Jesus’ coming, sharing their clothes and food, eliminating greedy and underhanded practices, being content with their wages. It’s so undramatic. But how many actually did it? We don’t know. How many of us will commit ourselves to these types of humble and demanding practices in our lives? That’s what we should be doing now in our present moment, not worrying about the future.

Advent challenge: Name one way you are doing the bare minimum towards others in your daily life. Or name something you are doing because you are not content with your financial situation. Pray: “Jesus, if it is your will, help me to stop doing these things this week. Help me prepare for your coming.” Then make the appropriate changes.

— *Father John Muir*

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: You, Bethlehem-Ephrathah too small to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel. (Mi 5:1)

Psalm: Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved. (Ps 80)

Second Reading: “Then I said, ‘As is written of me in the scroll, behold, I come to do your will, O God.’” (Heb 10:7)

Gospel: “And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?” (Lk 1:43)

Tuesday: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Lk 1:67-79

Wednesday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 (2a)/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 **Night:** Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 (Lk 2:11)/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 **Dawn:** Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20 **Day:** Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 (3c)/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Thursday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22

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

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

Next Sunday: 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 (see 5a)/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Events of the Week

Monday, December 23, 2024 —	- 7:25 am Rosary - Church - 8:00 am MASS - Church - 10:00 am Parish Prayer Group - Chapel	- 5:00 pm - 11:00 pm Adoration - Church - 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm RECONCILIATION offered in Church - 5:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal - Chapel
Tuesday, December 24 —	- 4:00 pm MASS - (Christmas Concert at 3:30 pm) - Church - 6:00 pm MASS - (Christmas Concert at 5:30 pm) - Church - 12:00 am - Midnight MASS (Christmas Concert 11:00 pm) - Church	CHRISTMAS EVE <i>Parish Office Closed</i>
Wednesday, December 25 —	- 10:00 am MASS - Church	CHRISTMAS DAY <i>Parish Office Closed</i>
Thursday December 26 —	- 7:25 am Rosary - Chapel - 8:00 am MASS - Chapel	- 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Adoration until Benediction at 5:00 pm - Chapel <i>Parish Office Closed</i>
Friday, December 27 —	- 8:30 am Children's MASS - Church - 9:30 am - 11:30 am St. Vincent de Paul Society - Parish Hall	<i>Parish Office Closed</i>
Saturday, December 28 —	- 1:00 pm Youth Ministry Setup - Parish Hall - 4:00 pm Vigil MASS - Church (RECONCILIATION offered 30 min. prior to Mass)	

Lord, Hear Our Prayer

Mary Helen Allen, Louise Altier, Adam Amort, Jerri Anderson, Leota Ayuso, Lee Ayuso, Tammy Bates, Jeff Beaver, Kim Beech, James Bell, Jan Berry, Tracy Biggs, Sandra Bishop, Rusty Bohn, Asher Bonura, Dian Bradley, Jim Bradley, Mike Brown, John Bull, Josephine C., Martha Burdette, Fr. Ronnie Calkins, Jamie Ann Canton, Patty Caranna, Sarah Carboni, Fr. David Carucci, Bruce Carver, Jerry Casey, Jim Cooke, Mae Mae Cooley, David Corollo, Donna Dantin, Lynn Dantin, Danny Davis, Sr., Jim Dean, Megan Delgado, Marvel Desroche, Dawn Domecq, Brenda Dubuisson, Jeannie and John Dubuisson, Anne Erickson, Peter Fenn, Kim Fitzgerald, Janet Galen, Roy and Betty Gamez, Hannah Gest, Gerry Gough, Donnie Haley, Jr., John Hayden, Alan Hoda, Pat Hoda, Fay Hogan, Olivia Hood, Daniel Huck, Betty Hughes, Paul Hughes, David H. James, Sally and Wayne James, Janet Jefferson, Sierra Jefferson, Faye Johnson, Phillip Jones, Marcus Kaszabowski, Natalie Koenenn, Barbara Ladner, Jill Ladner, Missy Ladner, Pam Ladner, Griffis Lamar, Dustin Leochner, Debbie Lizana, Charlotte Logan, John Logan, Mark Logan, Marlene Logan, Michelle Logan, Rod Malburg, Evelyn Lumpkin, Laura Creel Meadows, Lori Miller, Carl Molesworth, Pat Morley, Dennis Mottola, Kevin Niolet, Rita Norman, Kyle Patridge, Joshua Parker, Larry Peterman, Konner Peterson, Michelle Pisciotta, Jane Prescott, Emily Reaves, Bill Redo, Bryce Riordan, Jacob Rivera, Jaxson Rivera, Bev Rogers, Taige Roof, Tammy Graham Rome, June Rutland, Janet Ryan, Kevin Ryan, Clyde Schepens, William "Scooter", Leah Scott, Beth Sealy, James Senac, Rachel Singleton, Melissa Starita, Barbara Swilley, Jim and Michael Trott, Morgan Ulrich, Brittany Varney, Pat Vial, Anastasia Virvilis, Bragg Williams, Nadia Williams, Becky Wooley, Wayne Wooley, Paul Yaegar, Angie Parker Yonkin, Bruce Young



In Memoriam



Please contact the Parish Office at 228-452-4686 to add or take some off the Prayer List. Thank you.

Weekly Operating Report

December 23, 2024

Weekly Operating Credits

Offertory/Collection: \$14,090

Building Fund: \$210

Youth Ministry: \$44

Masses: \$30

Cemetery: \$25

Memorials: \$5

Second Collection: \$55

Christmas Flowers: \$442

TOTAL: \$14,901

Direct Debit—Electronic Transfers

Forms are available in the back of

the church or by calling the

office at 228-452-4686

Weekly Fixed Expenses

Schools: \$3210

Salaries and Benefits: \$4750

Diocese Support Tax: \$917

Utilities: \$1187.50

Janitorial, Maintenance

Grounds: \$1189.75

Insurance: \$584

TOTAL FIXED WEEKLY

EXPENSES: \$13,075.00

"These are just the fixed expenses. There are many areas of ministry that require funding throughout the year (Youth Ministry, Religious Education, Adult Education, Liturgy, Office Supplies). I am publishing this as part of our new financial budgeting system. There will also be a general report quarterly. God Bless!" Father Mike Austin

Pray For a Priest Each Day

Lord Jesus, we your people pray to You for our priests. You have given them to us for OUR needs. We pray for them in THEIR needs. We know that You have made them priests in the likeness of your own priesthood. You have consecrated them, set them aside, anointed them, filled them with the Holy Spirit, appointed them to teach, to preach, to minister, to console, to forgive, and to feed us with Your Body and Blood. Indeed, we thank You for choosing them from among us, so that they understand us as we understand them, suffer with us, rejoice with us, worry with us and trust with us, share our beings, our lives, our faith. We ask that You give them this day the gift You gave Your chosen ones on the way to Emmaus: Your presence in their hearts, Your holiness in their souls, Your joy in their spirits. And let them see You face to face in the breaking of the Eucharistic bread. We pray to You, O Lord, through Mary the mother of all priests, for our priests! Amen.

Sun., December 22: For Father Adam Urbaniak

Mon., December 23: For Father Peter Varghese CMI

Tuesday, December 24: For Father Khoa Phi Vo

Wed., December 25: For Marcin Wiktor

Thur., December 26: For Retired Extern and Deceased Priests, Brothers and Deacons

Fri., December 27: For Priest and Brothers at St. Augustine Seminary and St. Stanislaus High School

Sat., December 28: For Our Deacons and Deacon Candidates and Those Discerning



December 28 & December 29, 2024

4:00 pm - Saturday, 12/28/24 Vigil

LECTORS

Lauri Wood

EEMs

Miriam McDiarmid, Roger Ridgeway, Susan Samson

ALTAR SERVERS

Cooper W. Ferrill, Gage Garriga and Kaleb Garriga

8:30 am - Sunday, 12/29/24

Clark Brennan

Ken Austin, Rodney Keel, Jack Miller, Lorraine Miller and Isabelle C. Rawls

Andrew Banks Barrett, Bradley Hall and Olivia A. Robin

11:00 am Sunday 12/29/24

Jean Smith

Angele Boudreaux, Chad Burge, Lena Farr, Stuart Farr and Charles Lowe

Elleigh James Burge, James Burge and Ashton Gamboa

5:00 pm - Sunday, 12/29/24

Carleigh A. Russo

Richard Bohn, Michelle Hoskins and Jo Johns

Allie Giles, Evelyn Giles and Ellie Kate Thompson

Please Join the
Knights of Columbus
as they lead our Parish in the
Fifth Sunday Rosary



Sunday, December 29th
after 8:30 am Mass

Please join us every
FIRST & THIRD FRIDAY of the
month for the
CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY



January Chaplet:
Friday, January 3rd & 17th
3:00 pm at St. Paul's Chapel

*For the sake of His sorrowful passion,
have mercy on us and on the whole world.*

Mark your Calendars!

**Holy Family
Altar Society Meeting**

Friday, January 3rd

10:00 am Church Multi Purpose Room

New members are welcome!

Altar Society meets the first Wednesday
of the month between September and May.



HOLY FAMILY PARISH
ALTAR SOCIETY



THE MONSIGNOR LEECH COUNCIL 4472
INVITES GENTLEMEN AND LADIES OF
THE PARISH TO JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF
COLUMBUS AND THE LADIES AUXILIARY.

Upcoming Events:

- KOC Fifth Sunday Rosary: 5th Sunday of the month following 8:30 am Mass – **December 29th, March 30, 2025**
- KOC Monthly Meetings: 5pm – 8pm pm First Tuesday of the month in the Parish Hall – **January 7, 2025**
- KOC Monthly Corporate Communion: Sunday 8:30 am Mass following the first Tuesday of the month. Parish Fellowship will follow in the Conference Center with coffee and donuts – **January 12, 2025**
- KOC Coffee and Donuts: 9:00 am – Conference Center – **January 12, 2025**
- Ladies Auxiliary Monthly Meetings: 6:30 pm Second Tuesday of the month in the Parish Hall – **January 14, 2025**

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, December 21	4:00 pm	Shelley Provosty Healing for Jimmy and Dian Bradley
Sunday, December 22	8:30 am 11:00 am 5:00 pm	Healing for Wayne and Sally James † William A. Hughes † Jasper Reaves Special Intentions for Mr. and Mrs. Bragg Williams
Monday, December 23	8:00 am	† Knost Family Special Intentions for Mr. and Mrs. Richard Smith
Tuesday, December 24 (Chapel)	4:00 pm 6:00 pm Christmas Eve	† Edward Reid † Jesse Parker and Rebecca Clemens Special Intentions for the Whaley Family † Mollie Cooke † Goosie Rafferty † Robert Bishop Special Intentions for the Alarcon Family
Wednes- day, December 25	10:00 am Christmas Day	† Ralph Christman † Bodie Michelle
Thursday, December 26 (Chapel)	8:00 am	† Brenda Riordan Special Intentions for Mr. and Mrs. Brian Smith
Friday, December 27	8:30 am * † The Repose of the Soul	† Knost Family Special Intentions for Donald and Mary Smith

Fellowship, Coffee & Donuts

Let's celebrate our January Birthdays, too!



Start your first Monday morning of the month with Mass at 8 am followed by Fellowship, Coffee & Donuts after Mass.

Our next gathering is Monday, January 6th!
Parish Hall
Hope to see you there!

Let's decorate the church with poinsettias for Christmas!



Christmas Flower Offering envelopes are in the Church pews. Please consider giving a gift of poinsettias in honor, thanksgiving, or memory of someone dear. Then on Christmas Eve, a festive explosion of bright red poinsettias will adorn the Church. It's a beautiful way to remember your loved ones this Christmas.



At Holy Family Paris

Tuesday, December 24th - Wednesday, January 1st:
Parish Office Closed

Saturday, December 28th - 5:30 pm: **Christmas Concert, "Noel A Night of Everlasting Love: The Story of Christmas" - Featuring the Cathedral-Basilica of Saint Louis King of France Choir with the Cathedral Symphony Orchestra** - Church

Friday, January 3rd - 10 am: **Altar Society Meeting** - Church Multipurpose Room

Friday, January 3rd and 17th - 3 pm: **Divine Mercy Chaplet** - Chapel

Saturday, January 4th - 7 am: **First Saturday Mass** - Conference Center

Monday, January 6th - 10 am: **Fellowship, Coffee & Donuts** - Parish Hall

Wednesday, January 22nd - 6:30 pm: **Healing Face of Jesus Healing Ministries Healing Service** - Holy Family

Saturday, January 25th - 10 am: **First Reconciliation** - Holy Family



Holy Family Parish Office will be closed Tuesday, December 24th through Wednesday, January 1st.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

HOLY FAMILY 4TH & 5TH EDITION CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS ARE IN!



If you ordered Holy Family Christmas ornaments, please stop by the Parish Office to pick up your order.

WE HAVE EXTRAS!

If you missed ordering ornaments we have extras.
They make wonderful Christmas gifts!

Upcoming 2025 Second & Special Collections

January 4 - 5: **Aged and Infirm Priests**

January 25 - 26: **Church in Latin America & Saltillo Mission**

February 1 - 2: **St. Paul Cemetery**

March 1 - 2: **St. Paul Cemetery**

March 5 (Ash Wednesday): **Churches in Eastern Europe and Africa**

March 8 - 9: **Black & Indian Missions**

April 5 - 6: **St. Paul Cemetery**

April 18: **Holy Land**

April 26 - 27: **Catholic Home Missions Appeal**



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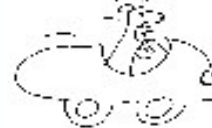


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