

**Mass Schedule**

**Sunday, December 27<sup>th</sup> The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**

7:30 am - 7:55 am – Confessions at St. John  
**8:00 am - St. John** – Heinrich & Marie Boehm by Reg, Rose & Renata  
**9:35 am - St. Elizabeth** – Hap Hutchins by his children  
**11:30 am - Queen of Peace** – Mass for the people  
*Confessions at QP before Mass (time permitting) or following Mass as needed*

**Monday, December 28<sup>th</sup> The Holy Innocents, Martyrs**

**8:30 am - St. Elizabeth** – Doris Oros by Amy Marcinko

**Tuesday, December 29<sup>th</sup>**

**8:30 am - St. John** – Special Intention of Naomi Hahr by her Dad

**Wednesday, December 30<sup>th</sup>**

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm – Holy Hour of Adoration with Confessions at St. John  
**5:15pm - St. John** – NO MASS

**Thursday, December 31<sup>st</sup>**

**8:00am - St. John** – NO MASS

**Mary Mother of God Vigil Mass**

**4:00pm - St. John** – Marty Smith by Amy Marcinko

**Friday, January 1<sup>st</sup> Mary, Mother of God**

**8:00am - St. John** – Dick Gracie by Susan Dugan  
**9:35am - St. Elizabeth** – Melanie Jaffee by Amy Marcinko  
**11:30am - Queen of Peace** – Mass for the People

**Saturday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**8:30 am - St. John** – Gerald & Nancy Willey by the Family  
 9:00 am - 9:30 am – Confessions at St. John  
 3:15 pm - 3:55 pm – Confessions at St. John  
**4:00 pm - St. John** – Oney & Mary Jane Dumas by Joanne Weymouth

**Sunday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> Epiphany of the Lord**

7:30 am - 7:55 am – Confessions at St. John  
**8:00 am - St. John** – Barbara McKeon by her parents  
**9:35 am - St. Elizabeth** – Raymond Belanger by his children  
**11:30 am - Queen of Peace** – Mass for the people  
*Confessions at QP before Mass (time permitting) or following Mass as needed*  
*Please keep our parishioners in mind who are ill & in need of your prayers, especially: Pam Austin, Charlene Chase, Connie Lapage, Martin Fortin, Charlie Weis, & Randy Thomas, Dick and Anita Bedor*

Dan. 3 2021	St. John	St. Elizabeth	Queen of Peace
LECTORS:	4pm K Gilding 8:00am H Robertson	9:35am J. Simard	11:30am M Goldrick

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**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Fiscal Year: 7/1/20-6/30/21 Budgeted Regular Collection: \$243,650  
 Reg. Collection Year-to-date: \$61,882.74+ On-Line: \$37,595.55  
**Collections & Receipts: December, 2021 Reg. Offertory: \$3246.00**

A big "Thank You" to Jack Beauperlant of Cuttin it Close landscaping in Danville for donating a Christmas tree to Queen of Peace for our altar nativity. Thank you Jack!

**The Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**



... At the end of my pastoral message, which is intended to draw everyone's attention to the demanding yet fascinating roles of the Christian family, I wish to invoke the protection of the Holy Family of Nazareth.

Through God's mysterious design, it was in that family that the Son of God spent long years of a hidden life. It is therefore the prototype and example for all Christian families. It was unique in the world. Its life was passed in anonymity and silence in a little town in Palestine. It underwent trials of poverty, persecution and exile. It glorified God in an incomparably exalted and pure way. And it will not fail to help Christian families-indeed, all the families in the world-to be faithful to their day-to-day duties, to bear the cares and tribulations of life, to be open and generous to the needs of others, and to fulfill with joy the plan of God in their regard.

St. Joseph was "a just man," a tireless worker, the upright guardian of those entrusted to his care. May he always guard, protect and enlighten families.

May the Virgin Mary, who is the Mother of the Church, also be the Mother of "the Church of the home." Thanks to her motherly aid, may each Christian family really become a "little Church" in which the mystery of the Church of Christ is mirrored and given new life. May she, the Handmaid of the Lord, be an example of humble and generous acceptance of the will of God. May she, the Sorrowful Mother at the foot of the Cross, comfort the sufferings and dry the tears of those in distress because of the difficulties of their families.

May Christ the Lord, the Universal King, the King of Families, be present in every Christian home as He was at Cana, bestowing light, joy, serenity and strength. On the solemn day dedicated to His Kingship I beg of Him that every family may generously make its own contribution to the coming of His Kingdom in the world-"a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love, and peace," towards which history is journeying.

I entrust each family to Him, to Mary, and to Joseph. To their hands and their hearts I offer this Exhortation: may it be they who present it to you, venerable Brothers and beloved sons and daughters, and may it be they who open your hearts to the light that the Gospel sheds on every family.

I assure you all of my constant prayers and I cordially impart the apostolic blessing to each and every one of you, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

~ From *Familiaris Consortio* by St. Pope John Paul II

**December 27<sup>th</sup>: Feast of St. John the Apostle**

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST was a Galilean, the son of Zebedee and Salome, and younger brother to St. James the Great, with whom he was brought up to the trade of fishing ... In the second general persecution, in the year 95, St. John was apprehended by the proconsul of Asia, and sent to Rome, where he was miraculously preserved from death when thrown into a cauldron of boiling oil. On account of this trial the title of martyr is given him by the fathers, who say, that thus was fulfilled what Christ had foretold him, that he should drink of His cup. The pagans attributed the miracle to and St. John was banished to the isle of Patmos ... In this retirement the apostle was favored with those heavenly visions which he has recorded in the book of the *Revelation*. They were manifested to him on a Sunday in the year 96 ... His exile was not of long continuance. For Domitian being slain in September of 96, all his edicts and public acts were declared void by a decree of the senate on account of his excessive cruelty; and his successor Nerva recalled all those whom he had banished. St. John therefore returned to Ephesus in 97 ... The ancient fathers inform us, that it was principally to confute the blasphemies of Ebion and Cerinthus who denied the divinity of Christ, and even his pre-existence before His temporal birth, that St. John composed his Gospel. Another reason was, to supply certain omissions of the other three Gospels. He therefore principally insists on the actions of Christ from the commencing of His ministry to the death of the Baptist, wherein the others were sparing; and he largely records His discourses, mentioning fewer miracles. It being his principal aim to set forth the divinity of Christ, he begins with His eternal generation, and His creating the world; and both his subject and manner of treating it is so sublime and mysterious, that Theodoret calls his Gospel, "a theology which human understanding can never fully penetrate and find out." Hence he is compared by the ancients to an eagle, soaring aloft within the clouds, whither the weak eye of man is unable to follow him; and by the Greeks he is honored with the title of The Divine ... St. Jerome relates, that when age and weakness grew upon him at Ephesus so that he was no longer able to preach or make long discourses to the people, St. John used always to be carried to the assembly of the faithful by his disciples with great difficulty; and every time said to his flock only these words: "My dear children, love one another." When his auditors, wearied with hearing constantly the same thing, asked him why he always repeated the same words, he replied, "Because it is the precept of the Lord, and if you comply with it you do enough." An answer, says St. Jerome ... which ought to be engraved in characters of gold, or rather to be written in the heart of every Christian. St. John died in peace at Ephesus, in the third year of Trajan ... that is, the hundredth of the Christian era, or the sixty-sixth from our Lord's crucifixion, the saint being then about ninety-four years old.

**NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS** (from Jonathan Edwards):

*Resolution One: I will live for God.*

*Resolution Two: If no one else does, I still will.*

THE LORD'S lovingkindnesses indeed never cease. For His compassions never fail. *They* are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness. "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "Therefore I have hope in Him." ~ Lamentations 3: 22-24

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Corpus Christi	\$361,693	55	\$62,840	17.4%	\$3,570,000

**December 28<sup>th</sup>: Feast of the Holy Innocents**

OUR Divine Redeemer was persecuted by the world as soon as He made His appearance in it; for He was no sooner born than it declared war against Him. Although He came from heaven to save men, Herod, fearing that this Child would deprive him of his kingdom, seeks to destroy His life. But St. Joseph is warned by an angel in a dream to take the Infant and His Mother and flee into Egypt. Joseph obeys at once, and tells Mary about it. He takes the few tools of his trade, that he may use them to gain a livelihood in Egypt for himself and his poor family. Mary wraps up a small bundle of clothes for the use of her little Son, and then, going to the crib, she says with tears in her eyes to her sleeping Child, "O my Son and my God! Thou hast come from heaven to save men; but hardly art Thou born when they seek to take Thy life." Lifting Him meanwhile in her arms and continuing to weep, she sets out that same night with Joseph on the road to Egypt.

Let us consider how much these holy wanderers must have suffered in making so long a journey, deprived of every comfort. The divine Child was not yet able to walk, and so Mary and Joseph had to take turns in carrying Him in their arms. During their journey through the desert towards Egypt they had to spend several nights in the open air, with the bare ground for their bed. The cold makes the Infant cry, and Mary and Joseph weep in pity for Him. And who would not weep at thus seeing the Son of God poor and persecuted, a fugitive on earth, that He might not be killed by His enemies!

Herod, in persecuting Christ, was an emblem of Satan and of the world ... Herod, finding that he had been deluded by the Magi, was transported with rage and anxious fears. To execute his scheme of killing the Messiah, the desired of all nations and the expectation of Israel, he formed the bloody resolution of murdering all the male children in Bethlehem and the neighboring territory which were not above two years of age. Soldiers are forthwith sent to execute these cruel orders, who, on a sudden, surrounded the town of Bethlehem, and massacred all the male children in that and the adjacent towns and villages, who had been born in the two last years ... Innocent victims became the spotless Lamb of God. They die for Christ, though they were not yet able to know or invoke His name. The horrible sounds cause Joseph to hurry faster; the Blessed Mother weeps continuously; the Infant Jesus, looking on the little martyrs with pity and love, opens to them the gates of Heaven, the Angels of God sing: "Come and live with us forever."