

#### **Parish Mission**

We are one Church: loving Jesus, serving Jesus, and sharing Jesus.

#### **Parish Vision**

We are a vibrant Catholic church serving a diverse community in a safe and welcoming environment where we care for all people along their faith journey.

#### **Core Values**

Discipleship • Hospitality Service • Worship

#### **Weekend Masses**

Saturday 5:00 p.m. Sunday 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 3:00 p.m. (Spanish/English)

#### **Weekday Masses**

Monday 6:30 a.m. Tuesday 6:30 a.m. Wednesday 6:30 a.m., 5:15 p.m. Thursday 6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m. Friday 6:30 a.m. 8:00 a.m. First Friday 8:00 a.m. Saturday 6:30 a.m.

#### **Confessions**

First Friday of the month 12:00 noon Saturday 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. or by appointment

#### **Parish Office Hours**

Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

# The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph December 29, 2024

The first Sunday after Christmas, on the liturgical calendar, celebrates the Holy Family. Pope Leo XIII instituted this feast in 1892 as a reminder of the sacredness of the family and to provide the laity with a model upon which to structure their own families. Today, let us pray for the grace to lead lives that imitate those of the Holy Family. As we prepare to leave the stable in Bethlehem let us turn our gaze to the house in Nazareth, for it was in the "ordinary" life of the Holy Family that "extraordinary" holiness was lived.

# Consecration to the Holy Family

Composed by Archbishop William Lori

O Lord Jesus, you lived in the home of Mary and Joseph in Nazareth. There you grew in age, wisdom and grace as you prepared to fulfill your mission as our redeemer.

#### We entrust our family to you.

O Blessed Mary, you are the mother of our savior. At Nazareth you cared for Jesus and nurtured him in the peace and joy of your home.

#### We entrust our family to you.

O Saint Joseph, you provided a secure and loving home for Jesus and Mary, and gave us a model of fatherhood while showing us the dignity of work.

#### We entrust our family to you.

Holy Family, we consecrate ourselves and our family to you. May we be completely united in a love that is lasting, faithful and open to the gift of new life. Help us to grow in virtue, to forgive one another from our hearts, and to live in peace all our days. Keep us strong in

faith, persevering in prayer, diligent in our work, and generous toward those in need. May our home, O Holy Family, truly become a domestic church where we reflect your example in our daily life. Amen.

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, pray for us!

# And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man

# Capital Campaign Update



For more information about the Capital Campaign, you are invited to see the updates displayed on the television screen in the gathering area! You may also use this QR Code to review the progress through the St. Vincent de Paul Parish website.

#### Mass Intentions

#### Monday, December 30

6:30 am Ann Cantoni &

Tuesday, December 31 St. Sylvester I

6:30 am Elle Jean Bowman ₽

5:00 pm Living and Deceased Members

of the Tony Biondini Family

#### Wednesday, January 1

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God 8:00 am Wayne Wibbenmeyer & 10:00 am Ralph Beussink &

#### Thursday, January 2

Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen 6:30 am Marie Louise de Garcia &

#### Friday, January 3

The Most Holy Name of Jesus 6:30 am Geneva Viox ❖ 8:00 am Leland Phillips ❖

#### Saturday, January 4

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

6:30 am Living and Deceased Members

of the Lucille and Ben LeGrand Family

5:00 pm Living and Deceased Members

of the Harold Siebert Family

#### Sunday, January 5 The Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 am Living and Deceased Members

of the Frank and Mary Harold Family

10:00 am Janet L. Miles ⊕

3:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul Parish Family

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#### Prayer Requests

Please remember **Lazar Ruga**, the sick, the hospitalized, and those who care for them. Pray also for homebound St. Vincent parishioners.



The first reading today provides a challenging blueprint for the good stewardship of our family relationships. How do I measure up?

# Mary, Mother of God Mass Schedule

New Year's Eve, Tuesday, December 31 5:00 p.m.

New Year's Day, Wednesday, January 1 8:00 a.m. • 10:00 a.m.

The second collection taken up at Masses on Mary, Mother of God will benefit Care Portal, a platform bringing the needs of children and families in crisis to the attention of local churches and their parishioners.

#### **First Friday Schedule of Prayer**

All are invited to attend First Friday devotion on **January 3, 2025.** Please choose any of the prayer opportunities below, or you can attend Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament anytime throughout the day for quiet prayer time. Here are prayer opportunities:

6:00 a.m. Recitation of the Holy Rosary

6:30 a.m. First Friday Mass

7:00 a.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

8:00 a.m. First Friday Mass

12:00 noon Confessions from 12:00 - 12:30 p.m. 3:00 p.m. Recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet

5:15 pm Benediction

It is of particular importance to begin, or renew, devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the spirit of reparation of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque. The practice of the nine First Fridays is a particularly powerful way to do this. Jesus gave this devotion as a way of offering reparation to Him and consoling His Sacred Heart. Reparation is the way a person makes amends for a wrong done. Take full advantage of the means that are given by showing love for Jesus and His Sacred Heart. For more information, go to www.simplycatholic.com/how-to-observe-first-fridays-and-firstsaturdays/.



#### **Baby Bottle Campaign**

The Baby Bottle Campaign for mothers and babies starts next week, January 4! This campaign is an easy way to help support this local non-political, pro-life ministry. The

Knights of Columbus Council #11205 will hand out baby bottles next weekend as you leave Mass. Please take a bottle and fill it with your coins, cash, or checks (payable to the Knights of Columbus #11205), then bring it back the weekend of February 2 for collection. Than you in advance for your life changing donation.



#### **Taizé Prayer Service**

A Taizé service, meditative prayer with simple prayer-chants, will be held on Sunday, January 5, at 6:00 p.m. in the Church. Enjoy an evening of simple chants, a variety of musical instruments, prayer, candlelight, scripture, silence, and peace ... everything you need to get your heart ready to celebrate the Feast of Epiphany! Come together to pray during this Christmas season. All are welcome!

Due to the Taizé Prayer Service being on Sunday, January 5, Take Back Sunday with the Rosary will not take place.

## May She Rest in Peace

Sympathy is extended to the family of **Sherry Phillips**, mother of Kari Beussink.

May she and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



20 + C + M + B + 25

Continue the tradition...

Bless your home - chalk your doors

Pick up an Epiphany House Blessing kit next weekend after Mass

What does 20+C+M+B+25 mean? And why do we chalk this formula above our doorways? The letters represent the initials of the Magi: Caspar, Malchior, and Balthazar who visited Jesus in His first home. They also abbreviate the Latin "Christus mansionem benedicat": "May Christ bless the house". The + signs represent the cross, and the "20" and "25" mark the beginning and end of the year. We dedicate our year to God asking His blessing on our homes and on all who live, work, or visit there. Seeing the symbols over our door can be a

reminder, while passing in and out, that our homes and all those who dwell there belong to Christ.

#### **Council of Catholic Women**

The St. Vincent de Paul Council of Catholic Women is meeting on **Monday**, **January 6**, **2025**, **at 6:00 p.m.** in the lower meeting. All women of the parish are invited! Guest speaker, Bernadette Huston, will share information on Life Runners (Walkers) of Cape Girardeau. For questions, call Judy McGuire at 812-236-1755 or Kathy Berkbigler at 573-587-5970.

#### • The Week Ahead •

Monday, December 30
Tuesday, December 31
Wednesday, January 1
Happy New Gear!

#### Thursday, January 2

9:00 am Maxine's Shareable Wearables (9:00 - 11:00 sm)

#### 5:00 pm Centering Prayer Friday, January 3

7:00 am Adoration

10:00 am Mass at Chateau Girardeau

12:00 pm Reconciliation

#### Saturday, January 4

9:00 am Maxine's Shareable Wearables (9:00 am - 12:00 noon)

3:30 pm Reconciliation

6:15 pm Youth Ministry Epiphany Party

#### Sunday, January 5

10:00 am Children's Liturgy of the Word 6:00 pm Taizé

In observance of the New Year, the parish office will close at 12:00 noon on Tuesday, December 31, 2024, and will be closed all day on Wednesday, January 1, 2024.

## Congratulations to ...

Bishop Edward Rice as he celebrates the 38th Anniversary of his Priestly Ordination on January 3, 2025.

#### Readings - January 5, 2025

Isaiah 60:1-6 • Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 Matthew 2:1-12

#### Collection - December 22, 2024

| Collection                      | \$<br>27,029.05 |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| E-Tithing                       | \$<br>25,336.00 |
| Total                           | \$<br>52,365.05 |
| Weekly Budget                   | \$<br>35,000.00 |
| Difference (7-1-24 to 12-22-24) | \$<br>42,175.79 |

Thank you for being good stewards of God's gifts!

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# Congratulations to ...

the following parishioners as they celebrate their wedding anniversaries

• 30 Years •

Mark and Florence Harold Scott and Kathy Raines

• 40 Years •

David and Sarah Burdin Timothy and Lisa Church



Please continue to pray for all married couples and those preparing for marriage.



# Coming Soon 33 Days to Eucharistic Glory

Parish-Wide Consecration to the Eucharist

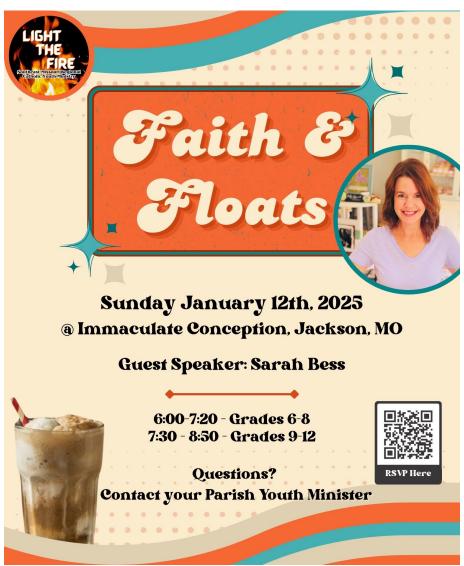
- simple
- one virtue
- easy
- one prayer
- inspiring
- ten minutes

#### "Those who believe don't leave"

Matthew Kelly, Dynamic Catholic

sponsored by the

St. Vincent de Paul Parish Discipleship Committee



Camp Re-NEW-All registration is open! All youth currently in grades 4-8 are invited for a week of fun and faith-filled activities at the diocesan summer camp, Camp Re-New-All. Registration is also open for staff (high school and adult). Some age groups fill quickly so early registration is recommended to secure your desired date. You may register at <a href="https://dioscg.formstack.com/">https://dioscg.formstack.com/</a>

forms/camp re new all. Information can be found on the bulletin board in the gathering area. You may also download the Camp brochure for more info (https://dioscg.org/wp-content/uploads/ 2025-Camp-Brochure.pdf).



All married couples and religious who previously took part in a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** weekend are invited to a community meeting on the **third Sunday of each month from 2:00** - **4:00 p.m.** at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 316 S. Spanish. If planning to attend, RSVP to Alicia Schumer at 573-225-8776.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter** presents weekend experiences for married couples to rekindle romance, enhance meaningful communication, and deepen and renew commitment. Sign up now as space is limited. For more information or to apply, go to <a href="wwwme.org">wwwme.org</a>, or call Terry and Eric Engholm at 314 -649-7317. Upcoming dates include ...

- January 31 February 2, 2025, St. Peter's
- April 4 6, 2025, St. Peter's
- June 13 15, 2025, St. Peter's

## Do you know?

St. Vincent Parish has a Grief Support Ministry



Have you lost a loved one? Are you feeling alone in your grief? Join a small group of people to share your story and get support.

- faith-based
- peer support
- 8 sessions
- comfortable
- confidentiality
- environment

for more information:

Call parish office @ 573.335.7667 and a member of our support team will reach out to you.

#### **Job Openings**

St. Vincent de Paul Parish is seeking a friendly and enthusiastic minister for the position of Parish Social Media Coordinator. As a Social Media Coordinator, you will help in promoting the Parish's mission of "Loving Jesus, Serving Jesus and Sharing Jesus with others". Responsibilities include: 1) Create and maintain engaging content for various social media platforms, including written posts, images, and videos. 2) Monitor comments, messages, and inquiries on parish social media channels and work with parish staff on responding. 3) Assist in planning live events in Church, i.e. Mass. 4) Assist with keeping parish website current and up-to-date. This ministry requires 10 hours of work each week and will be paid an hourly wage. Applicant must complete Virtus training and a background check. For information, please contact Father Rick Jones at the parish office by email stvcapepadre @gmail.com or 573-335-7667.

**St. Vincent de Paul School** is currently seeking a **full-time custodian** for the current school year. Hours are 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Monday - Friday. Applicant must complete Virtus training and a background check. For an application or more info, please contact St. Vincent de Paul Parish office at 573-335-7667.

St. Vincent de Paul School is hiring after-school care workers. Applicant must complete Virtus training and a background check. Interested candidates should contact the school office for an application at 573-334-9594 or email kglastetter @svcape.eduk12.net.

**Living Faith** booklets for January, February, and March are available in the gathering area. **Living Faith Kids** is also available.

**Catholic calendars** for the year 2025 are available in the gathering area. Thank you to Ford and Sons Funeral Home for making these calendars available.

#### **Magnify 90**

#### A Spiritual Exercise for Women January 20 - April 20, 2025

This 90-day journey asks women to foster a deeper relationship with God and others. Through praver, spiritual readings, mortifications, and offerings we can link arms as desert sisters, and set the world ablaze with Christ's light by being the saints we were created to be! We hope you'll join us! Simply scan the QR Code to register. For more information visit www.mag9o.com or contact Melanie Diebold (melaniecowell@gmail.com), Laura (lenderle@staangels.eduk12.net) Stacey Welter (swelter.4christ@gmail.com), Alicia Schumer (arsachse@yahoo.com), Leah Shrum (director@optionsforwomen Rachael **Bremer** cape.com), or (rachaelbremer@stmarvcape.org).

Register by using the QR code or the following link: <a href="https://forms.gle/jd6sLPAthAGwfj3a6">https://forms.gle/jd6sLPAthAGwfj3a6</a>.



# Notre Dames' Winter Extravaganza

Notre Dame Regional High School invites you to support the Winter Extravaganza presented by Saint Francis Healthcare System. **The Extravaganza will take place on January 25, 2025,** at the Drury Plaza Convention Center and features an open bar, plated dinner, entertainment from Shades of Soul and a live auction. The gala supports Notre Dame's operations, with a portion of the proceeds going toward a start up fund for the school's first agriculture program.

Purchase tickets and sponsorships at www.notredamehighschool.org/winter.



#### **▶**Sign Up for FORMED

- 1. Go to FORMED org/signup and
- 2. Enter your parish zip code (63701) or name to select your parish (St. Vincent de Paul).
- 3. Enter your name and email.

#### **Attention: Catholic Men**

You are invited to the Southeast Missouri



Thursday, January 23 • 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. St. Francis Xavier • Sikeston, Missouri

An evening of Adoration, Confession, and a Manly Meal with discussion To plan for food, please RSVP to <u>SEMOCatholicManNight@gmail.com</u>, or "SEMO Catholic Man Night" on Facebook or text 573-275-5214.



#### Welcome to St. Vincent de Paul

If you would like to register for the parish, change your address, or simply have questions, please fill out the form and place it in the collection basket. You may also mail it to the parish office at 1913 Ritter Drive, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701. Please feel free to contact parish office staff anytime during regular office hours, Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. You may email the parish office at contactus@svparish or call 335-7667. A parish registration form is available at <a href="http://www.svcape.com/Parish/">http://www.svcape.com/Parish/</a>.

| Name           |                  |
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| Street Address |                  |
| City/State/Zip |                  |
| Phone          | Email            |
|                | or Faith Direct. |

# January 2025

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| Sunday                | Monday              | Tuesday                         | Wednesday                   | Thursday  | Friday                         | Saturday                             |
|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 29                    | 30                  | 31                              | 1                           | 2   | 3                              | 4                                    |
|                       |                     |                                 | Pope Francis I              | All Seminarians of Diocese  | Most Rev Edward Rice           | Bishop John Leibrecht                |
|                       |                     |                                 | 3/15/2013<br>Rome Italy     | 1st Inursday Adoration<br>Guardian Angel                                | 1/3/198/<br>6/1/2016 as Bishon | 3/11/1956<br>Ritired Bishon Sna/CG   |
|                       |                     |                                 | *Deceased Popes             | Pray for Religious Vocations *Deceased Bishops Spg/CG                   | *Deceased Bishops Spg/CG       | *Msgr Raymond Orf                    |
|                       |                     |                                 |                             |   |                                | 1/2/2021                             |
| S                     | 9                   | 7                               | œ                           | 6   | 10                             | 11                                   |
| Fr Victor Anokwute    | Fr Vincent Bertrand | Deacon Alan Bandy               | Fr Charles Dunn             | Fr Francisco Gordillo   | Fr Placid Guste                | Deacon James Farrar                  |
| 6/29/2015             | 6/6/1987            | 6/21/2008                       | 6/24/2016                   | 8/5/2015  | 9/30/1961                      | 5/26/2018                            |
| St Teresa/St Ann      | The Catholic Center | St Ann/Excelsior Springs        | St Mary/St Canera           |   | Society Mother of Peace        | Sacred Heart                         |
| *Fr William Winkelman | *Deceased Deacons   | *Fr William Rockford            | *Fr John White              | *Fr Jerome Eschbacher   | *Fr Benedict Harter            | *Msgr Richard Rolwing                |
| 1/2/1991              | Spg/CG Diocese      | 3/31/1988                       | 1/8/1976                    | 4/3/2003  | 4/2/2007                       | 1/11/2021                            |
| 12                    | 13                  | 14                              | 15                          | 16  | 17                             | 18                                   |
| Fr William Hodgson    | Fr Rahab Isidor     | Fr Paul McLoughlin              | Fr Peter Morciniec          | Fr Nicholas Newton  | Fr John Ogu                    | Deacon William Keller                |
| 6/2/1979              | 7/28/2006           | 6/5/1971                        | 6/13/1970                   | 5/27/2022   | 6/26/2010                      | 4/24/2004                            |
| St Edward             | St Lawrence         | Retired                         | Retired                     | St John Vianney/Scared Hrt  | Mercy Hospital                 | St Agnes                             |
| *Fr James Holmes      | *Msgr Joseph Huels  | *Fr Gervase Ingoldsby           | *Msgr Leo Kampmann          | *Fr Robert Schumacher   | *Fr James Seyer                | *MSgr William Stanton                |
| 10/21/1990            | 4/17/1993           | 6/9/1996                        | 6/4/1986                    | 1/16/2005   | 10/26/2013                     | 1/18/2017                            |
| 19                    | 20                  | 21                              | 22                          | 23  | 24                             | 25                                   |
| Fr Paul Pudhota       | Fr David Coon       | Fr Brian Straus                 | Fr Pompeyo Tan              | Fr Jose Antoney Thundathil  | Fr Randy Tochtrop              | Deacon Robert Peters                 |
| 5/6/1992              | 5/30/1993           | 6/8/2018                        | 4/1/1985                    | 5/12/1988   | 11/29/1996                     | 6/10/2023                            |
| Holy Trinity          | Sacred Heart        | St Peter the Apostle            | St Joseph/St Francis Assisi | Sacred Heart  | Immaculate Conception          | St Vincent de Paul                   |
| *Fr Byron Edwards     | *Msgr Thomas Brady  | *Msgr Michael Swalina           | *Fr Justin Monaghan         | *Fr Julian Moczydlowski   | *Bishop Ignatius Strecker      | *Fr Thomas Doyle                     |
| 1/18/2010             | 5/5/1960            | 1/21/2012                       | 4/26/2020                   | 7/25/1959   | 10/16/2003                     | 10/11/1965                           |
| 26                    | 27                  | 28                              | 29                          | 30  | 31                             | 1                                    |
| Fr Timothy Tran       | Msg Normand Varone  | Fr Mitchell Wilk                | Fr Patrick Wissman          | Fr Nick Zummo   | Fr Mark Binder                 |                                      |
| 6/4/2011              | 6/7/1975            | 6/13/1970                       | 5/22/1964                   | 6/23/2023   | 6/12/1971                      |                                      |
| St Joseph the Worker  | Retired             | Retired                         | Retired                     | Im maculate Conception  | Retired                        |                                      |
| *Fr Thomas Hayden     | *Fr Raymond Kunkel  | *Msgr Charles Schmitt           | *Fr Thomas Allen            | *Fr Justin Brauner  | *Fr Wilfrid Curran             |                                      |
| 10/9/1967             | 7/17/1999           | 4/19/1989                       | 1/29/2000                   | 7/19/1986   | 3/30/1969                      |                                      |
| 2                     | 3                   | Pray for our Priest's           | of the Springfield-Ca       | Pray for our Priest's of the Springfield-Cape Girardeau Diocese         |                                | *Pray for all Deacons of the Diocese |
| Pray for All          |                     | In fullfilment of Our           | <b>Blessed Mother's Re</b>  | In fullfilment of Our Blessed Mother's Request to pray for our Priest's |                                | Pray for Souls In Purgatory          |
| Consecrated Religious |                     |                                 |                             | Bold - Living Priest/Deacon   |                                | Italicized Name* Deceased            |
| Women and Men         |                     | Sponsored by St Ann's PCCW      | N                           | Date of Ordination  | Do                             | Date of Death                        |
| of Our Diocese        |                     | Guardian Angel Parish, Oran, MO | ın, MO                      | Parish Location   |                                |                                      |
| *Deceased Religious   |                     |                                 |                             |   |                                |                                      |

# PRAYERS FOR PRIESTS

Guardian Angel PCCW. Please pray for a designated priest each day listed on the calendar prepared and distributed by

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen. Your Son, Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to You them. Heal them. Guide them. Mold them into the likeness and holiness of Eternal Father, we lift up to you these and all priests of the world. Sanctify

Let Us Pray For:

The Holy Father

Fill him with your grace, Lord

Cardinals, Archbishops, and Bishops Give them your gifts, Lord

**Diocesan Priests** 

Never leave them, Lord

Priests in Seminary work

Priests in hospital work Give them your wisdom, Lord

Priest who are ill Give them constancy, Lord

Priests in danger Heal them, Lord

Deliver them, Lord

Priests who are weak Strengthen them, Lord

Priests who are poor Relieve them, Lord

Priests who are zealous

Help them, Lord

Priests who want to love you

Enkindle their hearts, Lord

Priests who are sad

Console them, Lord

For all Priests:

Give them patience and charity Give them Your wisdom, Lord Give them a great love for Mary Give them a burning zeal for souls

Give them peace in their sufferings Give them the gift of counsel

Give them loyalty to the Holy See and their Bishops Give them an intense love for the Eucharist

Let them be other Christs Let them be the light of souls

Let them be holy in body and soul

Let them be the salt of the earth

Give them virtue

Priests who are worried

Priests who are old Give them peace, Lord

Sustain them, Lord

Priests who are young

Lord Impel them for your glory,

Priests who are alone

Missionary Priests Accompany them, Lord

Priests who are preachers Protect them, Lord

Enlighten them, Lord

Priests who direct souls Instruct them, Lord

Parish Priests

Religious Priests Give them prudence, Lord

Make them perfect, Lord

Priests most in need Carry them, Lord

Priests who have died

On all the Church, militant and suffering Bring them glory, Lord

Lord, Have mercy

Give them respect for their dignity Give them strength in their labors Give them rectitude and justice Give them obedience and kindness

> Let them practice sacrifice and self-denial May they be men of prayer Let them enkindle hearts with the love of Mary May faith shine forth in them

May they be concerned only for the salvation of souls

May they be faithful to their priestly vocation

May their hands know only how to bless

May they burn with love for You and for Mary

May all their steps be for the glory of God

May the Holy Spirit possess them and give them his Gifts in abundance

him live in You and keep him in this intimate union always. Amen. him your own dispositions and feelings. Teach, lead, and guide him always him to constant adoration and thanksgiving, pray in him and through him. Let take over his entire personality and life. Replace him with Yourself. Incline Correct, enlighten, and expand his thoughts and behavior. Possess his soul, through him. Think your thoughts in his mind, love through his heart. Give O Jesus, Eternal High Priest, live in (name of priest), act in him, speak in and

pray and intercede for (name of priest). Amen. O Mary, Immaculate Conception, Mother of Jesus and Mother of priests

Let us Pray

Heart of Mary, their protector and guide. Amen. Hear the prayers we offer for priests. We ask this through the Immaculate O God Father, Son and Holy Spirit, you are the soul and life of the Church.

# Daily Catholic Prayer for Priests

and bless them abundantly in time and in eternity. Amen. above all, I recommend to You the priests dearest to me: the priest who priests; for Your dying priests; for the souls of Your priests in Purgatory. But priests; for Your priests laboring at home or abroad in distant mission fields; I am indebted in any other way. O Jesus, keep them all close to Your heart Communion; the priests who taught and instructed me; all the priests to whom Masses I assisted and who gave me Your Body and Blood in Holy baptized me; the priests who absolved me from my sins; the priests at whose for Your tempted priests; for Your lonely and desolate priests; for Your young O Jesus, I pray for Your faithful and fervent priests; for Your unfaithful and tepid

# Prayer for Deacons

share your wisdom. Make their heart like yours so they may love your ground for your inspiration and love. Comfort them when they question them health of body so they may serve with strength. Make them fertile goes unnoticed. Give them peace of mind in obedience and service. Give when they are tired but needed. Give them a humble heart when their work them a discerning mind to know your truth. Give them a generous spirit themselves and their ministry. Grant them grace as they age so they may serve your church. Give them eyes to see the needs of your people. Give Lord Jesus Christ, servant of all, send your spirit upon our deacons as they

# Prepare the Way

#### **Octave of Christmas**

#### Monday, December 30

The octave of Christmas begins on Christmas Day and ends on January 1, the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. An octave is an eight-day feast, or period of celebration. Two of the most important times in the liturgical calendar are the Octave of Easter and that of Christmas. The celebration and joy experienced on Christmas Day carries through the octave of Christmas as we are invited to continue to reflect on the glory of the season. If you are able, attend Mass to continue your celebration of Christmas. *Today's readings: 1 John 2:12-17; Psalm 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Luke 2:36-40*.

#### **True Light**

#### Tuesday, December 31

Today's Gospel is the prologue to the Gospel of John. It highlights many themes that emerge throughout the Gospel, including light and life: "What came to be through him was life, / and this life was the light of the human race; / the light shines in the darkness, / and the darkness has not overcome it." How can you testify to the true light, to Jesus Christ, who enlightens us? With someone you love, share how Christ enlightens you. *Today's readings: 1 John 2:18-21; Psalm 96:1-2, 11-12, 13; John 1:1-18.* 

#### Mary, the Holy Mother of God Wednesday, January 1

After the birth of Jesus, Mary keeps the shepherd's words about the Christ child, "reflecting on them in her heart." At the end of the octave of Christmas, spend time in silence, reflecting on the season in your heart. The birth of a child can often be a whirlwind for parents, even more so for those who have fled persecution. Say a prayer or, if you are able, send a donation to an organization serving refugee families. *Today's readings: Numbers 6:22-27; Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21.* 

#### **Remain in Him**

#### Thursday, January 2

In today's first reading, John stresses the unity of the Father and Son, stating, "Anyone who denies the Son does not have the Father." Then the apostle reassures followers in their faith: "Let what you heard from the beginning remain in you." Many prepare to return to work today after the holiday festivities. How can you let the joy of Christmas remain in you? Consider starting your days with centering prayer. Return to the sacred word you chose throughout the day so that you can remain in Christ. *Today's readings: 1 John 2:22-28; Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; John 1:19-28.* 

#### **Holy Name of Jesus**

#### Friday, January 3

Today we remember and honor the Most Holy Name of Jesus. What name or title of Jesus from Scripture stands out to you (for example, Teacher, Prince of Peace, Preacher, Messiah, Savior)? Pray with the most salient one and reflect upon its meaning for you. *Today's readings: 1 John 2:29—3:6; Psalm 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6; John 1:29-34.* 

#### St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

#### Saturday, January 4

Elizabeth Ann Seton was the first native-born United States citizen to be canonized. After her husband died, she became a Catholic and opened a school for impoverished children and orphans. She founded the Sisters of Charity, a religious society that serves the marginalized. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton is the patron saint of converts, widows, and those ridiculed for their piety. To honor her, reach out to a teacher and ask how you can support them in their work. *Today's readings: 1 John 3:7-10; Psalm 98:1, 7-8, 9; John 1:35-42*.

#### Sunday, December 29

#### **Put on Love**

Today's readings: 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28 or Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Psalm 84: 2-3, 5-6, 9-10; 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24 or Colossians 3:12-21; Luke 2:41-52.

As a faithful Jewish family, Joseph and Mary traveled with twelve-yearold Jesus to Jerusalem for Passover. A day into their return to Nazareth. the couple realize that Jesus was not in their caravan. They are filled with anxiety as they make the long trek back to Jerusalem in search of Jesus. The parents find their son engaging in thought-provoking conversations with teachers something that astounds those in the temple. Though Mary and Joseph do not fully understand Jesus' actions, we hear that Mary "kept all these things in her heart." As a community, the Body of Christ contemplates the wisdom, faith, and mystery of the Holy Family today.

Regardless of which readings are proclaimed at the Mass at your parish, all of today's options for the Liturgy of the Word express much of what can be learned regarding striving for holiness in family life and in the community of loved ones that surrounds us. Prayer dedication to the Lord bears much fruit for future generations; we are advised to honor and revere our parents and older generations. To grow in love for others, we remember the importance of letting "the word of Christ dwell" in us. Let us strive to be like the Holy Family: honor, forgive, be patient with one another. Every day this week, commit to one act of service for someone in your family community that demonstrates putting "on love, that is, the bond of perfection."

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