

MASS SCHEDULE - St. John

Sat., Dec 17 Vigil 4th Sunday of Advent

4:00 PM + Fred Clancy
from Jean Clancy and family.

Sun., Dec 18 4th Sunday of Advent

10:30 AM For all Parishioners.

Mon., Dec 19 Ferial Weekday

St J 8:00 AM + Gerald Joseph Hogan and Rita Ellen Hogan.

Tue., Dec 20 Ferial Weekday

SH 8:00 AM For all Holy souls in purgatory.

Wed., Dec 21 St. Peter Canisius, Doctor

St J 8:00 AM + Peter Martinez Valentino Le Minh Due from his sister.

Thu., Dec 22 Ferial Weekday

SH 8:00 AM + Clare Shaughnessy
from his Nieces

Fri., Dec 23 St. John of Kanty, Priest

SH 8:00 AM For Holy Souls in Purgatory.

Sat., Dec 24 Vigil Christmas Eve

4:00 PM For Rita and Leonard Johnston
from the family.

Sun., Dec 25 Christmas

The Nativity of the Lord

10:30 AM For all Parishioners.

Weekly Collection will be posted next week.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

The Holy Mass is filled with many gestures, words and actions; from the moment the priest opens and closes his hands to the periods of silence and reflection. All of these gestures have a deep significance.

The very first prayer the priest prays (after the "Lord, have mercy" and the Gloria) is called the Collect Prayer. Each weekend the Collect prayer is unique and proper to the mystery that we are celebrating that weekend. During the Collect Prayer: the priest first opens his hands as he says, 'Let us pray'. He then soon closes his hands together and allows for a brief moment of silence. He again extends his hands and continues with the Collect prayer.

The words, the gesture and the silence all have a significance in this opening prayer. The words 'Let us Pray' reminds us that the Holy Mass is not only the prayer of the priest, but rather an invitation for all to pray, the priest is the presider (leader) of the prayer. Thus, we are all called to be active in prayer and not simply passive in our prayer in the Mass.

The gesture opening and closing of the priest hands symbolizes a collection (or gathering) of the peoples petition and intentions – at this moment of the mass the people are encouraged to offer their own prayer petitions. The priest opens and closes his hands as if he were collecting or gather intention found in the hearts of the people. This is also why the priest gives a short moment of silence, so that each person can call to mind whatever personal intention they want to offer the Mass for. Despite the Mass having one verbalized intention, this does not mean each person cannot have their own intention in their heart.

I hope this little liturgical meaning helps with your participation in the Holy Mass.

Together in Prayer

WEEKLY NEWS

We thank all the contributors below for their support to buy the poinsettias for decorating the church this Christmas.

Dorothy Anne Coughlin	Susan Walton
Judy and John Harriman	Karen, Pat and PJ Collins
Roger and Deanna Grant	Carol Whiteside
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Joe and Vicki Porter	Darryl and Tina Naegeli
Diane and Don Stante	Joanne Johnston
Cathy and Robert McMahan	Dan Finnegan
Laura and Sidney Bowler	Jeff and Karan Leal
Rose and Bill Dyer	June Caley
Aaron and Lynette Creally	Kim Anh Nguyen
Donna Coles	Doug Armstrong
Sean Thompson and family	Anne Emery
Chris and Justyna Franiczek	Sharon McCann
St John's Auxiliary	Ray and Bruna Dance

Rita and Pat Masterson
Anonymous
Delia Conklin

Thelma O'Brien
Margaret Wilson
Maureen Brand

One Can, One Box, One Bag---Advent Challenge In Support of Sacred Heart Food Bank

Advent challenge to bring 1 item, can, box, jar or bag for each Sunday Mass and place in the St. Vincent de Paul box at the entrance of the church in support of the Sacred Heart Food Bank. Thank you for your support.

No RCIA Class

There will be no RCIA classes Dec. 14th, 2022. Our text Class will be in January 11th 2023.

2023 Sunday donation envelopes

Please find the donation envelopes for the 2023 year at the entrance of the church. We take this opportunity to offer Direct Deposit option by filling out the form. If you do not have envelopes but would like to use a set, please pick one up that has no name at the entrance of the church and fill out all your information on your first envelope.

Spiritual Exercises According to Saint Ignatius of Loyola preached by Fr. Alex or another IVE priest.

For Men: Jan. 30 – Feb 2, 2023

For Women: Feb 6 – 9, 2023

At Manresa Jesuit spiritual renewal centre. The retreat starts on Monday at 7pm and ends on Thursday with lunch. For registrations or any questions please contact Fr. Alex Salazar

Catholic Missionary Children Oratory

For Children 7-12 year old. Saturdays 10:15 AM to noon at St. John the Baptist. For info or to register contact Sr. Inmaculada
stjohnandsacredheart@gmail.com

Altar Boy Group at Sacred Heart

1st & 3rd Fridays of the Month, 6:15 - 8:30 PM.

Young Adult Group at Sacred Heart on every

2nd, 4th and 5th Friday of the Month. Please join us at 6PM for 30 minutes of adoration followed by dinner in the Hall, talk and games.

Friday Adoration at Sacred Heart

Every Friday there is adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at Sacred Heart in reparation for the offences made to the Sacred Heart of Jesus from 1:30 to 6:30PM and confessions from 5:00 to 6:30PM.



Christmas Masses

Saturday Dec. 24th • St. John 4:00 PM

• Sacred Heart 5:30 PM

Sunday Dec. 25th • Sacred Heart 9:00 AM

• St. John 10:30 AM



New Year Masses

Saturday Dec. 31st • St. John 4:00 PM

• Sacred Heart 5:30 PM

Sunday Jan. 1st • Sacred Heart 9:00 AM

• St. John 10:30 AM

SOPEL Matthew 1.18-24 of Sunday Dec. 18

The birth of Jesus the Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly.

But just when he had resolved to do this, an Angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the Prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the Angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife.