

*Sunday, December 28, 2025*



*When Herod had died, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." He rose, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. - Mt 2:19-21*

## The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



When I was ten, my dad gathered our family around the table in small-town Vermont and told us we were moving to the big desert city of Phoenix, Arizona. We were leaving behind family, friends, and everything familiar. None of us knew what to expect. But something beautiful happened. As we made the move together, our family grew closer. In retrospect, I'm amazed at my parents' courage to go on that adventure. Even as a kid I realized our family found, in that challenge, a deeper unity and mutual love. In today's Gospel, Joseph is told: **"Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee..."** (Matthew 2:13, 20). First to Egypt, then later to Israel. The Holy Family is frequently challenged to move and change, to adapt to God's will for them, in order to find safety in the midst of threat. It's not just an idiosyncratic story about survival. It's a spiritual pattern for all of us. Every Christian family is called to be a kind of sanctuary, especially in a world full of noise, busyness, and fear. May I make a practical application for us? The Lord's Day, Sunday, is perhaps the most practical way we imitate this dynamic we see in Joseph and his family. Sunday is not meant to be just like every other day, filled with errands and stress. It's meant to be a day set apart; a holy "escape" into rest, worship, joy, and peace. A day to rise, take your family, and flee, into God's presence.

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday, December 29, 2025**

8:15 am: + Peggy Garvey

**Tuesday, December 30, 2025**

8:15 am: + All Souls

7:00 pm: + Peter Quyet

**Wednesday, December 31, 2025**

7:00 pm: + Maria Loan

**Thursday, January 1, 2026**

8:30 am: + Gioan Baptista Ty

10:00 am: Judy & Ivery Boudville (Good Health)

12:00 pm: St. Patrick's Parishioners

**Friday, January 2, 2026**

8:15 am: + All Souls

7:00 pm: + Agnes Hajto

+ P.V Varghese

+ Giovanni Ariganello

+ Albino Ferreira

+ All Souls

**Saturday, January 3, 2026**

8:15 am: + Vincent Mui

5:00 pm: St. Patrick's Parishioners

**Sunday, January 4, 2026**

8:30 am: + All Souls

10:00 am: + Evelyn D'Souza

12:00 pm: + Magdalena Kuehner

7:00 pm: St. Patrick's Parishioners

## New Year's Prayer

*Heavenly Father, as we begin the new year, bless our families with your joy and peace. Strengthen our faith and renew all who feel weary. Guide us to help serve you and others with love and mercy. We ask You to bless this moment of festivity, that the new year may be filled with grace, and steadfast love.*

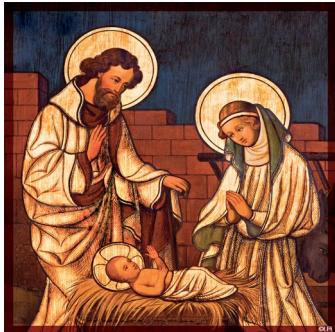
*Amen.*



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**Please Pray for the Sick...**

Please pray for our parishioners, family and friends who have requested our prayers: Alessia & Tony Comisso, Tina MacPherson, Damien Chaytor, Humberto Casimiro, Charmaine Menezes, Maria Bizzaro, Thomas Chircop, George Blanchette, Sonia Miranda, Suzy Zahra, Marcelle Caruana, Maria Bowman, Paul Celia, Alix Meikle, Arnold De Castro, Rosa Santos, Virginia Sevilla, Carole Melbourne, Royston Guilford, Jacintha Fernandes, Anna Iafrate, Dominic Alvia, Manuel Bienvenido Locsin, Theresa Boutilier, John Ngoc Truong, Maureen Tierney, Bill Cranor, Jocelyn Heydorn, Jose Valle, John Fermin, Jonathan Pinto, Gatsby & Ryn Lung, Fruto Relator, Virginia Torrefranca, Carole Bullock, Pat Mooney, Rhea O'Hara, Sybrea O'Hara, Maria Maddelena, Chris Troughton, Nikola Brodar, Rita Pinto, Henryka Zebrowska, Therese Torrefranca, Benedict De Castro, Tessie Morales, Natalie Troughton, Michael Healey, Melissa Castillo, Marisa Castillo, Gladys Castillo, Teresa Kuervers, Teresa Marchese, Antonio Marchese, Wojtek Stanislawski, Theresa Fraiser, Beata, Arthur Moniz, Pasqua Dimuccio, Camila M. Binaihai, Oliver Pinto, Elizabeth Blizniouk, Cathy DeBono, Samantha & Andrew Paliwada, Charlotte Carvalho, Zerina Vaz, Amal Abdou, Terry Blanchette, Justina Colaco

**Holiday Office Hours**

**Dec 27:** 3:00 PM-6:00 PM  
**Dec 28:** 9:00 AM-1:00 PM  
**Dec 29-30:** 9:00 AM-1:00 PM  
**Dec 31-Jan 1:** CLOSED  
**Jan 2:** 9:00 AM-1:00 PM

**2026 Envelopes**

Envelopes for 2026 are now available for pick up in the parish hall! If you are not registered to our parish, please stop by at the office to register and receive your own box of envelopes for the year.

**Mini Reflection**

If any four-word sentence encapsulates what we can expect from the Christian life, it is this: God had other plans.

**Advent Mass Schedule**

Fri, December 26	8:15am, 7:00pm
Sat, December 27	8:15am
<b>Feast of the Holy Family</b>	
Sat, December 27	5:00pm
Sun, December 28	8:30am, 10:00am 12:00pm & 7:00pm
Mon, December 29	8:15am
Tues, December 30	8:15am, 7:00pm
<b>Feast of Mary the Mother of God</b>	
<i>(Please note there is NO 7:00 pm Mass)</i>	
Wed, December 31	5:00pm
Thurs, January 1	8:30am, 10:00am & 12:00pm
Fri, January 2	8:15am 7:00pm—First Friday
Sat, January 3	8:15am
<b>Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord</b>	
Sat, January 3	5:00pm
Sun, January 4	8:30am, 10:00am 12:00pm & 7:00pm

Regular schedule begins Monday, Jan 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026

**Squires Hot Chocolate Sales**

The Squires are having a hot chocolate sale on the **weekends of January 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>**. We will be selling hot chocolate and other tasty treats after every Mass. Come and enjoy a cup of hot chocolate and support the squires. The price is \$2.00. Thank you for your continuous support!

**First Friday**

**January 2, 2026** is the First Friday of the month. Please join us for Mass at 7:00pm followed by Holy Hour with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction.

