

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Dec 22	TBD
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MASS SCHEDULE

(L=Living, †=Deceased)

<i>THE SOLEMNITY OF THE HOLY FAMILY (SUNDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS)</i>		
Sat. Dec. 28	5:00 PM	For †Edward Scott
Sun. Dec. 29	9:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased People of the Parish
Mon. Dec. 30	8:00 AM	For †Jimmy Schoborg
Tue. Dec. 31	8:00 AM	For †Henrietta Zellerer
<i>MARY, MOTHER OF GOD (OCTAVE DAY OF CHRISTMAS)</i>		
<i>HOLY DAY</i>	5:00 PM	For †George Bach
Wed. Jan. 1	9:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased People of the Parish
Thur. Jan. 2	8:00 AM	For †Verna Payne [from William Homan]
Fri. Jan. 3	8:00 AM	For Ryder Cooper (L)
<i>THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</i>		
Sat. Jan. 4	5:00 PM	For †Anna Menefee
Sun. Jan. 5	9:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased People of the Parish

PRAYER LIST—Jerry & Eileen Ehlman, Imogene Fisk, Kate & Colton Sherold, Emmitt Thomas, Jeff suffering from Meniere’s disease, Tony Bach, Bill Lemming, Dave Neuspickel, Andy Sper, Billie Huffman, Roger High, Cheryl Miller, Sherry Jackson, Sarah Gripshover, Jeanne Eanes, Bill Schneider (Dominion Assisted Living 4009 Siegalman Dr. Florence, Room 215), Ree Wagner, John Jackson, Wanda Bach, Maverick Orth (3yrs old), Daniel Cahill, Pax Minch, Todd Kloentrup, Gina Cooper, Tom Breeze, Rita Funke, Sr. Georgia Messingschlager, Valetta Proctor, and Mary Lou Kaub.

BIRTHDAYS– Dec. 30-Michael Ryan, Jan. 3-Karly Bach, Jan. 4-Caedan Feinauer, Jan. 5– Timothy Eten, Jan. 6-Trisha Moore, Jan. 8-Myra Cooper, Jan. 10-Allison Eten, Jan. 10-Rachel Broering, Jan. 11-John Mills, Jan. 15-Linda Fryman, Jan. 20-Joe Bach, Jan. 23-Jerry Ehlman, Jan. 28-Shiloh Haley, Jan. 29-Maybalee Miller

ANNIVERSARY– Dec. 31-Chris and Linda Fryman, Jan. 17-Mark & Jeanne Cooper.

Please send any requests for prayers or memorials to the parish email or call to make a request. If anyone’s birthday or anniversary is not listed, let Linda Fryman know.



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Mass Schedule:

Saturdays – 5:00 PM

Sundays – 9:00 AM

Weekdays [Tue through Fri] – 8 AM

Holy Days– 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM

Confession Times:

Saturdays – 4:00-4:50 PM

Sundays – 8:00-8:50 AM

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THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY FAMILY

DECEMBER 29, 2024

DPAA—If you have any end of year donations you would like to make, feel free to send them through the DPAA, either with the parish or online. All donations to the DPAA are returned to the parish 100% since we have met our yearly goal.

CCD CLASSES—CCD classes will be resuming on Jan. 6. Remember to sign up to bring snacks and drinks. The sign up sheet is in the back of church.

LECTOR— Dec. 29-Bill Funke, Dec. 31-Kathy Bach, Jan. 1-Linda Fryman, Jan. 5-Bernie Rawe

CLEANING – Jan-Kathy and Wanda Bach

HOLY DAY SCHEDULES

Mother of God (Jan. 1)—Dec. 31 @ 5:00 PM and Jan. 1 @ 9:00 AM

*He went down with them and
came to Nazareth,
and was obedient to them;
and his mother kept all these
things in her heart.*



FROM THE PASTOR—THE FOURTH COMMANDMENT

Traditional Formula: Honor your father and mother.

Commentary: We move from the first 3 commandments which concern God to the remaining commandments that focus on our neighbor. How fortuitous it is that we discuss this commandment on the feast of the Holy Family. “The family is the original cell of social life.” (CCC) It is within the family that we first learn and encounter God, and grow into mature human beings. This commandment is not restricted to blood families but applies to political families and the family of the Church. God works through human structures (whether divinely established, like the family, or emerging in particular times) to draw us into Himself.

Sins against the Fourth Commandment

-Disrespect or Disobedience: God is not alone in wielding authority but gives men some authority over particular people, starting with parents in families. We are obliged to obey proper authority just as we are obliged to obey God the supreme Authority. This does not mean authority can command us to violate the moral law: you cannot obey a command to sin directly. To disobey proper authority is to indirectly disobey God. We not only owe authority our obedience but also our respect, at least to their offices.

-Abuse of Authority: While we often think of this commandment in a top-down way (children to parents), there is a reverse obligation. Those who have received authority have a duty to carry out their office responsibly and for the good of those involved. Every authority is meant to reflect the divine authority of God who never abuses us but pushes us to become holy. Human authority must not be used for the advantage of the office holder. Authority is not for oneself but for the good of all involved. Whether parents, clergy, politicians, or any other position, it is not about us but the overall family/community.

-Avoidance of Parental Duties: We can excuse children in some ways for their sins within the family, since they are learning the truths and moral law usually through the way of denial or saying “no”. However, parents must be aware of the sacred duty that is particularly entrusted to them by God and which they vow to do when they marry: to raise their children in the Catholic faith. This includes a proper education (which should be done in schools which encourage the faith rather than proclaim a false neutrality) as well as careful instruction and discipline. Parents must also be the first models of faith, in prayer and worship, as well as in charity and the exercise of the virtues. A bad example from a parent can have a terrible effect for their children. It is a tremendous burden which no one should take lightly.

May the example of the Holy Family help us to know how to properly live as families: children humble and obedient to parents, and parents loving and caring for their children, raising them to become saints of God.

Fr. Jacob Straub