

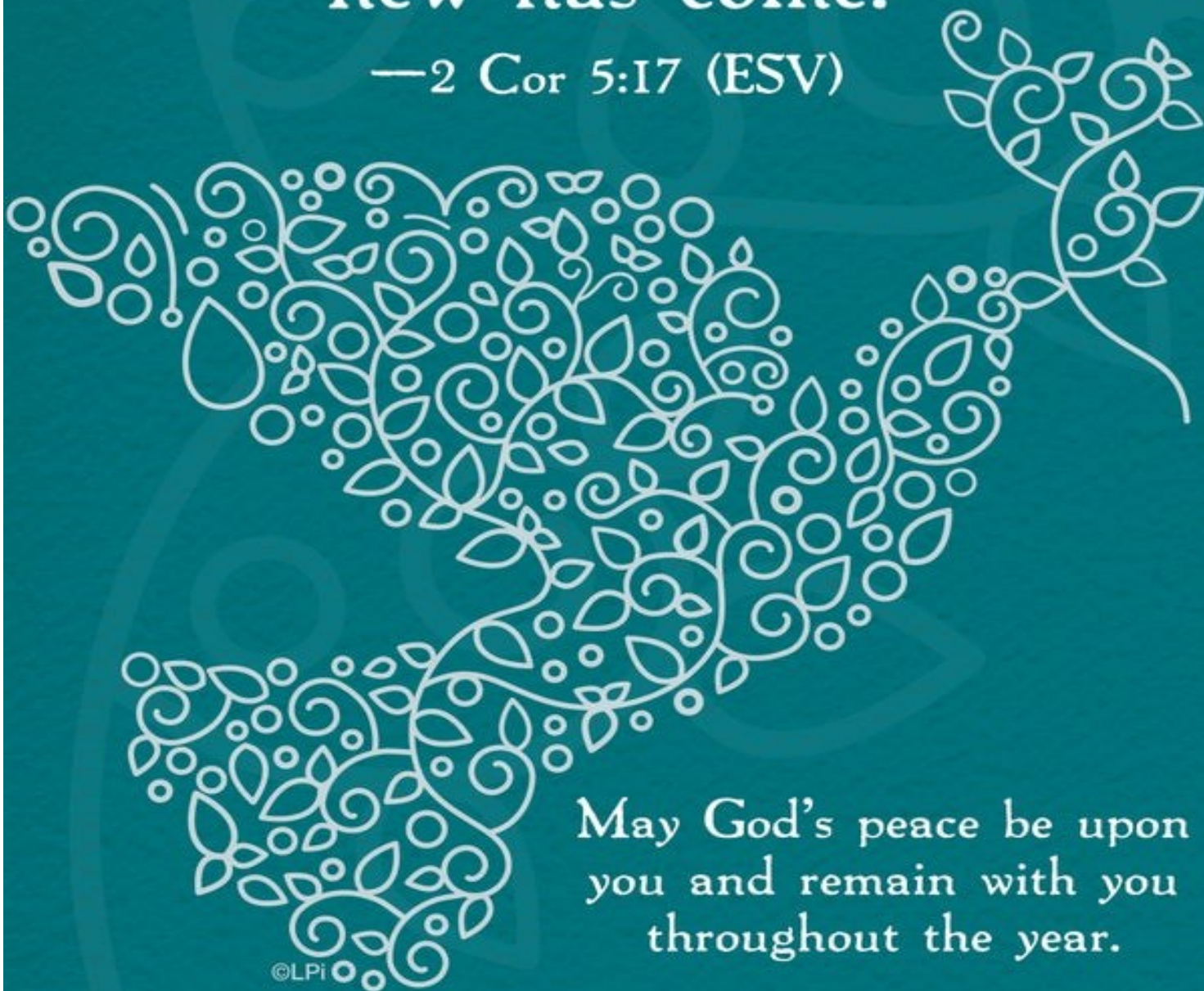
# ST. MARY, OUR LADY OF THE PRESENTATION CATHOLIC CHURCH

THE HOLY FAMILY, JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

DECEMBER 31, 2023

Therefore, if anyone is in  
Christ, he is a new  
creation. The old has  
passed away; behold, the  
new has come.

—2 Cor 5:17 (ESV)



May God's peace be upon  
you and remain with you  
throughout the year.

# MASS & PRAYER INTENTIONS

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## JANUARY 1-7 / 1-7 DE ENERO

### MASS INTENTIONS

8:00 am Daily Masses / Misas

Monday - 9:00 - **Mary, Mother of God**

Wednesday - † **Charles Norlin**

Thursday - **George & Marjory Brennan**

Saturday - **DJM Missionaries of Mercy**

12:15 pm Daily Mass/ Misas diarias

Monday - **No 12:15 - Mary, Mother of God**

Tuesday - **Residents of The NEL**

Wednesday - † **Craig Cassin**

Thursday - **Skyla Chamard**

Friday - † **A. J. Rosenthal**

Sunday Masses/Misas dominicales

5:30 pm Vigil - † **Adam & Stella Klocek**

8:00 am - **Chris Hainley**

10:00 am - **John & Kathy Bittner**

12:00 pm - **Poor Souls in Purgatory**

5:30 pm Vigil - **For Parishioners**

### SERVERS/LECTORS/GREETERS

#### Lectors

9:00 am Mon ~ Liz Norene, Pat Murphy

8:00 am Wed ~ Mary Joan Gordon

8:00 am Thu ~ Jack Pynes

8:00 am Sat ~ Pat Murphy

12:15 pm Mon ~ No 12:15

12:15 pm Tue ~ Geri Heideman

12:15 pm Wed ~ Dan Young

12:15 pm Thu ~ Ellen Brown

12:15 pm Fri ~ Judy Spearin

5:30 pm Vigil ~ Dan Young

8:00 am ~ Mila Bill, Lisa Oxman

10:00 am ~ Don Gordon, **Volunteer Needed**

5:30 pm ~ Daniel Barker

#### Servers

9:00 am Mon - Victor Nnoli

8:00 am Wed ~ Don Gordon

8:00 am Thu ~ Paul Caldwell

8:00 am Sat ~ Victor Nnoli

12:15 pm Tue - Fri ~ Matt Yeager

5:30 pm Vigil ~ Amon T, Hallie W

8:00 am ~ Parker J, Mark Mages, Chloe S

10:00 am ~ Carolyn C, Grace C, Luke C

5:30 pm Vigil ~ Carsen C, Stella C

#### Ushers & Greeters

5:30 pm Vigil ~ Nancy Hathaway, Kelly Power

8:00 am ~ Josh & Diana Ambrosan

10:00 am ~ Alex & Alison Burggren,

Robbin Crouch,

5:30 pm LifeTeen~ Michael C, Sean C



## FROM TODAY'S READINGS

Family life is rooted in the unconditional love of God as witnessed by the Holy Family.

La vida familiar está arraigada en el amor incondicional de Dios, como lo atestigua la Sagrada Familia.

Next Week's Readings/Lecturas para la próxima semana:

Is 60:1-6

PS 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13

Salmo 71:1-2, 7-8, 10-13

Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6

Mt 2:21-12

## IN LOVING MEMORY

We pray for the repose of the souls of our loved ones.

## RECORDANDO CON CARIÑO

Oramos por el reposo de las almas de nuestros seres queridos.

Michele Layne Wenzl

## IN OUR PRAYERS

...all those who are ill, including:

## EN NUESTRAS ORACIONES

... todos los que están enfermos, incluidos:

Rosie Andreason, Adam Blumenshine, Ron Blair, Jason Brown, Natalie Brown, Marissa Bruns, Valorie Cartledge, Jeannie Christensen, Miguel & María Cortez, Lionel Reyes Cotto, Joan Coulombe, Dolores Cunha, Flor DeLuz Cervantes, Ken & Sylvia Doggett, Joseph Dunham, Dan & Kristi Dunnington, Steve Farley, David Faulkner, Suzelle Feist, Barbara Fischer, Ginger Freeman, David Gault, Alex Green, Megan Green, Enrique Guzmán, Chris Haley, Maya Henry, Erin Higdin, Kathryn Hostetter, Jenny Hubert, Walt & Nancy Hunter, Terry Ianora, Christine Kennedy, Anne Klaver, Regina Kungys, Lynn LaFleur, Mary Ann MaGee, Leslie Marti, Velika Matthews, Patricia McNeil, Sixto Montero, Denny O'Donnell, Logan Presnell, Troy Rhodes, Gaye Rittal, Elsie Rodriguez, Ava Rosenblum, Sandra Schmitt, Ava Schwartz, Jean Sellers, Lisa Shaw, Tom Sotelo, Sandra Swenson, Sharon Swenson, Carla Tysor, Randy Wade, and Addie Lou Willis



"A eucharistic parish united in Christ, proclaiming God's love to our neighbors through evangelization, service to others, liturgy, prayer, & education."

## ST. MARY PARISH STAFF

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

I remember the first time my older sister asked me if I wanted to hold her newborn son. Terrified, I told her I didn't think it was a good idea. My résumé had nothing to suggest I would be a qualified baby holder. But she warmly told me, "I'll help you hold him." It struck me that she is baby's mother. She is the one who decides who is qualified to hold him. I took him in my arms and soon I began to feel comfortable with that tiny little warm cooing creature in my arms, and soon I no longer feared holding him. Now, twenty-seven nieces and nephews later, holding a newborn child is one of the great joys of my life.

Do we sometimes think that Jesus is given only to the highly qualified, special religious people? In the Gospel of Luke today we hear about the presentation of the Lord in the temple. The newborn son of God is passed around like a baton in a relay race, not guarded like a precious jewel or a breakable china dish. We can see him going from the arms of Mary to Joseph, then to the priest performing the ceremony, then to Simeon the old man, then to Anna the old widow. Each one receiving him and then handing him to the next. A tidal wave of joy and thanksgiving follows wherever he is placed. Believe me, you are qualified to hold Jesus in your arms. How can I say that with such confidence? Because the mother decides who is qualified. The Blessed Virgin, embodied in the Church, holds him out to you and me. She rejoices to place him in our arms to hold, and to hand him on, too.

— Father John Muir



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## JOIN OUR PARISH FAMILY

What happens when you register in a parish? Most importantly you become part of our parish family and you belong.

Please, stop by the Parish Office or download your registration at [stmaryeugene.com/wpcontent/uploads/2018/07/StMary-Parish-Registration-Form.pdf](http://stmaryeugene.com/wpcontent/uploads/2018/07/StMary-Parish-Registration-Form.pdf). Just return the completed registration form to the Parish Office in person, by mail, or drop the registration in the Offertory basket at Mass.



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## MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God is Monday, **January 1**, and is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year. Masses will be offered:

**Sunday, December 31**

Vigil Masses at 5:30 pm English

**Monday, January 1**

Mass at 9:00 am English

## HOST THE VOCATIONS CRUCIFIX

The St. Mary Vocations Crucifix is moving to the Sunday 10:00 am Mass, beginning **Sunday, January 7**. Can you and your family host the Vocations Cross for one week? What is involved? Just pick up the Vocations Crucifix at the end Mass and keep it in your home for one week. You pray for Vocations for St. Mary and the Archdiocese daily and the prayers are even included. You can return the Vocations Crucifix to the Parish Office on Friday or to the Sacristy prior to the next 10:00 Mass. Please plan on joining us for to pray for vocations to the Archdiocese and St. Mary.

## CELEBRATING THE EPIPHANY

The Feast of the Epiphany is **Sunday, January 7**. On this occasion, the Our Lady of Guadalupe group will be baking and serving Rosca de Reyes, also known as King Cake. This traditional dessert from Mexico is baked to celebrate the Epiphany, and it marks the end of the holiday season in Latin America. The Rosca de Reyes is a type of bread that is enjoyed in Mexico as a way to remember the arrival of the Three Wise Men who came to see baby Jesus after his birth. This cake has been a part of Mexican tradition for around 150 years and was brought to Mexico from Europe.

## ARCHBISHOP SAMPLE NEWS

### Know What You Believe!

Archbishop Sample is launching a new video series on YouTube titled *Know What You Believe!*

*"My Brothers and Sisters, Please join me for an exploration of what we believe as Catholics. Let's learn our Holy Faith together! Because JESUS CHANGES EVERYTHING!"*

*In Christ,*

*Archbishop Alexander K. Sample*

The first episode of *Know What You Believe* is available now at [youtube.com/watch?v=XcgkMaYGdPQ](https://youtube.com/watch?v=XcgkMaYGdPQ)

### Pilgrimage to Rome

Archbishop Alexander Sample invites you to attend a special pilgrimage to Rome to visit the heart of the Church and celebrate vocations to the priesthood and religious life. This 11-day pilgrimage, **September 25 through October 5, 2024**, will include stops in Siena, Florence, Assisi, and Orvieto. Pilgrims will experience private, guided tours and have the opportunity to visit magnificent churches, holy places, museums, and Roman ruins. Pilgrims will also be able to attend the Diaconate Ordination of American seminarians at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome with Archbishop Sample presiding—a once in a lifetime opportunity! The itinerary is available at [archdpx.org/documents/2023/9/Pilgrimage%20itinerary.pdf](https://archdpx.org/documents/2023/9/Pilgrimage%20itinerary.pdf).

### Archbishop Sample invites you to the Life Gala!

The Archdiocese of Portland is excited to announce our first-ever Life Gala that will take place on **February 17, 2024!** As Catholics, we are called to witness to the dignity of every human life, recognizing each person as a unique creation of God.

This special event will be an evening of celebration, inspiration, and a powerful call to action. It is dedicated to embracing and cherishing life in all its forms, spotlighting local initiatives, and uniting our community in a shared commitment to upholding the sanctity of life.

The Life Gala will unite our local Pro-Life leaders and advocates with a guest speaker from the Sisters of Life and keynote speaker Abby Johnson.

This formal occasion will be held on **February 17**, at the Multnomah Athletic Club, Portland. Your presence would be testament to your commitment to life and a significant support to our efforts in promoting a culture of life.

More information is available at [archdpx.org/lifegala](https://archdpx.org/lifegala).



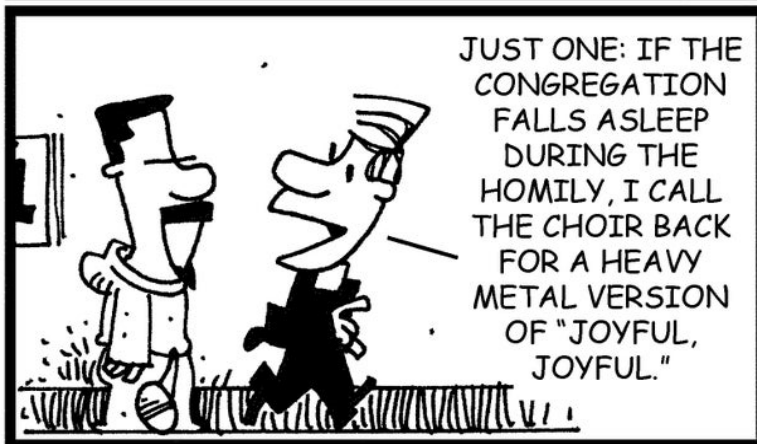
## LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

God's timing is not always our timing. Sometimes, we must wait years for the answer to our prayer. Never despair. Remember that God keeps His word.

## COLD WEATHER SHELTER DRIVE

Catholic Community Services is holding a drive to collect tents, tarps, blankets, and sleeping bags to make the winter months easier for the unhoused. If you can help, there is a donation barrel outside the Parish Office. All monetary donations to this drive will fund the Cold Weather Motel Program for unhoused families with children. For more information or to donate online, visit [ccsl.org/cwsd](http://ccsl.org/cwsd).

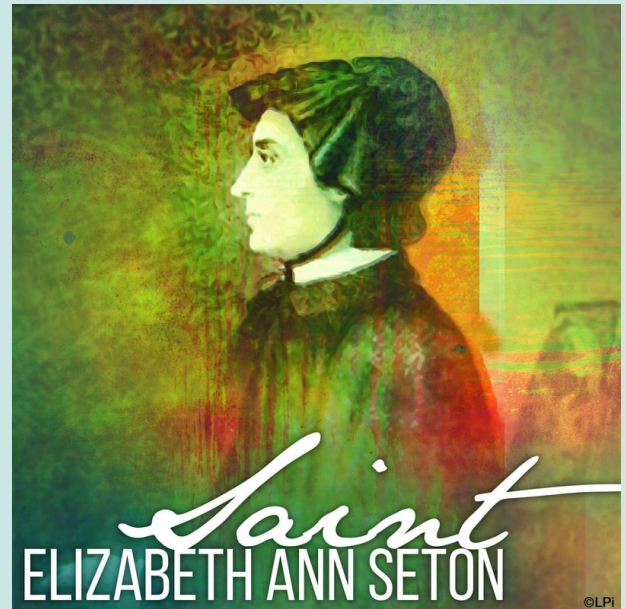
### NEW YEAR'S



## PRAYER FOR THE FAMILY

Dear Lord,

**We lift our families to you in prayer – every generation!  
Bind our wounds, forgive our debts, show your mercy!  
Lead us to deeper communion with each other and You.  
Help us, too, to be a holy family.  
Amen.**



### Celebrate the first American-born saint!

The patron saint of Catholic schools, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (August 28, 1774 – January 4, 1821) was born in New York City to a prominent family of the Episcopal faith. When she turned 19, she married a wealthy businessman with whom she had five children. He later died of tuberculosis in 1803, leaving her a young widow. After discovering the Catholic faith in Italy, where her husband had died, she returned to New York and converted to Catholicism in 1805.

After several years struggling as a single mother, Elizabeth moved in 1809 to Emmitsburg, Maryland, where she founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph, the first community for religious women established in the United States. She also began St. Joseph's Academy and Free School, which started a chain reaction of Catholic-based education in the United States that continues today.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was canonized September 14, 1975 in St. Peter's Square by Pope Paul VI and was the first citizen born in the United States to be given the title of "saint." Her Feast day is January 4.



## (PRACTICANDO) CATÓLICA

Por Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

### La Espada y la Familia

En las primeras semanas de maternidad, las lágrimas fluían rápida y libremente, y con muy poca provocación.

A veces lloraba porque estaba oscureciendo y otras veces porque salía el sol. A veces lloraba porque los días eran insoportablemente largos. A veces lloraba porque eran tan cruelmente breves y pasaban tan rápido, llevándose consigo para siempre estos momentos inaugurales de la vida de mi hija, momentos que sabía que añoraría en mi lecho de muerte.

Por eso, siempre me ha llamado la atención la inclusión de la Presentación de Cristo en los Misterios Gozosos del Rosario. La Santísima Madre, apenas unas semanas después de dar a luz, de pie en el templo sagrado: ¿Está cansada? ¿Es emocional? ¿Está asustada? ¿Ella es feliz? No podemos estar seguros, pero si se parece a la mayoría de las mujeres posparto que conozco, es las cuatro. Pero ella permanece allí obedientemente, ofreciendo su bebé al Señor, y esto es lo que se le dice: "Una espada traspasará tu corazón."

¿Alegre? Habría arrebatado al bebé, llamado a la policía y llorado durante una semana.

Pero María sabe que Simeón dice la verdad, y ella no puede recibir la voluntad de Dios con nada menos que gozo, incluso si eso significa un corazón traspasado. Familia significa amor, pero amor significa, ¿qué, exactamente? ¿Placer, plenitud, satisfacción? Sí, pero mucho más, también. El amor significa que tienes mucho que perder.

Cuán llena está la vida familiar con estos hermosos momentos que, en la superficie, se ven y se sienten dolorosos, pero encierran en ellos la oportunidad de ser como María, de inclinar la cabeza y decir una vez más "Sí, Señor."

*"Hermanos: Puesto que Dios los ha elegido a ustedes, los ha consagrado a él y les ha dado su amor, sean compasivos, magnánimos, humildes, afables y pacientes. Sopórtense mutuamente y perdónense cuando tengan quejas contra otro..." – Colosenses 3:12*

## VIVIR LA LITURGIA INSPIRACIÓN DE LA SEMANA

El tiempo de Dios no siempre es nuestro tiempo. A veces, tenemos que esperar años por la respuesta a nuestra oración. Nunca te desespere. Recuerda que Dios cumple Su palabra.



## MARIA, LA SANTA MADRE DE DIOS

La Solemnidad de María, la Santa Madre de Dios es el lunes 1 de enero y no es un Día Santo de Obligación este año. Se ofrecerán misas:

**Domingo 31 de diciembre**

Misas de Vigilia a las 5:30 pm en inglés

**Lunes 1 de enero**

Misa a las 9:00 am en inglés

## ORACIÓN POR LA FAMILIA

*Querido Señor,  
Elevamos nuestras familias a ti en oración,  
icada generación!  
¡Venda nuestras heridas, perdona nuestras deudas,  
muestra tu misericordia!  
Llévanos a una comunión más profunda  
entre nosotros y contigo.  
Ayúdanos también a nosotros a ser una familia santa.  
Amén.*

## ACTUALIZACIONES DEL CALENDARIO:

El **lunes 1 de enero** la Oficina Parroquial estará cerrada. La Oficina Parroquial reabrirá a las 9:00 am el **martes 2 de enero**. En caso de una emergencia que requiera los últimos ritos, llame a la Oficina Parroquial y presione 7 para conectarse al servicio de contestador automático.

## COLECTA DE REFUGIO PARA CLIMA FRÍO

Servicios Comunitarios Católicos está llevando a cabo una campaña para recolectar tiendas de campaña, lonas, mantas y sacos de dormir para facilitar los meses de invierno a quienes no tienen vivienda. Si puedes ayudar, hay un barril de donaciones afuera de la Oficina Parroquial. Todas las donaciones monetarias a esta campaña financiarán el Programa de Moteles en Clima Frío para familias sin hogar con niños. Para obtener más información o hacer una donación en línea, visite [ccsl.org/cwsd](http://ccsl.org/cwsd).



## Sunday, December 31

### THE HOLY FAMILY

**NO COFFEE & DONUTS**

**NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

**NO GROUPS MEETING**

8:00 am Mass

10:00 am Mass (streamed)

12:00 pm Misa en español (streamed)

5:30 pm Vigil Mass

## Monday, January 1

### MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**

**NO GROUPS MEETING**

9:00 am Mass

## Tuesday, January 2

### STs. BASIL THE GREAT &

### GREGORY NAZIANZEN

**NO GROUPS MEETING**

**NO FIRST WAY VAN**

12:15 pm Mass (streamed)

## Wednesday, January 3

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSSES AT 1:00 PM**

8:00 am Mass

11:00 am Reconciliation

12:15 pm Mass (streamed)

6:00 pm Choir Practice

## Thursday, January 4

### ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON

8:00 am Mass

12:15 pm Mass (streamed)

## Friday, January 5

### ST. JOHN NEUMANN

10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry

11:00 am Reconciliation

12:15 pm Mass (streamed)

## Saturday, January 6

8:00 am Mass

3:00 pm Reconciliation

5:30 pm Sunday Vigil

## Sunday, January 7

### THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

**COFFEE & KINGS CAKE**

8:00 am Mass

10:00 am Mass (streamed)

10:00 am Children's Liturgy

12:00 pm Misa en español (streamed)

3:00 pm Charismatic Prayer Group

5:30 pm LifeTeen Mass

## Monday, January 8

### THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

12:15 pm Mass (streamed)

1:00 pm The Chosen

## Tuesday, January 9

11:00 am First Way Van

12:15 pm Mass (streamed)

1:30 pm Rosary, Prayer & Discernment

7:00 pm OCIA

## Wednesday, January 10

8:00 am Mass

11:00 am Reconciliation

12:15 pm Mass (streamed)

6:00 pm Choir Practice

## Thursday, January 11

8:00 am Mass

12:15 pm Mass (streamed)

## Friday, January 12

11:00 am Reconciliation

12:15 pm Mass (streamed)

## Saturday, January 13

8:00 am Mass

3:00 pm Reconciliation

5:30 pm Sunday Vigil

## Sunday, January 14

### SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**COFFEE & DONUTS**

8:00 am Mass

10:00 am Mass (streamed)

10:00 am Children's Liturgy

12:00 pm Misa en español (streamed)

3:00 pm Charismatic Prayer Group

5:30 pm LifeTeen Mass

## Monday, January 15

### MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**

9:00 am Mass

## Tuesday, January 16

11:00 am First Way Van

12:15 pm Mass (streamed)

1:30 pm Rosary, Prayer & Discernment

7:00 pm OCIA

## Wednesday, January 17

### ST. ANTHONY, ABBOTT

8:00 am Mass

11:00 am Reconciliation

12:15 pm Mass (streamed)

6:00 pm Choir Practice

## Thursday, January 18

8:00 am Mass

12:15 pm Mass (streamed)

## Friday, January 19

11:00 am Reconciliation

12:15 pm Mass (streamed)

## Saturday, January 20

8:00 am Mass

3:00 pm Reconciliation

5:30 pm Sunday Vigil

## ADORATION CHAPEL/CAPILLA DE ADORACIÓN

Daily/Diariamente 6:00 am to 8:00 pm

Friday Exposition/Exposición viernes 8:30 am to 5:30 pm

Friday Benediction/Bendición viernes 5:30 pm

## PARISH OFFICE/OFICINA PARROQUIAL

Monday/lunes 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Tuesday/martes 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Wednesday/miércoles 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Thursday/jueves 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Friday/viernes 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

## CALENDAR UPDATES:

**Monday, January 1**, the Parish Office will be closed. The Parish Office will reopen at 9:00 am on Tuesday, January 2. ***In the event of an emergency requiring last rites or death***, call the Parish Office and press 7 to be connected to the answering service.

**Tuesday, January 2**, the Rosary, Prayer & Discernment group will not meet.

**Wednesday, January 3**, the Parish Office will close at 1:00 pm for a staff meeting.