

St. Joseph Parish

THE HOLY FAMILY OF
JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH
DECEMBER 26, 2021



*Jesus said to his parents,
“Why were you looking for me?
Did you not know that I
must be in my Father’s house?”*

Luke 2:49

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Mass Schedule

Saturday

5:00 p.m.

Indoor Vigil

Sunday

Mass on the Grass

Outdoors

8:30 a.m.

Indoor Mass

10:30 a.m.

Indoor Mass

12:30 p.m.

Daily Mass (M-W)

8:00 a.m. Indoor

Reconciliation

Saturdays

3:45-4:30 p.m.

By the East Church

Door parking lot





Letter From Our Pastor

Dear Parish Family:

A Blessed Christmas weekend to all of you! As we anticipate welcoming and celebrating 2022 in the Year of Our Lord, here is the Mass Schedule for New Year's Weekend:

Saturday, January 1 (Not a Holy Day of Obligation)

9:00 AM -Special Mass to welcome the New Year and celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God.

5:00 – Vigil Mass for Epiphany
No Confessions today!

Sunday, January 2 – Solemnity of Epiphany

8:30 AM – Mass on the Grass

10:30 – Mass Indoors

12:30 – Mass Indoors

A NEW YEAR'S PRAYER

Lord, as a new year begins,
we come to you and ask for your blessing.
We pray that you would give us joy to fill our days,
peace to fill our hearts and love to fill our lives.
Thank you for the plans you have for us in this new year,
we wait in anticipation to see all that you will do.

Bless all of our families,
keep them safe and healthy and
may we trust in your providential care.

As we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family this Sunday after Christmas, I'm praying for you and your families that your New Year may be Blessed in every way!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,
Msgr. Kevin



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FAMILY LIFE

It wasn't at all what Mary and Joseph expected their life to be like. Almost from the beginning, there were indications that something extraordinary was at work: Mary's angelic annunciation; Joseph's strange dream; the puzzling words of Simeon and Anna in the Temple. And now this: during Mary and Joseph's annual Passover journey to Jerusalem, the discovery that their son Jesus was lost—and even when he was found, they didn't totally recognize their twelve-year-old boy. Today's feast of the Holy Family reminds us of the perplexities and promise of family life. The mystery of “the Word made flesh” becomes very tangible indeed in the routines and foibles of family life—our Christmas gatherings were likely unmistakable reminders of that! From the pure flesh of a newborn child to the wizened flesh of a beloved grandmother, families are ground zero for glimpsing the wondrous mystery of the Incarnation.

DID YOU NOT KNOW?

A child's first words are usually a source of excitement and joy for family members. Today we hear the first words of Jesus in the Gospel according to Luke. And they are challenging ones. “Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?” The words astounded, astonished, and great anxiety are used to describe Jesus' extended visit to the Temple. How familiar those emotions are to most parents! Had Jesus' parents forgotten the angel Gabriel's words or the prophecy of Simeon? In Luke's Gospel this passage foreshadows Jesus' final journey to Jerusalem where he will experience his own Passover and again be “lost” for three days. The story of Hannah in the first reading confirms the need and nature of trusting in God's activity in our lives. It seems clear that faithful attention to a family's spiritual life is no guarantee that life will be free from hardship.

EMMANUEL: GOD IS WITH US

Could Tolstoy have gotten it wrong when he wrote that all happy families are alike and that unhappy families are each unhappy in their own way? It seems that the opposite is equally true. Because happy families foster the unique talents and interests of each member, each person shines according to their own lights. A happy family's faith, goals, and challenges will be uniquely their own. Unhappy families, on the other hand, might look very similar in their woundedness, their fears and confrontations, and their tendency to give negative interpretations to another's actions.

It is tempting to conclude that family life today is more problematic than ever. It might be reassuring to learn that the feast of the Holy Family was added to the Church's universal calendar because of Pope Leo XIII's concern for the state of family life—one hundred years ago! During this season of Christmas when families are everywhere, we welcome Emmanuel—the God who has pitched his tent among us.

TODAY'S READINGS

1 Samuel 1:20–22, 24–28
Psalm 84:2–3, 5–6, 9–10
1 John 3:1–2, 21–24
Luke 2:41–52



Safeguard The Children



Check Christmas presents for button batteries

Many parents will be spending the next few days and weeks assembling (and reassembling) their children’s gifts, and it’s important to be on the lookout for potential hazards, including button batteries. Button batteries are small, round discs used in anything from toys to key fobs to watches. If these batteries end up being swallowed or placed in a child’s nose or ears, they can cause serious damage — from electrical currents to tissue burns. Keep an eye on the power sources for the toys your children get this Christmas, and consider taking extra safety measures for anything with a button battery. For more information, visit nsc.org/home-safety/safety-topics/child-safety/button-batteries.



Feast of the Holy Family

“GOD ALWAYS KNOCKS AT THE DOOR OF HEARTS. HE LIKES TO DO THIS. IT COMES FROM HIS HEART. BUT, DO YOU KNOW WHAT HE LIKES BEST? TO KNOCK ON THE DOORS OF FAMILIES AND FIND FAMILIES THAT ARE UNITED, TO FIND FAMILIES THAT LOVE EACH OTHER, TO FIND THE FAMILIES THAT BRING UP THEIR CHILDREN AND EDUCATE THEM AND HELP THEM TO KEEP GOING FORWARD AND THAT CREATE A SOCIETY OF GOODNESS, OF TRUTH, AND OF BEAUTY.”
- POPE FRANCIS

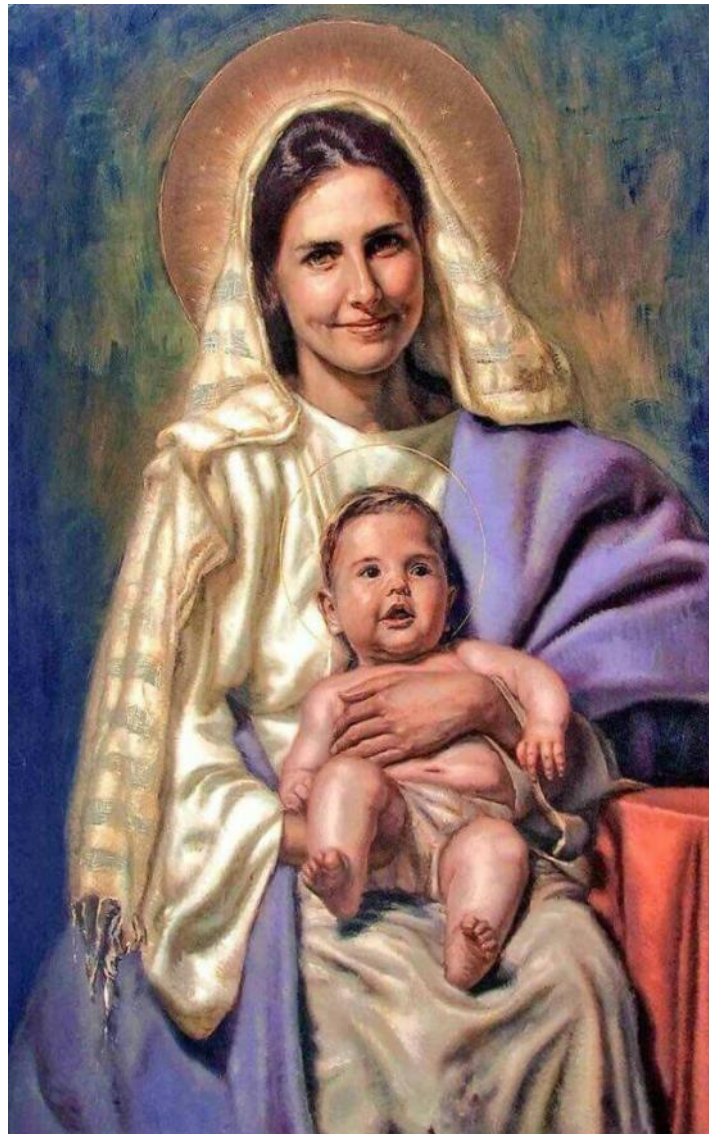


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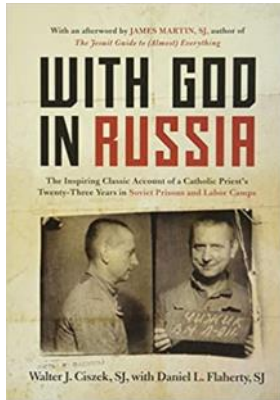
“Whoever receives one child such as this in my name receives me.” Mt 18:5

Christmas Present & Food Drive: Thank you for supporting our present & food drive! As a parish community, we supported over 100 families for Christmas!

Skip-a-Meal Donations: Please be especially mindful during the holiday season when our needs are greatest. For many fulfilling ways to serve, please call **Tim Clark (562) 431-4385**.



Book Club



Our next Zoom meeting is Tuesday, January 11 at 7pm. We will discuss:
With God in Russia
by Walter J. Ciszek

It is the inspiring story of a Catholic priest's 23 years in Soviet prisons and labor camps and his faith in God's goodness to allow him to live through his ordeal.

All are welcome!

For more info, email agoodlife@msn.com

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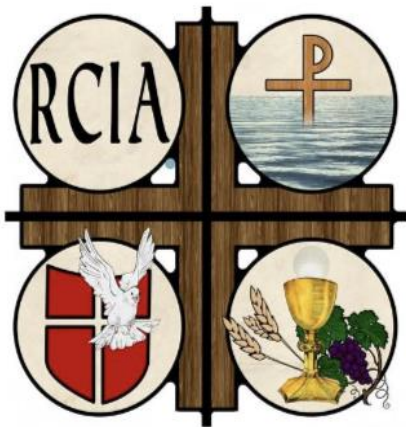
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RCIA - The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults



For more info, contact Olga at olga@stjosephlb.org

RCIA is a program for any non-baptized adult interested in becoming a Catholic. It is also for adults baptized in the Catholic faith (or in another Christian faith), who would like to complete the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.

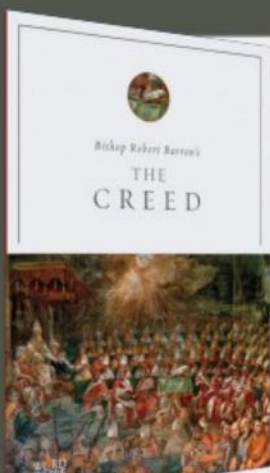
RCIA begins with a period of Inquiry, where you can find out what the Catholic Church teaches and believes. If you, or anyone you know, would like to find out more please contact Olga Cuda at olga@stjosephlb.org

Come-and-See what RCIA is all about !



Bishop Robert Barron's newest study program

THE CREED



Recent decades have witnessed a surge of the religiously unaffiliated, especially among young people. Many former believers have simply turned their backs on Christianity and no longer accept its teachings. But what are those teachings?

In *The Creed*, a new film series blending documentary conversations and dynamic talks, Bishop Robert Barron guides viewers into the depths of the Nicene Creed, a fourth-century statement of faith that has profoundly influenced Christian spirituality, theology, and liturgy in both the East and West.

Explore the meaning of “belief” and whether it contradicts reason; the creative love of God the Father; the shocking mystery of his Son’s Incarnation, and the great drama of his Crucifixion and Resurrection; the life-giving power of the *Spiritus Sanctus*, or “holy breath,” shared between them; and the mystical reality of the Church, which calls all of humanity out of the world of sin to receive forgiveness and participate in Christ’s divinity—not only in the next world but here and now.

The keys that unlock the beliefs of the Christian Faith are stated succinctly in the Nicene Creed, which we pray at every Sunday Mass. Born at the Council of Nicaea in the Fourth Century after intense debates, this formal statement of faith is the foundation of both eastern and western Christianity. And to this day, most Christians around the world would subscribe to it.

Please join us as we explore the Creed with Bishop Robert Barron in a new study beginning Thursday, January 13 at 7:00pm. To register, please email mike@stjosephlb.org or text 562-370-0769 to reserve your materials. The cost for the study materials is \$15. Registration is open until Friday, January 7th so please reserve your seat and materials as soon as possible. Sessions will be held using Zoom and the details will be provided to those registered prior to starting.

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