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The Holy Family of Jesus

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Saturday Vigil:.....5:00 p.m.
Sunday:......7:30 a.m., 9:30AM
& 11:30 am
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Friday): 7:00 am. & 8:30 a.m.
Saturday:.....8:30 am

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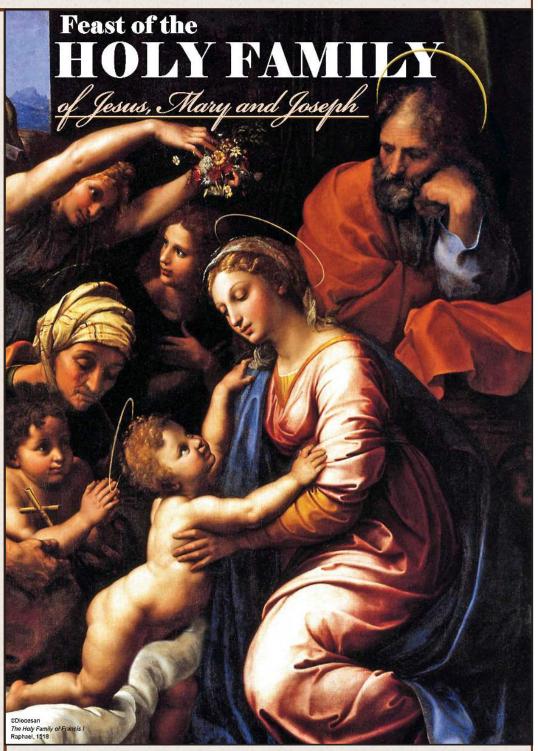
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Mass Intentions for the week of December 28th to January 4th

	Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday
7:30 AM	Wilma Footer † by the Bridges family	7:00 AM	Perry Ruesewald † by the Eriksen family	7:00 AM	For those mourning a loved one	7:00 AM	For the People of the Parish
9:30 AM	Frank Cardiello † by Emilia Angiona	8:30 AM	Catherine Morin † by her daughter, Kathleen Weldon	8:30 AM	Willaim Allen † by Diane Sweeney	8:30 AM	Danny Hatina †
11:30 AM	Patrick Neiss by the family (Merry Christ-	Out of Egypt I called my son.					

LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Epiphany of the Lord Thinking about the Readings

- 1. Do I believe that God has a secret plan for me/ What might it be? How do I feel about a secret plan? What freedom do I have in that plan?
- 2. What do I do to help recognize God's plan for me?
- 3. Do I believe it is possible to know God's plan for me this side of heaven?

Readings for The Epiphany of the Lord January 4, 2026

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

mas in heaven)

The glory of the Lord shines on all people Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
The Gentiles are coheirs of the promise.

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

They presented gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh

DEVOTIONS

Liturgy of the Hours (Morning Prayer) at 8:10am (before the 8:30 mass), Mon.-Thu. (unless no school on Fri.) Recitation of the Rosary: Mon. – Sat., 9am in the Chapel. Novena – Our Lady of Perpetual Help Tuesday, after the 8:30am Mass.

Spanish Adoration & Prayer Group, Thursdays 6:00pm Holy Hour 9-10 – Thurs. (except holidays) after the 8:30 Mass, Divine Mercy, Rosary, Silent Prayer, Benediction.

Holy Days — Same as Sundays (7:30am, 9:30am & 11:30am) Holy Day Vigil — 7:00pm

Fatima Sundays—Every 3rd Sunday of the Month from May through October, 3-4:30pm.

Litanies-After the 8:30am Mass

For Reflection:

Whatever we do, in word or deed, we should do in the name of Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. As God's family let us



raise our voices in praise and thanksgiving.

Today's good news

The devotion to the Holy Family was born in Bethlehem, together with the Baby Jesus. The shepherds went to adore the Child and, at the same time, they gave honor to His family. Later, in a similar way, the three wise men came from the East to adore and give honor to the newborn King with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh that would be safeguarded by His family.

We can go further to affirm that in a certain sense Christ, Himself, was the first devotee of His family. He showed His devotion to His mother and foster father by submitting Himself, with infinite humility, to the duty of filial obedience towards them. This is what St Bernard of Clairvaux said in this regard, 'God, to whom angels submit themselves and who principalities and powers obey, was subject to Mary; and not only to Mary but Joseph also for Mary's sake [....]. God obeyed a human creature; this is humility without precedent. A human creature commands God; it is sublime beyond measure.'

Today's celebration demonstrates Christ's humility and obedience with respect to the fourth commandment, whilst also highlighting the loving care that His parents exercised in His keeping. The servant of God, Pope John Paul II, in 1989, entitled his Apostolic Exhortation, 'Redemptoris Custos' (Guardian of the Redeemer) which was dedicated to the person and the mission of Saint Joseph in the life of Christ and of the Church. After exactly a century, he resumed the teaching of Pope Leo XIII, for who Saint Joseph '.. shines among all mankind by the most august dignity, since by divine will, he was the guardian of the Son of God and reputed as His father among men'.

Looking at the Holy Family, we see the love, the protection, and the diligent care that they gave to the Redeemer. We can not fail to feel uneasiness, perhaps a shameful thought, for the times in which we have not rendered the appropriate care and attention to the Blessed Eucharist. We can only ask for forgiveness and do penance for all the sacrilegious acts and the lack of respect that are committed in front of the Blessed Eucharist. We can only ask the Lord, through the intersession of the Holy Family of Nazareth, for a greater love for their Son Incarnate, who has decided to remain here on earth with us every day until the end of time.

The Holy Family of Jesus

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New Year's Day		Friday		Saturday		Sunday	
7:30 AM	Roberta Porta † by the family	7:00 AM	For the Salvatorian priests	8:30 AM	For those in need of prayer	7:30 AM	Tinh-Pham (Teresa) † by the family
9:30 AM 11:30AM	Felicia Bradley † by the family Special Intentions for 17th Anniversary of Father Teresa @ St Teresa Parish	8:30 AM	Marjorie Barnard † by Bob & Bonnie Truett	5:00 PM	Stephen Bugno†	9:30 AM	Anthony James Amato † by the family
Sanctuary Lamp is lit this week in memory of Marjorie Barnard by Joan May							New Year blessings, Patrick † by his wife, Greta

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship Thought: Today we remember the three wise men from the East who came to pay homage to the infant Jesus, bringing Him rich gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. The gifts we bring — our time, service, and some share of what we earn for the work we do — are equally precious in His sight.

Parish Sacrificial Giving (Regular Sunday Offering) In gratitude for the gifts we have received from God, the parishioners and visitors gave \$10,762.00 (12/14) - 12/21 will be noted next week d/t bulletin schedule- for the ministries of St. Teresa. Retirement for Religious amounted to \$2,832.00. Thank you for your continued support and generosity. God bless.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK?

Hos many different kinds of families exist in the parish? How might they relate to this feast?



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Let us imitate the Holy Family in our Christian families, and our family will be a cell and a prefiguration of the heavenly family. Say a prayer dedicating your family to the Holy Family. \

Also pray for all families and for our country to uphold the sanctity of the

marriage bond which is under attack.

Eucharistic Adoration

There will be **NO** Eucharistic Adoration on **Thursday January** 1st

If anyone would like to sign up for an hour, please call Cheryl Kassack at: 321-383-1312 (H) 321-795-1456 (c)

SCHOOL NEWS

St. Teresa Thank you to everyone who joined us for our annual pageant and helped make it such a beautiful celebration.

We appreciate the support, time, and encouragement shown to our students.

Wishing you all a *Happy New Year* filled with joy, peace, and many blessings.



New Year's Day Mass Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Wednesday, New Year's Eve-**December 31st**, 2019 **at 7 PM** Thursday, New Years's Day -**January 1**, at 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM

Confessions:

Daily: Mon. – Fri.: 7:45 – 8:15 AM Saturdays: 3:45 – 4:45 PM

Please Plan Ahead Church Office Closures

The Church Office will be closed till January 5th.

The answering service will be available for emergency calls. *Happy Holidays to all!*



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FAITH FORMATION

Religious Education (CCD) No Religious Education Classes (CCD) this week. Classes will resume on January 7, 2026. Happy New Year.



OCIA

No OCIA meeting this Sunday. Our next meeting will be **January 11, 2026.** Happy New Year!

"O"ur Catholic Nugget

A Quote from St. Teresa of Calcutta "It is Christmas every time you let God love others through you... yes, it is Christmas every time you smile at your brother and offer him your hand."

Adult Bible Study

Winter Bible study will begin January 2026.

Monday morning and Tuesday evening classes will be, The Prophets: Messengers of God's Mercy. This session will run for 10-weeks. Classes will begin Monday, January 19th or Tuesday, January 20th.

Wednesday mornings class will be, The Chosen Season 5, The Last Supper. This session will run for 8 sessions. Classes will begin Wednesday January 21st.

All classes will be held in Avila Hall. If you have any questions or would like to register contact the Faith Formation office at 321-349-5445 (voice or text) or by email at faithformation@stteresa-titusville.org. Space is limited.

Breakfast Buffet

Save the Date for our next Breakfast Buffet **January 18,2026** after each Mass in the Parish Center. Omelets made to order, pancakes, as well as Sausage, Bacon, Scrambled Eggs, Biscuits and Gravy! Suggested donation: Adults: \$12, Children 5-12 \$6. Proceeds will be used to reduce the cost of the Youth Travelers on our Italy Youth Pilgrimage 2026.

Youth Group Summer Camps

Camp Veritas. June 9th – 14th Lake Placid, Florida

Ava Maria Youth Conference 2026 July $10^{th}-12^{th}$; Ave Maria University

If you are interested in attending either or both of these summer events, please contact the Faith Formation Office. Cell: (321) 349-5445 (voice or text) Email: faithformation@stteresatitusville.org

Italy Pilgrimage 2026, Fund Raisers

Fund Raiser	Dates				
50/50 Raffles	Monthly, ticket sale after each Mass, Drawing at the end of each month.				
Breakfast Buffet	Monthly, see announcements and Bulletin for dates.				
Restaurant Spirit Nights	Culvers 5:00pm – 8:00pm ; January 5 th , February 2 nd , April 20 th , June 1 st				
Tacos	January 10 th and 24 th Parish Center				
Italian Dinner Night	TBD				

Baptism

To schedule a Baptism or a Preparation Class contact the Faith Formation Office 321-349-5445 (voice or text) or by email at faithformation@stteresa-titusville.org. The Preparation class will be held on the date and time you schedule in the Faith Formation Room in Avila Hall.

Bereavement / Grief Support Group

A Grief, Prayer, Support Group has been organized for anyone that has lost a loved one or is interested in participating.

You do not need to be a member of the Parish to participate.

Meetings will be held on Thursdays from 4:30-6:3PM.

All are welcome. For additional information, please contact the Parish Office @321-268-3441

Blue Army Rosary

<u>Blue Army Rosary and Chaplets</u> The St. Teresa Chapter of the Blue Army is hosting, in the Chapel, a **weekly:**

Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy on **Monday** nights at **6pm**

There will be a Pot Luck dinner on 01/05/26.

Choir Rehearsal

Contemporary choir rehearses every **Tuesday at 7pm** in the church.

Traditional choir rehearses every **Wednesday at 7pm** in the church

Food Pantry Cor Jesu

The Food Pantry is in need of coffee and crackers.



If you chose to send a check please make out to Cor Jesu. Grocery store gift cards are always welcome for perishables. They can be placed in the box outside the gift shop.

Thank you for your weekly generosity.



Moms of Tiny Saints

A Catholic ministry where moms can find community in the messiness and joy of raising tiny saints. Join us at one of our upcoming events.

Contact Kasey at (321) 289-6399 for any questions.

Thank you from Father Chris

Father Chris extends a thank you to all that recognized his birthday in any way. Thank you for all the thoughts and cards.



Father enjoyed a luncheon prepared by Nicole especially the "Polish" styled cake.



The Holy Family of Jesus

Happy **SEVENTEEN** Years Father Chris

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From Father Chris:

As we gather this weekend, it seems like just yesterday that I arrived, and here we are preparing to celebrate and indeed are celebrating a New Year. Happy 2026!
My 1st day at St Teresa's was 17 years ago on New Year's day!!

Clearly, on this Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Theotokos, God-bearer, we are both called and invited to follow her example and "reflect on these things in our hearts." We may think about what it means to be "blessed."

Yes, we know that like Mary, our lives can also have hard days and many days of suffering and loss. It is at these moments in our lives, that Mary constantly invites us to reach out to her, to pray to her for her courage to keep the faith alive in spite of the pain and sorrow of loss and loneliness.

When we do that, the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, will seek us out, wrap us up in the mantle of her maternal love and comfort us as any mother would do. Then she will clean us off, freshen us up and lead us to her Son.

Finally, she will present us to her Son and let Jesus also embrace us with His healing and love so we may hear those blessed words, "Well done my good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of your master's house." "Hail Mary Full of grace the Lord is with thee, Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of death. Amen."

May God bless you and protect you & your families throughout this New Year. Prayers for all of you are always in our hearts.

Thank you for these 17 years in our parish.Father Chris



Annual Parish Calendars

The Annual calendar will be available in the church narthex.

Please take ONE per family

till we make sure that all families have received the calendar.

Thank you

Feast of the Holy Family

Today is the feast day of the Holy Family, but also every family's feast day, since the Holy Family is the patron and model of all Christian families. Today should be a huge family feast, since it is devoted entirely to the Holy Family as a model for the Christian family life. As Rev. Edward Sutfin states:

"The children must learn to see in their father the fosterfather St. Joseph, and the Blessed Mother as the perfect model for their own mother. The lesson to be learned is both practical and theoretical, in that the children must learn how to obey and to love their parents in thought, word and action, just as Christ was obedient to Mary and Joseph. Helping mother in the kitchen and in the house work, and helping father in his odd jobs about the home thus take on a new significance by being performed in a Christ-like spirit."

Scripture tells us practically nothing about the first years and the boyhood of the Child Jesus. All we know are the facts of the sojourn in Egypt, the return to Nazareth, and the incidents that occurred when the twelve-year-old boy accompanied his parents to Jerusalem. In her liturgy the Church hurries over this period of Christ's life with equal brevity.

The general breakdown of the family, however, at the end of the past century and at the beginning of our own, prompted the popes, especially the far-sighted Leo XIII, to promote the observance of this feast with the hope that it might instill into Christian families something of the faithful love and the devoted attachment that characterize the family of Nazareth. The primary purpose of the Church in instituting and promoting this feast is to present the Holy Family as the model

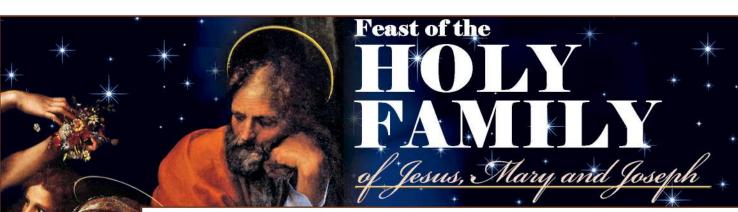
Holy Name of Jesus January 3rd

Today the Church celebrates the optional memorial of the Most Holy Name of Jesus. According to the 1962 Missal of St. John XXIII the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite this feast is celebrated on January 2. In the liturgical revisions of Vatican II, the feast was removed, though a votive Mass to the Holy Name of Jesus had been retained for devotional use. With the release of the revised Roman Missal in March

2002, the feast was restored as an optional memorial in the Ordinary Form on January 3.

The Church reveals to us the wonders of the Incarnate Word by singing the glories of His name. The name of Jesus means Savior; it had been shown in a dream to Joseph together with its meaning and to Our Lady at the annunciation by the Archangel Gabriel.

Devotion to the Holy Name is deeply rooted in the Sacred Scriptures, especially in the Acts of the Apostles. It was promoted in a special manner by St. Bernard, St. Bernardine of Siena, St. John Capistrano and by the Franciscan Order. It was extended to the whole Church in 1727 during the pontificate of Innocent XIII. The month of January has traditionally been dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus.



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Colossians 3:12-21

The Forgiving Family

The Christian family is a symbol of forgiveness and love. Every family has its rough spots. Within one family not everyone believes the same and prays the same. Some show love comfortably, others with embarrassment. Some naturally look out for someone else; others are concerned about themselves. Some boast about their accomplishments, others are humble. Some have old hurts that still ache, others have healed and forgiven. Families are not perfect, but they are designed for love.

On Holy Family Sunday, we remember that the model of family love is the love that Christ gives us. The Letter to the Colossians says, "As the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do."

All society is a symbol of forgiveness and love. At least it should be. God loved us all enough to send Jesus into the world. He came to save us. We do not always respond to this love the way that we should. But at least we have a model for what love is like. It is compassionate, kind, humble, gentle, and patient. Within the world, we have our differences, but we hold this in common: the ability to live in peace and the grace of God's forgiveness.

At Christmas we celebrate the gift of God's forgiveness, Christ, our redeemer. We try to imitate that forgiveness as individuals, as families, and as a community. If the forgiving Christ dwells in each family, each family will bring forgiveness to the world.

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The Holy Family of Francis I Raphael, 1518

The Holy Family of Jesus

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God January First

This is a very ancient feast, which used to be celebrated on October 11th. Today's feast answers the question, "Why do Catholics honor Mary?" Non-Christians sometimes believe that we Catholics worship Mary as a goddess who gave birth to our God. Non-Catholic Christians argue that there is no Biblical basis for honoring Mary and that Catholics worship her and make her equal to God. They fail to understand why we honor Mary and name Churches and institutions after her. They do not understand what we mean by calling her the Mother of God. The truth is that we Catholics do not worship Mary as we worship, adore, God. We honor her, respect her, love her and seek her intercession, praying, "Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners." We do not, ever, equate her with God nor replace God with her. Rather, we honor her, primarily because God



honored her by choosing her to become the Mother of Jesus, the Second Person of the Holy Trinity, when He took on our flesh and became Man.

Jesus gave us his Mother so that she would be the Mother of all humanity. After having considered the role of the Virgin Mary in the mystery of Christ and the Spirit, we should think about her role in the mystery of the Church. We know that the Virgin Mary is the Mother of Jesus Christ and, consequently, the Mother of God. But she is also the Mother of the Church, which is the Body of Christ. Because of this, the mission of Mary is totally inseparable from the mission of the Church. And it should be clearly stated that the role of Mary, as Mother of all humanity, in no way eclipses or diminishes Christ. On the contrary, her role can only help to clarify Christ's role. This is one of the reasons God decided to share his Mother with us.

A shoeshine boy was plying his trade in New York's Grand Central Station. A silver medal danced at his neck as he slapped his shine cloth, again and again, across a man's shoes. "Sonny," said the man curiously, "what's the hardware around your neck?" It's a medal of the mother of Jesus," the boy replied. "Why her medal?" said the man. "She's no different from your mother." "Could be," said the boy, "but there's a real big difference between her son and me." The boy's devotion to Mary, the mother of Jesus, invites me to ask: What role does Mary play in my life? How might she play an even bigger role?



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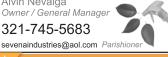
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