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THE HOLY FAMILY OF
JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

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**Solemnity of the
Blessed Virgin Mary,
the Mother of God**

MASS TIMES

Friday, December 31
Vigil 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 1
9:00 a.m.

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Saint Joseph Cathedral Parish is called to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ as a community.
We are committed: to our urban neighborhoods, to being the Cathedral of the Diocese,
and to fellowship, formation, sacrament, and prayer.

This Week

December 26 - January 2, 2021

SUN 26 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

8:00 am Mass for Frank Moran
10:30 am Mass for the Parishioners

MON 27 Saint John

12:05 pm Mass for Katerina Bolcek

TUE 28 The Holy Innocents

12:05 pm Mass for Albert Schubert

WED 29 The Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

12:05 pm Mass for Michael Pacewicz

THU 30 The Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

12:05 pm Mass for Deceased Diocesan Permanent Deacons & Their Wives

FRI 31 The Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

11:15 am Confessions
12:05 pm Mass for Adolph & Mary Calovini
6:00 pm Mass for the Parishioners

SAT 1 Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord First Saturday

9:00 am Mass for Louis & Nicolina Truini
9:30 am Rosary
5:00 pm Confessions
6:00 pm Mass for the Parishioners

SUN 2 Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 am Mass for Blanche Kaminski
10:30 am Mass for Shirley Roe



A family that prays together stays together

*From
Fr. Sateesh*

The Gospel narrates the incident of Mary and Joseph bringing Jesus to the temple to offer him to the Lord according to the practice of the times. Often when we think of the Holy family, they are portrayed as the model family, and we think that they had a very smooth, untroubled existence so very unlike our own troubled families! Yet this is not true. The holy family shared so much of what we go through in our lives. They lived with insecurity! When they needed a home most, they are homeless. Just when their child is born, they live with murder threats. They fear the murderous designs of Herod and they have to flee.

After they have settled down, they have to move again. As Jesus grows, they lose him in the temple, and they cannot understand why he has chosen to stay behind. There is misunderstanding. Later as He goes about his mission there is separation, loneliness and ultimately death that they have to cope with. Was the Holy family an ideal family? What helps them to live as a family is their mutual respect and reverence for each other. They are committed to one another and support each other even if they do not understand each other's actions completely. Ultimately it is their faith that brings about the love that unites the Holy family. To live with others, we have to live for others! We will then discover that God is very close to us, He is at home. We may think our families are different from others, but he will come none the less!

The feast of the Holy family reminds us of duties of children towards their parents, the duty of respecting and obeying parents. As people under authority, we sometimes like to question our superiors and their decisions, we feel we know better and perhaps we do. Jesus the son of God was the obedient son of Mary and Joseph. He was the obedient son of God. "My food is to do the will of my father in Heaven". In these days when authority is questioned there is still place for obedience in our lives.

We generally like to celebrate Christmas with family and friends. Christmas is a family feast! At Christmas those of the family who are away come home at least visit home or get in touch with family. Just after Christmas we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family of Nazareth, to remind ourselves that Jesus came into the world in a family. Find Jesus in your home during this Christmas season!



THANK YOU!

We are very grateful to those who have helped assemble the Nativity scene this year. Special thanks to Dave & Vivienne Perri, Jacob Manning, Gregory Gust, and the students of Wheeling Central Catholic High School!

Homebound Ministry

We would like to reach out to those individuals who, due to physical limitations, are unable to attend Mass regularly. If you or someone you know is sick or homebound and would like a visit from Father Sateesh, please contact the Cathedral parish offices at 304-233-4121.



The Cathedral Parish Office will be closed between Christmas and New Years. The office will reopen on Monday, January 2, 2022.

Online Giving

The Cathedral of Saint Joseph offers Online Giving, a web-based electronic contribution application that is safe and secure. This site allows you to set up automatic contributions and change the timing or the amount of your gift at any time. You may make pledges and manage your contributions to the pledge amount, and you may make one-time donations. To sign up for Online Giving, visit our parish website at www.saintjosephcathedral.com and follow the "Giving" tab. This website will walk you through the process.

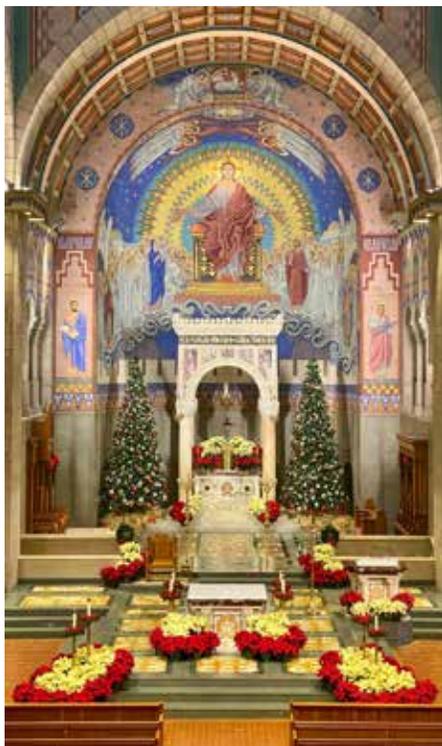
Second Collection for Kentucky Disaster Relief January 1 & 2, 2022

Most Rev. Mark Brennan, Bishop of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, has approved a special collection to be held the weekend of January 1st and 2nd, 2022, in all parishes and missions throughout the diocese to support recovery efforts related to the recent natural disasters that have occurred in Kentucky, leaving severe damage and loss of life. Donations can also be made on the diocesan website at www.dwc.org/disasterrelief.

Proceeds from this collection will support the humanitarian and recovery efforts of Catholic Charities agencies on the ground, working in the communities affected by the tornadoes.

As we hold the victims and first responders in our prayers during these critical days, let us also spend time in prayer and discernment as we prepare for this upcoming collection. Let us come together now to support our brothers and sisters in Christ who are suffering this horrible loss.

Please remember in prayer all those who have lost their lives in the wake of these disasters, as well as all those who have been injured and lost their homes, cars, employment, and access to food and water, especially as we prepare for the Christmas Season.



Christmas AT THE CATHEDRAL

CHRISTMAS SEASON MASS SCHEDULE

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD OCTAVE DAY OF CHRISTMAS

Friday, December 31 at 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, January 1 at 9:00 a.m.

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Saturday, January 1 at 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, January 2 at 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Saturday, January 8 at 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, January 9 at 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Offertory Collection

December 19, 2021

Envelopes: \$2184

Loose: \$481

Online: \$456

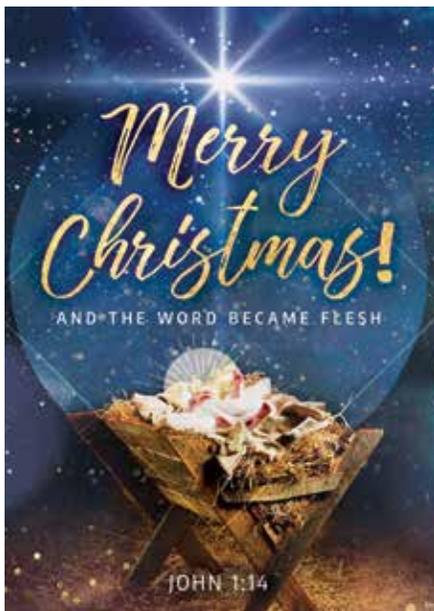
*Thank you for
your support!*



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New to the Parish?

Are you new to the Parish? Has your address or phone number changed? Are you a Catholic wishing to return to the Church? We would love to hear from you! Contact or stop by the Parish Offices to find out more information on how to become a member of the Cathedral Parish.

Traveling for the Holidays?

Take an hour, even on vacation, to attend Mass where you can remember to thank God for your blessings and to seek his divine protection for you and your family. There is a great website, www.masstimes.org, that can help you to locate the nearest Catholic Church and the times for Mass while traveling.

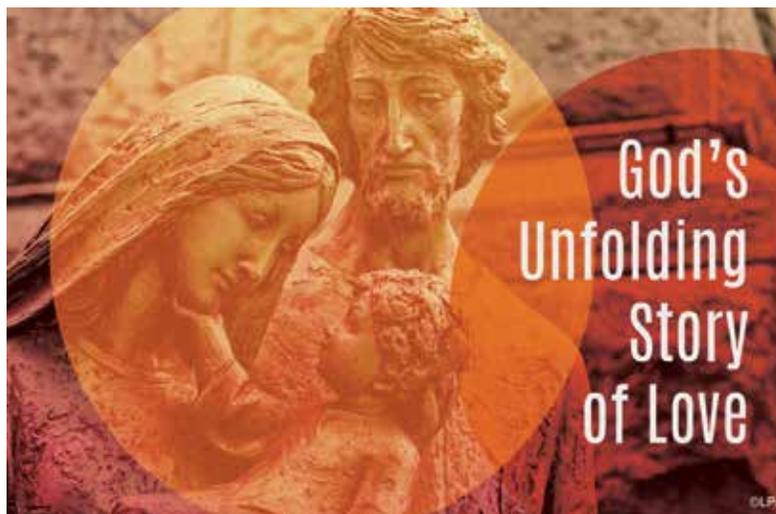
Families can be very difficult things to negotiate. This is true not only of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our Church, our society, and our global family as well. Everything human can be found in family stories. Those stories speak of wonderful life-giving successes as well as painful spirit-robbing abuses. Our greatest joys and our greatest wounds are usually connected with the experience of family. Our needs, experiences, and unresolved baggage often color what we bring to our familiar relationships. They contribute to our level of defensiveness, how guarded and protected we become, and what prejudices we believe.

In order to break the cycle of dysfunction we have to remember that it is not only by human effort that we negotiate the difficult and challenging events of our lives. There is a Divine Effort at work as well. For sure, the human effort can create quite a mess and easily destroy lives. This is true of any family with which we are associated. Today's Feast of the Holy Family serves to help us understand that there is a Divine Story being told as well. It is a story of perseverance in the face of hardship, determination in the face of despair, healing when we see nothing but wounds, and light where there is darkness.

Bringing the Gospel Home

Do we believe that God is always working, guiding, restoring, and leading? Unless we do, we will never be free from the imperfections and wounds that bind us and never be able to understand what it really means to forgive. Pope Francis tells us that the "light which comes from the Holy Family encourages us to offer human warmth to other families." While this is most certainly true, we can only really begin to do this when we realize that we are still works in progress, not anchored to the wounds and sins of our past, and still a leading star in God's continually unfolding story of love. The Holy Family persevered and radiated warmth because they knew they were not alone. We can too.

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Christmas joy is for everyone, according to Leo the Great

By Philip Kosloski, Aleteia



Christmas is meant to be a joyous occasion, one that everyone should experience. It is not a joy tied to presents or even time spent with family members, but a joy firmly rooted in the coming of Our Savior on Christmas Day.

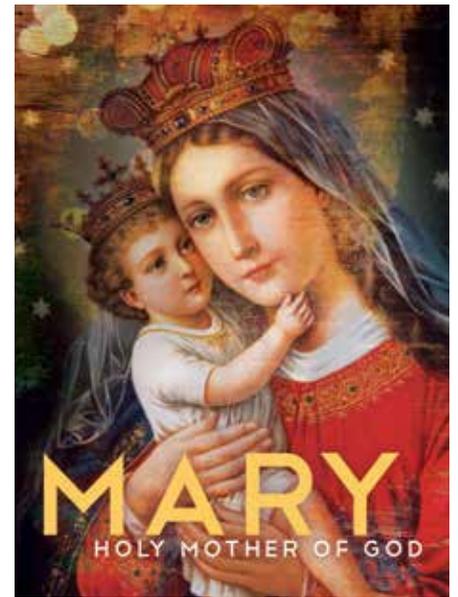
This means that no one is excluded from true Christmas joy. Whether you are rich or poor, with family or alone, everyone can rejoice on Christmas.

Here is how Pope St. Leo the Great put it in one of his Christmas sermons from the 5th century: "Our Saviour, dearly-beloved, was born today: let us be glad. For there is no proper place for sadness, when we keep the birthday of the Life, which destroys the fear of mortality and brings to us the joy of promised eternity. No one is kept from sharing in this happiness. There is for all one common measure of joy, because as our Lord the destroyer of sin and death finds none free from charge, so is He come to free us all.

Let the saint exult in that he draws near to victory. Let the sinner be glad in that

he is invited to pardon. Let the Gentile take courage in that he is called to life. For the Son of God in the fullness of time which the inscrutable depth of the Divine counsel has determined, has taken on him the nature of man, thereby to reconcile it to its Author: in order that the inventor of death, the devil, might be conquered through that (nature) which he had conquered.

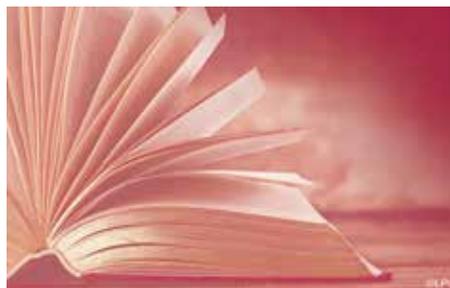
Let us then, dearly beloved, give thanks to God the Father, through His Son, in the Holy Spirit, Who for His great mercy, wherewith He has loved us, has had pity on us: and when we were dead in sins, has quickened us together in Christ, that we might be in Him a new creation and a new production. Let us put off then the old man with his deeds: and having obtained a share in the birth of Christ let us renounce the works of the flesh...Remember the Head and the Body of which you are a member. Recollect that you were rescued from the power of darkness and brought out into God's light and kingdom."



We are still in the midst of Christmas Time, and on January 1, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, a Holy Day of Obligation. This solemnity is the most ancient liturgical observance of Mary in the Church's calendar. It honors Mary as *theotokos* or "Mother of God," the title accorded her at the Council of Ephesus in 431. Mary is not just the Mother of Jesus: she is the Mother of God, because Jesus is both God and man, divine and human. As other Marian feasts entered the calendar, January 1 acquired a different focus. The eighth day after birth was the traditional day for the circumcision and naming of a child, and so this became the Feast of the Circumcision of the Lord (and the naming of Jesus). It was only in 1969 that the Marian character of this ancient feast was restored.

Please join us on New Year's Day as we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God and Octave Day of Christmas. Masses will be celebrated at the Cathedral on Friday, December 31 at 6:00 p.m. and Saturday, January 1 at 9:00 a.m.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK



SCRIPTURE READINGS

Week of December 26

SUNDAY

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14
Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5
Colossians 3:12-21
Luke 2:41-52

MONDAY

1 John 1:1-4
Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12
John 20:1, 2-8

TUESDAY

1 John 1:5—2:2
Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7-8
Matthew 2:13-18

WEDNESDAY

1 John 2:3-11
Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 5-6
Luke 2:22-35

THURSDAY

1 John 2:12-17
Ps 96:7-8, 8-9, 10
Luke 2:36-40

FRIDAY

1 John 2:18-21
Ps 96:12, 11-12, 13
John 1:1-18

SATURDAY

Numbers 6:22-27
Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8
Galatians 4:4-7
Luke 2:16-21

NEXT SUNDAY

Isaiah 60:1-6
Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13
Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6
Matthew 2:1-12

The readings are included each week so that those who are unable to join us for daily Mass will be able to consider and pray them in union with the whole Church.

December 27 - St. John, apostle & evangelist (1st century)

Saint John, apostle and fourth Evangelist, is called the "beloved disciple" because of his close relationship with Jesus. Throughout his account of the Gospel, Saint John, named as the son of Zebedee and brother of Saint James the Greater, makes an appearance at significant moments in Jesus' life; specifically, at the Last Supper, the Garden of Gethsemane, the foot of the Cross, and the upper room. His account of the Gospel is quite different from the synoptic accounts (Matthew, Mark, and Luke) due to his high Christology (divine emphasis), which is proclaimed through symbolic language and poetic form. The eagle is the chosen symbol for John's account, representing the depth and height to which the human spirit must soar in order to grasp the meaning of John's text.

Patronage: friendships

December 28 - The Holy Innocents, martyrs (1st century)

During this octave of Christmas the Church celebrates the The Holy Innocents, those small children of the neighborhood of Bethlehem put to death by Herod the Great. Herod fearing for his throne after the Magi told him about the birth of Jesus, ordered the execution of all male children in Bethlehem, hoping that Jesus would be among those killed. According to Matthew, this fulfilled the prophecy of Jeremiah (31:15): "In Ramah is heard the sound of sobbing, bitter weeping! Rachel mourns for her children."

December 29 - St. Thomas Becket, bishop, martyr (1118-1170)

Saint Thomas Becket, was born in London as the son of Norman parents. He received a good education at Merton Abbey, and later in Paris. When he left school, he became a secretary, a position of some prestige in a society with limited literacy. Eventually, he became assistant to Theobald, Archbishop of Canterbury. Recognizing his talent, Theobald sent him to the court of King Henry II, and eventually Thomas was named Lord Chancellor of England. In 1162, hoping to gain control over the Church, Henry had him installed as archbishop of Canterbury, but Thomas had a conversion, resigned as Chancellor, and thus began a conflict between King and archbishop. When Thomas returned from exile in France and excommunicated Henry's followers, Henry said in a rage, "Will no one rid me of this meddlesome priest?" Four knights took this as a command and killed Thomas as he went to join the monks for vespers in the abbey church. The story is retold in T.S. Eliot's play *Murder in the Cathedral* and Jean Anouilh's play, *Becket*.

December 31 - St. Sylvester I, pope (d. 355)

Very little is known about Saint Sylvester, in spite of his being pope during an eventful era in history, from 314 to 334. Shortly before the beginning of his papacy in 314, Constantine I issued the Edict of Milan (313), extending religious tolerance throughout the Roman Empire and enabling the Church to come out of hiding after years of persecution. During Sylvester's pontificate, some of the great churches in Rome were built: the Basilica of Saint John Lateran, Santa Croce, the first Saint Peter's Basilica, and several others. The First council of Nicea in 325, at which the Nicene Creed was adopted, occurred during his papacy. Sylvester himself did not attend, but he sent his legates, Vitus and Vincentius, who approved the council decisions on his behalf.

Saints of God, pray for us!

Women's Retreat

February 25-27, 2022

St. John XXIII Pastoral Center
Charleston, West Virginia

Please join us for our annual Women's Retreat, Co-Sponsored with the DWC Office of Evangelization & Catechesis, February 25-27, 2022, at St. John XXIII Pastoral Center in Charleston. Presented by Sr. Mary Dean Pfahler. The weekend will consist of presentations, quiet reflection, small group breakout sessions, media resources, and communal prayer. For more information contact Gerri Wright at 304-552-3662 or gerwright1@aol.com.

You can register online at www.dwc.org/2022-Womens-retreat. \$150/pp single occupancy, \$125/per person double occupancy.



Please remember
in your prayers all
who serve in the
Armed Forces.
May they be kept
safe and out of
harm's way.



WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Catholic Life Explained:

Coming Back to Church

Question:

I have been away from the Church for a few years and really want to get active again, not so much for me, but for my children. Is this a bad reason to come back to Church?

Answer:

If you are on your way to the supermarket, and you are forced to detour from your usual route because of road work, does the food you buy taste different? Is the meal less filling? Are the vegetables less tasty? Of course not. In our faith journey, there are many detours called sin. Some are greater than others, some are even a bit longer. But God's grace comes to us in ways we understand and recognize and need. Your children leading you back to the Church is not as important as the fact that you are back.

This is an opportunity for you to renew, strengthen, and deepen your faith. Regardless of how we get to Church, or what draws us closer to God, the fact is we are there. Do what you need to do to get right with God and the Church. Go to confession, begin good family religious practices, and be involved in the ministries your parish offers. Be more than a lukewarm parishioner. Be the kind of Catholic you want your children to be.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Andrew Helfer	Eli Musser	Ken Staley	Rachel Wade
Angela Niehart	Eric South	Kermit Klosterman	R. J. Stocke
Archer Hatch	Eva Wood	Liam Barns	Richard Simon
Arthur Danehart	Fr. Joseph Wilhelm	Liam Manning	Rick Burgy
Austin Cook	Frank Davis	Lucille Renowicz	Ron Hickman
Barb Mazzocca	Frederick C. Schweizer	Lukie Brown	Rosanne Gaughan
Beth Jochum	Gail Koch	Margaret Stocke	Rosalie Davis
Betty Teater	George Kirchner	Marie Farnsworth	Rose Otey
Bill Wilson	Geri Adams Nagy	Marie & Conner Workman	Sarah Hanasky
Bob Armstrong	Hines Rotriga	Mark Davis	Sarah Sargent
Bob Jones	Janet Cupp	Marshall South	Shirley DeBenedi
Billy Hanasky	Janie	Martha Yocum	Shirley DeCaria
Brian Hanasky	Jean & Chuck Schultz	Mary Ann Fowler	Stanley Kyrk
Brogan Gallentine	Jim Antill	Mary K. Schlosser	Stephanie Bugaj
Caleb Hlebiczki	Jim and Dee	Mary Walicki	Susan Graff
Carolyn Lash	Jimmy Hocking	Michael DeBlasis	Susan Mize
Carolyn Wiethe	Joe Bechtel	Milissa Rose	Susan Schulte
Charles Heizer	John Petrella	Nadine Greenwood	Tammy
Charles DeBenedi	Jon-Michael Lasher	Nicholas Barns	Teresa Helfer
Children of the Youth Services System	Joy Harr	Norma Bosold	Thelma Pearson
Christina Helfer	Judy Pack	Pete Cuffaro	Tony Helfer
Chuck Fair	Julia Sheets	Pete Mack	Tristan Timmons
David A. Kress, Jr.	Kathy Cooley	Philippa Shores	Victoria Jeskey
	Kaitlyn Hanasky		Zoey Knight

From the Diocesan Office of Safe Environment

The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston is committed to the protection of its children and young people. The Diocese complies with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People by maintaining an Office of Safe Environment. To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact the West Virginia Bureau for Children and Families/Child Protective Services by calling the Child Abuse Hotline at 800.352.6513. To report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact one of the Bishop's designees at 888.434.6237 (toll free) or 304.233.0880: Sister Ellen Dunn, ext. 264; Mr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Mr. Tim Bishop, ext. 353; Fr. Dennis Schuelkens, ext. 270 or call the Office of Safe Environment at 304.230.1504. For more information on the Diocese's Office of Safe Environment, please go to www.dwc.org, then click the "Diocese" tab, then click "Office of Safe Environment" under the "Offices" menu. To learn more about the Catholic Church's efforts in preventing sexual abuse of children in the United States, please visit <http://www.usccb.org>. Under "Issues and Action," click "Child and Youth Protection" from the drop down menu.

The Cathedral of Saint Joseph



MASS TIMES

- SUNDAYS** 6:00 pm (Saturday)
8:00 am
10:30 am
- WEEKDAYS** 12:05 pm (Monday thru Friday)
9:00 am (Saturday)
- HOLY DAYS** Please consult the bulletin

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CONFESSIONS

- FRIDAY** 11:15 - 11:45 am
- SATURDAY** 5:00 - 5:45 pm
or by appointment

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS
By appointment. Please contact the parish office.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK /
MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND**
Please call the parish office to arrange for anointing for someone who is seriously ill or preparing for surgery. If ill, homebound or hospitalized, a visit can be scheduled upon request.

MARRIAGE
Engaged couples who are members of the Cathedral parish should contact the parish office.

PARISH REGISTRATION
Registration forms can be obtained through the parish office.
Please notify the parish of address changes through contacting the parish office or by visiting the website.

Bulletin Articles due by 9am on Monday (5 days prior to publication). Submitted bulletin content is subject to approval.

