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• THE HOLY FAMILY •

# FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

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**Monday—Friday~ Lunes—Viernes**

9:00AM

**Saturday—Sábado**

8:00AM

**Saturday Evening**

English 5:00PM

**Sábado Por la Noche**

Español 6:30PM

**Sunday Mass**

English 7:30AM & 9:30AM

**Misa Del Domingo**

Español 11:30AM

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Thursday/Jueves 9:30AM-through  
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Lunes y Martes

A las seis de la tarde

**Rosary in English**

To the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Fridays after the 9am mass



**INTENTIONS/INTENCIONES**

<b>Monday:</b> 12/30/24	<b>9:00AM</b>	<b>Fred Pérez †</b> <i>By: Connie Rimpa</i>
<b>Tuesday:</b> 12/31/24	<b>9:00AM</b>	<b>George Barrett †</b> <i>By: The Hickok Family</i>
<b>Wednesday:</b> 1/1/25	<b>9:00AM</b>	<b>Clare Obagi (Birthday) (L)</b> & Family <i>By: The Obagi Family</i>
<b>Thursday:</b> 1/2/25	<b>9:00AM</b>	<b>Sandy Johnson (L)</b> <i>By: The Obagi Family</i>
<b>Friday:</b> 1/3/25	<b>9:00AM</b>	<b>Aggie Laubacher (L) &amp; Family</b> <i>By: The Obagi Family</i>
<b>Saturday:</b> 1/4/25	<b>8:00AM</b>	<b>Karen Zedlick (L)</b> <i>By the Obagi family</i> <b>Stanley Kara †</b> <b>5:00PM</b> <i>By: Jo Ann Kara</i>
<b>Sunday:</b> 1/5/25	<b>7:30AM</b>  <b>9:30AM</b>	<b>Aldine Hennigan (L)</b> <i>By: Jeanne Blewett</i> <b>People of</b> <b>St. Thomas Aquinas Parish</b>

**(L) Designates a special intention for someone living.**

**THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY,  
THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**



**Holy Day of Obligation, January 1,**

## A New Year's Message from Fr. Kirk ~ Mensaje de Año Nuevo del Padre Kirk

As we prepare to say goodbye to one year and greet another, it is natural to look back to assess how we've done the past twelve months, and to look ahead with hopes for what we might accomplish in the coming year. Thus, it is fitting to offer you all a status report on how we are progressing with our ongoing Called to Renew campaign that so many of you have generously supported. You may recall that as part of the campaign, we committed to four specific projects: Repair our church bell, soundproof our priest's offices in the rectory, remodel and improve our church restrooms, and improve our outdoor spaces with lighting and landscaping.

I'm happy to report that our bell is ringing again, and our offices are now soundproof! Additionally design work has been completed for the restroom project and you can anticipate work to begin soon. All of this is possible because you are all doing a great job fulfilling the pledges you made at the beginning of the campaign. I anticipate being able to move forward with the final project – landscaping – before the end of 2025. Beyond the projects listed above, I remind you that we received a windfall grant from the Archdiocese side of the CTR Campaign to address deferred maintenance on our campus. Work will begin on January 2 to resurface our parking lot and St. Thomas Drive, make needed roof repairs & paint the exterior of some of our buildings. I wish you all a happy, healthy, and productive New Year!  
God's peace,  
Fr. Kirk

Mientras nos preparamos para despedirnos de un año y dar la bienvenida a otro, es natural mirar atrás para evaluar cómo nos ha ido en los últimos doce meses y mirar hacia adelante con esperanzas de lo que podamos lograr en el año que viene. Por lo tanto, es apropiado ofrecerles a todos un informe sobre el estado de nuestro progreso con nuestra campaña en curso Llamados a Renovar que muchos de ustedes han apoyado generosamente. Tal vez recuerden que, como parte de la campaña, nos comprometimos a cuatro proyectos específicos: reparar la campana de nuestra iglesia, insonorizar las oficinas de nuestros sacerdotes en la rectoría, remodelar y mejorar los baños de nuestra iglesia y mejorar nuestros espacios al aire libre con iluminación y paisajismo.

Me complace informar que nuestra campana está sonando nuevamente y que nuestras oficinas ahora están insonorizadas. Además, se completó el trabajo de diseño para el proyecto del baño y pueden anticipar que el trabajo comenzará pronto. Todo esto es posible porque todos ustedes están haciendo un gran trabajo cumpliendo con las promesas que hicieron al comienzo de la campaña. Espero poder avanzar con el proyecto final (el paisajismo) antes de fines de 2025. Además de los proyectos enumerados anteriormente, les recuerdo que recibimos una subvención inesperada de la parte de la Arquidiócesis de la Campaña CTR para abordar el mantenimiento diferido en nuestro campus. El Trabajo comenzará el 2 de Enero para repavimentar nuestro estacionamiento y St. Thomas Drive, hacer las reparaciones necesarias en el techo y pintar el exterior de algunos de nuestros edificios. ¡Les deseo a todos un Año Nuevo feliz, saludable y productivo!  
La paz de Dios,  
Padre Kirk



**The Church Office will be closed from  
December 3, 2024, through January 3, 2025**



## **JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE—2025**

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen. *Pope Francis*

*The ordinary Jubilee, held every 25 years in Rome since the 14th century, is rooted in an ancient Jewish tradition, the pope said, when the sound of the "jobel" (ram's horn in Hebrew) announced every 49 years, "a year of forgiveness and freedom for the entire people." "The blowing of the horn reminded people, rich and poor alike, that no one comes into this world doomed to oppression."*

### **MESSAGE FOR PEACE: THREE ACTIONS REQUESTED BY POPE FRANCIS FOR 2025**

*Excerpt of an Article written by Mikael Corre, December 13, 2024, in LaCroix International*

In his message for the 58th World Day of Peace, which will be commemorated on Jan. 1, 2025, Pope Francis called for everyone to feel "responsible" for geopolitical and climate situations. "Each of us must feel in some way responsible for the devastation to which the earth, our common home, has been subjected, beginning with those actions that, albeit only indirectly, fuel the conflicts that presently plague our human family." The pope, who believes that "sporadic acts of philanthropy are not enough," presented three possible actions to begin "enduring change" in connection with the ordinary Jubilee that will be held in Rome throughout 2025. "I would like to offer three proposals capable of restoring dignity to the lives of entire peoples and enabling them to set them out anew on the journey of hope," wrote Francis.

#### **I. CANCELING THE EXTERNAL DEBT OF VULNERABLE AND POOR COUNTRIES**

Repeating the call made by St. John Paul II during the 2000 Jubilee 25 years ago, Francis called for "reducing substantially, if not canceling outright, the international debt which seriously threatens the future of many nations." ... As in his recent message for COP29 in Baku (Azerbaijan), Francis defended the idea that canceling this debt is not an act of charity but of justice. The wealthy, industrialized Northern countries are also the largest polluters and, therefore, owe "an ecological debt" to the less developed Southern countries, the pope explained. Today, "foreign debt has become a means of control (and to indiscriminately exploit," he said.

#### **II. ABOLISHING THE DEATH PENALTY**

"I also ask for a firm commitment to respect for the dignity of human life from conception to natural death, so that each person can cherish his or her own life and all may look with hope," is the second concrete Action Francis requested. He called for "a concrete gesture that can help foster the culture of life, namely the elimination of the death penalty in all nations. This penalty not only compromises the inviolability of life but eliminates every human hope of forgiveness and rehabilitation." Francis had already called for its abolition. December 8, at the end of the Sunday Angelus, praying for those on death row in the United States: "Let us pray that their sentence be commuted, changed. Let us think of these brothers and sisters of ours and ask the Lord for the grace to save them from death."

#### **III. REDIRECT MILITARY INDUSTRY FUNDS TO COMBAT WORLD HUNGER**

Citing his predecessor Pope Benedict XVI as well as St. Paul VI, Francis wishes "to make yet another appeal, for the sake of future generations... let us use at least a fixed percentage of the money earmarked for armaments to establish a global fund to eradicate hunger and facilitate in the poorer countries educational activities aimed at promoting sustainable development and combating climate change," the pope urged. In September, and during the inauguration of Nativity scenes at the Vatican December 7, he criticized the fact that the most profitable industries today are those selling arms. In his message for the 58th World Day of Peace, the pope recalled the meaning of the Holy Year that will take place in Rome throughout 2025 under the theme "Pilgrims of Hope."



## Dates to Remember - Fechas para recordar

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus,  
Mary and Joseph  
December 29, 2024



Fiesta de la Sagrada Familia de Jesús,  
María y José  
29 de diciembre de 2024

### Solemnity of the Holy Mother of God

**Holy Day of Obligation**  
**January 1, 2025**  
**Mass in English 9:00 am**



### Solemnidad de la Santa Madre de Dios

**Fiesta de precepto**  
**1 de enero de 2025**  
**Mass in Spanish 11:30 am**

**Epiphany of the Lord**  
**January 5, 2025**



**Epifanía del Señor**  
**5 de enero de 2025**

The word Epiphany comes from the Greek word epiphaneia, meaning “appearance” or “manifestation,” and refers to the manifestation of Jesus Christ to the world. It focuses primarily on this revelation to the Three Wise Men who followed the Star took from foreign lands to receive the revelation that the Christ Child is for all people everywhere.

La palabra Epifanía proviene del griego epiphaneia, que significa “aparición” o “manifestación”, y se refiere a la manifestación de Jesucristo al mundo. Se centra principalmente en esta revelación a los Reyes Magos que siguieron la Estrella tomada de tierras extranjeras para recibir la revelación de que el Niño Jesús es para todas las personas en todas partes.

**Sunday, January 12, 2025**

*Second Sunday of the Month*

### Life Choices Bake Sale

*Life choices Pregnancy Center provides Services to women throughout their Pregnancies*

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Para adultos

**NEXT SUNDAY—January 5, 2025**

*11 AM in English*

**AI and Catholic Morality—A Reprise**

**John Clark Levin**

**EL PRÓXIMO DOMINGO – 5 de enero**

*1 PM en Español*

**La Oracion**

**Mayerling Villaruel**

**REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE**

**A REFLEXIONAR Y RESPONDER**

**First Reading:**

In gratitude to the Lord, Hannah returned the gift of her son, Samuel. Is there a gift from the Lord for which you are particularly grateful?

**Second Reading:**

As children of God, John teaches us that believers should love one another and believe in the name of Jesus. In addition to faith and love, what else do you think unites us as children of God?

**Gospel:**

Luke presents an anxious experience that Mary and Joseph had as parents raising the young boy, Jesus. Do you recall a time when your parents were worried or anxious

**Primera Lectura:**

En agradecimiento al Señor, Ana devolvió el regalo de su hijo, Samuel. ¿Hay algún don del Señor por el que estés particularmente agradecido?

**Segunda Lectura:**


Como hijos de Dios, Juan nos enseña que los creyentes deben amarse unos a otros y creer en el nombre de Jesús. Además de la fe y el amor, ¿qué más crees que nos une como hijos de Dios?

**Evangelio:**


Lucas presenta una experiencia de ansiedad que María y José tuvieron como padres criando al niño, Jesús. ¿Recuerdas alguna ocasión en la que tus padres estuvieran preocupados o ansiosos por ti?

Children's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ What did you learn in Mass today? \_\_\_\_\_

Catechists Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



Nombre: \_\_\_\_\_ ¿Qué aprendiste en la misa de hoy? \_\_\_\_\_



**Readings for the week of December 29, 2024**

- Sunday: 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 (see a)/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52
- Monday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40
- Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18
- Wednesday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
- Thursday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28
- Friday: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34
- Saturday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42

**Las lecturas de la semana del 29 de diciembre de 2024**

- Domingo: 1 Sm 1, 20-22. 24-28/Sal 83, 2-3. 5-6. 9-10/1 Jn 3, 1-2. 21-24/Lc 2, 41-52
- Lunes: 1 Jn 2, 12-17/Sal 95, 7-8. 8-9. 10/Lc 2, 36-40
- Martes: 1 Jn 2, 18-21/Sal 95, 1-2. 11-12. 13/Jn 1, 1-18
- Miércoles: Nm 6, 22-27/Sal 66, 2-3.5. 6. 8 (2)/Gal 4, 4-7/Lc 2, 16-21
- Jueves: 1 Jn 2, 22-28/Sal 97, 1. 2-3. 3-4/Jn 1, 19-28
- Viernes: 1 Jn 2, 29-3, 6/Sal 97, 1. 3-4. 5-6/Jn 1, 29-34
- Sábado: 1 Jn 3, 7-10/Sal 97, 1. 7-8. 9/Jn 1, 35-42
- Domingo siguiente: Is 60, 1-6/Sal 71, 1-2. 7-8. 10-11. 12-13 (ver 11)/Ef 3, 2-3. 5-6/Mt 2, 1-12

**Observances for the week of December 29, 2024**

- Sunday: The Holy Family
- Tuesday: St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve
- Wednesday: Mary, The Holy Mother of God, New Year's Day, World Day of Peace
- Thursday: Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church
- Friday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus
- Saturday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
- Next Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord

**Las conmemoraciones de la semana**

- Domingo: La Sagrada Familia
- Martes: San Silvestre I, papa; Víspera de Año Nuevo
- Miércoles: María, la Santa Madre de Dios; Día de Año Nuevo; Día mundial de la paz
- Jueves: San Basilio el Magno y San Gregorio Nacianceno, obispos y doctores de la Iglesia
- Viernes: Día del Santísimo Nombre de Jesús
- Sábado: Santa Isabel Ana Seton, religiosa
- Domingo siguiente: Día de la Epifanía del Señor

**INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

For three days, Mary and Joseph search and worry before finding Jesus in the temple. "Didn't you know where I was?" he says to them, in so many words. We, too, look for Jesus. We, too, know where to find him. Let us never forget and never despair.

**INSPIRACIÓN DE LA SEMANA**

Durante tres días, María y José buscan y se preocupan antes de encontrar a Jesús en el templo. "¿No sabían dónde estaba?", les dice, en pocas palabras. También nosotros buscamos a Jesús. Nosotros también sabemos dónde encontrarlo. Nunca olvidemos y nunca desesperemos.

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### DID YOU KNOW?

#### Some facts about abductions

About 100 children per year are abducted by strangers in the U.S. The reality is that most children are abducted by people they already know, a reality that is also true of almost every form of child victimization. Statistics show that the most common way a child goes missing is by running away, or being enticed to run away by a friend or family member the child thinks is trustworthy. We can't control the dangers around them, but we can support children in learning about and developing skills to identify and establish healthy boundaries, listen to their intuition, and how to ask for help — at any age. For more information about abductions, read the VIRTUS® article "Know the Facts: Abductions and Human Trafficking" at [lacatholics.org/did-you-know/](http://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/). Read the VIRTUS® article "Know the Facts: Abductions and Human Trafficking" [here](#).

### ¿SABÍAS?

#### Algunos datos sobre los secuestros

Unos 100 niños al año son secuestrados por desconocidos en Estados Unidos. La realidad es que la mayoría de los niños son secuestrados por personas que ya conocen, una realidad que también es cierta en casi todas las formas de victimización infantil. Las estadísticas muestran que la forma más común de desaparición de un niño es huir de casa de forma voluntaria o ser atraído por parte de un amigo o familiar de confianza. No podemos controlar los peligros que les rodean, pero podemos ayudar a los niños a aprender y desarrollar habilidades para identificar y establecer límites personales, escuchar su intuición y pedir ayuda. Para saber más sobre los secuestros lea el artículo en VIRTUS® "Conozca los datos: secuestros y trata de seres humanos" en [lacatholics.org/did-you-know/](http://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/). Lea el artículo en VIRTUS® "Conozca los datos: secuestros y trata de seres humanos" [aquí](#).