

St. John Fisher Church

December 19, 2021

4th *Sunday* OF ADVENT

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." - Luke 1:41- 42

Love God. Love All People. Make Disciples.

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LOST AND FOUND

Please stop by the Parish Office for lost items. Our shelf is filled with items such as eye glasses, umbrellas, cell phones, etc. Items not picked up will be donated to PV Resale.

PV RESALE 310-534-1722

2321 Pacific Coast Hwy, Lomita, CA 90717



Welcome To Saint John Fisher

We are a welcoming Parish. Whatever your present status in the Catholic Church, whatever your current family or marital situation, your past or present religious affiliation, your personal history, age, background, race or color, sexual orientation, your self-esteem: you are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved, and respected by the Catholic Community of St. John Fisher.

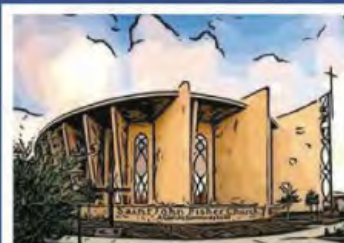


Red Poinsettias for Christmas

Poinsettias are needed for our church Christmas environment. Please help us create the beauty of Christmas and remember a loved one. Bring your red poinsettia to the Narthex before Christmas. You will find a basket with remembrance cards there. Place one in your flower and your intention will be remembered at Midnight Mass.

Christmas Day

Join us for Mass in welcoming the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Our Christmas Vigil Masses will begin, Friday, December 24th at 4 pm. There will be no Eucharistic Adoration on December 23rd - 24th. Parish and School offices will be closed on Christmas Day. Please see the back of the bulletin for the full Christmas Mass Schedule.



CAMPAIGN 21
Completing the Vision

Our parish
is working
to complete
our
Master Plan.

In the coming weeks we will
share information about
CAMPAIGN 21 and the
plans to create a new
Pastoral Center and
gathering spaces for our
community and ministries.



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Mass in Church and Livestream

While all Masses are now in church, St. John Fisher will continue to livestream Daily 8 am and Sunday 9 am Masses. To watch, visit our website at www.sjf.org.



Mass Intentions - December 19 - December 26

DECEMBER 18, SATURDAY

8:00 am Margarita Gil
5:00 pm Carmine Carrese† Fr. Kalu

DECEMBER 19, SUNDAY

7:30 am Ricardo Vela & Juana Vela† Fr. Park
9:00 am David Fausto, Sr.† Fr. Kalu
11:00 am Jules Baldemor† Msgr. Sork
5:00 pm Parishioners Msgr. Sork

DECEMBER 20, MONDAY

8:00 am Joy Elizabeth Clemente†
5:15 pm Mary Green†

DECEMBER 21, TUESDAY

8:00 am Imelda Federipe†
5:15 pm Shyla Zannella-Marshall

DECEMBER 22, WEDNESDAY

8:00 am Maggie Gil
5:15 pm Edmundo Rubio†

DECEMBER 23, THURSDAY

8:00 am Patrick Klien†
5:15 pm Burton Regan†

DECEMBER 24, FRIDAY

8:00 am Christopher Cockburn†
4:00 pm Enriquez Family Fr. Park
6:00 pm Elizabeth Wratschkzo† Msgr. Sork
8:00 pm Loreto & Crisanto Lozon† Fr. Kalu

DECEMBER 25, SATURDAY

Midnight Poinsettia Donors Concelebrants
7:30 am Parishioners Fr. Kalu
9:00 am Florence Shyp† Fr. Park
11:00 am Lois Sincich† Msgr. Sork

DECEMBER 26, SUNDAY

7:30 am Marion Perkov† Msgr. Sork
9:00 am Tony & Arlene Malabanan Fr. Kalu
11:00 am Ray† & Betty Bucher Fr. Park
5:00 pm Parishioners Fr. Kalu

Weekly Readings

Monday: Is 7:10-14, Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday: Sg 2:8-14, Lk 1:39-45
Wednesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28, Lk 1:46-56
Thursday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24, Lk 1:57-66
Friday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16, Lk 1:67-79
Vigil: Is 62:1-5, Acts 13:16-17, 22-25, and Mt 1:1-25
Saturday:
Midnight: Is 9:1-6, Ti 2:11-14, and Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12, Ti 3:4-7, and Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10, Heb 1:1-6, and Jn 1:1-18
Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14, Col 3:12-21, and Lk 2:41-52

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil

5:00 pm

Sunday

7:30 am

9:00 am *

11:00 am

5:00 pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday-Friday

8:00 am *

5:15 pm

Saturday

8:00 am *

* Also livestreamed

HOLY DAYS

Vigil: 5:30 pm

Mass: 8:00 am, 7:30 pm

PROTOCOLS FOR ALL MASSES

All parishioners are required to wear a face covering throughout Mass. Hand sanitizer will be available as you enter and exit the Church.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)

Monday, Wednesday through Friday, 4:45-5:10 pm; Tuesday, 7:00 pm; Saturday 4:00 - 4:45 pm or by appointment.

BAPTISMS

Every 4th Sunday of the month. Contact Parish Office or visit www.sjf.org for details.

MARRIAGE

Arrangements should be made with the Priest at least six months in advance.

PARISHIONERS WHO ARE ILL/HOMEBOUND

If you would like to receive the Sacraments of Communion, Reconciliation, or Anointing of the Sick, please call 310-377-5571.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Spend an hour in honor of the Real Presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. For more information please contact Carlyn Quinto at 310-480-2291 or via email: carlynquinto@earthlink.net.

NEED A CARING LISTENER?

Call the Stephen Ministry Hotline at 310-541-1403.

PRAYER TREE

Contact Bev at 310-377-5571 or penhimom@hotmail.com. Please write "SJF Prayer Tree" in the subject line.

Home is Holy: A Time to Share and Listen

When Mary found out she was pregnant with Jesus, she was probably excited, nervous, scared, worried, and happy all at the same time. She needed to tell someone how she felt so she went to visit her friend and relative Elizabeth. Elizabeth was probably feeling all the same things since she was pregnant with John the Baptist! God knows that we need other people in our life to talk to and share what we are thinking and feeling. When we share with others what is really going on for us and we listen when others share with us, then we are like Mary, visiting others to share Christ and the Holy Spirit. Sharing ourselves is sharing Christ which can be a wonderful gift for someone else - at this time of year and all year round.



Religious Education Christmas Break

December 19 is the last day of Religious Education classes before Christmas break. Classes will resume the week of January 9. Have a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Thank You from Adopt a Family!

Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's Adopt a Family program a huge success! To all the ministries, families, and individuals who purchased gifts, to the junior high kids who wrapped gifts, and to the drivers who gave up their Saturday to deliver gifts we thank you! You all have found the true meaning of Christmas!

Liturgy of the Word for Children Needs You!

We are in need of volunteers for our Liturgy of the Word for Children. Volunteers will share the Word of God with children, grades 1-6, in attendance at the 9am Mass. Even if you don't have a child or grandchild who attends Mass with you, you can help share the Word of God with the children of the parish. This program is entirely staffed by volunteers. Lots of support is given, and the opportunities are enjoyable and fulfilling. All you need is a love of children! If you are interested please contact Justin Fontenot at 310-377-4573 ext 136 or email jfontenot@sjf.org.

Justin Fontenot | Coordinator of Religious Education K-8 | (310) 377-4573 ext 136 | jfontenot@sjf.org

HIGH SCHOOL TEENS

Gospel Recap: Do the Unthinkable - Like Mary Did

Remember that Mary was just a young teen when she was asked to become the Mother of the Savior. Her Jewish religion told her that God had not forgotten his people, even though they continued to suffer under roman occupation. She had grown up hearing the Hebrew Scriptures proclaim that God liberates His people. Then Gabriel's message to Mary challenged her to think the unthinkable - that she would bear a child who would bring God's liberating power into the world. She believed, which is why she trusted in God's unbelievable plan to send her to give birth to His divine Son. Because Mary was closely connected to God, that deep connection brought us Jesus. So how about you during this Advent? Do you fight for Justice for the poor? It seems crazy to forgive that mean person who disrespected you, but if you do forgive that person, God's promise of peace in the world is fulfilled through you. So be like Mary this Advent. Do the Unthinkable, and when you do this, you'll experience the same sense of purpose, confidence, and serenity that comes with being Blessed.



Confirmation Calendar

Year 1 Classes:

Sunday, January 9th at 3:15 pm
OR Monday, January 10th at 7 pm

Year 1 Work:

Sponsor Commitment form - Past Due
PEW & JAS Reflection Paper - Due 12/23/21

Year 2 Classes: Weekend Retreats are in January & March

Sunday, January 30th at 3:15 pm
OR Monday, January 31st at 7 pm

Year 2 Work:

Saint's Name Form - Past Due
Sponsor Candidate Interview - Typed Report Due 12/20/21



15th Annual Nativity Exhibit

"Mixed Company – Visitors to the Creche"

Curator: Ellen Mintz

Once again, the students at St. John Fisher School were invited on a walking field trip to the Mary and Joseph Retreat Center for the 15th Annual Nativity Exhibit. Each class of students visited the exhibits and the younger grades were entertained with amazing read-aloud stories highlighting the birth of our Savior.

This year, the Nativity Exhibit featured many of the visitors who came to the stable in Bethlehem and how their presence revealed the Christmas celebration through the years. The students had a wonderful time visiting the beautiful grounds of the retreat center, listening to the stories of our Savior's birth, and observing the many interesting creches from around the world. We are grateful to have this wonderful opportunity so close to school, and we thank the docents of the Retreat Center for their time and dedication during this blessed time.



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Pray for Sick

Rosemary Humphrey
Karina Perez Del Leon, wife of Chino Anguiano
Romina Perez Del Leon, daughter of Chino Anguiano

Continue to Pray For...

Seyi Adisa	Sadru Hudani
Dolly Aldridge	Maureen Landon
Tom Alley	Bob Markl
Christina Avila	Frank McCormick
Tony Avila	Michael McCormick
Paul Belfy	Maura McGuinness
Jane Bodine	Thadd McNamara
Raymond Bodine	Petra Munoz
Emma Breslin	Silvia Fernandez Gomez
Michelle Clarke	Donna Papadakis
Bill Cutrone	Marcy Rafanelli
Nancy Dewey	Mary Lou Schmidt
Don Duperon	Schmidt Family
Eugenia Eyherabide	William H. Sheridan
Gloria Fink	Moises Sinay
Paul Garnett	Joan Sing
Espie Gonzalez	Judy Ann Tan
Maggie Gil	

Pray for Deceased

George Acosta Sr., father of Julia Acosta

Pray for Military Personnel and Families

Private Miranda Grosso, USA
Sergeant Jacob Arnold, USA-Green Beret
Maj. Cesare Santarosa, USA
Maj. Christina Shelton, USA
Kenny Soto, AFRC
Ben Soto, AIRF
Sergeant First Class Teresa Perrin, USA
Chief Warrant Office McKinderee Perrin, USA
Lance Corporal John McElhone, USMC

If you have a loved one deployed overseas serving in the Military and would like his/her name on the prayer list and/or picture on the Military Board, please contact the Parish Office **310-377-5571** or Howard Schneider **310-378-2665**. Pictures should be approximately 4" x 5" and may be dropped off at the office, ATTN: Military Board. **IMPORTANT:** Please include a contact name and phone number. The Military Board is in the church narthex.

Together in Mission Update

As our year is coming to a close, we invite you to consider making a final gift to Together In Mission. This fund supports our neighboring parishes and schools. Our support gives opportunities to our less fortunate brothers and sisters to have a place to grow their faith and receive a good Catholic education. You may share your blessings by donating online: www.togetherinmission.org, texting Forward21 to **213-397-0682**, or by using an envelope from the pew.



Goal:	\$ 217,347
Pledged:	\$ 142,462
Paid:	\$ 134,659

OneLifeLA Event

Do you feel passionate about the pro-life movement and you are looking for an event to get involved and show your support? Join us for the OneLifeLA event on January 22, 2022! If you are interested in joining your fellow St. John Fisher parishioners and want to register with the group and/or organize a carpool, please contact Kelly Peiffer via kmrussell25@gmail.com by January 8, 2022. The schedule for the event is:



- 11 am - Kick-Off Event with Francis Cabildo
- 12 pm - All are Welcomed by Archbishop Gomez
- 12:30 pm - OneLife LA Walk Begins!
- 1 pm - OneLife LA Program at LA Historic Park
- 5 pm - Requiem Mass for the Unborn at Our Lady of Angels Cathedral

For more information, please visit <https://onelifela.org>. Thank you and God bless you!

Faith Direct Donor Match Program

There is no better time than the present to sign up to support SJF through online giving. This is a secure and easy way to give. For every first gift from new recurring donors who sign up from Nov 1 to Dec 31, 2021, Faith Direct will match that first gift, up to \$50! We are so grateful for the continued support of all St. John Fisher parishioners. It is through your generosity that we have been able to continue our ministry through difficult times. You may Enroll online www.faith.direct/CA436 or Text "enroll" to **424-352-7722**. Thank you for your continued support.



Sunday Missal

The 2021 - 2022 edition of the Sunday Missal is available for purchase in the Parish Office. Get prepared for the Sundays of Advent with the Sunday readings, commentary, and reflection questions for the liturgical year!



Did you know? Fire safety: Close before you doze

If there is a fire in your home, there is a 900-degree difference between a closed door and an open one. Firefighters recommend that you always close doors before you and your children go to sleep. Remembering the simple phrase "Close before you doze" can help prevent toxic gasses and flames from getting in your room, giving firefighters more time to rescue you. Closing your children's doors before bed is a quick, easy step to keep them safe and provides an extra layer of security when coupled with working smoke alarms and a family safety plan. For more information, visit <https://momsoncall.com/knowledge-center/close-before-you-doze/>. Parish Safeguard the Children Contact: Justin Fontenot, **310-377-4573 x136**, jfontenot@sif.org.

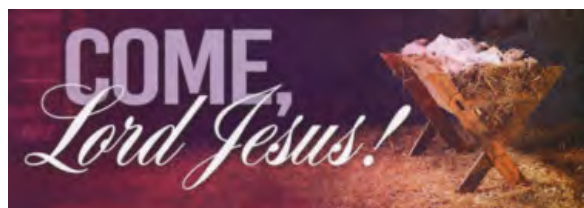


This is Your Last Chance

Today is your last opportunity to share the Christmas spirit with less fortunate families through the Parish Giving Tree. Please place your unwrapped gifts under the tree near the altar before the end of the Sunday, December 19th, 5 pm Mass. If you don't have time to shop, checks made payable to St. John Fisher, memo "Giving Tree", are accepted. Thank you for making Christmas a wonderful experience for many families in our area.

Military Ministry Collection

The St. John Fisher Military Ministry supports the Rotary Clubs of Los Angeles' effort to assist the young parents and children of United States Marine Corps enlisted personnel at Camp Pendleton. There are about 70,000 Marines at Camp Pendleton, and more than 160 babies are born there each month. There are 10,000 children under the age of five and most families arrive with only what they can fit in their car. These young men and women are meagerly paid and do not have the funds to adequately furnish an apartment and clothe their children. Items in greatest need are: baby & young children clothing, diapers, toys, books, bathtubs, strollers, cribs, dishes, cookware, food prep utensils, bedding, etc. Gift cards (\$25) from Target or Walmart always help as well as checks made out to "Camp Pendleton Community Service Fund". This is a 501 (c) (3) organization. No furniture donations accepted at this time. The St. John Fisher members of the Military Ministry are accepting donations after all the weekend Masses Jan.1 and 2nd. If you cannot bring an item to the church, please contact Kit Ruona at **310-541-1758** to arrange for a pickup. Thank you for helping these families!



This Week At St. John Fisher

Sunday, 12/19
11 am - Simbang Gabi Celebration - Church Plaza
Monday, 12/20
7:30 pm - SJF Penance Service - Church
Tuesday, 12/21
8:15 am - Sandwich Ministry - Barrett Hall
9:30 am - Senior Fitness - PAC Gym
6 pm - Queen of Peace - Blessed Sacrament Chapel
Wednesday, 12/22
9 am - Eucharistic Adoration – Blessed Sacrament Chapel
9 am - Catholic Update - Cityside Room
Thursday, 12/23
9:30 am - Senior Fitness - PAC Gym
10 am - Seekers – Cityside Room
5:50 pm - Divine Mercy – Church
Friday, 12/24
Saturday, 12/25
Parish & School Offices Closed
Sunday, 12/26

Save the Date!

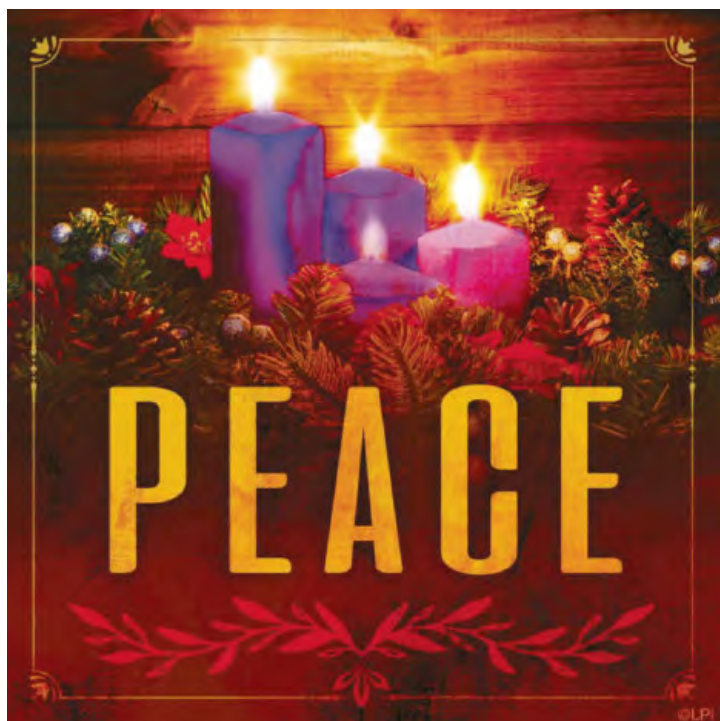
Pastoral Council Meeting	January 5, 2022
Growing in the Word: Luke	January 12
Great Adventure Bible Series “Follow me”	January 13
Growing in the Word: 2 Samuel	January 18
A New Day: Grief Support Group	January 19
The Church’s Universal Mission	January 27
Knights Super Bowl Pre-sale	February 6
The Seven Deadly Sins	February 16
Shrove Tuesday	March 1
Ash Wednesday	March 2
Lenten Soup Suppers	March 4
SJF Lenten Retreat	March 6 - 8
Word on Fire: The Creed	March 17

If you'd like your meeting or event listed in the bulletin, please email to info@sjf.org or your group's pastoral staff liaison for approval:

- Event or group name (optional: a few words of description)
- Meeting date and time
- Meeting place
- Point of contact

Your event or meeting may run for up to 4 bulletins. Space limitations prevent permanent or standing announcements.

Do you want to maximize participation in your SJF event? Ministry and event leaders, you will find many great ideas for how and where to publicize your event. Visit www.sjf.org → News & Media (pull-down menu) → Publicity Protocols. Your Pastoral Staff representative is ready to help!



Adult Faith Formation & Pastoral Care

Follow Me

Series: Great Adventure

Location: Seaside Room

Date & Time: Thursdays, Jan. 13 - March 10, 7 pm

Facilitator: Dennis Braconier

Gospel of Luke

Series: Growing in the Word

Location: www.sjf.org, Faith Formation, Bible studies

Date: Jan. 12 - Feb. 16, Wednesday, Online

2 Samuel

Series: Growing in the Word

Location: Fireside Room

Date & Time: Tuesdays, Jan. 18 - Feb. 8, 7 pm

Presenter: Misty Jesse, PhD, DMin

Dawn Unity

Topic: Rites of Passage

Location: Congregation Ner Tamid

Date & Time: Jan. 18, 7:30 pm

The Church's Universal Mission

Speaker: Father Bernard Kalu

Location: Barrett Hall

Date & Time: Thursday, Jan. 27, 7 pm

Book of James

Series: Great Adventure

Location: Cityside Room

Date & Time: 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7 pm

Facilitator: Stephanie Tellez-Reilly

A New Day

Topic: Grief Support Group

Date & Time: Wednesday, Jan. 19 - Feb. 23, 2 pm - 3 pm

Registration: Office of Evangelization, 310-377-4573



Are you or someone you know interested in becoming Catholic? The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) begins with Adult Inquiry sessions, which are offered year around. Our next Inquiry session is Sunday, January 9th. RCIA Inquiry meets the first Sunday of each month at 10 am in the Parish Conference room. Are you missing a sacrament of initiation such as First Communion or Confirmation? For questions about RCIA or the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion for adults, please call or email the office of Evangelization: mjesse@sjf.org, 310-377-4573 x130.

A New Day, Jan. 19th

Everyone grieves differently; for some it is a private process, others have a network of family and friends, but many people benefit from participating in a group. Our next Bereavement support group begins Wed. Jan. 19th, 2 pm - 3pm and meets for 5 weeks. To register please call the Office of Evangelization, 310-377-4573.

The Church's Universal Mission - Fr. Kalu

Join us for an evening with Fr. Kalu who will share his personal experience from Nigeria and the United States and the Church's Universal Mission. Thursday, Jan. 27th, 7 pm - 8:30 pm in the Barrett Hall. Bring a friend!

Gospel of Luke Bible Study

The year 2022 places us in Year C of the Lectionary Cycle with emphasis on readings from the Gospel of Luke. Growing in the Word, *Online Series*, will offer the Gospel of Luke beginning January 12th on the St. John Fisher website: www.sjf.org (Faith Formation tab, drop down menu: Bible Studies). The presentation will include the study of motifs such as the great reversals of rich and poor and the schism of those who reject Jesus' teaching. The Growing in the Word online series is free, please join us and share with friends and families.



Great Adventure Series - Follow Me

Join us in this facilitated bible study of "Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John". Following Christ takes more than believing in him or doing what he asks of us. Jesus wants you to be his disciple and friend. To register for the class please contact Dennis Branconier: dennybranc@verizon.net. To order the workbook for the class please go to: <https://ascensionpress.com/collections/follow-me-meeting-jesus-in-the-gospel-of-john/products/follow-me-workbook>. The cost for the workbook is \$24.95. The class will meet Thursday evenings, 7 pm to 8:30 pm in the Seaside Room, Jan. 13 - March 10 (there is no class on Jan. 27th).

Second Samuel Bible Study

The first book of Samuel tells the story of the prophet, judge, and priest Samuel and the start of the Israelite monarchy with the anointing of Saul. In Second Samuel the focus is on the monarchy of King David. A monarchy which reveals the strength and frailties of human nature and God's infinite mercy. The class meets on Tuesday's, 7:00pm to 8:30pm, Jan. 18-Feb.8 in the Fireside Room. Books are available for purchase at \$10 or bring your bible. For questions please call Misty Jesse, 310-377-4573 x 130.

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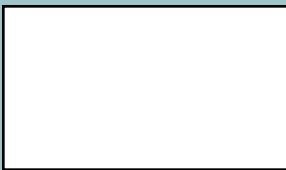
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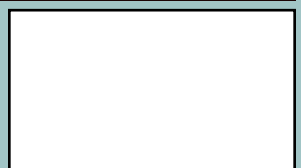
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Christmas Eve

Special Confession Times

10:00 - 11:30 am

1:00 - 2:30 pm

Christmas Eve Mass

Friday, December 24

4:00, 6:00. & 8:00 pm

Midnight

Christmas Carols begin at 11:30 pm

Christmas Day Mass

Saturday, December 25

7:30, 9:00 & 11:00 am

No Evening Mass

New Years Day

Saturday, January 1st, 2022

9:00 am & 5:00 pm*

*Vigil of the Epiphany

Sunday, January 2nd

Epiphany of the Lord

7:30, 9:00, & 11:00 am
5:00 pm

New Year's Day is
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