

Saint Paul the Apostle

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Tuesday — Thursday

9:30 am to 1:00 pm

Sunday:

8:30 am to 12:00 noon

Sunday, December 26 Feast of the Holy Family



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The office will be closed this week for Christmas break. We will resume normal office hours on Tuesday January 4th. In case of an emergency please call Deacon Pat at 1 (760) 484-7759.

The Rosary continues to be held after each weekend Mass except for Christmas and New Year's weekends.



To find out more about the Legion of Mary Please contact Carla Begel at 904-655-7501 or Robert Begel at 904-866-5065.



Mass Intentions

Friday, December 24th Christmas Eve Family Mass

4:00pm +Placido Alvarez by Ron and Kathy Mc Culloch
+Frank and Maddeline Vecchio Sr by Vecchio &Fiorenzi Families
+ Frank Vecchio Jr. by Vecchio and Fiorenzi Families
+ Pete Fiorenzi Jr. by Vecchio and Fiorenzi Families

Saturday, December 25th Christmas Mass

12:00 AM Midnight Mass + George and Ersilia Cruz by the Cruz Family
10:00 AM Mass + Cindy Mc Cullum by the Grant and Blumes Families
+ Justin Daniel Sanchez by the Sanchez Family

Sunday, December 26th Mass of The Holy Family

7:30 AM Mass +Sabina Lontine by the Lontine Family
+ Joe and Lou Cardenas by the Lontine Family

No RE Classes. Classes resume Jan. 9th

10:30 AM Mass

Monday, December 27th, Tuesday December 28th
No Mass

Wednesday, December 29th

9:00 AM Mass
Adoration and Confessions have been cancelled.

Thursday, December 30th

9:00 AM Mass

Friday, December 31st

No Mass

Saturday, January 1st

4:00 PM Mass (Anticipatory)

+ Cindy Mc Cullum requested by Grant & Blumes Families
+ Theodore Kruglet requested by Ron and Kathy Mc Culloch
+ Vincent Gentile requested by Ron and Kathy Mc Culloch
+ Robert Sullivan requested by the Miles Family

Sunday, January 2nd

7:30 AM Mass + Elizabeth Gelmini by Bert and Mary Ann Gelmini

No RE classes, classes will resume Jan. 9th

10:30 AM Mass

Attention all who so generously help with Mass! Please email your January availability to Gaylene gaylene_m@qwestoffice.net Or Text her at 719-821-0051

Readings for the week of December 26, 2021

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or
1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40

Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18

Saturday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

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December 26, 2021 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

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.

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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Please remember our Sick and Homebound

Canni Billinger	Tony Torres Jr.
John Buglewicz	Judy Howard
Patrisia Cordova	Martha Archuleta
Cortese Family	Steve Olsen
Janet Cruz	Kathy Krueger
Olga Dick	Angela Vigil
Keith Emert	Mary Jo McDermott
Char Finch	Klara Sillpo
Butch Goddard	Renee Hadad Cichon
Robert Hayman	James Hiner
Lloyd Jacquez	Carol Edgeworth
Pat Laintz	Norman Kuhns
Jeremy Laintz	Carol Kuhns
Mary Lontine	Cheryl Salay
Isiah Maez	Frank Palacio
Cameron Martin	John O'Day
Mary Ann	Jaxon Coplen
McCloskey	Katie Fisher
Kevin McCloskey	Jack Mattingly
Fr Mike (friend of the McCloskeys)	Linda Wilson
	Linda Welte
Dorothy Orr	James Derr
Kirsten Pachek	Claudia Schopf
Kai Pedersen	Any Huth
Shirley Palacio	Alejandra
Holly McPhearson	Escheveste
Christine Dickson	Gordon Messer
Chris Pettigrew	Jason Bilberry
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More toys and gift cards have come in! All toys and \$500 in gift cards were delivered to Minnequa elementary. \$265 went to gas cards and more toys for our sponsored families. Thank you for bringing the light of Christ to others this holiday season.

The Confirmation class, RE classes, and the youth of our parish have completed nearly 15 projects and have logged over 270 man-hours worth community service so far this school year. We have partnered with organizations like our parish's Knights of Columbus, as well as outside organizations like Everybody Counts, which is a Pueblo-based homeless meal ministry, Pueblo Rescue Mission, Operation Shoebox, PAWs Shelter, Progressive Home Care, and local home-school service groups. They also collaborated with youth from Christ the King parish in Pueblo. Our youth have collected well over \$1100 in cash/gift card donations, blessing bag donations, turkeys, and presents to distribute throughout our community and have used the \$500 allocated by the KOC to help feed the homeless. This could not have been possible without the support of our church leadership, our catechists, the Knights of Columbus, and you, our parish community. THANK YOU!

