

Saint Paul the Apostle

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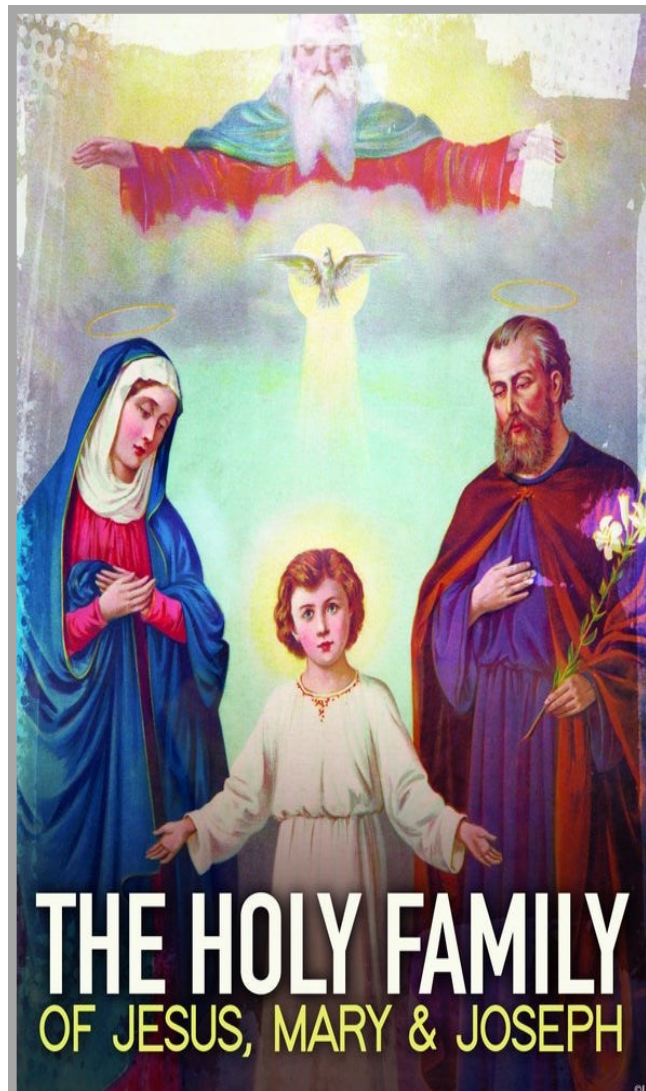
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December 31, 2023 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph



Schedule for Parish Liturgical Celebrations and Events

Saturday, December 30th Mass
of the Holy Family
4:00 PM

Sunday, December 31st Mass of
the Holy Family
7:30 AM and 10:30 AM



Mass Intentions December 31, 2023

Saturday December 30th

4 pm Mass

+Grandma Louise Doran by Juanita Kitchen

+George Deahl by Connie & Herb Smith

+Emma Martinez by Julian Lontine

Sunday December 31st

7:30 am Mass

+Louie & MaryAnn Torres by Bob & Johnye Nielson

+Larry Borrego by Bob & Johnye Nielson

+Salvador Herrera by Robin Faricy

10:30 am Mass

+Bill Sprouse by Liz Sprouse

Monday January 1st & Tuesday January 2nd

No Mass

Wednesday January 3rd

9 am Mass

4pm Divine Mercy, Adoration & Confession until 6 pm

Thursday January 4th

9 am Mass

+Angie Duran by Ron & Kathy

Friday January 5th

9 am Mass

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION 9 am to 10 pm

Saturday January 6th

4pm Mass

+Bill Sprouse by The Bereavement Ministry

Sunday January 7th

7:30 am Mass

+Bill Sprouse by Carol Nachtigal

10:30 am Mass

+Annamarie Simony by Therese Simony

Rosary

Come join the Knights of Columbus in praying the Rosary for Life BEFORE the weekend Masses



Religious Education

We will NOT have RE classes on the 24th or 31st. We will resume on January 7th. Have a Merry Christmas!!

Women's Guild

Ladies of the parish, you are welcome to join the Women's Guild. Our next meeting is Jan 9th at 10 in Room A/B of the church, with a pre meeting rosary at 9:15 in the chapel. Hope to see you there.

K of C Membership Drive

Your Knights of Columbus Bishop Arthur N. Tafoya council 12020 will be holding a membership drive during the month of December. After each weekend Mass, a Knight will be telling you about what the St. Paul Knights have accomplished during the last year and inviting parish men to join us in serving God and our parish. Please consider joining us in this Catholic brotherhood.

Legion of Mary.... Mary Undoer of knots presidium

The Legion of Mary meets every Tuesday at 5:30 in classroom C. If you know any Catholic living in Pueblo West who is homebound and wants to receive Holy Communion, please contact Carla Begel at 904-655-7501. If you wish more information about the LOM contact Carla or Robert Begel at 904-866-5065

Extra Offerings for December

All month long there will be a Christmas offering & Christmas flower offering.

The Gift of Family

What a year it has been! How will we speak of these times a decade from now? As time goes by, our impressions of this past year will certainly change. How we feel today about dealing with a killer virus and all the chaos surrounding that is still fresh for all. I would assume that most of us right now are also holding those we love a little closer and hugging them a little harder. Hopefully, even if the fears and concerns of 2020 dissipate in the future, the way we feel toward our family should never leave us.

Stewardship is certainly about everything. God has given us so much, great and small, profound and common. One of the greatest gifts that all have received is family. Families take all shapes and sizes and some look very different than others. For some, family is a caretaker or temporary guardian. For others it is a friend when everyone else seems to have vanished. The bottom line is that, to quote a song from many years ago, "people need people."

When God gave the world His only Son, the Incarnation did not come on a cloud or with a flash of light. He was born into a family. Jesus understood the gift of family all his life. Do you think that if having a family wasn't important God would have still included this in the plan of salvation?

As this year draws to a close, remember your stewardship many days begins and ends with the people closest to you. Don't misuse or take for granted this precious gift. God gives us gifts on purpose, even to His only begotten Son.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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BIBLE STUDY

Please Join us for our final Bible study class January 3rd @ 6pm.

Bingo

The Knights have Bingo @12:30 every Friday & St. Paul's has Bingo every Wednesday @12:30 pm. Bingo is also held the first Sunday every month at 5 pm & the 4th Friday of every month at 7pm. All are located at the Bingo Casino 4109 Club Manor Drive, Pueblo, CO 81008.

Announcements

Ministry Schedule

Please send in your availability for November and check the Oct. schedule in the Narthex or online. If you are unable to serve, please call Paige in the office 719-647-1500 ASAP. Thank you!

Sacraments

Please call the office if you are interested in becoming Catholic or in need of any sacraments. 719-647-1500

We are in need of Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers PLEASE contact the office if interested.

Adoration/New Year's Resolution

Have you made your New Year's Resolution yet? Ditch the diet! Make a lasting resolution and commit to do what really counts, being present with Our Lord for one hour visiting Him in Adoration. Every Wednesday any time from 4-6:00 pm is an opportunity or on First Fridays from 9:00 am-10:00 pm at an hour of your choosing. I urge you to "take the plunge" and devote time to be with Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. Graces abound!

AMD REMINDER

Just a friendly reminder that there will be a 2nd collection at next weekend's Masses January 6th & 7th for AMD.

Gospel Mediation for December 31, 2023

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

I remember the first time my older sister asked me if I wanted to hold her newborn son. Terrified, I told her I didn't think it was a good idea. My résumé had nothing to suggest I would be a qualified baby holder. But she warmly told me, "I'll help you hold him." It struck me that she is baby's mother. She is the one who decides who is qualified to hold him. I took him in my arms and soon I began to feel comfortable with that tiny little warm cooing creature in my arms, and soon I no longer feared holding him. Now, twenty-seven nieces and nephews later, holding a newborn child is one of the great joys of my life.

Do we sometimes think that Jesus is given only to the highly qualified, special religious people? In the Gospel of Luke today we hear about the presentation of the Lord in the temple. The newborn son of God is passed around like a baton in a relay race, not guarded like a precious jewel or a breakable china dish. We can see him going from the arms of Mary to Joseph, then to the priest performing the ceremony, then to Simeon the old man, then to Anna the old widow. Each one receiving him and then handing him to the next. A tidal wave of joy and thanksgiving follows wherever he is placed.

Believe me, you are qualified to hold Jesus in your arms. How can I say that with such confidence? Because the mother decides who is qualified. The Blessed Virgin, embodied in the Church, holds him out to you and me. She rejoices to place him in our arms to hold, and to hand him on, too.

— Father John Muir

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THE HOLY FAMILY



Please remember our Sick and Homebound

Connie Billinger
Patricia Cordova
Cortese Family
Janet Cruz
Olga Dick
Char Finch
Robert Hayman
Lloyd Jacquez
Mary Lontine
Isiah Maez
Cameron Martin
Dorothy Orr
Kirsten Pachek
Kai Pedersen
Shirley Palacio
Christine Dickson
Tony Torres Jr.
Judy Howard
Martha Archuleta
Steve Olsen
Kathy Krueger
Angela Vigil
Mary Jo McDermott
Renee Hadad
Cichon
James Hiner
Carol Edgeworth
Norman Kuhns
Carol Kuhns
Cheryl Salay

Frank Palacio
John O'Day
Jack Mattingly
Linda Wilson
Linda Welte
James Derr
Claudia Schopf
Any Huth
Alejandra Escheveste
Gordon Messer
Jason Bilberry
Gina Hedquist
Marvin Odefey
Candice Taravella
Claude Hayward
Sophia Doran
Joe Ortega
Don Carlson
Charles Marmolejo



Youth NET Retreat

Youth NET Retreat for Middle/High School students
held at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart

Jan. 12, 2024 @ 3pm-8pm
OR

Jan. 13, 2024 @ 9am-3pm
more info, please contact
Angela Racine

Readings for the week of December 31, 2023

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Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or
Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/
Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

Monday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34

Thursday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42

Friday: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Jn 1:43-51

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or
3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12