

MASS SCHEDULE

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

- Sat., Jan. 8 Eve of the Baptism of the Lord**
5:30 PM For all parishioners.
- Sun., Jan. 9 Baptism of the Lord**
9:00 AM For Joe, Rita and Michael Duffus from the family.
5:00 PM + Albert Miceli from John Miceli.
- Mon., Jan.10 Ferial weekday**
8:00 AM **Mass at St. John the Baptist**
For the spiritual and corporal needs of Evelin Borkowski.
- Tue., Jan. 11 Ferial weekday**
8:00 AM For the Holy Souls in purgatory.
- Wed., Jan. 12 St. Marguerite Bourgeoys, Virgin**
8:00 AM **Mass at St. John the Baptist**
For Ingrid Mazzarolo from Angus and Claudia Francis.
- Thu., Jan. 13 St. Hilary, Bishop, Doctor**
8:00 AM + Albert Blattmann from Jessica Steuernol.
- Fri., Jan. 14 Ferial weekday**
8:00 AM For Erman Mazzarolo from Angus and Claudia Francis.
- Sat., Jan. 15 Eve of the 2nd Sunday in OT**
5:30 PM For all parishioners.
- Sun., Jan. 16 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time**
9:00 AM For the deceased members of the Leahy and O'Dette families from Anne and Dale Kennedy.
5:00 PM For the peaceful and holy death of Anna Miceli from John Miceli.

Wish Tree Mass for Dec. 18, 2021	
Donation	6,385.00
Christmas Collections for Dec. 25, 2021	
Christmas Offertory	1,672.50
Christmas Donation	10,000.00
Weekly Collections for Dec. 26, 2021	
Offertory	1,548.00
Fuel and Church Maintenance	30.00
Donation	500.00
Donation for renovation	100.00
New Year collections for Jan 1, 2022	
New year Offertory	845.00
Fuel and Church Maintenance	100.00
Christmas	140.00
Weekly Collections for Jan 2, 2022	
Offertory	845.00
Fuel and Church Maintenance	100.00
Christmas	140.00

Dear Friends,

I would like to start by thanking you all for your prayers as I spent my time away on 'Spiritual Exercises according to Saint Ignatius of Loyola' (silent retreat). I really appreciate it, and you all were certainly in my prayers and Mass intentions throughout the week.

As we begin this New Year it is nice to start it with a few spiritual resolutions, as I mentioned in the New Year's Mass "with Mary we can do much more in one year than we could do in several years without her."

Here are a few to consider (you do not need to take them all at once, but I encourage you to incorporate a few in your life.)

1. Read the Bible:

Reading the bible is the principal way to keep in touch with God. Therefore, I encourage you to find a means suitable for you to read and consider the bible. He who is in constant contact with Scripture starts to form principles for life; that is with God. Either "Bible in Year" or a Bible Audio could help. One that I use is "Truth and Life Dramatized Audio Bible". I would avoid any non-Catholic audio bibles. Or you can start by reading the New Testament.



2. Get to know a Saint:

There are so many saints that we do not know and it would be nice to and honorable to get to know them. Saint lives inspire us and give us examples on how to live a Christian life. Their faith and love of God in difficult times give us strength and courage in our difficult times. Also they can be our intercessors in front of God. We could, in prayer, ask them to ask God for us and

for our loved ones for all our needs. Try to learn a little about a Saint every month or read a books about their lives.

3. Sign Up for a Holy Hour:

There is no better way to invest your time than storing up future graces in heaven. Propose yourself to sign up for an hour of adoration. I strongly advise you to sign up at the parish for an hour and not simply make the resolution. Otherwise, it could be so easy to excuse ourselves for the hour. But when we sign up for an hour, we hold ourselves accountable for that hour. If you want to sing up, talk to me or the sisters. Jesus is waiting for us in adoration.



4. Make a Confession once a month:

We may not be living in mortal sin from month to month (or week to week), but God has made his mercy available not only to be received once a year, but as often as we need it or desire it. There are two benefits of confessions: one is to forgive our sins and the other is to give us strength (grace) to remain in the state of grace (in God's love).



5. Pray the Rosary or practice a Devotion to Mary:

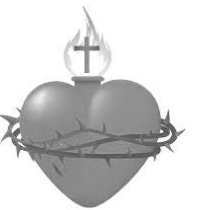
As I mentioned last week (again), Mary is the quickest, easiest way to Heaven. If God chose to come to us through Mary, there is no better way back to Him than through Mary. Maybe we can pray the rosary every day (or once week – maybe preferably Saturday as Saturday is Mary's day). If it helps maybe, we can have a call buddy and call them at



a time that works best for both of you and pray the rosary together. This way you help yourself and help another, and praise God. You killed three birds with one stone! If you don't know how to pray the rosary, there are pamphlets at the entrance of the church or ask me or the sisters and we will help you.

6. Devotion to Sacred Heart or Penance:

Friday is typically a penitential day and can easily be used to do acts of love to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, that poured blood and water for love of us. Although maybe our health does not permit us to skip a whole meal, maybe we can restrain ourselves from a particular delight on Fridays. Plus on Friday's we have Perpetual Adoration from 1:30-6:30PM at Sacred Heart. You can visit and adore our Lord.



I could go on, but I hope these tips serve you well and maybe you can add some of these to your New Year's resolution. God Bless.

Together in prayer

GOSPEL Luke 3.15-16, 21-22 of Sunday Jan. 9

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."