

# THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE

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# Advent

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion
<b>December 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> – Feast of the Holy Family</b>		
	Presider: Fr. Emeka Onyeogubalu	
5:00 pm	#1 Mary Ellen Agnel #2 Evan Paulson	Deacon Victor Mary Ellen Agnel Jeff Ladouceur
	Presider: Fr. Emeka Onyeogubalu	
8:00am	#1 Monica Mullane #2 Mary Jean Thompson	Angela Beimers Mary Jean Thompson Monica Mullane
	Presider: Fr. Emeka Onyeogubalu	
10:30am	#1 Janet Snider Belot #2 Harrison Peiris	Janet Snider Belot Noel Naba Dan Murawsky

*If you are unable to serve as scheduled  
Please ensure that you have found a replacement.*

### Mass times for Christmas and New Year's



#### Christmas Eve Masses

**Wed. Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> - 5:00pm, 8:00pm, 10:00pm  
(no 9:00am Mass)**

#### Christmas Day

**Thursday, Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> - 10:00am**

#### Feast of the Holy Family

**Saturday, Dec. 27<sup>th</sup> - 5:00pm**

**Sunday, Dec. 28<sup>th</sup> - 8:00am, 10:30am**

#### Solemnity of Mary

**Wed. Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> – 5:00pm (no 9am Mass)**

**Thursday, Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> - 10:00am**



#### MONTHLY SENIORS MASS

**PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL  
BE NO SENIORS MASS IN  
JANUARY OR FEBRUARY**

Our next gathering will be on January 7, 2026. **We will start at 1pm.** Please bring a friend, bring a mug, bring goodies and bring games. Do not forget to bring your smiling faces and enthusiasm.

**The Senior Committee wishes to wish  
everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy  
New Year.**



### **Pastor's Christmas Message**

*For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. (Is 9.6)*

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,  
And suddenly there was with the Angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom God favors!"

It was that beautiful Christmas morning. The day God gifted us a messiah. A gift of true love, dedication and devotion. The gift of Jesus, the word made flesh that came among us. A perfect self-revelation of God, who came and gathered his disciples and built them to evolve into the church and through the sacraments, maintains his presence among us, his people. We need to reflect and treasure this great mystery. We need to once more appreciate God's love for us and strive to love him in return.

Let us then ask ourselves how best to celebrate this solemnity. Should we allow it to be just like any other day? Or just any other festivity? We need to strive to live in the spirit of this season. A season of love, a season we are challenged to love God and share that love to all. A season we are called to build an intimacy with God, to draw nearer to him in prayers and devotion to worthy causes. A season we are called to embrace Jesus in the sacraments, especially in the Holy Eucharist. We are called to deeper reflection on the mystery of the incarnation and invited to love and celebrate Jesus who is the reason for this season.

It is a great honor and privilege to live and serve amongst you. I am deeply grateful for all the wonderful and memorable times we share. I thank all of you for the love and dedication with which we have embraced our parish family. May we continue, more so in this wonderful season. May we continue to build an even stronger and more vibrant community. I thank all of you for your various positive contributions towards the growth of our parish community. May you all have a blessed and memorable Christmas celebration and a blessed New Year.

Fr. Emeka



**The Parish Office will be closed from  
December 22<sup>nd</sup> to January 7<sup>th</sup>.**

**Merry Christmas to all!!**



## CHRISTMAS SMILE

It had been snowing for hours when an announcement came on over the intercom: "Will the students who parked on University Drive please move their cars so that we may begin plowing."

Twenty minutes later there was another announcement:

"Will the twelve hundred students who went to move 26 cars please return to class."



### Consecration to Our Lady of Fatima

St. John the Apostle Parish is pleased to host the **ceremony of the Consecration to Our Lady of Fatima on Sunday, January 11, 2026, at 3pm**

here in the Church. Deacon Victor and Yoli took part in this consecration during their pilgrimage to the Shrine of Fatima and had a strong desire to bring this grace to our parish community. Before the Consecration we will show the 1952 film, "The Miracle of Our Lady of Fatima". The Consecration will follow with music, distribution of Consecration cards and the raising of candles toward heaven. We warmly invite you and your family and friends to join us. It will be an afternoon of prayer, light and hope.



### WISHING YOU A WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS FROM THE CHILDREN'S LITURGY LEADERS!!!

There will be no Children's Liturgy on December 28th or January 4th. We can't wait to see your smiling and smart faces in the new year!

**New envelope boxes for 2026** are ready for pick up in the Glass house. Every year, we have to reallocate numbers to take into account people who have left the parish or switched to PAD. These numbers get reassigned to new parishioners. **Please do not assume that last year's number is still assigned to you and do not use envelopes issued to you in previous years.** This could mean someone else will be getting credit for your donation. Please help us by filling in your name and address on your envelopes for the first few weeks of 2026. *Thank you.*

## Mass Intentions

### Sat. Dec. 20th - 5:00pm

†Carl Dervin by Lynn Harriet-Dervin  
Intentions of Terry and George Daniel by Marie and Jodi Epps

### Sun. Dec. 21st - 8:00am

For the intentions of all our parishioners.

### Sun. Dec. 21st - 10:30am

†Sheila Berrea by the family  
†Pearl Beausoleil by St. John the Apostle Parish  
†Ellis McVeigh by Elaine McVeigh

### Tues. Dec. 23rd - 9:00am

### Wed. Dec. 24th - 5:00pm

†Vern Timm by the family  
†Ludwig and Elizabeth Wetscher by the family  
†James and Bridget Heston by the family

### Wed. Dec. 24th - 8:00pm

†Francesco Santagati and Lina Mowat by the family  
Intentions of Therese and Derek Rosario by Marie and Jodi Epps

### Wed. Dec. 24th - 10:00pm

†Una Iona John by her son Christopher

### Thurs. Dec. 25th - 10:00am

†Carl Dervin by Lynn Harriet-Dervin

### Fri. Dec. 26th - 9:00am

### Sat. Dec. 27th - 5:00pm

†Adele White by Peter White  
†Dr. Seppa Wetscher by the family  
For the good health of Franz Wetscher by the family

### Sun. Dec. 28th - 8:00am

† Carl Dervin by Lynn Harriet-Dervin  
For Hugues Nkonlack Nzangue for a quick recovery from surgery by Lilian Nzangue

### Sun. Dec. 28th - 10:30am

For the intentions of all our parishioners.

† indicates deceased



Please remember the sick and their families who journey with them, especially Bill Roblin, Lenora Arns, Jim Murawsky and Victor D'Amico. Prayers and sympathy for those who have passed away.



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