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Mission Statement

St. Joseph Parish... "is a vibrant faith community" committed to **seeking** a full Christian life, **sharing** an active Catholic faith, and **serving** others with love, grace and dignity.

Sacramental Preparation

Baptism: By Appointment
Reconciliation: Saturday 3pm
or By Appointment
Matrimony: Contact Pastor Six months prior

Anointing of the Sick & Visits

If you or someone you know is in need of our **Homebound Ministry** please contact the Church Office.

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ID # 55334

A Note From Fr. Jim Kinney

One of the most misunderstood things in scripture as well as in the psalm which we just prayed for today's feast of the Holy Family, is that four letter word, "fear." Indeed today's psalm could be better written and heard if it were "Blest are those who stand in awe of the Lord." An attitude of awe speaks to the immense greatness and love of God. "Fear" of the Lord sounds like an attitude of ongoing anxiety, a constant concern that we might do something deserving of punishment.

Members of the Holy Family held each other in the highest esteem. God entrusted Joseph and Mary with his only begotten Son. As great a gift and challenge as that was for them, only love and awe for the Lord in his vulnerable infancy filled their hearts. There was an experience of overwhelming goodness and beauty. In return, as Sirach suggests, the interrelationships of the Holy Family commanded only honor, reverence and love for each other.

As we look from the Holy Family to the regard in which we hold our own families, Paul suggests, as God's chosen ones, that we should aspire to holiness. With that come attitudes of heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another. And over all of these we are to put on love, the bond of perfection.

Finally Today, as we hear of the Holy Family fleeing for their lives into a foreign land, we might ask ourselves what kind of welcome would we offer newcomers if they were none other than Jesus' family. Food for thought!

Blessings, *Fr. Jim*

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, January 3

Lector

Amelia Winters-Robers

Communion Minister

Jennifer Hollon

Servers

Ellie Draper

Sunday, January 4

Lector

**Lillian Hall,
John Romp**

Communion Minister

**Anna Hall,
John Hall**

Servers

Amber Goulet

Blessings for December: Beatriz Flores-1, Eric Vetter-2, Joseph Columbus-3, Kylie Neely-3, Deborah Sainte-3, Cameron Anderson-4, James Grawe-4, Mary Hammonds-5, Avrey Skillern-6, Joe Settles-7, Helen Gillespie-8, Michelle Blanco-9, Lillian Blythe-13, Amber Skillern-13, Brett Bordas-18, Nick Comer-18, Jim Jones-18, Carolina Leal-18, Mary Ann Benson-19, Peter Benson-20, Rita Ferrell-20, Patti Raftery-20, Mary Virginia Rupard-20, Fredrick Kendig-21, Carolyn Poston-21, Graham Faulkner-23, Marissa Thomas-25, Kimbrell Abner-27, Kathryn Howard-31, Ruth Nunan-31, Tracy Steele-31

Happy Birthday !



Bulletin for Sunday, December 28, 2025

Mass Intentions

**Tuesday, December 30
NO MASS**

**Wednesday,
New Years Eve
December 31
4:00 pm**

**Brenda Evans
(Church)**

**Thursday,
Mary Mother of God
January 1
2:00 pm (Spanish)**

**Spanish Community
(Church)**

**Friday, January 2
NO MASS
NO Adoration**

**Saturday, January 3
3:00 pm Confession
3:10 pm Rosary
4:00 pm
Tracy Steele (L)
(Church)**

**Sunday, January 4
8:30 am
Robert Kern
9:30am Rosary
2:00 pm (Spanish)
"Pro Populi"
(For the People)**



Prayer List

Dolores Strohacker, Wanda Bachman, Greg Pena, Gene Woestman, Joyce Sloan, Sharon Vetter, Fredwyn Schwendeman, Jo Brennan, Mary Jo McCormick, Mary Frances Puckett, Deborah Roach, Jon Keller

Shawn Roach, John Owens, Jane Ann Tomlinson, Elaine Adler

LAUDATO SI: Pray that we may grow strong in hope and active in efforts to heal and renew Earth. Please remember all who are forgotten or thrown away, and especially for the poor, the sick and the aged: that God might change our hearts and move us to love them as the image of Christ.



Daily Mass and Adoration are in the chapel. Friday daily Mass is in the Church when St. Agatha is in session.



"My sweetest Joy is to be in the presence of Jesus in the holy Sacrament. I beg that when obliged to withdraw in body, I may leave my heart before the holy Sacrament."- St Katharine Drexel **Join us for Adoration Fridays 9am-8pm in the Chapel.**

The Parish Office will be closed until January 2.
If you have a Sacramental Emergency contact Fr. Jim at (715) 296-0219.

The Women of St. Joseph:

Upcoming Events:
January 9: Hot Chocolate Social at Kathy Beauchamp's house at 6pm. Bring a dessert/appetizer to share.
All are invited!!

Senior Group:

Senior Outing: Merry Christmas! Enjoy your Family!!
Senior Potluck Lunch in the Hall on January 5 at 11:30 am. Bring a Christmas Card to Exchange. All are invited to attend.

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL:

Meeting January 6 at 7pm
SVDP Item of the Month: Instant Potato Packs
SVDP: Sign up for the Kroger Rewards Program at www.kroger.com ID # 55334 which benefits SVDP and St. Agatha.

Knights of Columbus:

Grand Knight: Matt Goulet (606) 425-1980
Next Meeting: January 13 at 7pm

Link for This Weeks Daily Readings can be found at, <https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings>

Thru 12/28

Total (Offertory Only) \$140,592

Budget (Offertory Only) \$144,250
Excess/(Short) (\$3,658)

Parish Information:

2026 Church Calendars are in the back of church. Please take one per family.

Parish Music Minister Needed for Sunday Mass, Holy Days, Choir and Funerals for 5 hours a week. (Funerals are separate)
If you or anyone you know is in need of a Part-time position please call the office.

The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a trip to a **Cincinnati Cyclones Hockey game versus the Fort Wayne Komets** on January 30 at the Heritage Bank Arena in Cincinnati at 7:30pm. Transportation from the church at 5pm will be provided. Cost per person is \$25 (the ticket, transportation and a light meal). Interested? Contact John Hall 859-329-8201 or Joe Prekopa 859-595-2948. We need confirmation by January 19. Limit is 50 seats. Hope you can join us for what promises to be a great time!

The Knights of Columbus and St. Vincent de Paul Society are having a **Volunteer Appreciation party on February 1 at 4pm**. All volunteers, their spouses and family members are invited. A buffet dinner and prizes awarded. Please contact a Knight to RSVP (including # of people attending). Joe Prekopa (859) 595-2948, Chuck Bast (859) 749-0951 or Mark Bordas (859) 556-3539. We need a count in order to make sure enough food is ordered. Please respond by, January 26. Hope to see you there!!!

Bible Study: The Great Adventure Catholic Bible Timeline. Sundays after Mass (9:45) starting January 11. Call Kathie (859) 808-1269.

If you have something that needs to be announced at Mass
PLEASE email it to stjoseph@cdlex.org by Thursday at 5 pm!

If you or someone you know is in need of our **Homebound Ministry** please contact the Church Office.



St. Agatha Academy News:

Wanted: Part-time music teacher to teach PreK-8 general music and grades 4-8 band classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Hours are 7:30-3:00 pm. Please contact Kathleen Thompson, principal, at stagatha@gmail.com

8th grade class fundraiser: Creative Coffees
Proceeds fund their class trip to Yellowstone! Scan the QR code to place an order. Thank you for your support!



Tidal Wave Car Wash certificates are available for \$10 each. Each certificate is good for the top of the line Graph-X4 wash (\$30 value). **Proceeds fund the 8th grade class trip to Yellowstone!**

St. Agatha Academy Registration for 2025-2026
Montessori Preschool - 8th Grade Tuition Assistance Available. Call 859-744-6484 for a personal tour or visit saintagathaacademy.org school office 859-744-6484 if you need assistance or would like a tour.

Faith Formation:

Kathie Schweikart (859) 808-1269

December 31: NO Religious Ed ... Happy New Year!!!!
January 1: NO Youth Group ... Happy New Year!!!!

IT IS DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL TIME: Prayerfully consider how you can help St. Joseph meet our 65% Participation Goal. We are at 62% we need 6 more families to meet goal.

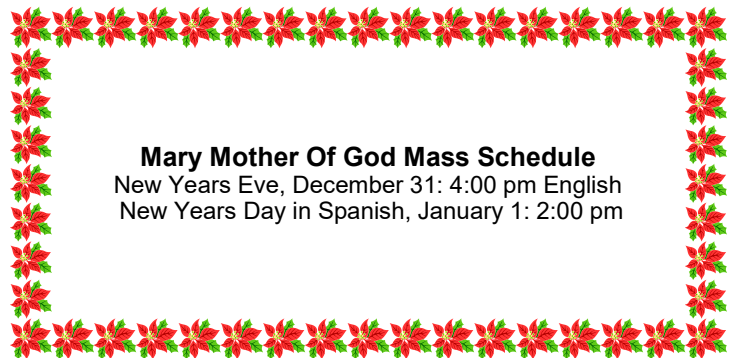
Prayerfully Consider being a VOLUNTEER!!!

Please help us update our Database. If you have recently married, moved, have had children, notice your birthday is not in our birthday list, had a family member pass away or need to register as a member of the Church, contact the office or email us with your updated information.

Mass Intentions are available for the second half of 2026.
Please call the office to schedule a Mass for your loved ones.

Join our text messaging system...Flocknotes is our way of communicating information to parishioners. Texting rates may apply. **Are you good at praying for others? We have an online prayer group.** Call the office if you would like to be added to either of these Flocknote texting lists.

Leaving town for a much needed Vacation??? Or just looking for an easier way to manage your donations? We have an Auto Withdrawal system for your Offertory Collections... Vanco Solutions manages the Donate button located on our website: www.stjosephwinchester.com and is PCI Compliant. Click on the Donate button and follow the prompts for Online giving. Thank you for your support.



Mary Mother Of God Mass Schedule

New Years Eve, December 31: 4:00 pm English
New Years Day in Spanish, January 1: 2:00 pm

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF LEXINGTON AND OUTSIDE OPPORTUNITIES:

Freewill, free to all parishioners, allows you to make a legally valid will in the privacy of your home. It allows you to include a health directive and even a gift to your church if you choose. **Freewill**, can ensure that your gifts are stewarded in a manner that honors your legacy, and blesses generations to come. Website: www.freewill.com/catholicdioceseoflexington Contact Robert Watts, Sara Spellman or Emma Jones in the Development Office at 859-253-2993.

Grace Marriage The program consists of four quarterly mini-retreats (9am-1pm on a Saturday) and is open to couples in any parish (and non-Catholic couples too!). For info and to register, see cdlex.org/grace-marriage.

Catholic Singles of the Bluegrass Second Saturdays Coffee are at 11 am at DV8 Kitchen in Lexington. All are invited to meet and learn about other events. For info go to CatholicSinglesoftheBluegrass@gmail.com



Saint of the Day: Thomas A. Becket

Of Norman ancestry. Educated at Merton Priory, the University of Paris, in Bologna, Italy, and in Auxerre, France. Civil and cannon lawyer. Solider and officer. Archdeacon of Canterbury, England, ordained in 1154. Friend of King Henry II. Chancellor of England. Ordained on 2 June 1162 and appointed Archbishop of Canterbury on 3 June 1162. Opposed the King's interference in ecclesiastical matters which led to his being exiled several times and eventually murdered by supporters of the king. Martyr. *Born:* 21

December 1118, London, England *Died:* murdered on 29 December 1170 in the Cathedral at Canterbury, England, Some relics enshrined at the Ladyewell Shrine in Lancaster, England *Canonized:* 21 February 1173 by Pope Alexander III.

Ask A Franciscan: I understand as humans, we are responsible for our own actions and inflict suffering on one another. However, there is suffering and abuse that is not the result of our decisions. Like hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, and other natural disasters? We cannot control nature; only God can do that. Why do you think God inflicts such natural disasters on many innocent, God-loving people? Doesn't your question assume that God operates in human time (past/present/future), initiating these natural disasters as punishment for some human action? Is that really the case? What if God is equally present to all time simultaneously? I realize that may sound crazy, but isn't that better than imposing our sense of time on God, forcing God to operate in human time? The natural disasters you list indeed kill people, injure others, and destroy vast amounts of property and goods. All of that is regrettable. These disasters, however, reflect atmospheric conditions—for which God is ultimately responsible. Does God decide which person gets hit by lightning and then dies? No. Does God decide which thousands of acres may be destroyed by a single wildfire? No. Does that then mean that some parts of God's creation are beyond divine control? No. Some people use all human suffering as a reason not to believe in God—as though God were supremely indifferent to human suffering. That is not the God we meet in the Bible. The community of faith, however, identifies the Bible as divine self-revelation; and does not come with a table of contents. Believers recognize the unique status of those books and help us sort through questions that still arise. In my observation, people are more likely to stop believing in God because of tragedies caused by the misuse of human freedom than because of the natural disasters that you cite. God wants us to respond to both types of suffering by a proper and generous use of human freedom. We cannot prevent natural disasters, but we can take steps to make people less vulnerable to the next ones.

Información de comunidad Español

Una de las cosas más malinterpretadas en las escrituras, así como en el salmo por el que acabamos de orar en la fiesta de hoy de la Sagrada Familia, es esa palabra de cuatro letras, "temor". De hecho, el salmo de hoy podría escribirse y escucharse mejor si fuera "Bienaventurados los que se apoyan en temor al Señor." Una actitud de asombro habla de la inmensa grandeza y amor de Dios. "Miedo" al Señor suena a una actitud de ansiedad constante, una preocupación constante de que podamos hacer algo que merezca castigo.

Los miembros de la Sagrada Familia se tenían mutuamente en la más alta estima. Dios confió a José y María su Hijo unigénito. Por muy grande que fuera ese regalo y desafío para ellos, solo el amor y el asombro por el Señor en su vulnerable infancia llenaron sus corazones. La suya fue una experiencia de bondad y belleza abrumadoras. A cambio, como sugiere Siraj, las relaciones entre la Sagrada Familia solo imponían honor, reverencia y amor mutuo.

Al mirar de la Sagrada Familia al respecto que tenemos por nuestras propias familias, Pablo sugiere, como elegidos de Dios, que deberíamos aspirar a la santidad. Con eso vienen actitudes de compasión, bondad, humildad, paciencia, paciencia, paciencia y paciencia mutua. Y sobre todo esto debemos poner amor, el vínculo de la perfección.

Por último, hoy, al oír hablar de la Sagrada Familia huyendo por sus vidas a una tierra extranjera, podríamos preguntarnos qué tipo de bienvenida ofreceríamos a los recién llegados si no fueran otros que la familia de Jesús. ¡Algo para reflexionar!

Paz, Padre Jim

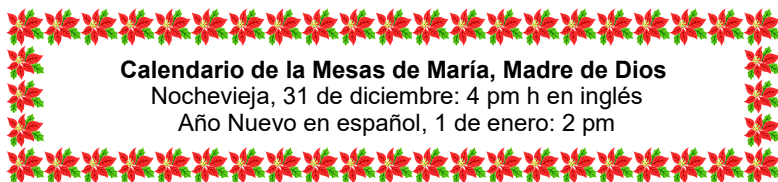
La oficina parroquial estará cerrada hasta el 2 de enero . Si tienes un sacramental Contacto de emergencia: Padre Enrique en (512) 696-4440.

Laudato Si: Ora para que crezcamos fuertes en la esperanza y activos en los esfuerzos por sanar y renovar la Tierra. Por favor, recordad a todos los que son olvidados o desechados, y especialmente para los pobres, los enfermos y los ancianos: para que Dios cambie nuestros corazones y nos mueva a amarlos como a imagen de Cristo.

No Las clases de educación religiosa hasta Enero 7 a la 6 pm.

No adoración los viernes hasta el 2 Enero.

Los calendarios de la iglesia de 2026 están en la parte trasera de la iglesia. Por favor, toma uno por familia.



Calendario de la Mesas de María, Madre de Dios

Nochevieja, 31 de diciembre: 4 pm h en inglés

Año Nuevo en español, 1 de enero: 2 pm

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