



Immaculate Conception Church

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Masses.....Saturday 5:30 P.M.
 Sunday 9:00 A.M.
 Holy Day 10:00 A.M. & 7:00 P.M.
 Weekday 10:00 A.M.

Religious Instructions .. Sunday 10:30-11:45
Baptism Please arrange with the pastor in advance to discuss pre-baptismal instructions.
Marriage By appointment with the Pastor at least nine months prior to the date of marriage.
Reconciliation (Confession) ... Thirty minutes before weekend Masses — or by appointment.

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS,
MARY AND JOSEPH
December 27, 2009

This Week's Saints

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MONDAY † Holy Innocents. Herod the Great, fearing for his throne after the Magi told him about the birth of Jesus, ordered the execution of all male children in Bethlehem, hoping that Jesus would be among those killed. According to Matthew (2:16-18), this fulfilled the prophesy of Jeremiah (31:15).

TUESDAY † Saint Thomas Becket was Lord Chancellor of England. His friend King Henry II had him installed as Archbishop of Canterbury, but Thomas had a conversion and resigned as Chancellor; when he returned from exile in France and excommunicated Henry's followers in 1170, four knights killed him to please the king.

THURSDAY † Saint Sylvester I was pope from 314 to 335 during the era of Constantine when the Church was able to come out of hiding after years of persecution. Some of the great churches in Rome such as the Lateran Basilica and Saint Peter's Basilica on Vatican Hill were built during his pontificate.

SATURDAY † Saint Basil the Great and Saint Gregory Nazianzen became close friends as students in Athens. Together they fought against the Arian heresy (which denied the full divinity of Christ). Their writings also aided the Church's understanding of the Holy Spirit and the Trinity.

Liturgical Reflection

Mary, the Mother of God

This Friday, January 1st, is the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God. This is a holy day of obligation in the United States of America. All Catholics are to participate at Mass on this day.

Following the encouragement of Pope Paul VI and his successors, our Diocese names this a **Day of Prayer for World Justice and Peace**. As the new civil calendar begins, we pray for peace throughout the world. Please join the Local Church in praying the following prayer this New Year's Day...

God of power, mercy and peace, destroy war and banish violence from our midst. You have revealed to us that those who work for peace will be called your sons and daughters. This new year help us to work without ceasing for that justice which brings true and lasting peace.

We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



Christmas Play

Our Christmas Play for this year, **The Road to Bethlehem**, will be presented today at 5:30 PM. Everyone is invited – tell your friends! No charge for admission. Due to weather conditions, the play will be presented indoors rather than at the Grotto, with refreshments served afterwards in the hall.

In Appreciation...

An Appreciation Party will be held in our hall on Saturday, January 2nd following evening Mass. Sauerkraut, potatoes and pork will be provided; please bring a covered dish to the **dinner-dance**. Talk to Renee for more information.

Liturgical Reflection

New Roman Missal

Family life is rooted in the love of God. Today the Holy Family – Jesus, Mary and Joseph – model family living for us. The Church family is preparing for the new translation of the Roman Missal. While the ritual parts of the Mass will remain the same, many prayers at Mass will be newly translated. Years of study and review have taken place by our bishops and linguists. The newly revised Roman Missal, once approved by the Holy See, will be given to the People of God. As the family of believers, we will raise our hearts and voices in joyful praise of God.

Stewardship

The birth of our Savior has caused us to become members of one family – the family of God. May our actions toward all of our family members place us in our Father's house.

Calendar

- ◆ **Mary, Mother of God**
Mass 10:00 AM **Fri. Jan. 1st**
(Holy Day of Obligation)
- ◆ **Appreciation Celebration**
7:00 PM **Sat. Jan. 2nd**
- ◆ **Epiphany of the Lord**
January 3rd
- ◆ **Big B Bingo** Doors Open
5:30 PM **Sat. Jan. 9th**
- ◆ **Baptism of the Lord**
January 10th
- ◆ **Parish Pastoral Council**
7:00 PM **Monday Jan. 11th**
- ◆ **Rosary Society** 4:15 PM
Saturday Jan. 16th

Mass Intentions

- Sat. Dec. 265:30 PM .. **Ron Kessler** by the Kitchen Staff
- Sun. Dec. 279:00 AM .. **Tom Matthews Sr.** by the Choir
- Mon. Dec. 28 .. 10:00 AM ...**50th Wedding Anniversary of Shirley and Bruce Crawshaw** by Shirley
- Tue. Dec. 29 .. 10:00 AM ...**Ron Kessler** by James and Carol Bonner
- Wed. Dec. 30 .. 10:00 AM ...**People's Mass**
- Thur. Dec. 31 .. 10:00 AM ...**Pastor's Mass**
- Fri. Jan. 1MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
10:00 AM ...**Health of Joe Folk and Lisa T. Wright** by Zane and Eugennie Treece
- Sat. Jan. 25:30 PM .. **Mrs. Mary Lucas** by the Family
- Sun. Jan. 39:00 AM .. **Antonio and Rosa Scavone** by the Scavone Family

Liturgical Ministries

The Ministry of Greeters and Ushers

There are those ministers who perform functions outside the sanctuary. There are Greeters who welcome people at the church entrance. There are Ushers who help people find seats and help in the collection of gifts. This ministry is also responsible for the distribution of the parish bulletin at the end of Mass. These ministries, like all the liturgical functions, are welcoming, warm and hospitable. Greeters and ushers have a smile and a warm word to share. As members of the worshiping community they welcome everyone and make all feel at home.

