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DECEMBER 28, 2025 –FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

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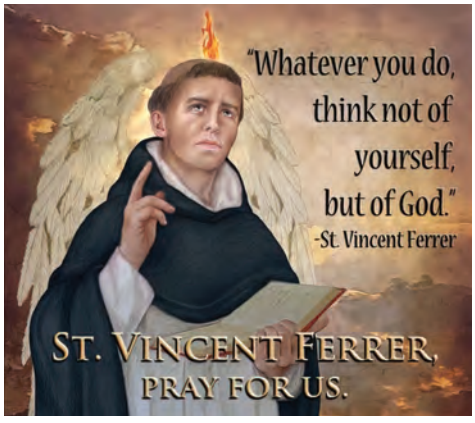

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Saturday: 9:00 a.m.
Saturday: 5:00 p.m. – Vigil Mass
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
HOLY DAYS: 9:00 a.m.

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Feast of the Holy Family
December 28, 2025

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday, December 27 — **5:00 p.m.**
Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Octave of Christmas
Christmas Mass Remembrance
June Ann Wong — In Memoriam (25th Anniversary)
Requested by Mary Wong

Sunday, December 28 — **8:00 a.m.**
Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Octave of Christmas
Christmas Mass Remembrance
Therese Raymonde Ancion
Requested by the Raymonde Family

11:00 a.m.
Stephan James — Blessings
Requested by the James Family
Marie Adams — Birthday Blessings
Jabbar Braithwaite — Blessings

Monday, December 29 — **9:00 a.m.**
Octave of Christmas
Christmas Mass Remembrance
All Priests Who Have Served at Saint Vincent Ferrer

Tuesday, December 30 — **9:00 a.m.**
Octave of Christmas
Christmas Mass Remembrance
Rose Marie Elysée
Requested by the Élysée Family

Wednesday, December 31 — **9:00 a.m.**
Octave of Christmas
Christmas Mass Remembrance
All Religious Who Have Served at Saint Vincent Ferrer

5:00 p.m.
The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Christmas Mass Remembrance
The People of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish

11:00 p.m.
The People of Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish

Thursday, January 1 — **11:00 a.m.**
The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Christmas Mass Remembrance
For All Priests — In Thanksgiving
Requested by Claudia Hooper

Friday, January 2 — **9:00 a.m.**
Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church
Claricia Adeclat — In Memoriam
Requested by Ketsia Saint-Fort

Saturday, January 3 — **9:00 a.m.**
Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish Staff and Volunteers— Blessings

GIFTS AND INTENTIONS:

Bread and Wine
Lucille Anthony — Blessings and Healing

Altar Flowers
Barbara Dhanieram — Blessings and Healing

Altar Candles
Jermaine Martin — Birthday Blessings
Requested by Claudia Hooper

Sanctuary Candle
Loris Boyce — Birthday Blessings
Requested by The Ministry of Hospitality

Mary's Chapel
Claudia Viechweg — Birthday Blessings
Requested by Claudia Hooper

Annunciation Chapel
Eileen Morancie — Blessings and Healing

THE RECTORY OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
for the Christmas Break from Wednesday, December 24th to Monday, January 5th

In case of emergency or other urgent matter, please call the Rectory and leave a message.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

January 11: **Diocesan Mission**
January 25: **Churches in Need**
Please be generous.

Lectio Divina

Read the following scripture: Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23.

Take some time to reflect in silence on one or more of the following questions:

- What word or words in this passage caught your attention?
- What in this passage comforted you?
- What in this passage challenged you?

Read the Scripture passage one more time. Bring to the Lord the praise, petition, or thanksgiving that the Word inspires in you.

Scripture Reflection

What conversion of mind, heart, and life is the Lord asking of me?

Behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. How do I experience the presence of the Lord? How can I be more attentive to God's presence and action in my life?

Out of Egypt I called my son. How I have heard God's call? How can I be more responsive to that call?

So that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled. What promises has God kept for me? How can I be a prophetic voice in my community?

Closing Prayer

Blessed is everyone who fears the LORD,
who walks in his ways!
For you shall eat the fruit of your handiwork;
blessed shall you be, and favored.

Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine
in the recesses of your home;
your children like olive plants
around your table.

Behold, thus is the man blessed
who fears the LORD.
The LORD bless you from Zion:
may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem
all the days of your life.

(From Psalm 128)

DAILY READINGS FOR THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Sunday, December 28
Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5
Colossians 3:12-21 Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23
Family life (1, Ps) is rooted in the unconditional love of God (2) as witnessed by the Holy Family (3).

Monday, December 29
1 John 2:3-11 Psalm 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6
Luke 2:22-35
Jesus is the light (2) who scatters the darkness of hatred and sin (1) among all peoples (Ps).

Tuesday, December 30
1 John 2:12-17 Psalm 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 Luke 2:36-40
Faithful to God's will (1), Anna gives thanks (Ps) for the deliverance of her people (2).

Wednesday, December 31
1 John 2:18-21 Psalm 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 John 1:1-18
Anointed by the Spirit, we rejoice (Ps) in the truth (1) that the Word became flesh (2).

Thursday, January 1
Numbers 6:22-27 Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8
Galatians 4:4-7 Luke 2:16-21
We seek God's blessings (1, Ps) as did Mary. Because of her Son (3), we can confidently call God, "Abba" (2)!

Friday, January 2
1 John 2:22-28 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 John 1:19-28
John testifies about one who is to come (2), one whose gift is nothing less than eternal life (1, Ps).

Saturday, January 3
1 John 2:29–3:6 Psalm 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6 John 1:29-34
Jesus is "God's chosen One" (2). We joyfully sing (Ps); in him we become children of God (1).

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May you be guided with the light of wisdom on your path and your journey of life. Celebrate this Epiphany with your family and friends.

Three Kings Raffle

Sunday, January 4th, 2026

after 11 A.M. Mass

Donation - $10.00

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The Feast of the Epiphany

Please join us on
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for the drawing of
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and a live Nativity
led by our young people
at 12:30pm

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2025 Christmas/New Year's Mass Schedule

Monday, December 15th — Reconciliation Monday
3:00-6:00 p.m./7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.
Confessions will be heard in the Church

Saturday/Sunday, December 20th-21st — Fourth Sunday of Advent
Saturday Mass at 5:00 p.m.
Sunday Mass at 8:00 a.m.
Sunday Mass at 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday, December 24th — Christmas Eve
Family Mass at 5:00 p.m.
Midnight Mass
(Carols begin at 11:00 p.m.)

Thursday, December 25th — Christmas Day
Mass at 11:00 a.m.

Saturday/Sunday, December 27th-28th — Feast of the Holy Family
Saturday Mass at 5:00 p.m.
Sunday Mass at 8:00 a.m.
Sunday Mass at 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday, December 31st — New Year's Eve
Family Mass at 5:00 p.m.
Holy Hour begins at 10:00 p.m.
New Year's Eve Mass at 11:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 1st — New Year's Day
Mass at 11:00 a.m.

Saturday/Sunday, January 3rd-4th — Feast of the Epiphany/Three Kings
Saturday Mass at 5:00 p.m.
Sunday Mass at 8:00 a.m.
Sunday Mass at 11:00 a.m.

We celebrate the 12 Days of Christmas beginning December 25th!

Scripture Reflection

Journey of Love

Being a husband and father defines much of my identity and how I relate to the people I love most in this world. They are vocations that, with the passing of time, I have come to cherish without limit.

At times I wish I had been better prepared to be a husband. The truth is that no one knows what kind of spouse one is called to be until making the radical decision to love someone with spousal love. Love is a journey of discovery.

I can say something similar about being a parent. There is no "toddler college," or "teenager university," or "young adult institute" for parents. You learn as you go. Each child is their own world and a window into the mystery of life. One grows as a parent as one embraces the calling to love our children as God's gifts.

Most likely Joseph had no idea that one day he would have to migrate with his family to a foreign country to give his family a chance to live. How much could the young Mary know about being a wife and a mother at such a tender age? What could the young couple know about raising a child who was human and divine? I cannot put myself in their shoes, yet my own family experience has also confronted me with interesting questions.

St. Paul offers us a good blueprint to navigate the vicissitudes of family life: Put on "heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another." Most importantly, "put on love, that is, the bond of perfection." When I am intentionally aware of these virtues, I am a better husband and father.

— Hosffman Ospino

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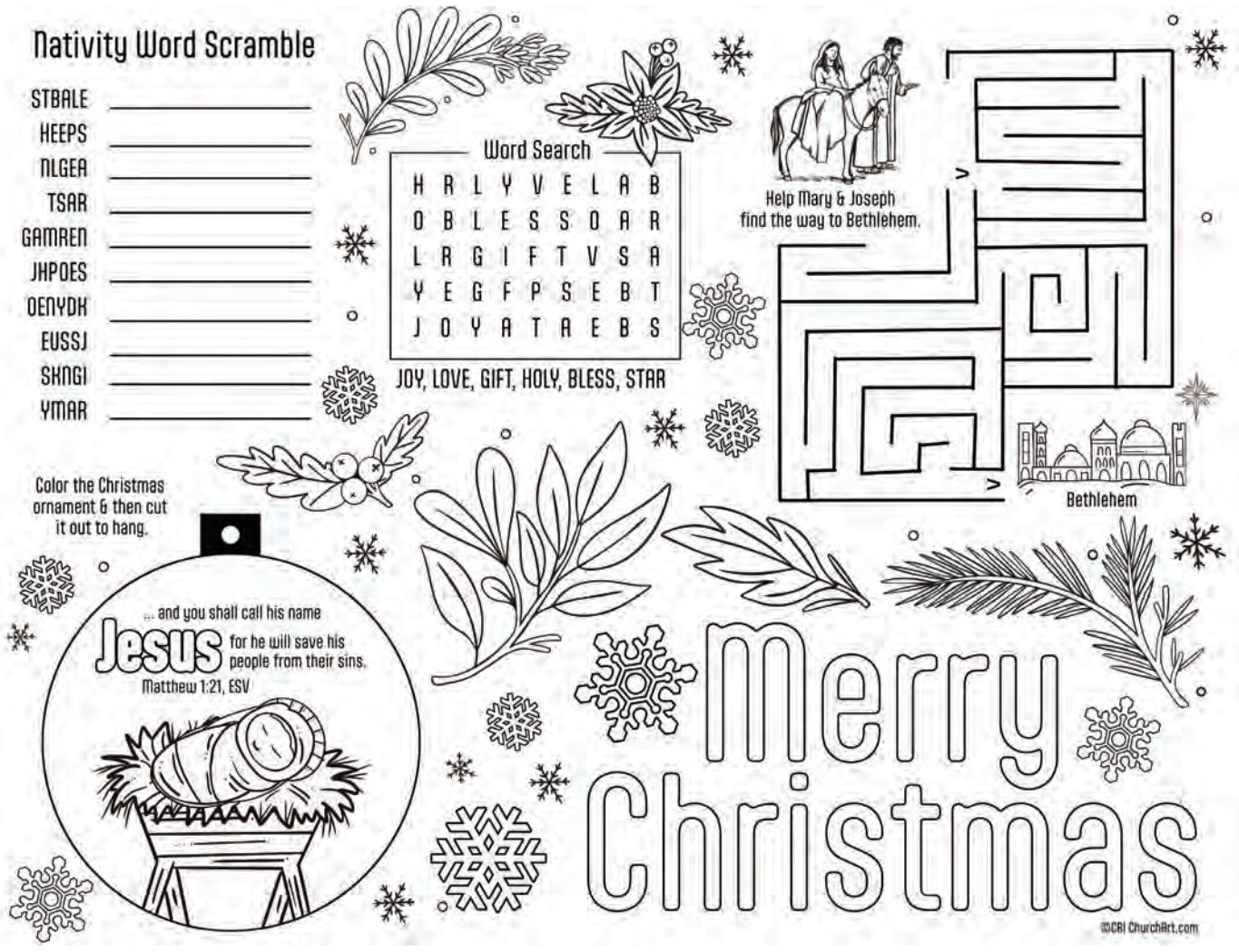

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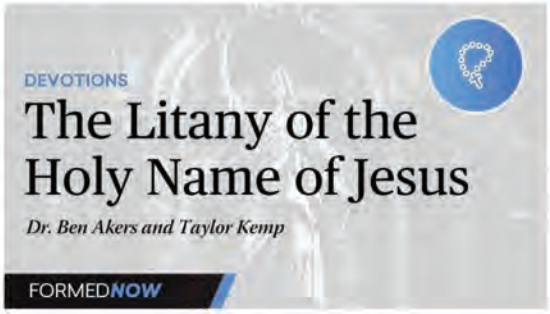
Week of December 28, 2025

New Year's Resolutions | The Augustine Institute Show

What's your resolution this year? Dr. Tim Gray welcomes Dr. Scott Hefelfinger, Assistant Professor of Theology in the Augustine Institute Graduate School of Theology, to celebrate one year of the Augustine Institute Show!

The Holy Family

We are excited to announce our series of FORMED Now! Christmas and New Year special episodes. In these episodes, professors from the Augustine Institute Graduate School will lead us in reflections throughout the season!



Litany of the Holy Name of Jesus

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as we celebrate the feast of The Most Holy Name of Jesus with this litany prayer of the Holy Name.

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FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

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Saint Vincent's Celebrates Advent 2025

Our parish marked Advent with two new events this year: the First Annual Wreath Dedication and the "Pizza With the Prophets" series. The wreaths are dedicated in memory of those who have passed, in honor of the living, or contain messages of greeting for the Christmas Season. Father Bruno blessed the wreaths on Saturday, December 13, after the 5:00 Mass. "Pizza With the Prophets" wrapped up on Tuesday, December 16. The three-week series focused on the messages of the Prophets Isaiah, Malachi and Zechariah, the minor prophets, and Saint Luke's gospel account of Jesus' birth. At left, Father Bruno blesses the wreaths. Below, the "Pizza With the Prophets" group.

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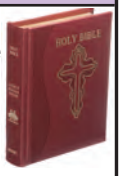

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