

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary,  
and Joseph-December 31, 2017**

My eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.

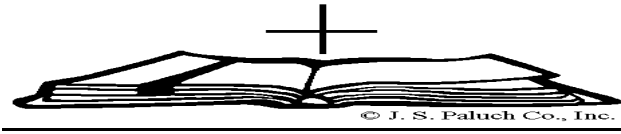
—Luke 2:30-31



**December 30-31, 2017**

	5:30 p.m.	7:30 a.m.	9:15 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
L.	Dennis	Nancy	Linda B	Lynette
C.	Judy	Tim	Terry	Rob

**Mass Intentions**



**Sat., Dec 30, 5:30 p.m.** Henry McNamara, Dennis McCloskey, Sidney Huval and Family, Corey Rainey, Amy Goff, Sick Parishioners (L), Nick Sita, The Karge Family (L), Louis Perschall Sr., Bell Valley-Hocking Tomsic Families (L), Lester Shackford, Tony Ferran (L), Dick and Ruthi Olson (L)

**Sun., Dec. 31, 7:30 a.m.** Frederick Addotto Sr.

**Sun., Dec. 31, 9:15 a.m.** John Gereighty, Jerry Hornosky, Lance Babst (L), Lester Watson, Rosemary Odinet (L), Diane Gowland (L), Barbara Flug (L), Tommy Riggio

**Sun., Dec. 31, 11:00 a.m.** Parishioners

**Sun., Dec. 31, 5:30 p.m.** Peace

**Mon., Jan. 01, 9:15 a.m.** Charlie Armstrong Jr.

**Tues., Jan. 02** NO MASS

**Wed., Jan., 03, 8:00 a.m.** Margaret Waguespack (L)

**Thurs., Jan. 04, 8:00 a.m.** Margaret Mary Mule' (L)

**Fri., Jan. 05, 8:00 a.m.** Joyce Arcement

**Sat., Jan. 06, 8:00 a.m.** World Peace

**Sat., Jan. 06, 5:30 p.m.** Henry McNamara, Dennis McCloskey, Sidney Huval and Family, Corey Rainey, Sick Parishioners (L), Nick Sita, The Karge Family (L), Louis Perschall Sr., Bell Valley-Hock Tomoic Families (L), Lester Shackford, Tony Ferran (L), Dick and Ruthi Olson (L)

**Sun., Jan. 07, 7:30 a.m.** Loretta Stansbury, Jon Craig (L), Carol Pieri, Nora Hauptmann, Lillian Addotto, Allen Armstrong Sr, Gloria Fabre, Margaret Mary Mule' (L), Doris M. Letsch, Amy Goff, Joyce Arcement

**Sun., Jan. 07, 9:15 a.m.** Parishioners

**Sun., Jan. 07, 11:00 a.m.** Rosita Rodriguez

**PRAYER LIST**

Helen Lafleur	Louise Cashmere
Margaret Mary Mule'	Tom Kelley
Judge Salvadore Mule'	Martha Huval
Emmitt Guderian	Lance Babst
Joann Austin	Ethel Istre
Chip Guillory	Kevin Delaune
Howard Konstantin	Ashlie Cox

**Weekly Collections**

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Regular Collection	\$ 4,634.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Coll. Building and Pres. Fund	\$ 35.00
Christmas Collection	\$ 3,729.11

**THE CANDLES BURN IN HONOR OF:**

<i>Sanctuary:</i>	Molly Pelloat (L)
<i>Blessed Mother</i>	Michael Stahel and Family (L)
<i>St. Joseph</i>	Greg Stahel and Family (L)
<i>St. Ann</i>	Frank Minyard (L)

If you would like to honor your intention by burning a 7 day candle please call 796-3806.

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**The office will close at noon on Fri., Dec. 29<sup>th</sup> through Mon., Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>. We will reopen on Tues., Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
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Parish School of Religion is in need of a 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher ASAP on Wednesday nights. If interested, please call Theresa Wilfert at 778-0548.

**Please join us in celebrating  
 the Christmas Season with  
 St. John's Parish School of Religion Christmas Program  
 Wednesday, January 3, 2018, 6:30 p.m.  
 Jonathan Hall  
 Refreshments following  
 Family, friends, and parishioners welcome.**

**SPIRITUAL EXERCISES**

The three part series on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola begins this week. Each session will be repeated, either Thursday night or Friday morning. The first session will focus on the life of St. Ignatius especially his conversion experience which led to the formation of the exercises. The key foundation of this school of prayer will be explored. The general overview of the purpose and structure of the exercises will be presented. We will meet in the library of Jonathan Hall at 7 p.m. on Thursday (Jan. 4) or 9 a.m. on Friday (5th). We will skip a week and then have the other two sessions.

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

There's no more unusual setting to celebrate today's Feast of the Holy Family than Barcelona, Spain and the towering unfinished sandcastle known officially as the Temple Expiatori de la Sagrada Familia. In 1882, the plan was hatched to build a vast place of worship in reparation for the revolutionary and liberal leanings of the city. The modern artist Antoni Gaudi dedicated his life to the project, living in the building, attending Mass daily, and giving up his personal wealth. When people pressed him to pick up the pace, he responded, "My client is not in a hurry." (Gaudi's cause for beatification is moving along, and he could be the first professional artist and architect to be beatified.) The Spanish Civil War, a disaster for the Catholic Church in which thousands of priests, brothers, and nuns were murdered, halted work in 1935. In the 1950s work began anew, speeded up by computers in the 1980s. Still, the final stage of construction is not due to end until 2026. If the original methods had stayed in place, it would take several hundred more years to complete the plan. So far there are eight towers, with four to go. The highest steeple is three feet shorter than the nearest hill, since the architect didn't want his work to surpass God's artistry. The three faces of the basilica each have three doors, with the faces named Passion, Nativity, and Grace. The interior is crammed with geometric figures that almost seem to spin, crazy-quilt windows, spiral staircases, and jumbles of statues and figures. Although inspired by ancient Gothic cathedrals, the style is called Expressionist, and very little is left unexpressed by the masonry. If you can't afford a visit, Sagrada Familia maintains a web site, and virtual visits are free. —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

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**The Blessed Sacrament is reserved here in consideration for those in prayer. Please observe silence.**  
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### FROM YOUR PASTOR

**A most gracious thank you to all who have given or sent cards, included me in your gifts, and most especially assisted in preparing the Church and hall for liturgy. A special word of thanks to the staff, volunteers and all liturgical ministers for your many hours of prayerful generosity. May the Lord continue to help us to give of ourselves as He has given to us.**

**In His Incarnate Love,  
Fr. Robert**

### NATIVITY CRECHES FROM AROUND THE WORLD

**The Nativity Crèches Exhibit will be on display on Wednesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> before and after the Christmas Program in Jonathan Hall. The Exhibit will remain up through the weekend before and after all masses. If you have a Nativity Crèche you would like share with the parish, Callie Segura will be here on Tuesday from 10 to 2 p.m. to accept them in Jonathan Hall. We encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity. If you have any questions please call the office.**

### PRAYER BLANKET REQUEST

The Prayer Blanket Ministry is looking for anyone interested in helping to make prayer blankets. They can be knitted, crocheted, quilted, etc. and can be made at home at your convenience or you can help at the monthly meetings. There is a large demand for the blankets and more volunteers are needed to keep an ample supply.

**The Prayer Blanket Ministry has blankets available to parishioners only to bring to loved ones who are ill.** Blankets are available in two sizes, babies and adults. Completed blankets are blessed, and packaged with a prayer card, this is usually done at the meetings. Blankets are free, but any donations received will be used to purchase material and supplies. For more information, call Kathy Mauthe at 985-796-9245.

### ANNULMENT WRITING WORKSHOP

The Archdiocese of New Orleans will offer a writing workshop for persons seeking an annulment in the Catholic Church or for persons responding to an annulment. The workshop will be held in Providence Hall at Our Lady of Divine Providence in Metairie. The series will be for five (5) Tuesdays, January 16, January 23, January 30, February 6 and February 20, 2018. Hours are 7:30-9:00 p.m. The materials for the series cost \$25.00. To register go to our website, <https://nolacatholicfla.regfox.com/annulment-writing-workshop>. For more information, please call Cathy, 504-861-6243.

### HAPPY NEW YEAR

**We welcome all newcomers to St. John's Church and invite you to register as members of our parish family. Please complete a "Parishioner Form" located in back of church and drop it in the collection basket. A member of St. John's Church will contact you to assist you with registration.**

### CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES

We still have several boxes of issued envelopes that have not yet been picked up. If you would like to continue using them or you no longer wish to use envelopes, please call the office at 796-3806.

**If you would like a copy of your 2017 contribution statement, please call the office at 796-3806 and it will be mailed to you.**

ADORATION IS EVERY WEDNESDAY, 8:30 - 9:30 A.M.

CHOIR PRACTICE, EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 6:30 P.M.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEETINGS ARE THE SECOND THURSDAY OF MONTH AT 7:30 P.M. IN ODILO HALL

FIRST SATURDAY MASS AT 8:00 A.M. EVERY MONTH

BLANKET MINISTRY MEET LAST MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH

CATCH FIRE YOUTH GROUP MEETS THE FIRST AND THIRD SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH FROM 6 – 7:30 P.M. IN ODILO HALL.

NO PSR CLASSES ON DEC. 20 AND 27, RETURN ON JAN. 3<sup>RD</sup>

MENS GROUP, WORD ON FIRE CATHOLICISM, THURS. 7:30 P.M. IN LIBRARY

MATTHEW ADULT BIBLE STUDY, MONDAY, 7:30 P.M. IN LIBRARY