



Mary Help of Christians Traditional Roman Catholic Church

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December 31st, 2023 † Sunday within the Octave of the Nativity

Sunday, Dec. 31, HOLY MASS 9:00 am – St. Sylvester, PC

Pro Populo

Mon., Jan. 1, CIRCUMCISION of OUR LORD (Holy Day of Obligation)

HOLY MASS 9:00 am - *Pro Populo*

6:30 pm

Tues., Jan. 2, HOLY MASS 9:00 am – Holy Name of Jesus

Poor Souls (Martinez)

Wed., Jan. 3, HOLY MASS 9:00 am – Feria (St. Genevieve, V)

RIP William Stenger (Kaltenbacher)

Thurs., Jan. 4, HOLY MASS 8:00 am – Feria (St. Priscus, M)

To Our Lady Queen of the Holy Rosary for a special intention (Slusher)

Fri., Jan. 5, DISTRIBUTION of HOLY COMMUNION 8:00am – (First Friday)

HOLY MASS and BENEDICTION 6:30 pm Feria

To Our Lady so that the furnace will get fixed

Sat., Jan. 6, REPOSITION 8:45 am, HOLY MASS 9:00 am – Epiphany of Our Lord

Pro Populo

First Saturday

Sunday, Jan. 7th, HOLY MASS 9:00 am – Holy Family Sunday

Pro Populo

Serving Schedule:

Sun., Dec. 31st: Andrew Fries, Anthony Vigil

Mon., Jan. 1st: 9:00am: Alexander Vigil, Joseph Fries 6:30pm: Steven Kosovich

Tues., Jan. 2nd: Andrew Fries, John Fries

Wed., Jan. 3rd: Anthony & Alex Vigil

Thurs., Jan. 4th: Joseph Fries, Jude Vigil

Fri., Jan. 5th 8:00am: Andrew Fries

Fri., Jan. 5th 6:30pm: Eric Kosovich, Nick Vigil

Sat., Jan. 6th: Anthony Kosovich, Joseph Fries

Sun., Jan. 7th: Anthony Kosovich, Oliver Vigil

O Jesus, Who hast said, ask and ye shall receive, seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened to you, through the intercession of Mary, Thy most holy Mother, I knock, I seek, I ask that my prayer be granted (name a special intention).

Confessions: Sundays – 8:00 am and after Mass Tues. & Wed. – 7:30 am Thurs. – 2:00pm

Ending Hymn: Joy to the World Pg.31 #15

Catechism Classes: No Class until after Christmas break!

Blessing of Religious Articles: Third Sunday of the month immediately following Mass

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Arlin Wertish, Sabrina Praska, the Slusher Family, Gabriel Trujillo, Pauline Buonocore, Maria Allie, Kyle Kaltenbacher, Elijah Nosko, Joshua Potts, Cynthia Bernard, Miller Family, Michael Micklich, our Military and Police, Tom Gallegos, RIP Charles Lambrecht and family, RIP Jose Raul Flores, RIP Frances Kwitek, RIP Susan Walz, RIP Paula Micklich, RIP Robert Bernard, RIP Zack Hemlock, RIP Bob Cure, RIP Malachai Miller, RIP Matias & Ben Trujillo, RIP Richard Micklich and all those in need. (Contact Sister to add to this prayer list.)

FIRST FRIDAY and FIRST SATURDAY MASS: in reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary are this week. Please sign up for the all night adoration on the Google sheets link that has been sent out. All the hours must be filled in order for us to have this privilege! Devotions for First Saturday will begin at 8:00am; these include the Rosary with meditations and prayers to the Immaculate Heart.

BLESSING OF EPIPHANY GOLD and CHALK: will take place next Saturday, January 6th. Any items of gold (wedding rings, necklaces, etc) may be brought to the communion rail after Mass and blessed; these can then be worn as sacramentals. The blessed chalk is used to mark the doors of homes, thus invoking the Three Kings to bless all comings and goings.

God's creatures, gold, incense, and myrrh, I cast out the demon from you by the Father almighty, by Jesus Christ, His only-begotten Son, and by the Holy Spirit, the Advocate, so that you may be freed from all deceit, evil, and cunning of the devil, and become a saving remedy to mankind against the snares of the enemy. May those who use you, with confidence in the divine power, in their lodgings, homes, or on their persons, be delivered from all perils to body and soul, and enjoy all good things.

We ask this through the power and merits of our Lord and Savior, the intercession of the blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, and of all the saints, in particular the godly men who on this day venerated Christ the Lord with the very same gifts. God, the invisible and endless One, in the holy and awesome name of your Son, be pleased to endow with your blessing and power these creatures of gold, incense, and myrrh. Protect those who will have them in their possession from every kind of illness, injury, and danger, anything that would interfere with the well-being of body and soul, and so be enabled to serve you joyously and confidently in your Church; you who live and reign in perfect Trinity, God, forever and ever.

EPIPHANY BLESSING OF THE HOME:

O God, who by the guidance of a star didst on this day manifest Thine only-begotten Son to the Gentiles, mercifully grant that we who know Thee by faith may also attain the vision of Thy glorious majesty.....Bless, O Lord God almighty, this home, that in it there may be health, purity, the strength of victory, humility, goodness and mercy, the fulfillment of Thy law, the thanksgiving to God the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. And may this blessing remain upon this home and upon all who dwell herein. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE ADORATION OF THE MAGI - St. Alphonsus De Liguori

Jesus is born poor in a stable; the angels of heaven indeed acknowledge Him, but men abandon and forsake him on earth. Only a few shepherds come and pay him homage. But our Redeemer was desirous of communicating to us the grace of His redemption, and therefore he sends a star to enlighten the holy Magi, in order that they may come and acknowledge and adore their Savior by the gift of faith. Behold the wise men, who immediately, without delay, set off upon their journey. The star accompanies them as far as the cavern where the holy Infant lies: on their arrival they enter and find the child with Mary. They feel their hearts chained to the dear little Infant which they behold. The straw, the poverty, the cries of their little Savior-Oh, what darts of love! Oh, what blessed flames are they to their enlightened hearts!

The Infant looks upon them with a joyful countenance, the first-fruits of His Redemption. The holy kings then look at Mary, who does not speak - she remains silent; but with her blessed countenance that breathes the sweetness of paradise she welcomes them, and thanks them for having been the first to come and acknowledge Her son for their Sovereign Lord. The Kings adore Him, acknowledge Him for their God, kissing His feet, and offering Him their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Let us also with the holy Magi adore our little King Jesus, and let us offer Him all our hearts.