



# Mary Help of Christians Traditional Roman Catholic Church

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## December 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025 † Holy Innocents

**Sunday, Dec. 28, HOLY MASS 9:00 am**

*Pro Populo*

**Mon., Dec. 29, No Mass in Springs – St. Thomas a Becket, BM**

*Christopher Peck's Intentions (Peck)*

**Tues., Dec. 30, No Mass in Springs – Within the Octave**

*Graham Family (Graham)*

**Wed., Dec. 31, No Mass in Springs – St. Sylvester, PC**

*Pro Populo*

**Thurs., Jan. 1, HOLY MASS 9:00 am – CIRCUMCISION of OUR LORD**

*Pro Populo*

*Holy Day of Obligation*

**Fri., Jan. 2, HOLY MASS and EXPOSITION 6:30 pm - Feria First Friday**

*RIP Gerald Eberwein (Bernard)*

**Sat., Jan. 3, REPOSITION & HOLY MASS 8:50 am – BVM Saturday (St. Genevieve, V)**

*Dan and Leah Kramer Family (Knight)*

*First Saturday*

**Sunday, Jan. 4, HOLY MASS 9:00 am – Holy Name of Jesus**

*Pro Populo*

### Serving Schedule:

**Sun., Dec. 28<sup>th</sup>:** Steven Kosovich, Anthony Vigil

**Thurs., Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>, 9:00am:** Anthony & Alexander Vigil

**Fri., Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Eric Kosovich, Nick Vigil

**Sat., Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Anthony Kosovich, Tobias Vigil

**Sun., Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>:** Andrew Fries, Tobias Vigil

**Sun., Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>:** Steven Kosovich, Joseph Fries

*“At the Name Of Jesus, let every knee bow, of things in Heaven, on earth and under the earth.”*

**Confessions:** Sundays – 8:00 am and after Mass

**Tues. & Wed:** 7:45am

**Benediction with Rosary and Confessions:** will be at 1:50pm on Wednesdays that Mass is scheduled

**Ending Hymn:**

**Catechism Classes:** No classes until January 11<sup>th</sup>. Merry Christmas!

**Blessing of Religious Articles:** Following Holy Mass on the Third Sunday of each month.

**PRAY FOR:** Jacqueline Meyer, Anna Ahern, Christine Flores, Frank Eberwein, Rose Borders, Mark Gilmor, Arlin Wertish, the Slusher Family, Alex and Xavier Trujillo, Pauline Buonocore, Kyle Kaltenbacher, Elijah Nosko, Joshua Potts, Cynthia Bernard, Michael Micklich, our Military and Police, RIP Gerard Crochet, RIP Mary Allie, RIP Gabriel Trujillo, RIP Mary Watson, RIP Timothy Pogar, RIP Don Hopkins, RIP Roger McCarville, RIP Joe Vogel, RIP Hol Tom Gallegos, RIP Mike Felthager, RIP Mary Gilmor, RIP Maria Atwood, RIP Charles Lambrecht and family, RIP Jose Raul Flores, RIP Frances Kwitek, RIP Susan Walz, RIP Matias & Ben Trujillo, RIP Richard Micklich, RIP Edward Ponder and all those in need. (Contact Sister to add to this list.)

**THANK YOU:** for all those who helped to prepare for the beautiful ceremonies this morning, the servers, the choir, the decorators and the cleaners! May the Divine Child bless you all!

**FIRST FRIDAY and FIRST SATURDAY:** 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 8:00 am; these include the Rosary with meditations and prayers to the Immaculate Heart.

**HOLY DAY of OBLIGATION:** Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> is a holy day – assistance at Mass and avoidance of unnecessary servile work is obligatory. There is only one Mass at 9am.

### **The Holy Innocents - by Father Francis Xavier Weninger, 1876**

Whenever we celebrate the feast of the Holy Innocents, our hearts are filled with compassion, but, at the same time, also with joy and consolation. We have compassion for these innocent children, who shed their blood to satisfy the cruelty, vanity, and pride of a tyrant;~but taking into consideration that they had not the remotest idea of the death they were to suffer, that, without any struggle, or troubles of conscience, they were torn from the arms of their mothers, to hasten to the arms of God, where a particular degree of glory awaited them,~in consideration of this, we feel comforted and happy, and can not but congratulate these little innocents, the first of the martyrs for Christ's sake. What renders the sight of newly-baptized children attractive, is their innocence. Happy child! every Christian will exclaim, when he beholds an infant just baptized. You are now entirely pure, free from every stain of sin, and an object of God's divine pleasure. It is especially the mother of the child who will feel this; and if she is a pious mother, she will express the wish: Oh, if you would but always remain so! But, alas! how seldom is this wish realized! Alas! many, yes, I may say, most children lose their innocence at a very early age, and become victims of sin. To them the words of St. Augustine may be applied: "So small a boy~so small a girl,~and already so great a sinner!" A mother, as soon as she is aware that a child is given her, should often raise her heart devoutly to God during the day, and pray for the welfare of her child. When the child is born, and grows up, the mother's care should be directed to accustoming it to raise its heart to God, as soon as it is able; and this can be done at a much earlier age than many a mother imagines. Parents should faithfully discharge their religious duties; say their morning and night prayers with their children, who will thus, at an early age, acquire a love for prayer. If children are not induced in their early youth, by the good example and exhortations of parents, to say their prayers; if they are not instructed to begin and end the day with devotional exercises, they will most assuredly be exposed to the danger of neglecting prayer altogether, and to commit numerous sins in consequence. As soon as the child advances in years, it should be thoroughly instructed in matters of faith, and its heart must be disposed to think, above all things, of the one important affair of salvation. It should be reminded that all the things of this world are but vanity in themselves, if they are not employed as means to serve God. Parents, teach your children to say, when allured by the world, to say with St. Aloysius: What will this avail me for eternity? There is no doubt that the inordinate desire to have, to possess, and to enjoy the goods and pleasures of this world, is the cause of the carelessness of youth in matters of their salvation; to this it is owing that they so freely indulge their sensual desires,~sin,~and go to ruin. Parents are entirely too anxious to increase their temporal possessions. No wonder, then, that they do not instill into the hearts of their children a disdain for the world, and do not sufficiently cultivate and nourish in them a desire for heavenly things. The spirit of the world takes possession of their children's hearts, and but too often draws them into the abyss of sin. And as parents should be thus intent upon directing the children's attention to approaching eternity, in like manner should they strive to impress them with a horror for sin. Therefore, parents should make it a point to be faithful in reciting their morning and night prayers, to attend divine service regularly, to frequently receive Holy Communion, thereby setting a good example, which the children will feel encouraged to imitate. As long as children love to pray, to attend divine service, and to receive Holy Communion frequently, parents may hope for the best. A most dangerous rock is the perusing of worldly books and trashy novels, and the society of worldly minded people. Parents, examine yourselves carefully and make a firm resolution to act in the future as I have advised you. If you do so your children will not only be a source of joy to you in this life, but they will also be eternally grateful to you in heaven!~Amen!

