

# Ascension of Our Lord Church

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THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH  
DECEMBER 29, 2019



Over all [other virtues] put on love,  
that is, the bond of perfection.

—Colossians 3:14

# Ascension of Our Lord Parish

## OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Thursday:  
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.  
(2nd Sunday of the month)

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## MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY VIGIL: 4:00 PM.

SUNDAY: 8:00 A.M. & 10:00 A.M.

## MONDAY - FRIDAY

12:00 NOON

## CONFESSIONS

SATURDAY: 3:15 - 3:45 PM.

## HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

8:00AM ~12NOON ~6:00PM

## BAPTISMS

Parents must be registered parishioners. Please call the parish office for information about our baptism schedule and preparation requirements.

## WEDDINGS

Bride, groom or parents must reside in parish area and be registered parishioners. Please contact the parish office to prepare for your wedding at least six months in advance of your proposed wedding date and before making any preparations for a hall.

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## LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

### *Sunday, December 29, 2019 - The Holy Family*

8:00 AM Intention of our Parish Family

10:00 AM †Eugene V. Pellegrini - Bojan Family  
†Anthony Bustamante - Family  
Intention of Nilda Cinco - Caridad Cuasay  
Intention of Bessie Dangca - Caridad Cuasay

### *Monday, December 30, 2019*

12:00 PM †Giambarberee Family - Shirley Sullivan

### *Tuesday, December 31, 2019 - New Year's Eve*

12:00 PM Richard Deprizio - Family

### *Wednesday, January 1, 2020 - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God*

10:00 AM Intention of Presider

### *Thursday, January 2, 2020*

12:00 PM Bill & Genie Crane Anniversary

### *Friday, January 3, 2020*

12:00 PM Bill Cizek, Sr. - Bustamante Family

### *Saturday, January 4, 2020*

4:00 PM †Geraldine Nuessle - Loving Brother  
†Paula A. Maniscalco - Family  
†Bert McCafferty - Patricia & Finn McGreevy  
Living and Deceased Members of the Tumino & Demma Families - K & M Demma

### *Sunday, January 5, 2020 - Epiphany of the Lord*

8:00 AM Intention of our Parish Family

10:00 AM †Nancy R. O'Connell - Pauline Mitchell  
Special Intention - Bill Crane

† Denotes Deceased





# Dear Padre,

**I've heard priests tell stories about Jesus' childhood, the Blessed Virgin, St. Joseph, and St. Anne that aren't in the Bible. Where do these stories come from?**

**T**he Bible as we know it—a definitive collection of sacred texts as the word of God—came together in the fourth and fifth centuries. The same God that inspired authors to record his divine word also inspired the books of the Bible to be collected during the first centuries of Christianity. As such, the Bible itself is formed by tradition.

Ancient texts, other than those officially accepted as fulfilling revelation

(like Scripture), existed in the Church's early centuries. These are known as noncanonical sources. Many of the stories you hear, especially about the people you mention, come from those sources.

In the Church's infancy, people were eager to hear as much as they could about Jesus and his family. In response, many stories about Jesus' childhood and family members were collected in a variety of written accounts—including the *Protoevangelium*, or gospel of James from the year 145 (not to be confused with the New Testament's Letter of James). Although they weren't included in the canon of the Bible, they became sources

for stories passed from generation to generation that were accepted as a part of our tradition. For example, information about Mary's parents, including their names, Joachim and Anne, were derived from noncanonical texts. These sources may add color and flavor to our faith and devotion. But ultimately, everything we need for salvation is revealed in the Scriptures.

—The Redemptorists | [Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org](mailto:Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org)



## A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Every family should look to the icon of the Holy Family of Nazareth. Its daily life had its share of burdens and even nightmares, as when they met with Herod's implacable violence. This last was an experience that, sad to say, continues to afflict the many refugee families who in our day feel rejected and helpless.

—ON LOVE IN THE FAMILY (AMORIS LAETITIA), MARCH 19, 2016



## Calendar

### Monday

DECEMBER 30  
Sixth Day in the  
Octave of Christmas  
1 Jn 2:12–17  
Lk 2:36–40

### Tuesday

DECEMBER 31  
Seventh Day in the  
Octave of Christmas  
1 Jn 2:18–21  
Jn 1:1–18

### Wednesday

JANUARY 1  
Solemnity of Mary,  
the Holy Mother of God  
Nm 6:22–27  
Gal 4:4–7  
Lk 2:16–21

### Thursday

JANUARY 2  
Sts. Basil the Great and  
Gregory Nazianzen,  
Bishops and Doctors  
of the Church  
1 Jn 2:22–28  
Jn 1:19–28

### Friday

JANUARY 3  
Christmas Weekday  
1 Jn 2:29–3:6  
Jn 1:29–34

### Saturday

JANUARY 4  
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton,  
Religious  
1 Jn 3:7–10  
Jn 1:35–42

### Sunday

JANUARY 5  
Epiphany of the Lord  
Is 60:1–6  
Eph 3:2–3a, 5–6  
Mt 2:1–12

# Parish News



We wish to offer our sympathy and a promise of our prayers to family and friends on the recent deaths of

*Roseanne Caslin  
Hubert "Bert" F. McCafferty*



*Just a friendly reminder...*

## YEAR END CONTRIBUTIONS

Please be mindful that for contributions to the church to be counted for 2019 we must receive those no later than (or post marked by) December 31, 2019. Annual statements of your contributions will be sent by the end of January, 2020 to all contributors on record. Thank you!



**SOLEMNITY OF MARY - MASS  
(HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2020  
10:00AM MASS**

## Minister Schedule

Not available due to early publication

### STEWARDSHIP

**December 15, 2019 - \$11,260**  
Thank you for your continued generosity



**Fr. Jose will be traveling home to India in January. We wish him a safe journey and enjoyable visit with family and friends.**

### *REVITALIZE & REJOICE FUND*

Thanks to all who have supported the **Revitalize & Rejoice** campaign, your generosity has helped us complete the work on our heating and cooling system, upgrade Parish security, and purchase a beautiful new grand piano. We plan to work on the carpeting and wallpaper in the spring, and we are looking at obtaining new, larger Stations of the Cross thanks to some savings we have achieved on the other projects.

You'll see that we are approaching our goal, so as you're making charitable contributions at the end of 2019 please include this **Improvement Fund** in your giving. You can write a check, give cash, or go to the Parish website and click the Donate link to make a secure online gift using a credit card.

*Thank you again  
for your kindness!*



## This Week's Calendar

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 30:** PARISH OFFICE OPEN  
**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31:** PARISH OFFICE OPEN 9AM-1PM  
**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1:** HAPPY NEW YEAR! MASS  
10:00AM PARISH OFFICE CLOSED  
**THURSDAY, JANUARY 2:** OFFICE OPEN 9AM-3PM  
**FRIDAY, JANUARY 3:** GOOD SHEPHERD PRAYER GROUP -  
TEEN ZONE - 7:00PM  
**SATURDAY, JANUARY 4:** CONFESSION 3:15PM



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## FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, & JOSEPH

Today, the Catholic Church celebrated the **Feast of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**. As part of not only your Ascension of our Lord family, but of your own domestic, the following prayer can help us all to build stronger families each and every day.

**We bless your name, O Lord, for sending your own incarnate Son, to become part of a family, so that, as he lived its life, he would experience its worries and its joys.**

**We ask you, Lord, to protect and watch over this family, so that in the strength of your grace its members may enjoy prosperity, possess the priceless gift of your peace, and, as the Church alive in the home, bear witness in this world to your glory. We ask this thought Christ our Lord. Amen.**  
*from Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers*

## NEW YEAR'S DAY PRAYER

**Remember us, O God; from age to age be our comforter. You have given us the wonder of time, blessings in days and nights, seasons and years. Bless our families at the turning of the year and fill the months ahead with the bright hope that is ours in the coming of Christ. You are our God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

*~Catholic Household Blessing and Prayers*

## **The Octave Day of Christmas Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God— January 1 (Holy Day of Obligation with Mass at 10 a.m.)**

Ever since December 25, we have been celebrating Christ's birth. On the last day of His octave, we honor His Mother. There is much to contemplate on this day — it's the day of Christ's naming, it's a day to pray for peace and it's the start of a new year of grace.\*

As the New Year begins, look at Mary as a model for renewed Christian life: in her openness to the Holy Spirit, her radical assent to God's will for her life, her patience through suffering, and her willingness to bring the Savior into the world. Those are all qualities that would make any of us better people in the coming year.\*

January 1st is also the World Day of Peace. Take time today to pray for peace in our troubled world.

\*Adapted from *The Advent, Christmas, Epiphany Journey* by Msgr. Vincent Haut, St. Augustine Catholic courtesy Diocese of St. Augustine-  
<http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year/christmas/christmas-january-1.cfm>



# Around the Diocese and Parish Neighborhood

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY **MAKE & KEEP YOUR RESOLUTIONS**

### NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

1. DO GOOD!

2. DO GOOD FOR OTHERS!

3. JOIN THE SVDP NOW!



### *Joyful Again!*

*Widowed and feeling stuck?  
Come and find ways to move  
toward inner peace and new  
hope in life.*

*Joyful Again! Widowed  
Ministry presents a  
Retreat/workshop for men &  
women*

**March 14 & 15, 2020**  
Mount Assisi Center, Lemont

To register call: (708) 354-7211  
e-mail us at:

[joyfulagain7211@gmail.com](mailto:joyfulagain7211@gmail.com)

website: [www.joyfulagain.org](http://www.joyfulagain.org)

You are never too old  
to set another goal or  
to dream a new  
dream.

— C.S. Lewis

FROM CONCEPTION TO NATURAL DEATH

## LIFE MATTERS

With Abbot Austin G. Murphy, OSB



Abbot Austin G. Murphy, OSB  
St. Procopius Abbey

**January 8, 2020**  
**7 PM - 9 PM**

**BALLYDOYLE IRISH PUB**  
5157 MAIN STREET  
DOWNERS GROVE, IL 60515

\$10 donation at the door | Appetizers Provided  
FOR YOUNG ADULTS 18-39

**THEOLOGY ON TAP** |   
DIocese of Joliet Young Adult Ministry

**Faith | Friends | Food | Drinks**  
[yamjoliet.org](http://yamjoliet.org)

# MORE AROUND TOWN NEWS



**MARCH FOR LIFE**  
CHICAGO  
LOVIN' LIFE IN CHICAGO

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 2020**  
The largest pro-life event in the Midwest!

<p><b>MARCH</b> Over 8,000 in 2019!</p> <p><b>SCHEDULE</b> Rally at 1 pm March follows Rally Mass at 4 pm</p>	<p><b>CONVENTION</b> presented by <b>weDIGNIFY</b></p> <p><b>FEATURING</b> Youth Rally Exhibitors Banquet</p>
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[MarchForLifeChicago.com](http://MarchForLifeChicago.com)

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         **PRO-LIFE ACTION LEAGUE**

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# 9DAYS FOR LIFE

PRAY TO PROTECT HUMAN LIFE!

**JANUARY 21-29, 2020**

9 Days for Life is a novena for the protection of human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. Join today at [www.9daysforlife.com](http://www.9daysforlife.com)!



**4 WAYS TO JOIN**



[9DaysforLife.com](http://9DaysforLife.com)

Image: A statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe decorates a side altar in the Church of Santa Maria della Fede in the Vatican, Dec. 15, 2015. (CNS photo/Paul Haring)