

Holy Family Catholic Church

Iglesia Católica la Sagrada Familia

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Weekly Bulletin Boletín Semanal



Sunday, January 14 - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mass - 9:00 a.m. English – Mass - 12 Noon Spanish

Tuesday, January 16 To be determined	Saturday, January 20 Mass - 9:00 a.m. English Adoration Follows
Wednesday, January 17 Mass - 4:30 p.m. English	Sunday, January 21 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass - 9:00 a.m. English Mass - 12 Noon Spanish
Thursday, January 18 No Mass	
Friday, January 19 Mass - 4:30 p.m. English	



Reflection Corner

Naturally enough, in every vocational call God always 'arrives' first. Young Samuel, in the first reading, is lying down in the sanctuary of the Lord. Jesus, in the gospel, is very conveniently passing by the place where John and the disciples are standing. God always makes the first move. The next is ours; we must say Yes! Jesus waits for our response before he makes the next move, just as the Israelites had to capture each town, before they could move on to the next. What is our repose and action? Just as in the gospel, we see that the Lord called Andrew and that it was Andrew who went and called his brother Simon to come and meet Jesus. That's evangelization; when we bring our brothers and sisters to Jesus. Our response therefore is to come out of our comfort zone and witness this Jesus like did Andrew.

Fr. Charles

Holy Family Catholic Church Mission Statement

We, the parishioners of Holy Family Catholic Church, commit to building the kingdom of God through the use of our time, talent, and treasure for the spiritual growth of ourselves, our parish, our community, and the Roman Catholic Church.

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MARRIAGE: Marriage is an indissoluble partnership for the whole of life. We believe every effort should be made to help individuals properly prepare for this permanent and holy state in life. To allow enough time for this preparation, arrangements for marriage must begin at least **five months** before the intended wedding date.

BAPTISM POLICY: Please notify Father Charles two (2) months prior to Baptismal Date. Baptismal preparation will include two (2) Classes. Both Godparents must be "Christian" - ONE must be Catholic.

RECONCILIATION: Feel free to ask Father Charles or Father Samuel, for the opportunity to go to Confession. --
On Saturdays 9:00AM - 12:00PM

Pray for our Seminarians

Jude Smith – Corey Soignier – Br. Erick Oseko Orandi – Willy Kygulanyi – Justin Farr – Christian Hamrick – Tylor Starkey – Joseph Hinderer

Anyone interested in learning the Catholic Faith you may contact Father Charles.

Offertory Report

Budgeted Weekly 2023-2024	Offertory	Weekly Average Since 7/1/2023
\$1976.00	\$2807.00	\$2207.17

List of Sick

Terry Bilbrey – Chantelle Hawley–Doris Labroad – Bob LePage - Normie Lipski – Jan Martin - Sandy Neerhof - Donna Pelletier – Sue Sawyer– Normand Houde – Jim Todd– Rose Adhiambo – Ray Mason – Charles Mason– Sandra Cross– Ryan Gordon– Catherine Butler– Fr. John Brown, Glenmary Cherine Honeycutt – Michael Gocha– Michael Horton – Cheryl Long – Jeannette LaPage, Hunter Lee Payne, David Lee Willis, Kathy Retnoles, Rodney Baber, John Knapp, Joyce Coulter, Elaine Taylor, Clint Warren, J.R. King
Please call 615.670.4248, if you wish to have a name added or removed.

Monthly Meetings

- Holy Family Ministries Meeting every first Wednesday of the Month at 3:00pm. The cleaning of the church will also be done at 1:00pm.
- Knights of Columbus meets every 2nd Sunday of the month at 10:00am.

Second Collection on Sunday, January 28, 2024, for Church in Latin America. The collection for the Church in Latin America supports pastoral programs as awarded by the Subcommittee on the Church in Latin America throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. Projects include the work of evangelization, formation of laity, religious and seminarians, as well as youth ministry and catechesis. Funding is limited to programmatic expenses and excludes building construction except in the cases of emergency.

Up the Road

- Bible Study on The Chosen every Wednesday after Mass with Fr. Bruce
- Next Ecumenical Service TBD
- Valentine's Celebration on Friday, February 9th at 5:00 PM. Please let Anna know if you will be attending so that we know how much food to prepare. The cost will be \$20 per couple. Where is TBD.
- Saturday, March 16th at 4:00 PM the Knights of Columbus will have the annual corned beef and cabbage dinner \$15.00 per plate
- Friday, March 22nd at 5:00 PM there will be a Lenten Service about Eucharist and Ecumenism in English
- Saturday, March 23rd at 5:00 PM there will be a Lenten Service about Eucharist and Ecumenism in Spanish
- Friday, April 26th at 6:00 PM the Bishop will be here for a Sacramental Confirmation in Spanish

Gospel, John 1: 35-42

35 The next day as John stood there again with two of his disciples, Jesus went past,
 36 and John looked towards him and said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God.'
 37 And the two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus.
 38 Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, 'What do you want?' They answered, 'Rabbi' -- which means Teacher --
 'where do you live?'
 39 He replied, 'Come and see'; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him that day. It was about the tenth hour.
 40 One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter.
 41 The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother and say to him, 'We have found the Messiah' -- which means the Christ--
 42 and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas' --
 which means Rock

Jan. 14 - Background on the Gospel Reading - Taken from Loyola Press

Although the liturgical season of Ordinary Time begins this week, today's reading continues with the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord, which concludes the Christmas season. Today's reading from the Gospel according to John immediately follows John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus and his identification of Jesus as the Lamb of God. Having been baptized by John, Jesus begins to gather followers. The first followers sought out Jesus because of the testimony and witness of John the Baptist.

We are familiar with the title that John the Baptist uses for Jesus—the Lamb of God. We hear it weekly at the fraction rite during Mass. For those who heard John the Baptist, however, this title recalled key themes from the Old Testament. It alludes to the paschal lamb offered as a sacrifice when God freed the Israelites from slavery in Egypt, the event that is commemorated by the Jewish Passover celebration. The designation also recalls the prophet Isaiah's description of the suffering servant of Israel. In using this name for Jesus, John the Baptist predicts Jesus' passion and death and the new interpretation of Passover that will begin with Jesus' Last Supper.

We learn in today's reading how Jesus' first followers were gathered. The first two, Andrew and another man, were followers of John the Baptist. After hearing John's testimony, they became followers of Jesus. During their time with Jesus, the details of which are not specified, Andrew and the other follower came to believe that Jesus was the Messiah. Andrew then brings his brother, Simon, to Jesus. Immediately, Jesus gave Simon a new name, calling him Peter, which means "rock" in Greek. The renaming of Simon to Peter is reported in all four of the Gospels.

In the exchange between Andrew, the other disciple, and Jesus, we see an example of the usual pattern for first-century Jewish rabbinical schools. Jews sought out rabbis and established themselves as disciples of a particular rabbi. Jesus appears to have been unique in that he sought out individuals, inviting them to be his followers. In the passage that follows, John's Gospel tells us how Jesus took the initiative in calling Philip and Nathanael.

Jesus asks Andrew and the other disciple, "What are you looking for?" This is a telling question, and one that we might often ask ourselves. John the Baptist testified to Jesus' identity, the Lamb of God, using the framework of the Old Testament. Andrew, Simon, and the other first disciples were looking for the Messiah, whom they also came to know as the Son of God. What do we look for and what do we find in Jesus?

Pope's Prayer Intention for January
 For the Gift of Diversity in the Church
 Let us pray that the Holy Spirit helps us recognize the gift of different charisms within the Christian community, and to discover the richness of different ritual traditions in the heart of the Catholic Church.

January 14
 Reading 1 - Mark Kirts
 Reading 2 - Anna Breeding
 Prayer of the Faithful - Alahna Rhoades
 Extraordinary Ministers -
 Jacki Cook, Faye Fitzpatrick

January 21
 Reading 1 - Shawn Carter
 Reading 2 - Marg Korytkowski
 Prayer of the Faithful - Jennifer Eastman
 Extraordinary Ministers -
 Yvette Baber, Bev Glaser

We are considering placing ads in the bulletin in the near future. The cost will depend on the size of the ad and how long the ad will run. Obviously, ads that run on an annual basis will be less costly than 3 or 6 months. All money will be used to help defray the cost of printing our bulletin. If you are interested in placing an ad, please contact Marg Korytkowski by text or email - 615.670.4248 or mkorytkowski@yahoo.com

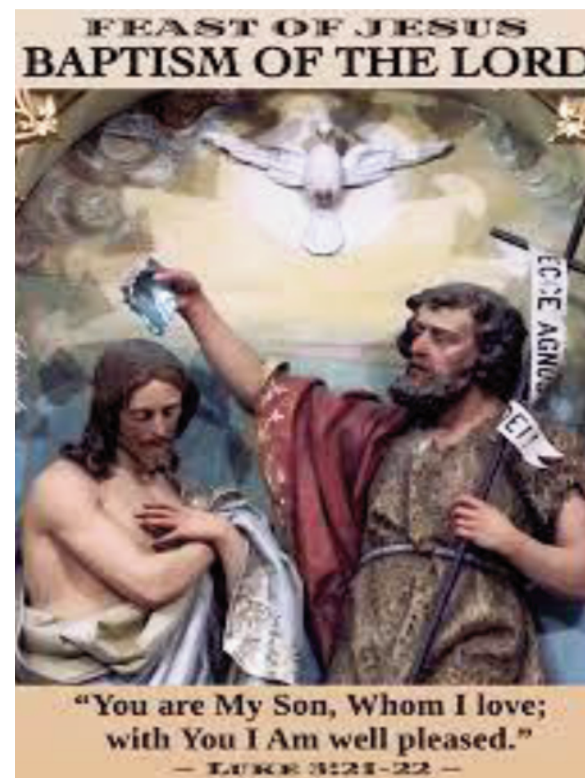
Eucharistic Revival Conference
 July 17-21, 2024, in Indianapolis,
 IN
 Please contact Fr. Charles no later
 than January 31st if you are
 interested in attending.



DIocese of NASHVILLE
Día Mundial del Matrimonio
MISA DE ANIVERSARIO DE BODAS
 CON EL OBISPO SPALDING
 Para Parejas que Celebran cualquier Aniversario de Bodas (Reconocimiento Especial por 50, 30, 60 años)
 DÓNDE: CATEDRAL DE LA ENCARNACIÓN 2015 WEST END AVE.
 CUANDO: DOMINGO, FEBRERO 4, 2024 2:30 P.M.
 RECEPCIÓN DESPUÉS DE LA MISA
 RSVP: Por favor confirme su asistencia en línea: nashvillefaithinformation.com/mfl-events



World Marriage Day
WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS
 WITH BISHOP SPALDING
CATHEDRAL OF THE INCARNATION
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2024
2:30 P.M.
 RSVP AT NASHVILLEFAITHINFORMATION.COM/MFL-EVENTS



Christ is bathed in light; let us also be bathed in light. Christ is baptized; let us also go down with him, and rise with him. John is baptizing when Jesus draws near. Perhaps he comes to sanctify his baptizer; certainly he comes to bury sinful humanity in the waters. He comes to sanctify the Jordan for our sake and in readiness for us; he who is spirit and flesh comes to begin a new creation through the Spirit and water.

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Today let us do honor to Christ's baptism and celebrate this feast in holiness. Be cleansed entirely and continue to be cleansed. Nothing gives such pleasure to God as the conversion and salvation of men, for whom his every word and every revelation exist. He wants you to become a living force for all mankind, lights shining in the world. You are to be radiant lights as you stand beside Christ, the great light, bathed in the glory of him who is the light of heaven. You are to enjoy more and more the pure and dazzling light of the Trinity, as now you have received – though not in its fullness – a ray of its splendor, proceeding from the one God, in Christ Jesus our Lord, to whom be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen.

This is an excerpt from a sermon by Saint Gregory of Nazianzus (Oratio 39 in Sancta Lumina, 14-16, 20: PG 36, 350-351, 354, 358-359). It shows how the Trinity was manifested when Christ was baptized by John. It appears in the Office of Readings for the Feast of Baptism of the Lord

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JOHN & JESUS

The Baptist protests; Jesus insists. Then John says: *I ought to be baptized by you.* He is the lamp in the presence of the sun, the voice in the presence of the Word, the friend in the presence of the Bridegroom, the greatest of all born of woman in the presence of the firstborn of all creation, the one who leapt in his mother's womb in the presence of him who was adored in the womb, the forerunner and future forerunner in the presence of him who has already come and is to come again. *I ought to be baptized by you:* we should also add, "and for you", for John is to be baptized in blood, washed clean like Peter, not only by the washing of his feet.

JESUS, THE SPIRIT & THE VOICE FROM HEAVEN

Jesus rises from the waters; the world rises with him. The heavens like Paradise with its flaming sword, closed by Adam for himself and his descendants, are rent open. The Spirit comes to him as to an equal, bearing witness to his Godhead. A voice bears witness to him from heaven, his place of origin. The Spirit descends in bodily form like the dove that so long ago announced the ending of the flood and so gives honor to the body that is one with God.

Bilingual Pastoral Associate needed
Holy Family Church, Lafayette, TN
 The Glenmary Home Missioners and Holy Family Catholic Church in Lafayette, TN Nashville Diocese seek a Pastoral Associate to collaborate with the Pastor in providing leadership and youth/young adult ministry in Lafayette, TN. Responsibilities include ministry to youth (ages 12 – 18) and young adults (ages 18 – 35), faith formation, RCIA and evangelization. A Bachelor's in theology, pastoral ministry or religious studies is required and a Master's is preferred. Previous rural parish ministry experience would be beneficial. Fluency in English and Spanish is required. Salary commensurate with education and experience. Email your resume to Fr. Charles Aketch, caketch@glenmary.org or Tina Keisling, holyfamily@nctc.com or call 615 666 6466 or cell 812 430 7204.

Readings for Week of January 14

Monday: Reading 1, First Samuel 15:16-23, Psalms 50:8-9, 16-17, 21, 23, Gospel, Mark 2:18-22
 Tuesday: Reading 1, First Samuel 16:1-13, Psalms 89:20-22, 27-28, Gospel, Mark 2:23-28
 Wednesday: Reading 1, First Samuel 17:32-33, 37, 40-51, Psalms 144:1-2, 9-10, Gospel, Mark 3:1-6
 Thursday: Reading 1, First Samuel 18:6-9; 19:1-7, Psalms 56:2-3, 9-14, Gospel, Mark 3:7-12
 Friday: Reading 1, First Samuel 24:3-21, Psalms 57:2, 3-4, 6, 11, Gospel, Mark 3:13-19
 Saturday: Reading 1, Second Samuel 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27, Psalms 80:2-3, 5-7, Gospel, Mark 3:20-21
 Sunday: Reading 1, Jonah 3:1-5, 10, Psalms 25:4-9, Gospel, Mark 1:14-20
 Reading 2, First Corinthians 7:29-31

The sanctuary candle will be in memory of "Peter Alexander Thomas"

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