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**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2025**

**THE HOLY FAMILY**

“Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead.” - Mt 2:20

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# St Ann's Parish & Its Missions

## Our Mission Statement

**As a Roman Catholic Church in the Diocese of Tucson, our mission is to spread the word of God. Our mission is to promote peace, love and unity to all the people of our community. The doors of Saint Ann's Parish and Its Missions are open to all who wish to enter.**

### Pastor

Rev. Joseph Esson

### Office/Parish Center (for all Churches)

2231 E Frontage Road  
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### Office Hours:

Monday– Tuesday–Thursday  
9:00 to 2:00 p.m.  
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### Mailing Address only

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### Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation

Please contact the parish office



### St . Ann's Parish

Saturday at 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday's at 9:00 a.m.

### Assumption Chapel

Sunday at 11:00 a.m.

### St Ferdinand's

Sunday at 1:00 p.m.

### Weekday Mass

Every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday at  
9:00 a.m.

### Entrance Antiphon

Drop down dew from above, you heavens,  
and let the clouds rain down the Just One;  
let the earth be opened and bring forth a Savior.

### Communion Antiphon

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son;  
and his name will be called Emmanuel.

### Prayer after Communion

Having received this pledge of eternal redemption,  
we pray, almighty God,  
that, as the feast day of our salvation draws ever nearer,  
so we may press forward all the more eagerly  
to the worthy celebration of the mystery of your Son's  
Nativity.  
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

# Announcements/Events from St Ann's & Dioceses



### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament St. Ann's Parish

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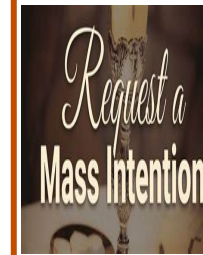
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To request a Mass intention, please call or visit the parish office. **Mass intentions are \$10.00 each.**

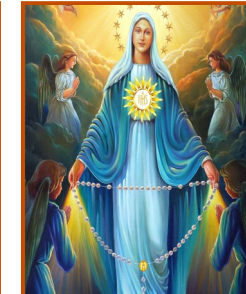
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12/27 Eduardo Duarte † STA    12/28 Jazmyn Rose Holguin STA

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### First Saturday Devotion – Mass & Rosary Saturday, January 3rd (and every First Saturday of each month)

Mass and Rosary will be celebrated at **9:00 a.m. at St. Ann's Church.**

Please come and join us for this special time of prayer offered in reparation and to grow closer to Jesus and His Blessed Mother.

Our Lady requested the **Five First Saturdays Devotion** at Fatima, and by responding to her call, many blessings are obtained for ourselves, our families, our country, and the whole world.

### Important Reminder



Once you have received the host in your hand, Please **do not** step to the side and then consume it. You **must** consume the host **in front** of the Eucharistic Minister before heading back to your seat.



### Weekly Offering

### Parish Collection

Collection of 12/20 & 21

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"What did the Holy Family eat on New Year's Day?"

**"Toast!"**

**FUN FACT!** We celebrate the Holy Family on the Sunday after Christmas, and then the Mother of God on January 1. Celebrate these special days with intentional festivities.

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

January 1st  
Mass at 9:00 am  
January 1, 2026

**Office Closed**

HAPPY New Year

Parish office will be closed Wednesday December 31 and will reopen on Monday, January 5th 2026 at 9:AM. Have a Blessed New Year!

**Religious Education**

will resume Wednesday January 7, 2026



INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK—  
God created the Holy Family with a great sense of purpose because He knew that Jesus would be defined by the woman and man who raised him. Who is our "Holy Family" — the people who will define us? Who has God placed within our lives for a specific purpose?

Devotions, *EXPLAINED!* St. Gertrude's Prayer is a petition said on behalf of the Holy Souls of Purgatory, offering the Blood of Christ in reparation for the sins of the departed.

Happy New Year's Eve! Begin the year with gratitude and grace with Mass as we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God, a holy day of obligation, on Jan. 1.

**January 1st  
Solemnity of Mary  
Mass at 9:AM**

Happy New Year! Today, in addition to the Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God (a holy day of obligation), we also celebrate World Day of Peace. What fitting celebrations for the first day of a new year! May your journey into 2026 be filled with the peace and love of Christ.

This upcoming Sunday is the Feast of the Epiphany! Dear God, It was You who inspired the Magi to follow the star to find You. Inspire us to seek You, as well. Bless our homes and families this season, make them places where we can encounter You through prayer and community. Amen. See you at Mass!

**HOLY FAMILY**

WHAT'S YOUR SECRET FOR A HAPPY FAMILY?

I ALWAYS FOLLOW HIS DREAMS!

I ALWAYS DREAM WE DO WHAT SHE WANTS!

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Tucson

Bishop-elect James Misko

**Family Blessing**

May God bless, protect, unite, mend, and renew our family. Help us to be instruments of healing and holiness, breaking generational curses, rewriting scripts, overcoming tribulation, joining in gratitude, and growing in joy ... together. Amen.

# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

**First Reading:**  
Whoever honors his father atones for sins, and preserves himself from them. (Sir 3:3)

**Psalm:**  
Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways. (Ps 128)

**Second Reading:**  
And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. (Col 3:17)

**Gospel:**  
He rose, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. (Mt 2:21)

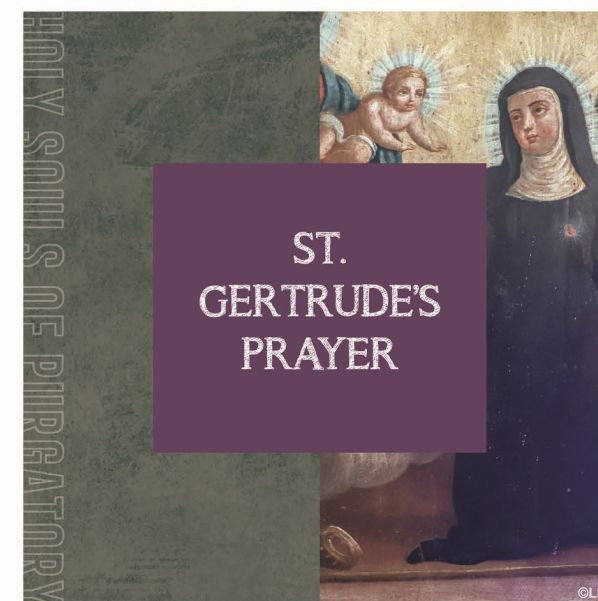
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**Live The Liturgy  
Inspiration of the Week**

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## Observances for the week of December 28, 2025

- Sunday:** The Holy Family
- Wednesday:** St. Sylvester I, Pope; *New Year's Eve*
- Thursday:** Mary, The Holy Mother of God, New Year's Day, World Day of Peace
- Friday:** Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church
- Saturday:** The Most Holy Name of Jesus
- Next Sunday:** The Epiphany of the Lord



## Devotions, Explained!

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## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

**Mini Reflection:** If any four-word sentence encapsulates what we can expect from the Christian life, it is this: God had other plans.

### Other Plans

I don't know exactly what kind of life Mary and Joseph envisioned when they were first betrothed — back in those simple times when they were just like any other couple who had hopes, dreams and no angels telling them what to do.

Whatever their plans were, I think it's safe to say that the future God had in store for Mary and Joseph was not one either of them expected. I would imagine they both anticipated something a little quieter. A little more stable (no pun intended). A little less tumultuous.

It exhausts me simply to read through the chaos of their movements in today's Gospel. Flee to Egypt, return to Israel (but not Judea! Herod's son is there! Divert to Galilee! Divert!). Settle in Nazareth (let me remind you, this is all happening with a baby in tow, and without the aid of a minivan). Take a deep breath, but don't get too comfortable — now it's almost time to lose your kid in Jerusalem. Then you'll have about 20 years off before he starts raising people from the dead, and that's when things start to get *really* crazy.

The story of the Holy Family is the ultimate example of the phrase "God had other plans." If any four-word sentence encapsulates what we can expect from the Christian life, it is this.

I thought I was meant for that job, but God had other plans. I thought I would live in this place, but God had other plans. I thought I was supposed to become this person, but God had other plans.

We can do all the right things. We can make all the right choices. We can say, over and over again until our voice wears out, "Thy will be done." But all we can know for sure is that God has other plans.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

## Why do we do that?

### Catholic Life Explained

#### Question:

If I go to the Sacrament of Penance and end up repeating the same sins, does that mean I do not have a strong enough intention to amend my life?

#### Answer:

There is a popular expression that says, "Be patient. God isn't finished with me yet!" Growing in faith and holiness is an ongoing, life-long project, and our struggle with sin is at the heart of it. As St. Paul says, the good he intends to do, he does not do. The evil he does not intend, he does! It is not always a lack of intention, but more often the allure of evil that makes it difficult to change.

When we confess our sins, we are to come with a fully contrite heart. You need to reflect on your true feelings toward your actions before approaching the sacrament. After confession, there are strategies you can make to avoid falling into the same traps of sin. First, pray for and seek out strength and perseverance through multiple sacraments, charitable work, and personal sacrifice. Second, avoid occasions of sin when you might fail or be sorely tempted. In doing these things, remind yourself daily that it is a spiritual war we wage, and with God's grace, we will succeed.

## Readings for the week of December 28, 2025

### Sunday:

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/  
Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

### Monday:

1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/  
Lk 2:22-35

### Tuesday:

1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/  
Lk 2:36-40

### Wednesday:

1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18

### Thursday:

Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/  
Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

### Friday:

1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/  
Jn 1:19-28

### Saturday:

1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/  
Jn 1:29-34

### Next Sunday:

Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13/  
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12



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## Gospel Meditation Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

When I was ten, my dad gathered our family around the table in small-town Vermont and told us we were moving to the big desert city of Phoenix, Arizona. We were leaving behind family, friends, and everything familiar. None of us knew what to expect.

But something beautiful happened. As we made the move together, our family grew closer. In retrospect, I'm amazed at my parents' courage to go on that adventure. Even as a kid I realized our family found, in that challenge, a deeper unity and mutual love.

In today's Gospel, Joseph is told: **"Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee..." (Matthew 2:13, 20)**. First to Egypt, then later to Israel. The Holy Family is frequently challenged to move and change, to adapt to God's will for them, in order to find safety in the midst of threat. It's not just an idiosyncratic story about survival. It's a spiritual pattern for all of us. Every Christian family is called to be a kind of sanctuary, especially in a world full of noise, busyness, and fear.

May I make a practical application for us? The Lord's Day, Sunday, is perhaps the most practical way we imitate this dynamic we see in Joseph and his family. Sunday is not meant to be just like every other day, filled with errands and stress. It's meant to be a day set apart; a holy "escape" into rest, worship, joy, and peace. A day to rise, take your family, and flee, into God's presence

— Father John Muir