

Weekly Calendar

Sun., Dec 28: No Adult Catechism class

Wed., Dec 31: No Children's Catechism class
due to Christmas break.

Wed., Dec 31: No Mass and Adoration

Thurs., Jan 1: New Years' Day Mass, 9:00 am

Tues., Wed., Fri., Dec 30, 31, Jan 2:
Daily Mass, 8:00 a.m.

Mass Intentions

Sun., Dec 28: For the People

Mon., Dec 29: No Mass

Tues., Dec 30: _____

Wed., Dec 31: _____

Thurs., Jan 1: _____

Fri., Jan 2: _____

Sat., Jan 3: †For Connie Medhus
by Lowell Medhus



Offertory Collections:

St. Joseph's

Sat., Dec 20: \$ 664.00

Sun., Dec 21: \$ 1,658.00

St. Mary's

Sun., Dec 14: \$ 80.00

Sun., Dec 21: \$ 80.00

Month of Oct. 2025

Income: \$ 7,268.17

Expenses: \$ 7,716.53

Loss (\$ 448.36)

Month of Nov. 2025

Income: \$ 9,432.87

Expenses: \$ 11,027.86

Loss (\$ 1,594.99)

Pastoral Staff Volunteers

Parish Bookkeeper: Colleen Schaak

Parish Secretary: Celeste Geier, 406.679.1679

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Mass Servers

	Commentator	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers
Sat., Dec 27	Julie O'Dell	Celeste Geier	Celeste Geier & Patty Kepp
Sun., Dec 28	Visencia Ramirez	Liesel Ferido	Sue Seykora & Candy Wells
Sat., Jan 3	Celeste Geier	Richelle Link	Patty Kepp & Julie O'Dell
Sun., Jan 4	Genne Taganahan	Sheila Mae Pocdol	Sue Seykora & Candy Wells
Sat., Jan 10	Patty Kepp	Julie O'Dell	Celeste Geier & Julie O'Dell
Sun., Jan 11	Visencia Ramirez	Genne Taganahan	Angela Ramirez & Sue Seykora

God is good all the time:
All the time God is good!

New Years' Day Mass Schedule

Thursday, January 1: New Years' Day
Mass in Hardin at 9:00 a.m.

Thursday, January 1: New Years' Day
Mass in Custer at 11:00 a.m.



Monday

December 29

Octave of Christmas

1 Jn 2:3-11

Lk 2:22-35

Tuesday

December 30

Octave of Christmas

1 Jn 2:12-17

Lk 2:36-40

Wednesday

December 31

Octave of Christmas

1 Jn 2:18-21

Jn 1:1-18

Thursday

January 1

Solemnity of Mary,
the Holy Mother
of God

Nm 6:22-27

Gal 4:4-7

Lk 2:16-21

Friday

January 2

Sts. Basil the
Great and Gregory
Nazianzen,
Bishops and Doctors
of the Church

1 Jn 2:22-28

Jn 1:19-28

Saturday

January 3

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 2:29-3:6

Jn 1:29-34

Sunday

January 4

The Epiphany
of the Lord

Is 60:1-6

Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6

Mt 2:1-12

Dear Padre

December 28, 2025

A friend of mine took his life. He was a very staunch Catholic. His wife wanted to know if he could be buried or have a Mass in the Catholic Church.

Yes, your friend should most certainly receive a Catholic funeral and burial. "We should not despair of the eternal salvation of persons who have taken their own lives. By ways known to him alone, God can provide the opportunity for salutary repentance. The Church prays for persons who have taken their own lives" (*The Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2283).

A person who is suffering with a mental illness or disorder, certainly a prerequisite for suicide, may not have the necessary mental freedom to choose something that is understood as grave or mortal. In other words, he or she does not have the necessary requirements for full and free consent of the will.

Not that long ago, suicide was often misunderstood. Thankfully, today we understand the havoc and suffering of mental illness, and that a person can be a victim, even if it might look like he or she is not. The great suffering of those who take their own lives must not be dismissed or discarded. The family members and friends of a person who suffers suicide should also not be judged but should only receive compassion and understanding. They, too, are victims, in the fullest sense of the word and in the truest understanding of what it means to be a fragile human being. ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org

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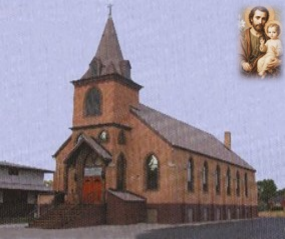
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Reconciliation: Saturday from 5:00-5:30 pm
For Holy Communion and Anointing of the Sick,
please contact Father Cally

All questions—Father Cally, 406.665.1432



Mass Schedule
St. Joseph's Church—Hardin

Sunday Mass - 9:00 a.m.

Saturday Mass - 5:45 p.m.

Daily Mass - 8:00 a.m.

Tuesday—Friday

Exceptions: Wednesday Mass
and Adoration—5:30 p.m.

First Friday Healing Mass—5:30 p.m.

St. Mary's Mission—Custer

Sunday Mass - 11:00 a.m.

Good News!

December 28, 2025

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph (A)

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 / Colossians 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 / Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

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The most treasured prayer of Jesus' people has long been and remains the Shema: “Hear O Israel, the Lord is God. The Lord is One.” Jewish spirituality is grounded not in seeing or touching or tasting, but in hearing. No one exemplifies fidelity to this way of being in the world more than Joseph, as evidenced in today's gospel. Joseph is one who listens to what God's messenger says to him and immediately acts on it. He responds to the call to flee with Mary and Jesus to Egypt. Then, he responds to the call to return home with his family to Israel. As many have noted, Joseph never speaks in Scripture, but he certainly listens, and he certainly acts on what he hears.

Christmas is perhaps the noisiest season of the year. At gatherings of family and friends with festive music in the background, it often feels as if we are shouting over one another to be heard. It is a season when it can be hard to have deep conversations, even with God. Indeed, it can be such a busy season that sometimes our regular prayer practices fall by the wayside. But, if we do not make space in our daily lives to listen, might we miss messages that are important, even urgent, for us to hear, as in the case of today's gospel? Messages that require immediate response? What would it look like to carve out a bit of silence in this holiday season, to be like Joseph and reground yourself in a spirituality of listening? ●