



# Holy Family Cathedral Parish

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**HOLY FAMILY - 31st DECEMBER, 2023 - B**

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#### LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION 24th December, 2023

	1st	2nd
Cathedral Saturday	\$1,738.93	\$ 626.77
Sunday		
7:00 am	\$2,573.11	\$ 606.19
9:00 am	\$2,219.95	\$ 708.28
Potters	\$ xxx	\$ xxx
Parham	\$ xxx	\$ xxx
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Donovans	\$ xxx	\$ xxx
Diocesan Schools	\$ 70.00	

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The 2024 Calendars are here! The cost is \$20.00. They can be purchased from Mr. Gilbert Laudat at HFC, Rosie Aska at Villa, Margaret Louisor at Donovan's, Jennifer Warrington at Saturday night, Daisybelle Riley at Potters and Arden Williams at Parham.

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There are 18 Bible diaries available for sale at a cost of **\$80.00.**

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**MINISTRY FAIR:** Please stay after Mass and visit the various ministries at their booths. Learn more about the groups: Legion of Mary, Couples for Christ, Catechetics, Youth Ministry, Hospitality, Altar Servers, Charismatic Renewal, Choirs, Scouts, Steel Orchestra, Men's Fellowship, Women's Group (group needed), Media, St. Vincent de Paul, Church Cleaning. Sign up, become involved in the life of the parish! If you are new to the Parish see our registration section. We look forward to seeing you! Join in the Agape as you visit the groups.

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**The Chancery Office  
will be closed until  
January 2nd, 2024.**

## Masses for Old Year's & New Year's

**Sunday 31st December, 2023 -**  
Feast of the Holy Family - 9 am.  
(One Mass for the Parish)

Sunday 31st December, 2023 (Old  
Year's Mass) 11 pm.

New Year's Day Mass - Holy  
Family Cathedral - 9 am.  
Other Stations - 11am.

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## CHRISTMAS MASSES 25th December, 2023

### CATHEDRAL:

Vigil 7pm  
\$ 3,567.79      \$1,341.94

C/Eve - 11pm \$4,969.09

C/Day = 9am \$2,020.66

Potters \$ 236.02  
Parham \$ 601.37  
Villa



## The Prayer of the Synod: Adsumus Sancte Spiritus

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

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## Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord - Sunday 7th January, 2024

The word “epiphany” comes from the Greek *epiphainen*, which means “to manifest,” “appear,” or “make known.” The Feast of the Epiphany **celebrates the revelation of Jesus, the Son of God, to the world.** “Jesus is the Savior of the world.



## Lectio Divina

**Read:** The first reading tells of Abraham. God promised him that he would be the father of many nations. The Letter to the Hebrews lauds Abraham and Sarah for their faith and their trust that God would fulfill his promise. The Gospel recounts the Presentation of Jesus in the temple where Simeon and Anna recognize him as the Messiah, a light to the nations.

**Reflect:** Tolstoy wrote that all happy families are alike, but every unhappy family is unhappy in its own way. Today we are reminded that each family is called to holiness in its own way. Though each family has its own call, circumstances and challenges, the example of the Holy Family and the counsel of Scripture can lead us to holiness.

All holiness is grounded in faith in God. On our own, we can do nothing. We rely on the grace of God. We can grow in holiness by living upright lives, committing ourselves to following God’s commandments and offering ourselves in loving service. Our holiness is strengthened by prayer and fasting that allow us to listen to the voice of the Spirit and open our hearts more fully to God.

**Pray:** Jesus, make our families holy like your family.

**Act:** Share a family meal and conversation.

## PRAYER FOR THE SICK & SHUT-INS :

**Dear Jesus, Divine Physician and Healer of the sick,** we turn to you in this time of illness. O dearest comforter of the troubled, alleviate our worry and sorrow with your gentle love, and grant us the grace and strength to accept this burden. Dear God, we place our worries in your hands. **We place our sick under your care and humbly ask that you restore your servant to health again.** Amen.

Gillian Howie, Nelister Sebastian, Catherine Durand, Dion Thomas, Georgina-Glave-Toussaint, Catherine DeTouche, Edward Lewis, David Morris, Gweneth Bryan, Shanla Carr, Arnold Gomes, Auchland Jarvis, Jean James, Conrad Looby, Cecelia John, Justin Joseph, Carmen Ambrose, Tyler Lockhart., Joan Underwood, Cosmas Rowe, Andrea Brown, Latoya Edmund-Joseph, Rose Margetson, Niethia Dyier, Patrick Skerritt, Aaron Ryner,

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FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE  
LORD –8th January, 2024

*“We were baptized in the name of  
the Divine God.”*

Today, we are invited to reflect more deeply on our Christian vocation. We became members of God’s family when we were baptized in the name of the Triune God. Thus, we are also called to enter into loving relationships. On the Feast of the Lord’s Baptism, we put our attention not on Jesus alone but also on the Father and the Holy Spirit. Today’s celebration highlights the loving relationship existing between and among the Persons of the Triune God. When Jesus was baptized, the Holy Spirit descended like a dove and the words of the Father were heard from heaven. But how do we actualize a loving relationship patterned after the example of the Triune God?

**This Sunday's Readings**  
**31st December, 2023**

**First Reading: Genesis 15: 1-6; 21: 1-3**

**Responsorial Psalm: The Lord**  
remembers his covenant forever.

**Second Reading: Hebrews 11: 8, 11,12,**  
**17-19**

**Gospel: Luke 2: 22-40**

**Readings for Monday to Saturday**

**Monday 1st Number 6: 22-27**

**Galatians 4: 4-7**

**Psalm 67: 2-3, 5-6, 8**

**Luke 2: 16-21**

*World Day of Peace*

**Tuesday 2nd 1 John 2: 22-28**

**Psalm 98: 1-4**

**John 1: 19-28**

*St. Basil the Great & St. Gregory*  
*Nazianzen, bishops & doctors*

**Wednesday 3rd 1 John 2: 29-3:6**

**Psalm 98: 1, 3-6**

**John 1: 29-34**

*Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus*

**Thursday 4th 1 John 3: 7-10**

**Psalm 98: 1, 7-9**

**John 1: 35-42**

*St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious*

**Friday 5th 1 John 3:11-21**

**Psalm 96: 1-3, 5,6**

**John 1: 43-51**

*St. John Neumann, bishop*

**Saturday 6th 1 John 5: 5-13**

**Psalm 147: 12-15, 19-20**

**Mark 1: 7-11**

*St. Andre Bessette, religious*

**WHAT THE 1ST READING**  
**SAYS TO ME.**

Abraham put his faith in the Lord, who credited it to him as an act of righteousness." Abraham renounced all certainty that can come from human beings. And as a result, in old age he and his wife had a son, Isaac. Through that act, God reveals his love and faithfulness. Hence, the family becomes the sign of the faith of human beings and of the love of God.

**WHAT THE SECOND READING**  
**SAYS TO ME**

The author of Hebrews here extols Abraham's faith, which occupies a prominent place in the History of Salvation. For Abraham believed God's promises and put his faith in him, living that faith in every phase of his life. And since God is faithful to his promises, faith becomes the source of hope and happiness for his family. We should place our trust in God's promises.

**WHAT THE GOSPEL SAYS TO**  
**ME**

Luke describes the Jewish purification rite, observed by the Holy Family, as a manifestation of our Lord. He is introduced as "the Christ of the Lord," the anointed king or Messiah, who meets two representatives of his people, Simeon and Anna. "He took him into his arms"; this was the customary ritual of blessing children. "You yourself [Mary] a sword shall pierce": indicates the pain experienced by Mary as the Mother of the Redeemer.

Are you willing to accept our Lord as controversial? His values, "do's and don'ts," are not always the same ones that your friends and associates go by! Take a stand!

**KNOW YOUR CHURCH**

By Matthew Santucci

Rome Newsroom, Dec 27, 2023 / 09:10 am

Pope Francis inaugurated a new catechetical series on vices and virtues during Wednesday's general audience by opening with the story of Adam and Eve, which introduces "the dynamic of evil and temptation" and points toward the dangers of dialoguing with the devil.

The Holy Father instructed the pilgrims gathered in the Paul VI Audience Hall at the Vatican that the best way to eschew the precipitous fall into temptation is to "never argue with the devil; he is astute and intelligent," with the pope adding that "the devil is a deceiver. Never talk to him, because he is smarter than all of us and will make us pay." The pope pointed to the Book of Genesis, where evil, or the devil, is manifest in the infamous figure of the serpent. That animal's insidiousness is often unnoticed as it is able to "camouflage itself well in its environment," Francis said.

In the biblical account of Adam and Eve, the Garden of Eden, and the fall of man, the progenitors thought the serpent to be benign. But, the pope warned, the devil is a master tactician and shape shifter who was able to instill doubt, which was veiled as "wicked gossip."

At the same time Pope Francis noted that we ought to think of the tree of knowledge not as a "prohibition" imposed by God on "the use of reason" but rather as his way of introducing a "measure of wisdom." In this way God is signaling to us to be cognizant of our limits so we do not falsely believe that we "are the master[s] of everything, because pride is the beginning of all evil."

***"Here is the light you  
will reveal to the  
nations, and the glory  
of your people Israel."***







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23rd	24th	25th	26th	27th
OPEN	OPEN	CLOSED	OPEN	OPEN
9am to 7pm	9am to 7pm		9am to 5pm	9am to 5pm
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