

Feast Day of the Holy Family - Jesus, Mary and Joseph | December 31st, 2023
Saint Theresa of the Child Jesus Catholic Church

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE UPCOMING WEEK

January 2nd 12:00pm – Maline McLaughlin (RIP)

January 3rd 12:00pm – Eva Herrera (RIP)

January 4th 12:00pm – John McLaughlin (RIP)

January 5th 12:00pm – Myrtle McLaughlin (SI)

January 6th 12:00pm – Ellis McLaughlin (RIP) | 4:00pm – Joseph Anthony Marion (RIP)

January 7th 8:00am – Maria Elena Pena (RIP) | 10:30am – Reverend Jim Booth (SI)

HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS: Tuesday-Friday: 12:00pm | Saturday: 4:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am, 10:30am, 2:00pm (Spanish)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Tuesday-Friday 11:15am | Saturday 3:30pm | Sunday 9:00am

ADORATION HOUR: Wednesday evening from 7:00pm to 8:00pm

HOLY ROSARY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: Weekdays: Tuesday- Friday 11:20am

Weekends: 4:00pm Saturday and Sunday, 30 minutes prior to Mass | 20 Decade Rosary: Wednesday 10:30am

FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN & ADULTS: Sundays at 9:00am in the Parish Life Center!

LEGION OF MARY: Tuesday at 10:00am in the Parish Life Center Library

FATHER BEAN'S BOOK CLUB: Thursday at 10:00am in the Martin Hall

FLAME OF LOVE PRAYER CENACLE: Tuesday at 10:00am in the church.

MARY, MOTHER GUARDIAN OF THE FAITH PRAYER CENACLE: Thursday at 5:45pm

There will no longer be a noon Mass on Saturdays. Saturday confessions will be at 3:30pm prior to the 4pm anticipated Mass.

In observance of the New Year the church office will be closed Monday, January 1st. We pray you all have many blessing in this new year!

Thank you for all your donations! We are no longer accepting donations items at this time.

My loving God, You who are love itself embodied, living, ever-expanding, Love clothed with forgiveness, have mercy on me. Holy Spirit, breath of love, breathe on me. You alone expand my heart, making me capable of loving more.

Through your breath and by the loving Passion of Jesus I forgive all the people-- friends, family, acquaintances, colleagues, authority figures, teachers, caregivers, shepherds, directors, and strangers-- who have hurt me in every way, be it body, intellect, emotions, or soul. Fill them with your joy and love. Help them achieve the highest place in heaven You have prepared for them, even a place higher than my own.

I thank you for the wounds they have inflicted onto me, for through these wounds You convert me to greater love, heal the secret attachment to any foulness in my soul, slay my pride, shatter my arrogance, carve out the rotten parts of my heart, and enter into those places that have been locked in darkness. Through these wounds, I come closer to you in a more perfect union. Through these wounds You detach me from the worldly desires, inclinations, and dependencies, separate me from those I love, and isolate me to receive the invitation to have no one but You, my greatest and only true lover.

I love You, I trust You, I worship You and humble myself before You. Take my pain and suffering from these wounds and use it to help the people who have inflicted them onto me become great Saints. May we rejoice together for all eternity. If it be Your divine will for us to be reconciled on Earth, I pray that you will join us back together anew, purified, to begin again with a holy relationship.

I pray that all the wounds I have inflicted onto others, be them great or small, be forgiven and healed. As St. John of the Cross said, "Where there is no love, put love, so we may find love." God of Love. come to us quickly and form us more

This summer, I will have the privilege of serving at the Apostolate for Family Consecration's "Catholic Familyland" as an Alumni Corps missionary! I have been volunteering there this past fall semester in their Grow And Prepare program and will be serving again this spring semester. At Catholic Familyland, over 5,500 people will attend the Holy Family Fests to receive spiritual encouragement and transformation through a week-long spiritual retreat. I applied to be a missionary because I know I will grow spiritually serving there. The Apostolate has inspired me to actively live out my Faith because of their devotion to the Holy Family. In order to serve as a missionary, I am asked to raise \$3,000. I humbly ask that you consider supporting me during this time of missionary service. Any support I raise will go toward the Apostolate to cover the basic costs of hosting a missionary, such as food and lodging. I am truly grateful for any way you are able to support this mission! Donations can be made at

<https://rootfunding.com/campaigns/angela-renna-afc-missionary-campaign-2024>.

You can contact me at angelarena6@gmail.com for more information, or visit afc.org. Thank you for your support and prayers!

God bless,
Angela Renna

Mass for the Mother of God

Monday, January 1st, 12:00pm.

Not a holy day of obligation.

There is no RCIA class Sunday, December 31st.

RCIA will resume January 7th, 2024.

Noted Catholic psychologist Dr Ray Guarendi is coming to EWTN to tape his series Living Right with Dr Ray and you can be part of the show! Four shows will be taped on Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at 9:00am, 10:30am, 1:00pm and 2:30pm. You are welcome to sign up for this family-friendly event at <https://www.ewtn.com/drraylive>