

# St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi Parish



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Including the Communities of:

## **St. Catherine of Siena Church**

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## **St. Mother Teresa of Kolkata Church**

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## **St. Patrick's Church**

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## **Pat Belgrave, Admin. Assistant**

St. Theresa's:

Monday 9:00 am–11:30 am

Tues. & Thurs. 9:00 am–Noon

St. Catherine's:

Wednesday 9:00am–5:00 pm

## **Cheryl Delaney, Admin. Assistant**

St. Mother Teresa of Kolkata:

Tues. & Thurs. 9:00 am–Noon;

1:00 pm–4:00 pm

St. Patrick's:

Wed. & Fri. 9:00 am–1:00 pm

## Religious Education Coordinators:

St. Catherine's—Donna Noddin

St. Mother Teresa—Susan Sarty

St. Patrick's—Sr. Bernadette

St. Theresa's—Sr. Lucia

## SUNDAY MASS TIMES

### St. Catherine of Siena

Sunday 11:00 am & 7:00 pm

### St. Mother Teresa of Kolkata

Saturday 4:00 pm; Sunday 10:00 am

### St. Patrick's

Sunday 10:00 am

### St. Theresa's

Saturday 4:30 pm; Sunday 9:30 am

## The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph — December 29, 2019

### Daily Mass Intentions

#### **St. Theresa's**

Thurs. Jan. 2 9:00am All the intentions in the book

Fri. Jan. 3 9:00am 1st Friday of the Month  
(memorial book)

#### **St. Catherine's**

Sat. Jan. 4 9:00am Richard Bentley

This feast was instituted with the hope that it might instill into Christian families something of the faithful love and the devotion that characterize the family of Nazareth. The Holy Family is the model for all Christian families.

### **NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS – SOLEMNITY OF MARY**

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup> - 11:00 AM

(NO 7:00 PM EVENING MASS FOR NEW YEAR'S)

### Liturgy



The **Feast of the Holy Family** is a liturgical celebration in honor of Jesus of Nazareth, his mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and his foster father, Saint Joseph. Scripture tells us practically nothing about the early years and the boyhood of the Child Jesus. All we know are the facts of the journey in Egypt, the return to Nazareth, and the incidents that occurred when the twelve-year-old boy accompanied his parents to Jerusalem.

This feast is celebrated on the Sunday between Christmas Day and New Year's Day, or if Christmas and New Year's is on a Sunday, it is celebrated on December 30<sup>th</sup> (always a Friday in such years). The feast was instituted by Pope Leo XIII in 1893.



### The **Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**

is the oldest feast of Mary celebrated in the Catholic Church.

A Solemnity is the highest rank of liturgical celebrations, higher than feast days or memorials.

This Solemnity is a celebration of Mary's motherhood of Jesus. Mother of God, or in Greek *Theotokos* (God-bearer), is the highest title ever to be given to Mary.

She was given this title during the Council of Ephesus in 431 AD. The Council taught that Jesus' humanity and divinity could not be separated, and therefore Mary rightly deserved the title of Mother of God.

The feast is also celebrated on the Octave of Christmas. Octave comes from the Latin word for “eight” and is the name for the ancient Church practice of celebrating Christmas for eight days. This tradition dates back to the Old Testament, when the Hebrew people observed many of their feasts for a period of eight days. Only Christmas and Easter enjoy the privilege of an Octave.

Just as Christmas honors Jesus as the ‘Prince of Peace’, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God honors Mary as the “Queen of Peace”. New Year’s Day is also designated as the ‘World Day of Peace’, further acknowledging the role of Mary in our hearts and in our world. The World Day of Peace was established by Pope Paul VI in 1968 who asked that “every year, this commemoration be repeated as a hope and as a promise, at the beginning of the calendar”.



Thank you, God, for one more year that will soon come to an end. Thank you for my family and every faithful friend. Thank you for your grace and strength that helped us on our way, to overcome the obstacles we met from day to day. For all the happiness we had and for our trials too, as they inspired us to pray with pleading hearts to you. Thank you, God, and please allow another year on earth, in which to strive for goodness and be of better worth. Your loving grace will always be our courage to go on, beyond each night of darkness to an even brighter dawn.

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 5<sup>TH</sup> - FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY  
 – REGULAR SUNDAY LITURGIES AT 11:00 AM & 7:00 PM

## Religious Education



Our program will resume on January 5<sup>th</sup> with a “Gathering” from 10:15-10:45 am in the Church Hall for students from grade primary to nine.

## St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi Parish



**2020 Calendars** of the newly established Parish of St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi are available for the cost of \$10. This has been a

combined effort of the four communities with the calendar containing pictures of the four churches. Calendars are available on the back table.

## Diocesan News

**Archbishop's Levee** - Ring in the new year with Archbishop Mancini at the Annual Archbishop's Levee on New Year's Day. He will greet guests in the basement hall of St. Mary's Cathedral Basilica following the 10:00 am Mass for the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God.

## Stewardship



Grounded in Faith  
 Growing to Serve

**2020 Sunday Envelopes** are available at the back of the Church for those who are currently envelope contributors. If you would like to request a box, please fill out one of the yellow registration forms available on the back table.

Those who **contribute by cheque** in their weekly envelopes should note that starting on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020, cheques should be made payable to **St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi Parish**. The check box on the new envelope will allow you to indicate the intention of your donation coming to St. Catherine of Siena.

*New Year's Blessings*

*The Lord bless and keep you...*



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### Weekday Mass Times:

Tuesday - Friday 9:00 am at St. Theresa's  
 Saturday 9:00 am at St. Catherine's

### Confessions at St. Catherine's

Saturday following the 9:00 am Mass

### Praying the Rosary (in Spanish)

Monday evenings 7:00 pm  
 St. Catherine's Church

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday Evenings 7:00—8:00 pm  
 St. Catherine's Church  
 Monday—Friday 9:30am—4:30pm  
 in St. Theresa's Chapel

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