

St. Clare of Assisi Roman Catholic Church

The Nativity of the Lord & The Feast of the Holy Family December 24 & 31, 2023



Parish Information

17111 W. Bell Road, Surprise, AZ 85374
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Parish Office Hours

After Hours Emergency Sacraments: (623) 975-5612

Sunday 7:30 AM to 1:30 PM

Monday—Thursday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Closed for lunch on weekdays: 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM



Mass Schedule

Saturday	4:00PM
Sunday	7:00AM
	9:00AM
	11:00AM
	5:00PM
Daily (Monday - Saturday)	8:00AM

Rosary 35 minutes prior to every Mass

Confessions

Wednesday	12:00 PM	to 1:00 PM
Friday	5:00 PM	to 6:00 PM
Saturday	2:30 PM	to 3:30 PM

Religious Education

MONDAY

Grade 6-8	Youth Ministry	6:30pm	to 8:00pm
Grade 9-12	Youth Ministry	6:30pm	to 8:00pm
Adults	OCIA	6:00pm	to 7:30pm

WEDNESDAY

Grade K-6	Catechesis	4:00pm	to 5:30pm
		6:00pm	to 7:30pm
Grade 2-12	Sacramental Prep	4:00pm	to 5:30pm
		6:00pm	to 7:30pm

Adoration

Fridays	1:00PM	Exposition
	1:30PM	Rosary for the Unborn
	4:00PM	Benediction

PARISH PERSONNEL

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Emergency After Hours Number (623) 975-5612

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Weddings or Annulments

Planning to marry at St. Clare? Please note that wedding preparation requires a minimum timeline of nine months.

Need information on the annulment process?
Please contact Joe.

Baptisms

To schedule a baptism for a child under 7, please contact Joe.

Ministry of Care

If you are homebound, hospitalized or in a care facility, or know of someone who is and would like Holy Communion on a weekly basis, please contact Joe to make arrangements.

Please Consider Joining Us In Ministry!

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Pro-Life Resources:

Are you struggling with a crisis pregnancy and need help? These Pro-Life resources are recognized by the Diocese of Phoenix and can help you, regardless of income.

Life Choices Women's Clinic

www.pro-lifearizona.com | (602) 305-5100

Choices Pregnancy Center:

www.choicesaz.com | (623) 486-5232

1st Way Pregnancy Center:

www.1stway.net | (602) 261-7522

Maggie's Place:

www.maggiesplace.org | (602) 262-5555

The Sisters of Life:

(480) 389-5650

St. Clare of Assisi is an official Baby Safe Haven location. Parents or agents of parents can drop off an unharmed newborn baby to a staff member during regular office hours. For more information, please visit azsafebabyhaven.org

St. Vincent de Paul 24 Hour Assistance Helpline

Please call (623) 975-5617. This is not a manned phone line.

Leave a message and someone WILL call you back.



Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 23, 2023

8:00am Thomas Reardon† by Christine Spiehs
4:00pm Alice Lortie† by John Lortie

Sunday, December 24, 2023

7:00am Pro Populo for St. Clare of Assisi Parishioners
9:00am Christian D'Andrea & Al DeAngelis† by Sylvia D'Andrea
11:00am Paul Stutzke† by Terri Stutzke
4:00pm Chris Nikolich† by Alma Vergara
6:30pm Jeevan, Maria & Johanna Dsouza by Maria Dsouza
10:00pm Mirosław Mroczkowski† by Martha Mroczkowska

Monday, December 25, 2023

8:00am Pro Populo for St. Clare of Assisi Parishioners
10:00am Albert Halowell† by Chris Halowell

Tuesday, December 26, 2023

8:00am Sydney Lynn Caba† by Doug & Vickie Doerfler

Wednesday, December 27, 2023

8:00am Thomas Hammil† by Frank Johnson

Thursday, December 28, 2023

8:00am George Murray† by Teddi Murray

Friday, December 29, 2023

8:00am Sir Knight Charles Ashbeck† by Knights of Columbus

Saturday, December 30, 2023

8:00am Thomas O'Brien† by Alzira O'Brien
4:00pm Millie Allen† by Louise Murphy

Sunday, December 31, 2023

7:00am Donald Athearn by Joan Cote
9:00am Pro Populo for St. Clare of Assisi Parishioners
11:00am Jessie Marquez† by Vincent Marquez
5:00pm Christian Reyes by Anna M. Reyes

Week at a Glance

Monday, December 25, 2023

8:00am The Nativity of the Lord Mass—CHURCH
10:00am The Nativity of the Lord Mass w/Choir—CHURCH

Office Closed—Merry Christmas!

Tuesday, December 26, 2023

8:00am Daily Mass—CHURCH
12:00pm Nomad AA—RAMADA

Office Closed, No Activities

Wednesday, December 27, 2023

8:00am Daily Mass—CHURCH
9:00am Office Reopens
12:00pm Confessions—CHURCH

Thursday, December 28, 2023

8:00am Daily Mass—CHURCH
12:00pm Nomad AA—RAMADA

Friday, December 29, 2023

8:00am Daily Mass—CHURCH
1:00pm Adoration—CHURCH
5:00pm Confessions—CHURCH

Saturday, December 30, 2023

8:00am Daily Mass—CHURCH
2:30pm Confessions—CHURCH
4:00pm Vigil Mass for the Feast of the Holy Family—CHURCH

Sunday, December 31, 2023

7am, 9am, 11am, 5pm—Masses for the Feast of the Holy Family—CHURCH

7:30am—1:30pm: Office is Open!



Tim Lukaszewski, Wade Chio, Marie Frasca, Fr. Hans Ruygt, Melanie Anderson, Karen Opsahl, Brian Vergara, David Bailey, Marilyn Anderson, Paul Kramer, Glenn Sutton, Natalie Bejarano, Ellie Cardona, Michael & Carolyn Rouse, Mary Lou Sutton, Karen Napp, Don McLane, Susan Salata, Steve Salata

Christmas is joy,
religious joy,
an inner joy of
light & peace

POPE FRANCIS

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Weekly Reflection

So they went in haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known the message that had been told them about this child. All who heard it were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds. And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. Luke 2:16-19

Merry Christmas! Our Advent preparations have been completed, and we are now invited by our Lord to enter into the glorious celebration of His birth! How well do you understand the awe-inspiring mystery of Christmas? How fully do you comprehend the significance of God becoming a human, born of a virgin? Though many are quite familiar with the beautiful and humble story of the birth of the Savior of the World, that familiarity can have the surprising negative effect of keeping our intellect from deeply probing the depths of the meaning of what we celebrate. Notice the last line of the Gospel passage quoted above: "And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart." What a beautiful line to ponder this Christmas day. Mother Mary was the one person who would have understood the mystery of the birth of her Son, the Son of God, the Savior of the World, far more deeply than anyone else. It was to her that the Archangel Gabriel appeared, announcing her pregnancy and His birth. It was her who carried her Son, the Son of God, in her Immaculate womb for nine months. It was to her that Elizabeth, her cousin, cried out, "Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb" (Luke 1:42). It was Mary who was the Immaculate Conception, the one who was preserved from all sin throughout her life. And it was her who gave birth to this Child, carried Him in her arms and nursed Him at her breast. Our Blessed Mother, more than any other, understood the incredible event that had taken place in her life. But, again, the Gospel above says that "Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart." One thing this tells us is that even Mary, the Mother of Jesus and the Mother of God, needed time to ponder, reflect and savor this most holy mystery. She never doubted, but her faith continually deepened, and her heart pondered the unfathomable and incomprehensible mystery of the Incarnation. Another thing this tells us is that there is no end to the depth of the "pondering" to which we must commit ourselves if we want to enter more deeply into the mystery of the birth of the Son of God. Reading the story, setting up a nativity scene, sharing Christmas cards, attending Mass and the like are central to a holy celebration of Christmas. But "pondering" and "reflecting," especially during prayer and especially at the Christmas Mass, will have the effect of drawing us ever deeper into this Mystery of our Faith. Reflect, today, with our Blessed Mother. Ponder the Incarnation. Place yourself into the scene that first Christmas. Hear the sounds of the town. Smell the smells of the stable. Watch as the shepherds come forth in adoration. And enter the mystery more fully, acknowledging that the more you know about the mystery of Christmas, the more you know how little you actually know and understand. But that humble realization is the first step to a deeper understanding of what we celebrate this day.

Lord, I gaze at the wonder of Your birth. You Who are God, the Second Person of the Most Holy Trinity, God from God and Light from Light, became one of us, a humble child, born of a virgin and laid in a manger. Help me to ponder this glorious event, to reflect upon the mystery with awe and to more fully grasp the meaning of what You have done for us. I thank You, dear Lord, for this glorious celebration of Your birth into the world. Jesus, I trust in You.

Reflection found on mycatholic.life



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

December 25: The Nativity of the Lord, Dawn Readings

First Reading: Second Samuel 7: 1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 89: 2-3, 4-5, 27, 29

Second Reading: Romans 16: 25-27

Alleluia: Luke 1: 38

Gospel: Luke 1: 26-38

December 26: St. Stephen

First Reading: Acts 6: 8-10; 7: 54-59

Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 31: 3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17

Alleluia: Psalms 118: 26a, 27a

Gospel: Matthew 10: 17-22

December 27: St. John the Apostle

First Reading: First John 1: 1-4

Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 97: 1-2, 5-6, 11-12

Gospel: John 20: 1a and 2-8

December 28: Holy Innocents, Martyrs

First Reading: First John 1: 5 - 2: 2

Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 124: 2-3, 4-5, 7b-8

Gospel: Matthew 2: 13-18

December 29: St. Thomas Becket

First Reading: First John 2: 3-11

Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 96: 1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6

Alleluia: Luke 2: 32

Gospel: Luke 2: 22-35

December 30

First Reading: First John 2: 12-17

Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 96: 7-8a, 8b-9, 10

Gospel: Luke 2: 36-40

December 31: Feast of the Holy Family

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

or Sirach 3: 2-6, 12-14

Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 105: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 or Psalms 128: 1-2, 3, 4-5

Second Reading: Hebrews 11: 8, 11-12, 17-19 or Colossians 3: 12-21

Alleluia: Hebrews 1: 1-2 or Colossians 3: 15a, 16a

Gospel: Luke 2: 22-40 or Luke 2: 22, 39-40



SAINT CLARE
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Community Blood Drive

January 6, 2024



1:00pm-6:00pm

January 7, 2024



8:00am-1:00pm

Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year. Our first Blood Drive for 2024 will be on Saturday, January 13 from 1pm-6pm and Sunday, January 14 from 8am-1pm in the Parish Hall. Signups will be held on January 6-7 in the Narthex.

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Blood Donation

Donations take place in the Hall

To make an appointment: scan the QR codes above, contact Connie Gaudio at (623) 703-9303 or visit donors.vitalant.org and use sponsor code StClare



CHRIST RENEWS HIS
PARISH
Retreat

Do you sense something is missing in your life? Do you feel that if you were not so busy you would be happier, healthier, more effective, more fulfilled, and maybe even a better person? Why not come to the next Christ Renews His Parish Retreat? The whole weekend is free, with all food provided, and takes place right here at the Parish Hall! The Retreat is an incredible experience that helps you discover what is missing in your life and what you can do about it! Want to connect with other parishioners, improve your prayer life, or just take a break from the craziness of every day life? You will find what you're looking for and more!

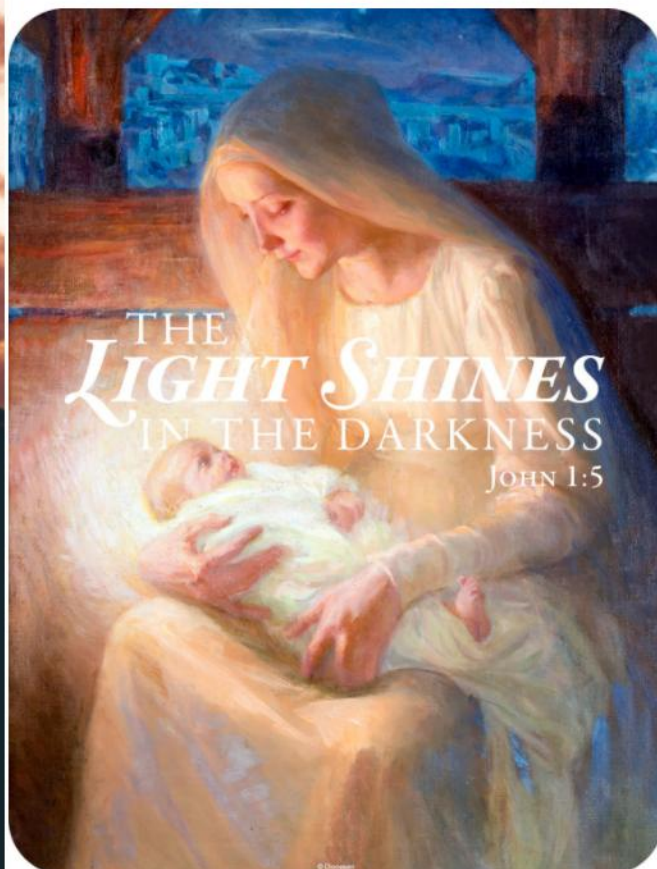
women's **FEB 17-18, 7AM SAT - 5PM SUN**

men's **FEB 24-25, 7AM SAT - 5PM SUN**

LOOK FOR THE REGISTRATION FLYER IN THE NARTHEX OR REGISTER ONLINE AT:
STCPAZ.ORG/CRHP-WELCOME-RETREAT
QUESTIONS? CONTACT DCN. DAVE: KDOPSAHL@HOTMAIL.COM

FOR UNTO US A
CHILD IS BORN

ISAIAH 9:6





Anima Christi Charismatic Prayer Group



THURSDAYS, 6:30PM-8:00PM IN THE CHURCH

Reminder: Prayer Teams from the Anima Christi Prayer Group will be available the first Thursday of each month. December's prayer teams will be available on January 4th from 6:30pm to 8pm in the Church. If you have physical needs, spiritual, mental, emotional needs, whatever the need may be- please come and let us pray with you- we trust in the healing power of Jesus. We also meet every Thursday at the same time for Praise and Worship - All are welcome! For more information call Jerianne Bender at (623) 544-1787 or Ferrell McNeal at (623) 972-6741

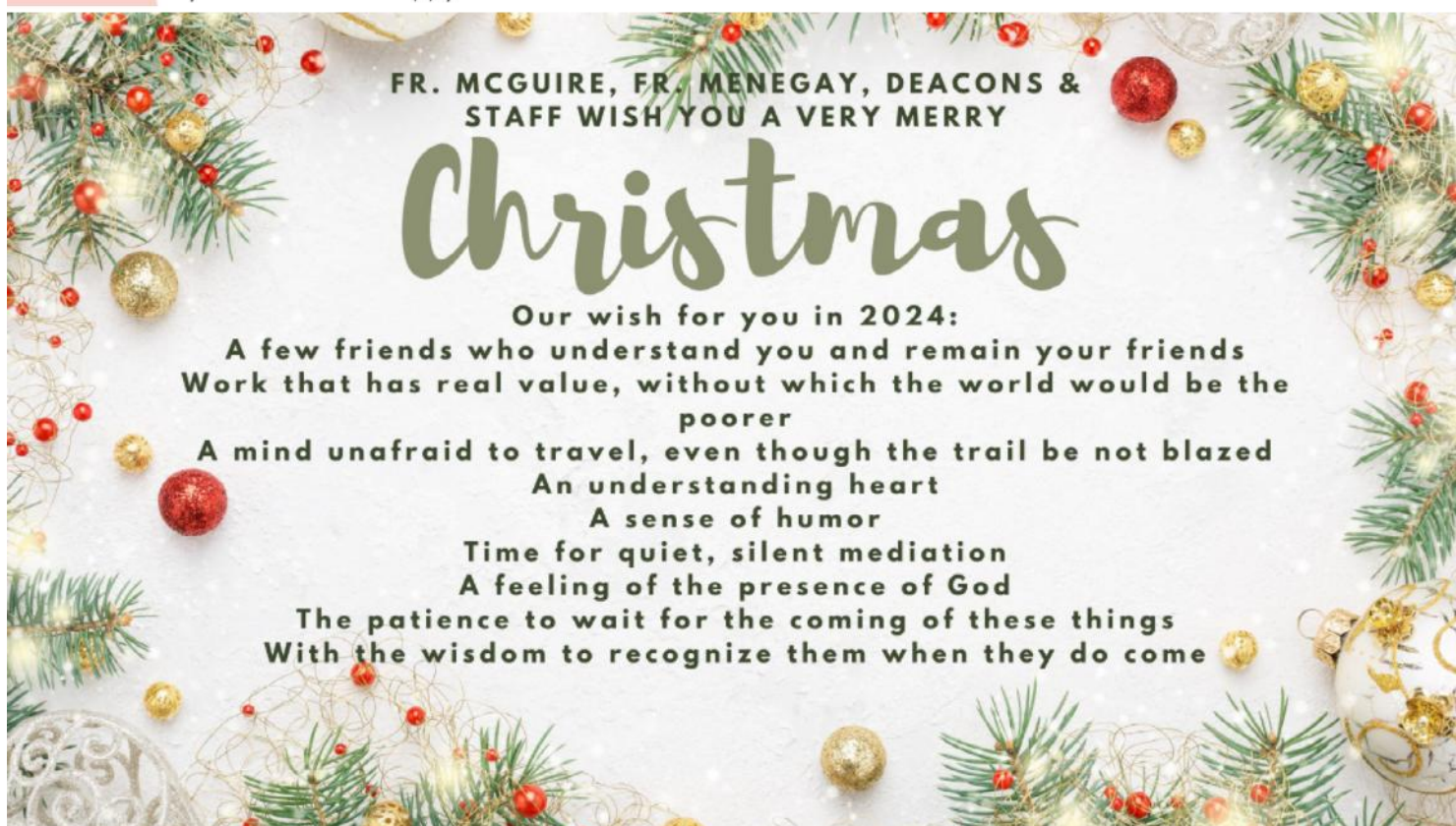
Coffee & Donuts



will return January 7, 2024
after all morning Masses, in the Hall

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Glory to the NEWBORN King





Mass Intentions

Week at a Glance

Saturday, December 30, 2023

8:00am Thomas O'Brien† by Alzira O'Brien
4:00pm Millie Allen† by Louise Murphy

Sunday, December 31, 2023

7:00am Donald Athearn by Joan Cote
9:00am Pro Populo for St. Clare of Assisi Parishioners
11:00am Jessie Marquez† by Vincent Marquez
5:00pm Christian Reyes by Anna M. Reyes

Monday, January 1, 2024

8:00am Dannyniko Franco by Karol Patean

Tuesday, January 2, 2024

8:00am Bob Roth† by Doris Roth

Wednesday, January 3, 2024

8:00am Connie Looft† by Doris Roth

Thursday, January 4, 2024

8:00am Stefan & Stanislaw (Stella) Labedz† by Jacilyn Tadin

Friday, January 5, 2024

8:00am Alexander & Patricia Martin—60th Wedding Anniversary by The Taylor Family

Saturday, January 6, 2024

8:00am Fr. Gregory Schlarb by Bob Sweeney
4:00pm Althea & Bea Cueto† by Lourdes Lori

Sunday, January 7, 2024

7:00am Brother Knight Maurice Hoyt† by Knights of Columbus
9:00am Leah Almeida by Carmelita Ginivan
11:00am Michael Tusay† by Joe & Anna Pipitone
5:00pm Pro Populo for St. Clare of Assisi Parishioners

Monday, January 1, 2024

8:00am Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Mass—CHURCH
Office Closed—Happy New Year!

Tuesday, January 2, 2024

11:30am Legion of Mary—HALL
11:30am Nomad AA—HALL
3:30pm Women's Guild Board Meeting—HALL
5:00pm Children's Choir Practice—CHURCH
6:30pm Adult Choir Practice—CHURCH

Wednesday, January 3, 2024

9:00am Men's Scripture Study—HALL
10:30am Legion of Mary Jrs—HALL
4:00pm RE: 1st Confession, Confirmation/Communion Class—HALL
6:00pm RE: 1st Confession, Confirmation/Communion Class—HALL

Thursday, January 4, 2024

9:00am Adult Bible Study—HALL
11:30am Nomad AA—HALL
3:30pm Women's Guild Meeting—HALL
6:30pm Anima Christi Charismatics—CHURCH

Friday, January 5, 2024

8:45am Holy Family Homeschool Co-Op—HALL
8:45am Divine Mercy Cenacle Diary Study—VESTRY
1:00pm Rosary Makers—HALL
1:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry—HALL
7:00pm El Buen Pastor Charismatics—HALL

Saturday, January 6, 2024

7:00am Catholic Men's Fellowship—HALL
10:30am Catholic Daughters Meeting—HALL
11:00am Catholic Daughters Jrs Meeting—HALL
3:00pm Blood Drive Signups—NARTHEX
3:45pm St. Vincent de Paul Club 25 Ticket Sales—WALKWAY
5:00pm Wine & Cheese Social—HALL

Sunday, January 7, 2024

Knights of Columbus Coffee & Donuts—after all morning Masses—
6:30am Blood Drive Signups—NARTHEX
6:30am St. Vincent de Paul Club 25 Ticket Sales—WALKWAY
6:30pm Young Adult Fellowship—HALL



FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY



Weekly Reflection



When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him. Luke 2:39-40

Today we honor family life in general by pausing to ponder the particular and beautiful hidden life within the home of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. In many ways, their daily life together would have been very similar to other families at that time. But in other ways, their life together is entirely unique and provides us with a perfect model for all families. By God's providence and design, the family life of Jesus, Mary and Joseph was spoken of in the Scripture very little. We read of the birth of Jesus, the presentation in the Temple, the flight into Egypt and the finding of Jesus in the Temple at age twelve. But other than these stories of their life together, we know very little.

The line from today's Gospel quoted above does, however, give us some insight worth pondering. First, we see that this family "fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord..." Though this is in reference to Jesus being presented in the Temple, it should also be understood to apply to all aspects of their life together. Family life, just like our individual lives, must be ordered by the laws of our Lord. The primary law of the Lord regarding family life is that it must share in the very unity and "communion of love" found in the life of the Most Holy Trinity. Each person of the Holy Trinity has perfect respect for the other, gives selflessly to each other without reserve, and receives each person in their totality. It is their love that makes them one and enables them to act together in perfect harmony as a communion of divine Persons. Though Saint Joseph was not immaculate in his nature, the perfection of love did live in his divine Son and in his immaculate wife. This overwhelming gift of their perfect love would have daily drawn him into the perfection of their lives.

Ponder your own closest relationships today. If you are blessed with a close family, ponder them. If not, ponder the persons put into your life who you are called to love with familial love. Who are you to be there for in good times and in bad? Who are you to sacrifice your life for without reserve? Who are you to offer respect, compassion, time, energy, mercy, generosity and every other virtue? And how well do you fulfill this duty of love? Reflect, today, upon the fact that God wants you to share in a communion of life, not only with the Most Holy Trinity but also with those around you, especially your family. Try to ponder the hidden life of Jesus, Mary and Joseph and seek to make their family relationship the model for how you love others. May their perfect communion of love be a model for us all.

Lord, draw me into the life, love and communion that You lived with Your Immaculate Mother and Saint Joseph. I offer You myself, my family and all those to whom I am called to love with a special love. May I imitate Your family love and life in all my relationships. Help me to know how to change and grow so that I may more fully share in Your family life. Jesus, I trust in You.

Reflection found on mycatholic.life



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

December 31: Feast of the Holy Family

First Reading: Genesis 15: 1-6; 21: 1-3
or Sirach 3: 2-6, 12-14

Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 105: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9
or Psalms 128: 1-2, 3, 4-5

Second Reading: Hebrews 11: 8, 11-12, 17-19
or Colossians 3: 12-21

Alleluia: Hebrews 1: 1-2 or Colossians 3: 15a, 16a

Gospel: Luke 2: 22-40 or Luke 2: 22, 39-40

January 1: Mary, Mother of God

First Reading: Numbers 6: 22-27

Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 67: 2-3, 5, 6, 8

Second Reading: Galatians 4: 4-7

Alleluia: Hebrews 1: 1-2

Gospel: Luke 2: 16-21

January 2: Sts. Basil the Great & Gary Nazianzen

First Reading: First John 2: 22-28

Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 98: 1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4

Alleluia: Hebrews 1: 1-2

Gospel: John 1: 19-28

January 3: Holy Name of Jesus

First Reading: First John 2: 29 - 3: 6

Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 98: 1, 3cd-4, 5-6

Alleluia: John 1: 14a, 12a

Gospel: John 1: 29-34

January 4: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

First Reading: First John 3: 7-10

Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 98: 1, 7-8, 9

Alleluia: Hebrews 1: 1-2

Gospel: John 1: 35-42

January 5: St. John Neumann

First Reading: First John 3: 11-21

Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 100: 1b-2, 3, 4, 5

Gospel: John 1: 43-51

January 6: St. Andre Bessette

First Reading: First John 5: 5-13

Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 147: 12-13, 14-15, 19-20

Alleluia: Mark 9: 7

Gospel: Mark 1: 7-11 or Luke 3: 23-38

January 7: Epiphany of the Lord

First Reading: Isaiah 60: 1-6

Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 72: 1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13

Second Reading: Ephesians 3: 2-3a, 5-6

Alleluia: Matthew 2: 2

Gospel: Matthew 2: 1-12





Required Minimum Distributions

This is the time of year when many of us are looking at our IRAs, especially those who are required to make minimum distributions (RMDs). You can make an RMD by contacting your IRA administrator and asking them to make a direct distribution to St. Clare of Assisi! This is called a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD).

You can make up to \$100,000 of QCDs and so can your spouse if he or she has a separate IRA. The QCD satisfies your RMD up to \$100,000. While you will not get an income tax deduction, you will not have to pay tax on the distribution. In order for this to work, the administrator must make the distribution directly to St. Clare of Assisi. If you take it yourself, you lose the benefits.



As always, speak with your financial advisor before making any decision that can affect your income tax planning.

BLESSED ARE ALL WHO FEAR THE LORD,
and who walk in his ways

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY



Join us for this great opportunity to share your ministry with our parishioners. The fair is designed to benefit your ministry by adding members, building community relationships with other ministries and parishioners. It also gives parishioners an opportunity to spend some time after Masses talking to ministry representatives in one place. The success of the Ministry Fair will hugely benefit St. Clare through more parishioner participation!

**JOIN US FEBRUARY 3-4:
ST. CLARE OF ASSISI'S MINISTRY FAIR!**

FOR MORE INFORMATION: CONTACT BARB CRATTAN AT BRUBRB31@GMAIL.COM OR LAURA PIKE AT GOTCHA421@GMAIL.COM BY DECEMBER 15, 2023





**Worship Aids will be printed on
pages 9 and 10 of the bulletin
starting the weekend of
January 6th and 7th.**



**Don't forget to take a bulletin on
your way in to Mass!**



LA GRACIA DE DIOS ESTABA CON ÉL

— FIESTA DE LA SAGRADA FAMILIA —

Thank you!

Dear Father McGuire and St. Clare's Parishioners,
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