

7 January 2024

**SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (New Calendar)**  
**Feast of the Holy Family (Traditional Calendar)**

Sunday Mass: Anticipated Sat. 4PM/Sun. 8AM Ancient Rite Latin Mass  
Sunday 9:30AM (Live-streamed) 11 AM

Confessions: Wed. 6:30-6:55 PM/ Sat. 7:30-7:55 AM  
Sat. 2:30-3:30 PM & 6:30-7:30 PM

**THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS**

Mon. 8 Jan. The Baptism of the Lord (New Calendar)  
8 AM Ancient Rite Latin Mass  
For: Special Intention

Tue. 9 Jan. St. Adrian of Canterbury/St. Agatha Yi & Teresa Kim, ms  
8 AM For: Patricia Johnson+  
Req: Mr. & Mrs. Timothy Maciag  
Holy Rosary for the Preborn & the Newborn

Wed. 10 Jan. St. Miltiades, Pope/St. Paul the First Hermit  
7 PM For: Frank Costello+ (2<sup>nd</sup> Ann.)  
Req: Wife

Thu. 11 Jan. St. Hyginis, Pope/Bl. William Carter, Martyr  
8 AM For: Kathleen Sheridan+  
Req: Mr. & Mrs. David Rose, Sr.

Fri. 12 Jan. St. Marguerite Bourgeoys, Virgin, Foundress  
8 AM For: Kathleen Bracken+  
Req: Frances McCauley

Sat. 13 Jan. St. Hilary of Poitiers, Bishop, Doctor  
8 AM For: Special Intention

4 PM For: Helen Brzuskiewicz+  
Req: St. Joseph Society

Sun. 14 Jan. II Sunday in Ordinary Time (New Calendar)  
II Sunday after Epiphany (Traditional Calendar)  
8 AM For: Rocco Occhiogrosso (L.)  
Req: Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Maciag  
9:30 AM For: Ransom Domes+  
Req: Mr. & Mrs. Stephen van Lieshout  
11 AM For: The Parishioners of OLGCC

### **BLESSED EPIPHANY WATER AVAILABLE**

The Holy Water that is in the vessel next to the Confessional was blessed by the Pastor on the eve of the Feast of the Epiphany with the traditional ritual for this sacramental. Holy Epiphany Water is especially powerful in restraining the evil spirits, curing illness and fortifying us in time of temptation.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: TUE. 7 PM: Jr. High School 8 PM: Sr. High School & Adults** We are exploring the biases that our culture holds against the Catholic Church, and how we can refute them.

**ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING: THU. 11 JAN. 6:30 PM Rectory**  
We will have a short program on New Year's resolutions.

**PRAY THE ROSARY WITH US AT PLANNED PARENTHOOD**  
Mon. 15 Jan. at 11 AM at the abortion mill on Genesee St. in Utica.

**SYRACUSE MARCH FOR LIFE: SAT. 20 JANUARY 11 AM**  
Now that it has been announced that there will be a referendum on the November ballot in NYS to enshrine abortion in the NYS Constitution, we must redouble our prayers, penances and sacrifices to prevent the ongoing slaughter of God's children. What will it take to wake us up? Economic collapse? Nuclear war? Food shortages? Power outages? We will have a chartered bus leaving the Rectory Parking lot at 10:45 AM on Sat. 20 January to take us to Syracuse, where we will join with others in the short walk from the MOST to the Court House directly opposite the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Chick-Filet will be there to provide sandwiches after the March. Please put your name on the list if you will go with us: **one name per line/please.**  
It is expected that all our Confirmation students (9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Grade) will be going on this March for Life with us.

**ST. JOSEPH SOCIETY PANCAKE BREAKFAST: SUN. 11 FEB.**  
The men are polishing up their silver ladles and spatulas to prepare the most heavenly pancakes and sausages for you right before Lent begins. And it will only cost \$5 for an adult breakfast; \$20 for a family! Please put your family count on the list that is on the bulletin board, and on the list of those willing to help set up, serve and clean up.

A thought from Ven. Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen:  
"There are two ways of waking up in the morning. One is to say, "Good morning, God." The other is to say, "Good God, morning!"

## Archbishop Chaput on the Blessing of "Irregular Unions"

Archbishop Charles Chaput is the Archbishop-Emeritus of Philadelphia, PA. He is one of the finest minds in the US hierarchy. Here are excerpts from a piece he wrote, "The Cost of Making a Mess",

22 Dec. 2023, published in *First Things*.

One of the standards the Church uses to measure the quality of her leaders is a simple line from Scripture: "God is not the author of confusion, but of peace," (I Cor.14:33). So it was for Paul, So it is now. So it is for local pastors and bishops, including the Bishop of Rome. Confusion among the faithful can often be a matter of innocent individuals who hear but fail to understand the Word. Confused teaching, however, is another matter. It's never excusable. The transmission of Christian truth requires prudence and patience because humans are not machines. But it also demands clarity and consistency. Deliberate or persistent ambiguity-anything that fuels misunderstanding or seems to leave an opening for objectively sinful behavior-is not of God. And it inevitably results in damage to individual souls and to our common Church life...

(He is referring to the release, on 18 Dec. 2023, of the Vatican document "*Fiducia Supplicans*, which authorizes priests to give blessings to couples in irregular unions (e.g. couples cohabiting, divorced and remarried couples; same-sex couples, etc.).

Where to begin (he continues): The role of the Pope is to unify the Church, not divide her, especially on matters of faith and morals. He has a similar duty to unify the Bishops and not divide them

Second, the essential task of a loving pastor is to correct as well as to accompany. Blessings should encourage, but also, when necessary, challenge. People in same-sex and other non-marital unions need a challenging accompaniment from the Church. Popes, bishops, priests and deacons are called by their vocations to be prophets as well as pastors. Pope Francis often seems to separate these roles while Jesus himself always embodied both in his ministry. His words to the woman caught in adultery were not simply, "Your sins are forgiven" but also, "Go and sin no more."

Third, relationships that the Church has always seen as sinful are now often described as "irregular". This neuters the reality of morally defective behavior and leads to confusion about what we can and cannot call "sin".

Finally, while the document does not in fact change Church teaching on marriage, it does seem to change Church teaching on the sinfulness of same-sex activity. Marriage isn't the point of *Fiducia Supplicans*. Its point is the moral nature of same-sex unions, and this is a crucial distinction.

Whether the hearer is delighted or angered by the latest Vatican text, the practical fallout is a wave of confusion, in the bloodstream of the Church at Christmas-a season meant for joy, but now of conflict.