

31 December 2023

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (New Calendar)  
Sunday within the Octave of Christmas (Traditional Calendar)

Sunday Mass: Anticipated Sat. 4PM/Sun. 8AM Ancient Rite Latin Mass  
Sunday 9:30 AM (Live-streamed) 11 AM  
Confessions: Wed. & Fri. 6:30-6:55 PM Sat. 7:30-7:55 AM  
Sat. 2:30-3:30PM & 6:30-7:30 PM

**THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS**

**MON. 1 JAN. SOLEMNITY OF B.V. MARY, MOTHER OF GOD**

8 AM Ancient Rite Latin Mass  
For: Jack Maciag (L.)  
Req: Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Maciag

9:30 AM For: Najim Marji (L.)  
Req: Anne Johnson

11 AM For: The Parishioners of OLGCC

Tue. 2 Jan. St. Basil the Great & St. Gregory Nazianzen, Bs, Ds  
8 AM For: Doris Maciag+  
Req: Mr. & Mrs. John Vanderhoof  
Holy Rosary for the Preborn and the Newborn

Wed. 3 Jan. Most Holy Name of Jesus  
7 PM For: Mr. & Mrs. Donald Kehoe+  
Req: Mr. & Mrs. Allen Kraeger

Thu. 4 Jan. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Widow, Foundress  
8 AM For: Alta Zambito (L.)  
Req: Anne Johnson

Fri. 5 Jan. St. John N. Neumann, Bishop  
7 PM For: In Thanksgiving  
Req: Charles Anderson

Sat. 6 Jan. St. Andre Bessette, Religious  
8 AM For: Special Intention

4 PM For: Janet Wasilenko+  
Req: Mr. & Mrs. Peter Bender

Sun. 7 Jan. EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD (New Calendar)  
FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY (Traditional Calendar)  
8 AM For: Jacob & Carly Pohl (L.)  
Req: Margaret Bovi

9:30 AM For: Kathleen Bracken+  
Req: Frances McCauley

**THE SOLEMNITY OF THE B.V. MARY, MOTHER OF GOD**  
**Mon. 1 Jan. is a holy Day of Obligation. We celebrate the Octave**  
**Day of Christmas to honor the Mother of God. Please be sure to**  
**assist at Holy Mass, asking God for His blessings for the new Year.**

**A PLENARY INDULGENCE** is offered by Holy Mother Church to those who recite the “Te Deum” hymn on 31 Dec. to thank God for the blessings of the year just past. (That hymn is found in the red missal in the pew on page 1060).

On 1 Jan., the Church offers a Plenary Indulgence to those who recite the “Veni Creator Spiritus” hymn, found on page 1029 of the Lumen Christi Missal. This, to beg God for His blessings on the New Year.

The usual conditions apply in order to gain a Plenary Indulgence:

- one must be in the state of grace, having gone to the Sacrament of Penance within about 8 days, before or after performing the work;
- one must receive the Blessed Eucharist on the day of the work;
- one must pray for the intentions of the Pope (an Our Father and Hail Mary would be sufficient);
- one must not have an attachment to even venial sin.

If any of the above conditions are lacking, the Indulgence would be a partial indulgence.

**ST. JOSEPH SOCIETY MEETING: THU. 4 JAN. 7 PM**

Men of the parish are urged to join us in working together to build the Kingdom of Christ in our community. Besides, we have refreshments!

**FIRST FRIDAY: FRI. 5 JAN. HOLY MASS AT 7 PM**

**FIRST SATURDAY SAT. 6 JAN. HOLY MASS AT 8 PM”**

A thought from Fr. Federick William Faber:

“If we hated sin as we ought to hate it, purely, keenly, manfully, we should do more penance, we should inflict more self-punishment, we should sorrow for our sins more abidingly. Then, again, the crowning disloyalty to God is heresy. It is the sin of sins, the very loathsome of things which God looks down upon in this malignant world. Yet how little do we understand of its excessive hatefulness! It is the polluting of God's truth, which is the worst of all impurities! Yet, how little we make of it! We look at it, and we are calm. We touch it and do not shudder. We mix with it, and have no fear. We see it touch holy things, and we have no sense of sacrilege. We breathe its odor, and show no signs of detestation or disgust. Some of us affect friendship; and some even extenuate its guilt. We do not love God enough to be angry for His glory. We do not love men enough to be charitably truthful for their souls.”

*(Fr. Frederick William Faber, 1814-1863, was an Englishman who was raised a Protestant. He converted to the Catholic Faith in 1845 and was ordained a priest, joining the Oratory of St. Philip Neri. He is the author of many well-known hymns and devotional literature).*

## PRO-LIFE ACTIVISTS LOSE FINAL APPEAL

A group of pro-life activists lost its final motion to prevent a \$16 million punitive judgment against them for releasing undercover videos of abortion industry insiders discussing the harvesting and sale of human organs from aborted babies.

Operation Rescue made the announcement Friday concerning appeals by the pro-life investigative group Center for Medical Progress, attorney Steve Cooley, Operation Rescue's Troy Newman, and pro-life activists Sandra Merritt and Albin Rhomberg.

Starting in 2015, CMP began releasing a series of secretly-recorded conversations with officials from Planned Parenthood and the National Abortion Federation, which set off a firestorm of controversy and a string of revelations about the abortion industry's breaking multiple federal laws against profiting off human tissue, altering abortion procedures for the sake of procuring better tissue samples, and potentially even committing partial-birth abortions or infanticide, as well as video examples of abortion workers displaying callousness toward the humanity of the children their work killed.

Neither the Obama nor the Trump administrations took action against the abortion organizations over the revelations, but the pro-lifers who exposed their activities were hit with various lawsuits and felony charges on claims of trespassing, misidentifying themselves with fake driver's licenses, and recording people without their consent. Last year, CMP appealed a nearly \$16 million judgment against them, arguing that the federal Racketeer & Corrupt Organizations (RICO) had been misapplied. The U S Supreme Court declined to hear that appeal in October.

"I have maintained my innocence and will continue to do so," Newman said of the latest development, vowing to use "every legal means available" to resist Planned Parenthood's efforts to collect.

"There can be little doubt that Planned Parenthood's substantial political clout contributed to what I consider to be an injustice against those of us who exposed proof of Planned Parenthood's grisly baby-parts trafficking practices."

"The public deserves the truth about the horrific nature of the business of abortion, and I will continue to expose the barbaric practices of Planned Parenthood, despite this setback," he added.

"I will not be intimidated into silence."

Meanwhile Planned Parenthood received \$670.4 million in federal taxpayer money last year, continuing to benefit handsomely from the support of the Biden administration despite a wave of newly enforceable pro-life laws since the U.S. Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade* in 2022.

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