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Holy Family Sunday Year C Luke 2:41-52



Each year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, and when he was twelve years old, they went up according to festival custom. After they had completed its days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Thinking that he was in the caravan, they journeyed for a day and looked for him among their relatives and acquaintances, but not finding him, they returned to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety." And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man.

Excerpt from 'Presentation of Christ in Temple'

by Christopher Smart

Preserver of the church, thy spouse,
From sacrilege and wrong,
To whom the myriads pay their vows,
Give ear, and in my heart arouse
The spirit of a nobler song.....

.....That God should in the world appear.....

Incarnate—as a child—
That he should be presented here,
At once our utmost doubts to clear,
And make our hearts with wonder wild.

Present ye therefore, on your knees,
Hearts, hands resign'd and clean;
Ye poor and mean of all degrees,
If he will condescend and please
To take at least what orphans glean—

Weekly Mass Readings

December 26 –January 1

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|------------------------|---|
| Sunday 12/26 | 1 Sm 1:20-28/1 Jn 3:1,21-24/Lk 2:41-52 |
| Monday 12/27 | 1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8 |
| Tuesday 12/28 | 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Mt 2:13-18 |
| Wednesday 12/29 | 1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35 |
| Thursday 12/30 | 1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40 |
| Friday 12/31 | 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18 |
| Saturday 1/1 | Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21 |

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**St. Pius X
Mass Schedule**

† **Weekend Mass**
Saturday- 4:30 pm
Sunday- 10:00 am

† **Daily Mass**
Tuesday-6:00 pm
Wednesday-8:00 am
Thursday-8:00 am
Friday-8:00 am

Eucharist Adoration-First Friday of each month-8:00

† **Weekly Online Mass**

Sunday -10:00 am

**We are still Live Streaming Facebook
for anyone at home**

Find us on Facebook at:
*St. Pius X & St. Anthony of Padua Catholic
Churches*

Parish Office Hours

Thursday 9:00 am-2:00 pm

**St. Anthony of Padua
Mass Schedule**

† **Weekend Mass**
Sunday- 8:00 am

† **Daily Mass**
Wednesday-9:00 am
Friday-9:00 am

*Eucharist Adoration-First Friday of each
month-9:00 am*

Pastoral Team

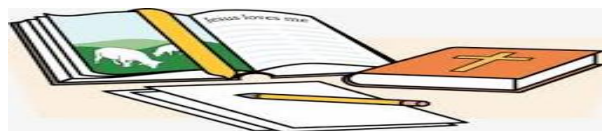
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FROM THE PASTOR



Dear St Pius And St Anthony Churches,

Holy Family Sunday Year C Luke 2:41-52

Where is Jesus? Who left who? Maybe we have read the bumper sticker that says, “Missing Jesus? Guess who moved?”. Today’s gospel tells the story of Jesus remaining behind in Jerusalem to continue studying and teaching with the rabbis in the Temple. I call it the real ‘Visit of the Wise Men’, but in this case it is Jesus who is visiting the ‘wise’ Temple teachers (God’s visit *to* the Wise men). Jesus is enlightening them on the new Kingdom ethics that His ministry is inaugurating. True to His prophetic form, Jesus is challenging the teachers to keep their words in line with their actions. Jesus’ major critique of the Jewish teachers—the Pharisees—later on is that while they know the right answers, they do not implement or reflect the truths they speak in their actual lives. In Matthew 23:3, Jesus says, “*Do and observe all things whatsoever, they tell you, but do not follow their example. For they preach but they do not practice.*” The Pharisees know what to say, but nothing they say has an effect upon their own behavior. And so, it also doesn’t have any impact upon anyone listening to them, either. In order for one’s teaching words to have weight, a person must be good at illustrating them in their own life’s practices too. That is their witness, and the Pharisees failed at being good witnesses. So, I imagine that many of Jesus’ questions that day were a call to faithfulness, transparency and honesty from the Temple Teachers themselves. Were they good witnesses who illustrated their teaching by the example of their own lives? Did their teaching come across in the personal interactions that people could pick up on? Were they not only righteous in religion, yet also humane in their interactions with others? Were the teachers good at religion in the Temple, but also religion in the Marketplace and in the Workshop? I like one of the examples that Jesus gives later in the gospel of such ‘bad faith’ from the Pharisees. He pointed out to them that they were good at exacting the *precise amounts* of tithes for the feathery herbs/spices (mint, dill & cumin), yet they couldn’t measure the more important and weighty matters such as ‘justice, mercy or fidelity’ (Matthew 23:23). The Pharisees were masters at determining the value of grassy herbs, but they couldn’t assess ‘fair justice’ or ‘merciful judgements’ toward human beings. The Pharisees were scrupulously particular about calculating the exact tithe due from ‘ground herbs’, yet they couldn’t figure any compassionate understanding for the exploited worker denied wages from a greedy employer or a consumer cheated by unscrupulous merchants rigging their scales/rulers. The Pharisees had a ‘compassion deficit’ when it came to the merciful and just treatment of needy neighbors, widows, orphans or the street poor. I imagine the young Jesus here presented some tough ‘real-life’ questions to the teachers testing if they were aware of the ‘disconnect’ between Temple practices and the daily decisions of faith demanded of believers in their homes and workplaces. Were they only conveniently comfortable ‘armchair’ teachers like a ‘sage on the stage’ or were they a true ‘guide by the side’ to help people navigate keeping faithful amid the many obstacles thrown up daily in the ‘mix’ of society. I bet Jesus could present some real moral dilemmas of faith based on his ‘workshop experience’ building and trading all around Galilee and Judea. I wonder what investigative stories Jesus could have revealed about even the ‘Temple’s Construction’ (Its Material and Work Practices)!

So often, Jesus calls for reform of religious customs that make good shows but do nothing to help any neighbor in need, and may actually put further economic burdens upon struggling people. One area of frequent attack the Pharisees waged upon Jesus involved the Jewish handwashing rituals. Repeatedly Jesus is ‘written up’ by the Pharisees for not scrupulously conducting ‘handwashing ablutions’ in homes or in public (Luke 11:38, Matt 15:2-3). To summarize Jesus’ response to them each time, He basically says, “*What is more important? That my hands are washed or that the sick are healed and the hungry are given food—that water is poured over my hands and onto the ground or that someone has even fresh water to drink (or their village a fresh well)*”. Jesus wishes that His followers apply the same scrupulous care that the Pharisees did toward Temple rituals, to use the same attention to detail which interacting fairly with neighbors. Am I as equally sensitive to how I treat/talk to my neighbor, as I am toward whether I meet my Church obligation and religious rituals? Do I worry over whether I am being just and fair in dealing with my brother or sister with the same concern I show, over giving God what is God’s due? This is what is meant in the reading today when it says, that Jesus left the Temple and went down to Nazareth (Lk 2:51), obeying mother and father (***‘Jesus is taking the Temple Home’***, equally concerned to obey His familial obligations just as he observed His Temple obligations). Jesus wanted to implement such religious ‘temple concern’ into His daily interactions in the Nazareth economy of home, work and neighborhood).

Again, Jesus wants the same concern for detail that applies to Temple actions also to be applied to neighborly interactions. This is why He charged back against the Pharisees when they claimed he was lax about Temple Rituals, saying to them, “There is something greater than the temple here” (Matthew 12:6)/ He means that our religion is expressed in how we interact with other people. Every fellow human being is a walking Temple of the Holy Spirit, because of God’s Spirit and the image of the Living God imprinted upon their souls (Gen1:27). We serve our obligation to God by keeping faithful about religious rituals, yet also by tending to the needs of our brothers and sisters in need. We are called to give to God, in the Temple of the Lord that is standing in Jerusalem (any holy site) but also in the ‘Temple of the Lord’ that is walking around me right now. That ‘Living Temple’ standing beside me is called my brother or sister in Christ!

Peace, Fr Brian

Christmas Prayer for Justice among all People: Gracious Lord, Child of Bethlehem, As you were born into a family who fled to Egypt as refugees, help us grow in solidarity with refugees everywhere, to know we are all refugees, until our hearts find refuge in you. As you were born under an oppressive regime, let us grow in solidarity with those whose governments deny them their rights and try to undermine their dignity. Help us work for just governance everywhere. As it was workers, the shepherds, who first came to know you, the carpenter’s son, let us remember the dignity of human labor—that you share a special love for those who work hard for their sustenance, and toil beside them. Let us honor you, in work and in prayer, that livelihoods may be secure, and that workers not be exploited. Gracious Lord, Child of Bethlehem As you were adored by the Magi who came from far-off nations to honor you, let us bring to all nations the great good news that is your love. As your coming was joyfully sung by angels, let us with joy celebrate the gift of life every time a child of God is conceived, and honor that gift with our care. As you were denied any birthplace but a stable, help us to open our homes, our lives, our hearts to the coming of God and his presence in your people. Be born this time into our hearts, dear Lord. Gracious Lord, Child of Bethlehem, through the cradle of our hearts, be born into our world. Amen

FFY Faith Formation Youth Activities Calendar

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| CHRISTMAS BREAK | Dec. 20 - | Dec 31 | Christmas Break |
| Wednesday | Jan. 5, 2022 | 6:30-8:00 | Family Faith – January Parents Meeting |
| Sunday | Jan. 9 | 2:00-3:30 | Confirmation Class Parish Hall |
| Wednesday | Jan 12 | 6:30-8:00 | Youth Ministry Group Parish Hall |

Prayers & Sympathy: Please pray for the eternal rest of Phil Holifield, (grandfather of Montana Holifield) who passed away last week. Please keep the family in your prayers that God may comfort them through this time of grief and loss.

Papal Synod 2021-2023: Prepare future parish listening sessions

Pope Francis is inviting everyone, both in the mainstream of church life and on the margins, to voice their hopes, joys, struggles and concerns for the Church in preparation for the Synod of Bishops in Rome for 2023. In response to the Holy Father’s request, the Diocese of Owensboro is calling for two phases of listening to occur in the coming months – parish-based listening session and a later regional session. The Diocesan Planning Team is preparing resources and Bishop Medley is asking parishes to conduct a parish two-part listening session.

Birthdays & Anniversaries: Dec 26 – Jan 2

Happy Birthday!

St. Pius X

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| December 26 | Joe Morris |
| December 29 | Victoria Duzmal |
| December 29 | Lynette Galvan |
| December 30 | Allison Lucas |
| December 31 | Randy Luecke |
| January 1 | Dylan Pellegrin |
| January 2 | Max Canon |
| January 2 | Alex Galvan |
| January 2 | Kathy Sanderson |

St. Anthony of Padua

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| December 31 | Todd Lucas |
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Happy Anniversary!

St. Pius X No anniversaries this week

St. Anthony of Padua

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| December 26 | Juan & Betty Gonzalez |
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St Pius X Mass Assignments: Saturday, January 1, 2021

| Servers | Lectors | Eucharistic Ministers | Ushers / Greeters | Money Counters |
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| Volunteer | Volunteer | Volunteer | Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Greeter) Volunteer (Greeter) | |

Mass Assignments: Sunday, January 2, 2021

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| Scott Langford | Pam Hurst | Patti Langford | Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Usher) Volunteer (Greeter) | Jan Waniel Jean Waniel |
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Protect our Children: Report and Seek Help against Abuse: The safety of our children is the responsibility of every Christian. Anyone aware of the abuse of a person under the age of eighteen is required by law to report this to the proper state authorities local law enforcement or the Kentucky Child Abuse Hotline (toll-free: 1-877-597- 2331). To report abuse to the diocese, current or past, by anyone acting in the name of the Church (paid or volunteer), call Louanne Payne, Pastoral Assistance Coordinator (English) on the confidential phone line: 270-852-8380, or Susan Montalvo-Gesser/Miguel Quintanilla, Pastoral Assistance Coordinators (Spanish): 270-880-8360. The Diocese of Owensboro’s sexual abuse policy is available this parish, on the bulletin board, in the parish office, and also on the diocesan website (<https://owensborodiocese.org/safe>).

Remember in Prayer

St. Pius X: Joey Elder, Jeffrey Frizzell, Kaileigh Row, Chevelle Allen, Henry Feezor, John Campbell, Lisa Hammond, Rose Grossius, Bennett Meisenheimer, Neil Trammell, Peter Bullock, Jim & Rose Drury, Wes Hayes, Mike Norvell, Maryann Huebschmann, Shirley Mangan, Kenny Matthews, Dora Miller, Miller Meisenheimer, Joann Najgebauer, Johnny Poe, Joel Rivera, Carol Ross, Marty Tyskling, Lonnie Vogler, Brenda Waitke, Gary Walters, Andrew Walton, Larry Wenzel, Anna Williams, Dawn Williams, Wilma Lejuene, Lori Butler, Isabella Hamilton, Dr. Danny Butler, Cameron Richmond, Brad Longworth, Matthew Black, Helen Bennett, Nannette Frizzell, Catherine Broks, Stacey Newby, Bette Zilligen, Dorothy Henry, Ric Vaughn, Susan Sloan, Donny Travis, Betty Derry, Scott Hamilton, Connie Burt and family, Abigail Huebschmann, Lucas Hebner, Ericka Karpstein, Joanna Cooper, Carolyn Outland, Angel Thompson, Kaye Poyner, Jerry Huebschmann, Dorothy Henry, Bob & Lois Tashjian, Rita Cook, Hannah Padgett, Juliette Kaplanes, Jack Bender, Penny Maupin, Don Kemp, Sharon Olejnicak, Tim Wilson, Beverly Dukes, Bill Norvell, Wallace Hunt, Phyllis White, Judy Krouse, Kerry Frazier, Rene Harrington, Joe Cirrito, Lisa Doyle, Forrest Michael Teeters, David Kroll, Cameron Brewer, Stefanie Wilkerson-Barragan, Hugo Santos, Sharon Gibbons, Wayne Viniard, Braydn Barnett, and their families and caregivers

St. Anthony of Padua: David Reed, Juan Gonzalez, Elena Carey, Donna & Jon Gresham, Bob Decker, Bill Rodgers, Tom & Margie Sheppard, Bob & Lois Tashjian, Mr. Driskill, Margaret Adams, Pat Gorbett, Ed Derringe, Helen Krivan, Imogene Ramey, Bob Lang and their families and caregivers.

Pray for Our Military

St. Pius X: Julianne Utley, Daniel Burgess, James Griffith, Cory Erickson, Justin Fatum, James A. Kinsey, Sarah Martindale, Devin McFadden, Benjamin Patton, Kousuke Sasaki, Noah Willett, Amanda Wojahn and Luke Jablonski.

St. Anthony of Padua: Joel Dumbacher, Matt Elder, Kathleen Erickson, Scott Erickson, Cory Erickson, Jason Huber, James A. Kinsey, Jay Lockhart, Sarah Martindale, Devin McFadden, Ryan M. Fields, LeAnne Neal, and Kousuke Sasaki.

St. Pius X

| Mass Intentions December 27 – January 2 | | |
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| Tuesday | 6:00 pm | John Bardsley |
| Wednesday | 8:00 am | Cynthia Becker |
| Thursday | 8:00 am | Annamarie Vricella |
| Friday | 8:00 am | Danny Padgett |
| Saturday | 4:30 pm | Patricia Fendler |
| Sunday | 10:00 am | Bob Darst |

WEEKLY DONATIONS

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| Parish Hall Donation (12/19/21) | \$ 190.00 |
| Budget for 2021/2022 Fiscal Year (July 2021-June 2022) | \$ 180,000.00 |
| Donation Need Each Week | \$ 3,461.54 |
| Weekly Donation (12/1/21) | \$ 3,237.00 |
| Online Giving (12/19/21) | \$ 1,018.00 |
| Total Week's Gift Offering 12/19 | \$ 4,255.00 |
| Fiscal Year to Date | \$ 88,624.80 |

Every Wednesday Bible Study

at 10:00 am St Anthony Church
Come study the Sunday Mass readings with a group as a wonderful preparation to find even more grace in Sunday Celebrations.

Holy Family Sunday Prayer

God our Father, you have called all Christian families to be a sign of your love to the world. Help us to be generous with the gifts of life and love that you have showered on our family. May we share them so that our homes become true signs of unitive and fruitful love. Let us never forget to thank you each day for all that sustains us and to look to Christ, who comes to us in the events of family life, in the sacraments of the Church, and in service to the poor. In all of this, our family becomes a living expression of your Church, a hallowed home of life and love. We ask this in Jesus' Name.

Parish Council

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| Pam Hurst | Chair Person |
| Jeff Outland | Building & Ground |
| Larry Krouse | Secretary |
| Robert Weekes | Finance |
| Dawn Whitt | Spiritual Life |
| Catherine Broks | FFY |
| Gary Traylor | |
| Nora Canon | |
| Catie Weekes | |
| Andy Ferm | |

Bereavement Committee

Fran Dacus

St. Anthony of Padua

| Mass Intentions December 27 – January 2 | | |
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| Wednesday | 9:00 am | Mary Ann Willett |
| Friday | 9:00 am | Richard & Virginia Klohr |
| Sunday | 8:00 am | Deanna Sue Hayward |

WEEKLY DONATIONS

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|--|--------------|
| Budget 2021/2022 Fiscal Year (July 2021-June 2022) | \$ 72,000.00 |
| Donation Need Each Week | \$ 1,386.54 |
| Weekly Donation 12/19/2021) | \$ 2,910.00 |
| Fiscal Year to Date | \$ 37,414.00 |
| Tornado Special Donation | \$ 100.00 |

Thank you so much for your faithful generosity! The Parishes and the Church's Mission depends on you!



Holy Family of Nazareth,

Make us more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family and its beauty in God's plan for human fulfillment.

Amoris Laetitia 325

St Anthony Mass Assignments – January 2, 2021

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| Lector | Darin Adrian |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Shara Parish |
| Prayers of the Faithful | |
| Ushers/Greeters | David Loxley Kippling Spencer |
| Server | Shara Parish |
| Money Counters | Shara Parish Kevin Diamond |

Save Aluminum Can Pull Tabs: To help families staying at the Ronald McDonald House through their children's surgeries in the neighboring hospitals in Louisville or Nashville. We have a basket by church doors to drop in the tabs.

Parish Council

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| Roy McFadden | Chair Person |
| Mike Drury | Vice Chair/Building & Ground |
| Debbie Owens | Secretary/Family Life |
| Shara Parish | Finance/ Building & Ground |
| Kelly Noonan | |
| David Loxley | |

The Holy Sacraments: Preparation for and Reception of the Sacraments

- + **MARRIAGE:** Preparation is needed prior to the wedding. Contact the office or Fr. Brian 6 months prior to date.
- + **BAPTISM:** Preparation is needed prior to the Sacrament. Contact the office or Fr. Brian 3 months prior to birth.
- + **HOSPITAL:** Please notify the office or Fr. Brian if you or someone whom you know is in the hospital.
- + **ANointing OF THE SICK:** Is offered to anyone ill, infirmed, or prior to surgery. Contact Fr. Brian at (270) 668-7675 (Emergency)
- + **CONFESSiON:** Saturday at 3:30 St Pius; or please ask Fr Brian before any mass, or to set an appt, please call him at 270-395-4727
- + **St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry:** 2nd & 4th Thursdays of each month during office hours (9 am-2 pm). Call the office at (270) 395-4727
- + **Bulletin information:** Must be submitted to the office by 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday. Email: stpiusx@stpiusx.us