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**Luke 2:22-40**

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, They took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, *Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord*, and to offer the sacrifice of a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons, in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord. Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, He took him into his arms and blessed God, saying: "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel." The child's father and mother were amazed at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted — and you yourself a sword will pierce—so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived seven years with her husband after her marriage, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer. And coming forward at that very time, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem. 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.

**Observances for the Week of  
December 28-January 3**

**Monday-Feast of the Holy Innocents**  
**Friday- Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**  
**Saturday-Feast of Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen**  
**Sunday-Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord**

**Weekly Mass Readings  
December 28-January 3**

**Monday** 1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Mt 2:13-18  
**Tuesday** 1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35  
**Wednesday** 1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40  
**Thursday** 1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18  
**Friday** Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21  
**Saturday** 1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28  
**Sunday** Is 60:1-6; Eph3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

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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 & 6:00 pm  
Thursday-8:00 am  
Friday-8:00 am

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

† **Online Mass**

Sunday -10:00 am  
Wednesday - 6:00 pm

**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**  
1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month-8:00 am  
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

A Message From Fr. Brian Johnson

December 27, 2020

Lk 2:22-40

Dear St. Pius And St. Anthony churches,

Happy Feast of the Holy Family! Yes, that is Jesus, Mary & Joseph. But Jesus Himself tells us in Mark 3: 33-35 “Who are my mother and [my] brothers?” And looking around at those seated in the circle he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers; whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.” So, we too, are part of the Holy Family of Jesus if we follow Him, and do His will! Of course, to fulfill God’s will means we first know it and then actually follow through completing it. Each of those steps can be a struggle. Our inspiration for following God’s will is Mary’s example of hearing the Angel Gabriel, and then responding with her ‘Yes’ to God. Mary first discerned what exactly God was telling her in Gabriel’s message when she *pondered what sort of greeting this might be....*” (Luke 1:29). Then her acceptance and following through to action can be seen in her statement of trust *“May it be done to me according to your word”* (Luke 1:38). Mary’s docility to God’s direction put her in perfect synchronicity with the movements of the Holy Spirit within her. The renunciation of her own ambitions and desires opened her to the graces that exemplify a model disciple. I am sure Mary had her own young ideas about how her life would go, but upon the Angel’s announcement, she let go and trusted God. I bet Mary could easily have prayed the long version of the Serenity Prayer many times in her life with Christ, saying, *“Not as I would have it, but Trusting that You God will make all things right, I surrender to Your will...”* She serves God, not herself, following His will and not her own. Yes, that letting go is hard. The serenity prayer means a lot to me. An earlier line in that longer version also says, *“Accepting hardship as the pathway to peace..”* Turning over our will (and our lives and other people) to God is *hard work!* Funny that it would be hard, because you would think that releasing a thousand pound weight would be the easiest thing, but try it! Somehow, we cling to our way and our ideas because of our egotistic pride and feelings of self-importance. How strange we are to cling to the burdensome weight of our will. Jesus himself will teach us later, *“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me,....”* (Matt 11:28-29). Being a disciple means letting go, and letting God lead! When we get over ourselves, and accept that God is in control, (even when it doesn’t look like it!), then comes the peace of knowing we are in God’s hands. And not just us, but everyone and everything, which brings us back to the Holy Family of God. We can have a starry eyed view of how a ‘holy family’ operates, and assume that everything is always peace and smiles, but even with every grace available, there can still be tense struggles. Mary herself testifies that it’s normal for ‘holy families’ to have tense relations and confusions, by her response to Jesus staying behind in the Temple once without giving them notice. They feared and fretted he was in danger and lost. Upon finding Him acting nonchalantly in the Temple with the Teachers, she says in Luke 2:48 *“Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you.”* I pick up the parental disappointment and frustration in her statement. ***But, that is family!*** A Holy Family continues to patiently accept and positively influence each other despite tension. Sanctification happens in family life when siblings or parents/children work through sacrifices together and gracefully accept each other. In every family, each member gives plenty of opportunities to the others for practicing their patience and working on their own holiness. Family life is full of labors of love and occasions to forgive. That is a natural part of loving and living together. Is family life hard? Yes, absolutely, but we love through it and keep practicing the holy works of loving sacrifice and steadfast devotion.

I find that the prophecy of Simeon in today’s gospel confirms the real toil of family life when he tells Mary that her heart will be pierced through the life of her Son Jesus. I am reminded of the traditional Catholic prayer we call the ‘Seven Sorrows’ Meditation? It lists at least seven moments in Mary’s life where this ‘heart breaking’ occurs: 1. The prophecy of Simeon. (Luke 2:34, 35) 2. The flight into Egypt. (Matthew 2:13, 14) 3. The loss of the Child Jesus in the temple. (Luke 2:43-45) 4. The meeting of Jesus and Mary on the Way of the Cross. 5. The Crucifixion. 6. The taking down of the Body of Jesus from the Cross. 7. The burial of Jesus. Many, if not all, parents have faced similar ‘dark nights’ with their children. And their holiness shines through by the commitment of love given especially through those times. It may be a sad truth but I’ve heard that ‘a mother cries when a child enters the world, and never stops crying as long as she loves’ (tears of concern, tears of worry-which is really found in all relationships). But, children do break their parents’ hearts at times. We might call that the ‘maturing process’ of the child. But the pain in the parent’s heart is still deeply felt. And even if the child doesn’t cause it, parents still suffer with their children as each child receives the ‘harsh lessons of life’. Of course, in the case of Jesus, He does not directly intend Mary any pain (Heaven’s no!), but she feels along with Him each wound and suffering that the sinful world inflicts upon Him. The Sacred Heart of Jesus shares the same flesh as the Immaculate Heart of Mary! These labors of love express Mary’s sanctity. Her joyful embrace of suffering with Jesus reflects the grace of her holiness and her trust in God’s will. May we love like her, too!  
Peace, Fr. Brian

## Another Saint in Time of Plague:

St. Francis DeSales

Born 8-21-1567 died 12-28-1622)

Francis de Sales was born in the family castle of Château de Sales, Thorens-Glières, a little south of Geneva. He was born into a politically connected noble family, his father being François de Sales, Lord of Boisy, Sales, and Novel, and his mother was Françoise de Sionnaz, the daughter of a powerful local magistrate. St Francis’ father mapped out his future career enrolling him in a privileged local Capuchin college at Annecy before he was even ten years old, wishing him to become a magistrate. At sixteen, he entered the Parisian Jesuit College de Clermont studying rhetoric and the arts. He had a personal tutor that was a priest, Abbé Déage. Happening to fall into a heated discussion one day about predestination, he experienced a personal theological crisis, feeling convinced that he was condemned to hell. He was overcome with anxiety over the state of his soul, and even began to despair to the point of experiencing a physical breakdown. He was bedridden with physical incapacitation for several months. Around January 1587 he struggled to visit the parish church of Saint-Étienne-des-Grès, Paris, surrendering himself to God. One of the prayers he offered was the “Memorare” in a shrine of Our Lady of Good Deliverance, asking her prayers for him. At this point, he felt assurance of God’s mercy, and dedicated his life to God. He committed to a vow of chastity and became a third order member of the Minim Friars. He meditated fervently on the scripture passage, “God is Love” to help him feel God’s peace, and overcome his doubts. He finished his college studies in rhetoric in 1588, and pursued a doctorate in law and theology at the University of Padua. In 1592, he graduated and was admitted to the bar as lawyer in Savoy. Francis felt called to become a priest, but his father secured him an appointment as a senator and tried arranging a marriage for him. Francis was adamant about continuing to prepare for life in the priesthood. His father only relented when the Bishop of Geneva intervened and had Francis sign away his rights to family inheritance and pass the succession to his younger brother. Francis was ordained a priest in 1593 and given the prominent position as provost of the cathedral chapter at Geneva. Francis was active and creative about evangelizing and countering the Calvinist Huguenots in the area. His life was threatened many times by religious opponents, yet he continued to preach and teach the Catholic Faith, always giving persuasive defenses of faith. He wrote popular pamphlets and explanations of faith, freely circulating them in town and to homes all over. He was always willing to answer questions and dialogue about Catholic belief with anyone. His reputation as a persuasive churchman and diplomat gained him many audiences with both Pope Clement VIII and King Henry IV of France. He became a trusted mediator between them. In 1599 he was appointed coadjutor-bishop of Geneva. In 1601, he was invited to give Lenten sermons at the Royal Chapel in the attempt to reform the disreputable moral atmosphere around the king (and including the King!). King Henry IV may not have ever undergone moral conversion, but he often sought Francis’ counsel, leading him to compliment him with the words, *“this Monsieur is devout and also learned; and not only devout and learned but at the same time a gentleman, which is very rare.”* St. Francis was an avid reformer of religious life and visited many convents and monasteries to institute wiser practices and tighten religious discipline. In 1602, he was consecrated Bishop of Geneva and continued to not only serve as shepherd to his Diocese, but kept up his efforts to explain the faith and convert Calvinists (apologetics). The diocese he administered was known throughout the country as a most efficient organization, served by zealous clergy and well-instructed laity and religious. Bishop DeSales was a much sought out spiritual director, a compassionate confessor and an eloquent preacher. Also, he was remarkable about advocating positive and healthy asceticism. His wise prudence and orthodox practicality inspired the holiness of others and brought about his own sanctification. While not a saint known for miraculous physical healings, St. Francis DeSales was well acquainted with the devastating effects of anxiety and despair, having suffered and revered from severe attacks himself. ***In this current pandemic and its attendant stresses and isolation, many people are suffering at home from anxiety, panic attacks and debilitating depression. St Francis’ pastoral counsel and prayer helped many people cope, adjust and find healing from their mental stresses. He assisted by prayer and direction the healing of St Jane Frances de Chantal who suffered previously from anxiety, scrupulosity and depression.*** St Francis was known for his compassionate listening and serene demeanor. He mere presence brought about healing and peace to those around him. Favorite sayings of his include, ***“Be patient with all things. But first of all with yourself” and “Nothing is so strong as gentleness, and nothing so gentle as real strength.”*** May his prayer and intercession strengthen our health care workers and protect them as they serve as healing instruments to those in their care. St. Francis DeSales, pray for us!

## DECEMBER 27, 2020 + FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, & JOSEPH

**Sympathy Prayers:** Please pray for the eternal rest of the soul of Bernadette Strickland (mother of Paula Strickland), and Sharon Ann Nelson (mother of John, Shawn, & Scott) who passed away this past week. Please keep all of the family in your prayers. May God comfort them in this time of grief especially at this time of year.

### **FFY News:**

The next Gospel Weeklies Unit will be mailed out to FFY families soon. For our FFY in-person sessions, we hope to gather in-person on January 6. If not, we will meet via Zoom.



### SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

January 1st

### **Mass Schedule:**

**New Year's Day**

**Friday, January 1, 2021**

**8:00 am** -St. Pius X (No First Friday evening Adoration)

**9:00 am** -St. Anthony of Padua (Adoration following Mass)

We are operating faithfully under the health safety guidance, which includes mask face coverings, no contact-touch and distancing between families. We do have the overflow area in parish hall arranged for when capacity is met, and we will be following the health guidelines strictly.

### **Prayer for the Sick**

Jesus, our Healer, You traveled through towns and villages curing every disease and illness among the people. Come to our aid now in this health crisis so that we may know your healing love. Heal those who are sick: may they regain their health and strength. Heal us from our fear, which prevents us from helping one another. Heal us from our pride, that may keep us from trusting and turning to you. Bless health care professionals with strength and compassion as they selflessly respond to our needs. We make this prayer in your strong and holy name, Jesus, who with the Father and Spirit, live and reign forever and ever. Amen

**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>).

### **Birthdays & Anniversaries:**

**December 28-January 3**

### **Happy Birthday:**

#### **St. Pius X**

**December 29**-Victoria Duzmal

**December 29**-Lynette Galvan

**December 30**-Allison Lucas

**December 31**-Randall Luecke

**January 1**-Dylan Pellegrin

**January 2**-Max Canon

**January 2**-Alex Galvan

**January 2**-Kathy Sanderson

#### **St. Anthony of Padua**

**December 31**-Todd Lucas

### **Happy Anniversary:**

#### **St. Pius X**

**No Anniversaries this week**

#### **St. Anthony of Padua**

**No Anniversaries this week**

### **Remember in Prayer**

**St. Pius X:** John Bardsley, Kaileigh Row, Rose Grossius, Bennett Meisenheimer, Neil Trammell, James Eden, Peter Bullock, Jim & Rose Drury, Wes Hayes, Mike Norvell, Maryann Huebschmann, Shirley Mangan, Kenny Matthews, Dora Miller, Miller Meisenheimer, Joann Najgebauer, Elizabeth Nelson, Johnny Poe, Joel Rivera, Sister Rosemary, 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, Jeanette Hayes, 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 Hebnor, Juanita Perkins, Ericka Karpstein, Joanna Cooper, Carolyn Outland, Angel Thompson, Kaye Poyner, Jerry Huebschmann, Dorothy Henry, Bob & Lois Tashjian, Kim Bruce, Rita Cook, Hannah Padgett, Juliette Kaplanes, Jack Bender, Penny Maupin, Don Kemp, Sharon Olejnicak, Tim Wilson, Beverly Dukes, Bill Norvell, Kacie Schmidt, Wallace Hunt, Phyllis White, Judy Krouse, Kerry Frazier, Rene Harrington, Joe Cirrito, Lisa Doyle, Forrest Michael Teeters, Mike Block, David Kroll, Cameron Brewer, Stefanie Wilkerson-Barragin, Hugo Santos, Sharon Gibbons, Lori Blades, Wayne Viniard, Braydn Barnett, Ann Burgess, and their families and caregivers

**St. Anthony of Padua:** Elena Carey, Donna & Jon Gresham, Bill Rodgers, Tom & Margie Sheppard, Bob & Lois Tashjian, Deanna Hayward, Mr. Driskill, Margaret Adams, Pat Gorbett, Ed Derringe, Charles Paulius, 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 28-January 3		
Tuesday	6:00 pm	<i>Pansy &amp; Lois Bullock</i>
Wednesday	8:00 am	<i>Sally Anne Klohr</i>
Wednesday	6:00 pm	<i>Gerry Block</i>
Thursday	8:00 am	<i>Terry Huebschmann</i>
Friday	8:00 am	<i>Lois Haas</i>
Saturday	4:30 pm	<i>Mary Ellen Mayhew</i>
Sunday	10:00 am	<i>Chester Rudnicki</i>

**WEEKLY DONATIONS**

Parish Hall Donation (12/20/20)	197.00
Budget for 2020/2021 Fiscal Year (July 2020-June 2021)	\$ 165,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 3,173.08
Weekly Donation (12/20/20)	\$ 5,925.00
Online Giving (12/20/20)	\$ 628.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 90,624.00

**Online Giving:** To sign up, visit our website at [www.stpiusx.us](http://www.stpiusx.us) and click on the link for "online giving" to set up your account. If you need assistance, please call the parish office.

**Parish Council**

Pam Hurst	Chair Person
Jeff Outland	Building & Ground
Larry Krouse	Secretary
Robert Weekes	Finance
Dawn Whitt	Spiritual Life
Catherine Broks	FFY

**Bereavement Committee**

Fran Dacus (618)383-4646

**Other Groups**

Finance Council	Harold Dacus, Chair
Art & Decorations	Paula Schmidt
Knights of Columbus	Philip Scheidegger

**St. Anthony of Padua**

Mass Intentions December 28-January 3		
Wednesday	9:00 am	<i>Special Intention</i>
Friday	9:00 am	<i>Matt Rowe</i>
Saturday	8:00 am	<i>Special Intention</i>
Sunday	8:00 am	<i>Edwina &amp; Frank Neel</i>

**WEEKLY DONATIONS**

Budget 2020/2021 Fiscal Year (July 2020-June 2021)	\$ 60,000.00
Donation Need Each Week	\$ 1,153.85
Weekly Donation (12/20/20)	\$ 2,100.00
Fiscal Year to Date	\$ 31,736.00

**Livingston County Helping Hands**

**Non perishable items needed:**

paper towels, toilet paper, laundry detergent, shampoo (adult & baby), bath soap, diapers, baby wipes, feminine hygiene products, dish soap, coffee, tea, mac and cheese, sugar, flour, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, tuna, salmon, other canned meats, canned fruits, canned vegetables

There is a collection container at the back of the church for your non- perishable items. Thank you for your generosity!

- Congratulations to Grant & Sommer Johnson! And
- Welcome to our newest member, newborn
- Kaiden Thomas Johnson who was baptized at St Anthony
- December 12, 2020! As newly baptized, we welcome him
- into the family of Christ and may he always walk as a
- child of light!

**Parish Council**

Roy McFadden	Chair Person
Mike Drury	Vice Chair/Building & Ground
Debbie Owens	Secretary/Family Life
Shara Parish	Finance
	Building & Ground –Indoor
Nick Zaim	Social/Spiritual Concern
Sr. Michael Friedman	Spiritual/Faith Formation

**Bereavement Committee**

Pat Gorbett (270)362-3377

*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:** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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 Wednesday. Email: [stpiusx@stpiusx.us](mailto:stpiusx@stpiusx.us)