

Holy Infant Catholic Church

Dec 24 through Dec 28



HOLIDAY MASS TIMES

Wednesday: Dec 24th – Lector: M. Houliston

4:30pm – Christmas Carols

5:00pm – Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord

Readings: 1st Is 9: 1-6 -- 2nd Ti 2: 11-14 – Gospel – Lk 2: 1-14

Thursday: Dec 25th – Lector S. Garrett

11:00am – The Nativity of the Lord

Special Collection – Catholic Charities

Holy Day of Obligation – Collection

Readings: 1st Is 52: 7-10 ---2nd Heb 1: 1-6 – Gospel Jn 1: 1-18

Saturday: Dec 27th – Lector: B. Akers

4:15pm – 4:45pm –Sacrament of Reconciliation

4:30pm – Praying of the Rosary

5:00PM Mass – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Sunday: Dec 30th – Lector – S. Reagan

11:00AM Mass – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Readings: 1st –Sir 3: 2-6, 12-14--2nd Col 3: 12-21– Gospel – Mt 2: 13-15, 19-23

Thursday: Jan 1st – Lector: J. O’Neil

10:00AM – Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Holy Day of Obligation – Collection

Readings: 1st –Nm 6: 22-27 -- 2nd Gal 4: 4-7 – Gospel – Lk 2: 16-21

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Father Michael's Christmas Message

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, Merry Christmas to you all and welcome to the celebration of Christmas for the year 2025. We spent four weeks preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus. The people of the time thought of Him as a political messiah, but His mission was saving mankind from sin and evil. The prophet Isiah spoke of the messiah with origins from the line of King David.

Christmas is a time of joy as it dawns our hope for salvation that Jesus accomplished on Good Friday. The birth of John the Baptist brought great joy and rejoicing to Elizabeth and Zechariah. The birth of Jesus equally brought great joy to the angels and shepherds as well as the three kings or wisemen. For us celebrating Christmas this year, our joy should radiate from opening the doors of our hearts for Jesus to find a dwelling and home.

The Holy Family Sunday will be celebrated next Sunday, December 28, 2025. This will also conclude the celebration of the Holy Year of grace. Let us be thankful to God for all the graces and spiritual strides we have been able to make in this Holy year. Let us continue to center our life and families on Christ as Mary and Joseph centered their life on Jesus.

To all our brothers and sisters in ill health and those grieving the loss of their loved ones, may you find comfort and hope in Jesus and the Holy Family.

Fr. Michael's Christmas Message (Cont)

I wish to thank you for your generous contributions to support the budget and programs at our respective Churches of Holy Infant and Shepherd of the Hills. I am deeply thankful to the Finance and Pastoral Councils for the Leadership roles coupled with generous use of talent and time.

I wish to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the choir members who are always there to make our Liturgy beautiful and lively. Thank you for the Christmas carols sung on Christmas Eve. December is a special month for me as I celebrated my birthday on December 16th and my Ordination Anniversary on December 19th. Thank you so much for the lovely greetings and wishes for Christmas as well. May you all be blessed at Christmas and the coming year 2026.

Please, pray for me as I go for my vacation. I will be leaving on December 29th returning on February 3rd, 2026. Fr. Dan Hesko will be taking care of the weekend Masses.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2026 and God bless.

Christmas Flower Offering

In Memory Of: **The Schuck/Akers Families** by Brad & Maryanne -- **Lucas & Sophia Skrobak, Joseph & Catherine Muia, Paul & Martha Shust, Tom Shust, Sophie Muscosky, Mary Rusek & David Buonomo** by Joe & Lillian Muia -- **Victor Ziemba, Jay Leary, Deceased Members of the Ziemba & Dix Families & those persecuted and died for our faith in Jesus Christ** by Kathryn Ziemba -- **Herbert Baugher, Joseph & Norma Gasper, Kenneth Burner,** by Mary Ann Baugher -- **Michael & Eva Moretti** -- by Mike & Julia Moretti -- **Edward & Michael Meyer, Lucy Ann Yocum, Clifford & Lillian Schaefer, William & Lucy Markert** -- by Bob & Clair Schaefer -- **Edward & Stephanie Chocola, Joseph C Sr & Henrietta Dobes, Delores Pechanic, Dennis Bobbe** -- by Joe & Pat Dobes -- **Mary Lucille Snuffin, William John Suuffin Jr., Diane Kenney Sanderford, Timothy Sanderford** -- by Wil and Barbara Snuffin -- **Chris Nestor & Joan Bassford** -- by The Rosary Guild -- **Sonia Rita Nantongo (Fr. Michael's Niece)** -- by the Parishioners of Holy Infant & Shepherd of the Hills

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The Angelus

The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.

R. And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.

Hail, Mary, etc.

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord

R. Be it done unto me according to Thy word.

Hail, Mary, etc.

V. AND THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH.

R. And dwell among us, Hail, Mary, etc.

V. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

LET US PRAY

Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts; that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ. Thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross, be brought to the glory of His Resurrection through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.