




December 26, 2021 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



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THE HOLY FAMILY



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Worship Aid and Bulletin

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Covenant Prayer: Father, you have called us to be a People of the Covenant. You sent your only begotten Son to be our Savior so that we might praise You, proclaim your Word, encounter You in the sacraments, welcome each other, share our faith, bring our sacrifices and be strengthened for your service. We pray that we might be a source of compassion toward the poor, justice for the oppressed, peace for the troubled, healing for the wounded, and wisdom for the searching. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us that we might live the mystery of your love and fulfill the covenant we celebrate in the Eucharist. Father, we ask this in Jesus' name. Amen

Introductory Rites

HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING

MENDELSSOHN

Verses



1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing: "Glo - ry to the
2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er -
3. Hail the heav'n - born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of

1. new - born King; Peace on earth, and mer - cy mild,
2. last - ing Lord; Late in time, be - hold him come,
3. Righ - teous - ness! Light and life to all he brings,

1. God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!" Joy - ful, all ye
2. Off - spring of a vir - gin's womb. Veiled in flesh the
3. Ris'n with heal - ing in his wings. Mild he lays his

1. na - tions, rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies; With an -
2. God - head see! Hail th'in - car - nate De - i - ty! Pleased as
3. glo - ry by, Born that we no more may die, Born to

1. gel - ic hosts pro - claim: "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
2. man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
3. raise us from the earth, Born to give us sec - ond birth.

Refrain

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King."

Text: 77 77 D with refrain; Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.
Music: Felix Mendelssohn, 1809-1847; arr. by William H. Cummings, 1831-1915.

Greeting

Gloria: from A Christmas Mass, Paul Gibson

1. Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you, we adore you,
we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Refrain: All



Glo - ri - a

1 in ex - cel - sis De - o, 2 De - o.

2. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
3. For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Penitential Rite

Opening Prayer

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

God sets a father in honor over his children; a mother's authority he confirms over her sons. Whoever honors his father atones for sins, and preserves himself from them. When he prays, he is heard; he stores up riches who reveres his mother.

Whoever honors his father is gladdened by children, and, when he prays, is heard. Whoever reveres his father will live a long life; he who obeys his father brings comfort to his mother. My son, take care of your father when he is old; grieve him not as long as he lives. Even if

his mind fail, be considerate of him; re-vile him not all the days of his life; kindness to a father will not be forgotten, firmly planted against the debt of your sins—a house raised in justice to you.

The Word of the Lord.
R: Thanks be to God

Responsorial:

Psalms 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10



R. [Bless-ed are they,] bless-ed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

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Second Reading: Col 3:12-21

Brothers and sisters:

Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your

hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Wives, be subordinate to your hus-

bands, as is proper in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and avoid any bitterness toward them. Children, obey your parents in everything, for this is pleasing to the Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children, so they may not become discouraged.

The Word of the Lord
R: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

REFRAIN



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



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Gospel: 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

Homily

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scrip-

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.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

tures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Music during the Preparation of the Altar and the Gifts: **IT CAME UPON THE MIDNIGHT CLEAR**

CAROL

1. It came up - on the mid - night clear, That glo - rious
 2. Still through the clo - ven skies they come, With peace - ful
 3. And ye, be - neath life's crush - ing load, Whose forms are
 4. For, lo, the days are has - tening on, By proph - et

1. song of old, From an - gels bend - ing near the
 2. wings un - furled, And still their heav'n - ly mu - sic
 3. bend - ing low, Who toil a - long the climb - ing
 4. bards fore - told, When with the ev - er - cir - cling

1. will to all From heav'n's all gra - cious King;" The
 2. low - ly plains They bend on hov - 'ring wing, And
 3. gold - en hours Come swift - ly on the wing: O
 4. all the earth Its an - cient splen - dors fling, And

1. earth To touch their harps of gold: "Peace on the earth, good
 2. floats O'er all the wea - ry world: A - bove its sad and
 3. way With pain - ful steps and slow, Look now! for glad and
 4. years Comes 'round the age of gold; When peace shall o - ver

1. world in sol - emn still - ness lay, To hear the an - gels sing.
 2. ev - er o'er its Ba - bel sounds The bless - ed an - gels sing.
 3. rest be - side the wea - ry road And hear the an - gels sing.
 4. all the world give back the song Which now the an - gels sing.

Text: CMD; Edmund H. Sears, 1810-1876, alt. Music: Richard S. Willis, 1819-1900, alt.

Preface: Holy, from A Christmas Mass (Paul Gibson)

Preface Dialogue

HOLY

A Christmas Mass
Paul Gibson

Cantor/choir:
Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord. God of ___ hosts.

All:
Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord. God of ___ hosts. Hea - ven and

Cantor/choir:
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na ___ in ___ the ___

All:
high - est, Ho - san - na ___ in the high - est, high -

All:
est, high - est. Ho - san - na ___ in the high - est.

Cantor/choir:
Bless'd is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Bless'd is he who

All:
Bless'd is he who

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Memorial
Acclamation

Cantor, then all:

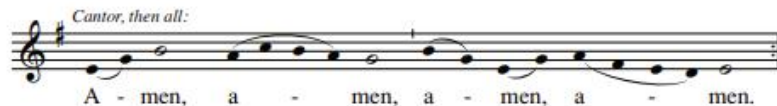
We pro - claim your Death, O Lord, and pro - fess your

Res - ur - rec - tion un - til you come a - gain.

Great Amen

AMEN

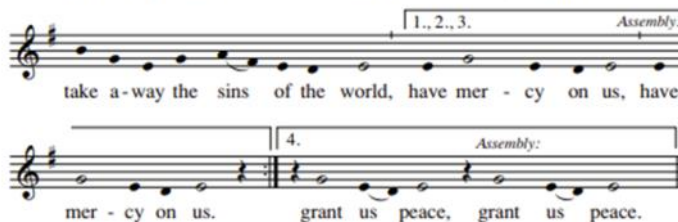
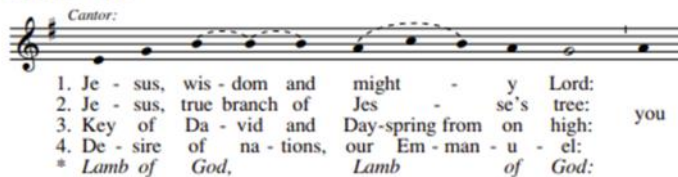
Priest: Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, for ever and ever.



Communion Rite

Lord's Prayer
Lamb of God

AGNUS DEI



Communion:

The First Nowell

THE FIRST NOWELL

1. The first Nowell, the angel did say,
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain

**Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel**

2. They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east, beyond them far;
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night.

3. And by the light of that same star
Three wise men came from country far;
To seek for a king was their intent,
And to follow the star wherever it went.

4. This star drew nigh to the northwest,
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
And there it did both stop and stay,
Right over the place where Jesus lay.

Meditation: : What Child is This, Greensleeves

Concluding Rite

Blessing

Solemn Dismissal

Sending Forth Hymn: **ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH**

1. Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply
Echo back their joyous strains.

2. Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
Say what may the tidings be

Which inspire your heav'nly song?

Refrain

Gloria in excelsis Deo!
Gloria in excelsis Deo!

3. Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee

Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.

4. See him in a manger laid
Whom the angels praise above;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,
While we raise our hearts in love.
(Refrain)

Thank you for worshipping with us today, and we are praying for you and your family!

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Weekend Mass Times

Saturday Vigil—4:30 p.m.

Sunday— 8:00 a.m. in the church; 10:45 a.m. In church

live-streamed at 10:45 a.m. on Facebook and YouTube



Weekday Mass in the Chapel

Mon—8 a.m. Eucharistic Service

Tues-Sat—8 a.m.

JGS offers Sunday Mass via livestream, either on our Facebook Page or on our Youtube page.

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On this last Sunday of 2021, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Later this week, we celebrate the beginning of a new year –2022. Thanks be to God!



We hear in today's Gospel, how the Holy Family arrived at Nazareth. "Nazareth is a kind of 'school' where we may begin to discover what Christ's life was like and even to understand His Gospel. Here we can observe and ponder the simple appeal of the way God's Son came to be known, profound yet full of hidden meaning. And gradually, we may even learn to imitate him" [Pope St. Paul VI, January 5, 1964].

As we begin a new year, we pray especially for peace:

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
 where there is hatred, let me sow love;
 where there is injury, pardon;
 where there is doubt, faith;
 where there is despair, hope;
 where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.
 O divine Master,
 grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
 to be understood as to understand,
 to be loved as to love.
 For it is in giving that we receive,
 it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
 it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

I wish you and your loved a blessed and happy New Year! God bless you!

Father Mike

Weekend Mass Intentions for December 26, 2021

Sun	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of Bette Herriman, grandmother of Lauryn Moomaw, at the request of the JGS Walking with Purpose Ministry
Sun	10:45 AM	For the repose of the soul of Robert Louis Swetz at the request of Jane and Raymond Smith and family

Mass Intentions for December 27-Jan 1, 2022

Mon	12/27	8 AM	<i>Eucharistic Service</i>
Tues	12/28	8 AM	For the repose of the soul of Lisa Ann Tetrault at the request of the JGS Money Counting Ministry
Wed	12/29	8 AM	For the repose of the soul of Beatrice Schreiber at the request of the Schreiber family
Thurs	12/30	8 AM	For the Holy Souls in Purgatory
Fri	12/31	8 AM	For the repose of the soul of Roger Remaley on the 8th anniversary of his death at request of Beverly Remaley
	12/31		Mary, Mother of God Vigil 4:30 PM
Sat	1/1		Mary Mother of God 9:30 AM



Liturgical Ministers — Help is needed!

We are back to full capacity!! Did you know it takes 7-8 volunteers for *EVERY* Mass to run smoothly? Can you help? Please contact the church office as soon as possible if you can help fill this critical need. We need Eucharistic Ministers, Greeters, Lectors and Altar Servers. You may contact Sheryl at receptionist@ccjgs.org or Katie at music@ccjgs.org. Interested Altar Servers may contact Laurie Spence at Laurietspence@yahoo.com. Thank you so much!

News and Events



You made a difference!!! Thank you to all JGS parishioners who took a tag from the Angel Tree and provided a gift to someone in need. Here are some numbers to show what you did.

The Calvert County Tree of Angels 2021 received support from several organizations, businesses, churches and individuals for the 170 families that requested help from Calvert County Department of Social Services. Jesus the Good Shepherd took 18 of those families (just over 10% of the entire county). There were 90 tags for 34 kids and all those tags were taken from our Angel tree in less than a week and were all returned – that is 100%!

Our deepest thanks for your support in providing the toys the kids wanted and the clothing they needed/requested. Our parishioners are the best – going above and beyond to give to those in need. We were simply overwhelmed with your support – you all made a difference and with your help, we know there will be plenty of smiles this upcoming Christmas day.

Finally, our huge thanks to the JGS staff's support and Angel Tree volunteers – it couldn't have been such a success without you!
- JGS Angel Tree coordinators



JOIN US FOR THE NEXT COMMUNITY DINNER AND TRIVIA NIGHT!

SHARE IN FELLOWSHIP AND HOSPITALITY BY DINING IN THE CENTRE

Menu:
Pork Bolognese over pasta
Seasoned Broccoli
Salad
Homemade desserts
Dinner roll

When: **Saturday, January 8**
Serving Time 5:30 - 6:30

Suggested cost is \$10 per person and \$30 per household. Need at least 50 orders to make this work. We ask that you pre-order and pre-pay for the buffet dinner. [Please click here to pre-order.](#) Or reach out to Don Poudrier at djpoudrier@gmail.com or Mike Horabik at Michael.Horabik@comcast.net. Please have orders in by Thursday, January 6, 5:00 PM.

If you wish to have orders "To Go", the team will help you out. Please be patient with To Go orders, as all meals are prepared via buffet style.

All proceeds benefit the Men's Club Citizenship Award.

THE JANUARY COMMUNITY DINNER IS ADDING TRIVIA NIGHT. Enjoy a meal (5:50 - 6:30) and then pull your team together for a Trivia Contest. Trivia will start at 7:00. If you need babysitting, our Active Catholic Teens will be happy to provide the service in the gym for a Good Will offering that will assist with the Summer Mission Trips. Those with young children, this is a great opportunity to enjoy dinner as a family and then relax and play trivia as the kids have their fun in the gym. Children should be of age where they use the bathroom on their own.



Satisfy this weekend's Mass obligation (no 2 for 1):

Solemnity of the Holy Family

Sunday, December 26, 8:00 & 10:45 a.m.



Holy Day of Obligation

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Friday, December 31, 4:30 p.m. Vigil

Saturday, January 1, 2022, 9:30 a.m.

Satisfy this weekend's Mass obligation (no 2 for 1):

Epiphany of Our Lord

Sunday, January 2, 2022 8:00 & 10:45 a.m.

(Livestream as well)

Baptism of Our Lord – January 8-9, 2022

Regular weekend schedule; officially closes the Christmas Season



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT—Will resume on January 6, 2022.

Click here to sign up or go to: <https://ccjgs.flocknote.com/signup/76709>.



MARCH FOR LIFE— Friday, January 21, 2022—Its not too

early to plan! JGS Pro-Life Ministry has arranged for a school bus to take parishioners to the March for Life Rally on the

Mall, which starts at noon, followed by the March to Capitol Hill and the Supreme Court. We should return to JGS by 5 p.m. All adults and families in our community are welcome to stand up (and march!) for the "least of my brethren", the unborn child. A sign up sheet will be available in the atrium starting in the New Year or contact Buzz Burek (301-812-1868, buzzburek@comcast.net). More details to follow. For more information about this national event please go to <https://marchforlife.org/>.



CHILDREN AND YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

Morning Classes will meet: Jan 9, Jan 23

Evening Classes will meet: Jan 9, Jan 23

ACT Youth Group will meet: Jan 9, Jan 23



Confirmation Class: Jan 9, Jan 23

Contact the church office at 410-257-3810 if you have questions.

CONFIRMATION 2022 FAMILIES: All Confirmation families are kindly reminded if they have not done so to submit their application for Sponsor into the church office ASAP. The updated Eligibility Form was distributed at the latest Confirmation meeting and also sent out via email with a follow-up letter with other important information. The quicker the application is submitted to the church office, the quicker the sponsor can be approved. Thank you!



Attention! Do not miss all the good stuff:

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PLEASE SLOW DOWN: Over the years, we have seen more traffic on our grounds due to the use of the pavilion, an increase in truck deliveries due to more “on-line” shopping, visits to our cemetery, a gradual return to more social activities at JGS and the regular, daily traffic patterns for Cardinal Hickey Academy. Unfortunately, there has also been a simultaneous increase in speeding. This past summer saw some minor car accidents resulting in car damage, “rattled nerves,” and the involvement of personal insurance companies of drivers.

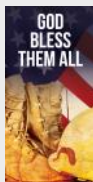
To help remedy this situation, a few years ago more safety/caution signs were installed. Despite these words of caution and increase in number, there continues to be excessive speeding on parish grounds warranting further action. This action is being pro-active to address the future safety of all parishioners and visitors, especially the most vulnerable among us – our children, the disabled and the elderly.

As a result, speed bumps at four critical areas in our large parking lot are about to be installed. This action is being taken after consultation with and recommendation by Cardinal Hickey Academy, the Safety and Security Committee and the Stewardship Committee of JGS. There will be an evaluation to see if these few speedbumps will work in slowing down vehicles. Hopefully, this will sufficiently address the problem. Thank you for your cooperation in slowing down in general as you enter, park and leave our parking lot for the overall safety of all drivers and pedestrians.

PRAYERS FOR THE MILITARY

Staff Sergeant Christopher R. Skirchak; LT Jg Matthew Schwartz; Steve Looney; Billy Looney; Will Jones; Michael Hardy; LCDR Alex Scott; Nicholas Majers; David Keffer; James Lan-son Weeks; Captain Robert Pat-terson, USMC; LT Nadila Khan, USN; Ross Noon; Col Phil Noltemeyer; Matthew Cullens; William Ryan Thayer; LT. Col. Brian Genelin; Michael Parker; Michael Henry Thayer;

Gerald Cullens; Noah Pirner; Scott Mega; Capt. Kal Bassma; Mark Smith; Jacob Floyd; Joseph Masoero; Christo-pher Kuczek; Tyler Menoche; Tim Addison; Dylan Rayfield; Joshua Snyder; Brennan McConnell; Ian Torr; Mi-chael Metler; Joey Wyvill; Mike Wilson; Shane Nissen; Lt. Ridge Alkonis, USN



Please contact the church office to have a name added to this list.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 26, 2021

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52 Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8 Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18 Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35 Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40 Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18 Saturday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21 Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12 ©LPI



LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK -It was the best of times and it was the worst of times. Our families can bring out the best and the worst in us. This is true of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our church, our society, and the like. In all of our family experiences, what stands out as our most challenging memory? Everything human can be found on the pages of family life. But there is also a Divine story to be discovered as well. When life gets difficult and perplexing, today’s Feast of the Holy Family stands to remind us that it is not just by human effort that we tread treacherous waters. We have to remember and learn from the Divine effort too. We need this perspective if our love lessons are going to be learned completely and well. We are all works in progress and we all come from homes that are broken by imperfection. In whatever life brings us and in whatever family we find ourselves, may the promptings we feel toward faith and hope lead us to greater love. ©LPI

JGS Walking With Purpose Women's Bible Study—



Dear JGS Women and your sisters, mothers and women friends, have you been thinking about making a New Year's Resolution to spend more time on your spiritual growth? Would you like to study scripture with other women in a safe and loving environment? Have you heard about the video series, **The Chosen**, and would you like to watch it with other women and be able to discuss the content? Ever wonder what God's plan is for you and what His priority is? How about joining us for a new Walking With Purpose Study called "Ordering Your Priorities?" Maybe you would like to join our Bible Study, "Touching the Divine", to learn more about God's message in the Gospel of John? We have all these options for you beginning in January 2022. If you would like to know more, please reach out by email or phone to Vicki Thorne, JGS Walking With Purpose Pastoral Coordinator at vwt22@comcast.net or cell 301-325-4904. Our classes are held in the JGS Shepherd's Cove and are as follows:

- Monday** 9:30-11:30 am January 10 - May 3 **The Chosen**
 - Tuesday** 9:30-11:30 am January 10 - March 8 **Ordering Your Priorities**
 - Tuesday** 7-9 pm January 4-April 26 **The Chosen**
 - Thursday** 6:30-8:30 pm January 6-April 21 **Touching the Divine**
- Lord Jesus, teach me to know you better through your scriptures. Amen.*



The sick: Marty Oberman, brother of Cindy Morgan; Michael Davis, nephew of Craig and Sheryl Fischer; Karen Worrell; Gloria Leber, Dante Nazzaro; Rachel Guest & son Patrick Michael Guest; Patty Shields; Jean Mensh; Thomas Haug; Lorraine Dusseau; Maria Huffer; Lou Flaig; Anita Stuck Culkin; Gail Ricker; Les Silva; Jenna Beeson; Marilyn Cooney; Chuck Kuhn; Dolores Marinaccio; Gina Richardson; Tony Dockum; Ronald Joseph Furr; Becky Furr; Mary Ann Sil-va; Janet Barna; Tom Floyd; Riley Bodenhorn; Ed Brophy; Linda Patterson; John Albright; Ralph Smola; Anthony Wyvill; John Hepp; Tammy Pierce; James Richardson, Sr.; Verna Jurewicz; Doreen Dardzinski; Katie Lakie; Elaine Shelby; Keith Hanagriff; Tim Connors; Alma Marie Streicker; Sue Baczynski; Anne Brophy; Duke Dusseau; Bob Adams; Marsha Dunn; Janet Cleary; Pat Conway; Leslie Hill; Bobbie Martin; Chad Martin.

Friends/relatives in need of prayer and for those who have died contact the church office monthly to include them in our bulletin. 8

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

All in the Family

At first glance, we can often find the image of the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph and the Christ Child intimidating — who are we to aspire to that level of discipleship? How could we ever hope to conform ourselves to that mold? Sometimes, it can even be painful — perhaps we hail from a broken family or struggle with a broken relationship within our family, or perhaps we long to be a mother or a father ourselves and that state in life has eluded us.

But the image of the Holy Family is, in reality, a beautiful invitation to us all, no matter our vocation or our state in life, and the example of Mary, Joseph and Jesus is rich with the symbolism of stewardship.

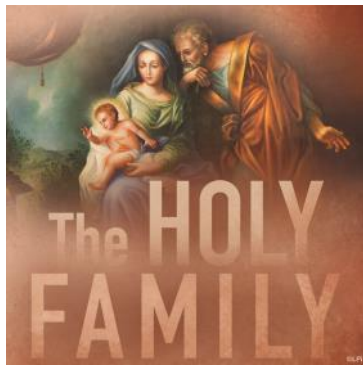
You need not be a biological mother who has carried a child in her womb to be a mother in spirit. Who in your world needs you to love them with the heart of a mother?

The same goes for fatherhood. The Church and the world are crying out for the courageous witness of Christian men like St. Joseph. Who can you love with the steadfast, selfless protection of a father?

Who in your life needs you to love them with the faithful, unconditional love of a son? Who needs your gentle and constant love as a daughter?

We are the Body of Christ, friends. Those of us rejoicing in heaven, those of us suffering in purgatory, and those of us struggling here on earth. We are the great family. Let us love each other well.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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STATUS ON MASK REQUIREMENTS: Beginning Mon, Nov22, Calvert County will join the District and St. Mary's County in NOT requiring face coverings at indoor Masses and most parish events. Masks are still required for now at all schools either by government requirement or Catholic Schools Office policy.



APPEAL FOR DONATIONS FOR NEW TABLES FOR THE CENTRE: Since 1990, the round tables in our Centre have faithfully served our community. Over the last 30+ years, these tables have been used for COUNTLESS parish dinners, hospitality after Masses and receptions of all kinds.

Unfortunately, the tables are showing more “wear and tear.” In addition, with today’s technology, new tables are more durable but more lightweight. We are currently inviting members if they would like to make a donation specifically toward a new table. The new tables will be so much easier for people to set up/breakdown for our many social needs at JGS.

Our current tables which are still useable will be kept and placed in storage for when we need tables for outside events [e.g., Covenant Sunday]. This will help us to rent fewer tables in the future and reduce annual expenses. The cost of a new table is \$438.57. If you can assist, even with a partial donation, that would be deeply appreciated! A total of 25 tables is needed for the Centre. As of this writing, there are donations to purchase 5 tables. Thank you very much for your kind support.

Contact Laura Cleary at 410-257-3810 (secretary@ccjgs.org) for Mass Cards/ Intentions; Sponsor Certificates (for Sacraments) or to place bulletin announcements. *Deadline for bulletin items is Thursday at noon, 10 days before the weekend you want your article to appear. Thank you!*



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For more information [visit our website](#) or contact us at office@cardinalhickeyacademy.org



Dear Members and Friends of Jesus the Good Shepherd Community,

The last year or so have certainly changed all of our lives. For us at Jesus the Good Shepherd, these times have been both a challenge and a blessing. As we approach Christmas this year, we can recall Christmas last year . . . what a difference a year makes! One of the many blessings that pulled us through was your tremendous generosity at the Christmas collection. I am so very grateful to you, because I know many also struggle during these difficult times.

Now as we approach Christmas, 2021, I again appeal to you to help ensure that Jesus the Good Shepherd gets off to a positive start for the New Year. I ask every household to consider your Christmas offertory gift to your parish community at Jesus the Good Shepherd. We have always relied on a strong Christmas collection. There is so much to be thankful for in the past but also as we look to the coming days and consider how to go forward. We cannot do it without you. Your heartfelt generosity has gotten us through in the past and I rely heavily on you again. I thank God for your willingness and I count on you again. God bless you!

Father Mike

As an added incentive for JGS Faith Direct Recurring Gift Match Promotion

For every first gift from a new recurring donor that is added between November 1 and December 31, 2021, *FaithDirect* will match that first gift, up to \$50, with a maximum match of \$1,000 per parish. To be eligible for the matching gift, more than one installment must be set-up and the first recurring gift must be processed through Faith Direct by December 31, 2021.



Click or go to ccjgs.org/partners or use the QR code to sign up today!

SACRIFICIAL GIVING for the weekend of December 12, 2021:

Weekly Offertory \$ 6,958

We need \$7025 weekly in offertory to stay afloat
We need \$32,500 monthly in Faith Direct to stay afloat
*Egiving through FaithDirect is calculated monthly.

**Thank you
for your
generosity!**

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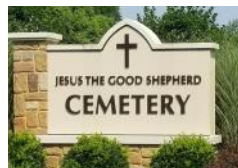
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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



Next Adoration will be January 6, 2022
Please sign in using the sign-in sheet on
the table next to the door.

Please note: The JGS office will be closed
December 23—December 31.
Eucharistic Adoration will resume
Thursday, January 6, 2022.



OFFICE HOURS

Thursday, December 23—Friday, December 31, 2021
for the Christmas Holiday.

NEW TO PARISH? – Welcome to our Catholic Community! We encourage you to register with us as soon as possible. To register go to ccjgs.org/im-new. The best way to connect with us is through Flocknote. **From your phone:** Text: 84576 Keyword: ccjgs **From your computer:** <https://app.flocknote.com/ccjgs>. To be eligible for admission to our Children's Faith Formation Program, reception of the Sacraments or to receive testimonial letters for sponsorship, an individual must be a registered, participating member of the parish, attend the sacraments, and support the parish via offering and involvement.

RCIA – We welcome adults interested in becoming Catholic into our RCIA program. Please contact the church office at 410-257-3810 x1000, 1001 or 1003.

BAPTISM PREPARATION - Parents seeking baptism are encouraged to call the church office at 410-257-3810 or email receptionist@ccjgs.org. We invite all new (and expecting!) parents to a baptism retreat to be held 3 times per year.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY - We rejoice with members who are preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage. Please contact our office at least **six months** in advance; otherwise, dates cannot be guaranteed. Please do not set a date before making Church arrangements first. Dates for weddings will not be arranged before a preliminary meeting.

ANointing OF THE SICK AND HOLY COMMUNION: Please contact the church office if you or a family member is homebound, in the hospital, or in a nursing home and would like to receive these sacraments. We will do our best as restrictions allow during the pandemic.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION/PENANCE: Saturdays 3:00-4:00 p.m. or by appointment.

Mission Statement: “We, the Roman Catholic Parish of Jesus the Good Shepherd Catholic Community, have chosen to serve the Lord by evangelizing through the virtues of Hospitality, Spirituality and Stewardship.” 10