

ST. NICHOLAS OF TOLENTINE CHURCH

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil

7:00 p.m. **Spanish** (organ & cantor)

Sunday

8:00 a.m. **English** (organ & cantor)

9:30 a.m. **Spanish** (organ & cantor)

11:30 a.m. **English** (organ & cantor)

1:30 p.m. **Vietnamese** (keyboard & choir)

Weekdays

8:30 a.m. **Spanish** (Mon-Fri.)

12:00 p.m. **English** (Mon-Fri)

7:45 a.m. **Vietnamese** (Thu & Sat)

CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION

All those who are called to follow Jesus in the Catholic faith along with Catholics already baptized (adults, youth & children) who desire to celebrate the sacraments of First Confession, First Communion and Confirmation can make contact with the coordinator of this area for information about the various programs available. Registration for these programs are announced in the bulletin during various times of the year. Also appointments can be made in the parish office at anytime.

Parents wishing to baptize their children (ages 1-5) are invited to make an appointment in the parish office to speak with a staff member in order to make arrangements for participating in the Baptismal Program.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)

Saturday 5:30-6:30 p.m. and at the parish office by appointment.

MARRIAGE

Couples planning to be married should call for an appointment six months in advance of the wedding.

VISITS TO THE SICK

In emergency, call the parish office at any hour. Please inform the office of sick or homebound who desire the sacraments.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to all parishioners.

We encourage all parishioners to register at our parish office. We invite new parishioners to make an appointment to meet a member of the parish staff.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - FRIDAY 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. open

MONDAY - THURSDAY 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. open

SATURDAY 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

SUNDAY 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.



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THE HOLY FAMILY



LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

For three days, Mary and Joseph search and worry before finding Jesus in the temple. “Didn’t you know where I was?” he says to them, in so many words. We, too, look for Jesus. We, too, know where to find him. Let us never forget and never despair.

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The Holy Family

As a first-time pastor in a parish, I received a phone call one afternoon from a young married couple, “Father, our 2-year-old son drowned in our pool this morning. We are at the hospital. Please help us.” I sped over. The little boy was gone, his body cold, slightly blue, laid out on a bed. His parents were distraught and in shock. For the next few years, I walked with the couple along their difficult and painful road. They openly shared with me how they were often tempted to blame and accuse each other for the loss. And yet, by God’s grace, their love for each grew stronger and deeper as the years went by.

The Holy Family was not without its pain and loss, either. Luke tells us, after losing their twelve-year-old son, Joseph and Mary “**after three days found him in the temple area, sitting among the teachers...**” (Luke 2:46). We don’t know specifically what those three days were like for them except for what Mary says: “**Your father and I have been looking for you anxiously.**” The three days of his absence foreshadow his death and burial. His finding in the temple is a kind of resurrection for his family. They had to learn, again and again, that their family was becoming a place where death and resurrection was not only accepted but welcomed and celebrated. But surely they deeply felt the dangerous agony of their loss — just like every couple who has lost a child.

What losses in your experience of family still cause you anxiety? In what ways has God’s presence seemingly vanished in your family? Will you keep searching for Jesus? Remember, he will rise and be found. Your family may be suffering, but when he is found, it will be stronger than ever before.

— *Father John Muir*

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Readings for the week of December 29, 2024

Sunday: 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10
(see a)/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52
Monday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18
Wednesday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28
Friday: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34
Saturday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42
Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13
(see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Observances for the week of December 29, 2024

Sunday

The Holy Family

Tuesday

St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year’s Eve

WednesdayMary, The Holy Mother of God, New Year’s Day,
World Day of Peace**Thursday**Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops
and Doctors of the Church**Friday**

The Most Holy Name of Jesus

Saturday

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Where is Jesus?

Every mother who has ever lost sight of her child in a crowd, even for a few seconds, knows the panic.

I think of Mary living with that level of anxiety for three straight days. I doubt she slept, but I'm sure Joseph forced her to lie down at night, imploring her to think of her health, to rest while he kept on searching the streets of Jerusalem. I imagine her lying there, eyes open and staring at the ceiling. Mary, full of grace. Mary, spotless of sin. Weeping in the dark, whispering, "Where is he?"

It's an experience that we all have at one point or another. Running through the world, desperate and confused, just trying to find God and failing so miserably that we wonder if He's purposefully eluding us.

If Mary couldn't even find Him, do we stand a chance?

Why didn't Mary think to look in the temple? She had wisdom beyond anyone else who ever lived, at least when it came to Jesus. But I think God purposefully dropped a veil over her reasoning for these three days, so that He could show us it's okay to lose our way.

He isn't eluding us. In fact, He's trying to make it easy. He's staying put, in one place, the very place we should know to look. But the streets of our life are so crowded and loud, so full of distraction.

The Christmas season is about God revealing to us who and what and where He is. He has told us. The question is, have we listened?

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First Reading:

"I prayed for this child, and the LORD granted my request.

Now I, in turn, give him to the LORD;

as long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the

LORD." (1 Sm 1:27-28)

Psalm:

Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord. (Ps 84)

Second Reading:

Beloved, we are God's children now;

what we shall be has not yet been revealed. (1 Jn 3:2)

Gospel:

After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers. (Lk 2:46)

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK
DECEMBER 30, 2024**

Monday

8:30am

Odulia Muñoz Bravo (D), José Flores Ramírez (D), Acción de gracias cumpleaños Kimberly Flores Hernández (L)

12:00pm

Tuesday

8:30am

José Miguel Pena (D), Santa Zapata (D), Dando gracias por todo lo recibido 2024

12:00pm

Wednesday

7:45am

María Tu & María Hue
Carlos, María, Carlos Juan Acosta (D)

10:00am

Thursday

8:30am

12:00pm

Friday

8:30am

Acción de gracias al Sagrado Corazón de Jesús, Emilio Collado, José Nicolás Pena, Teresa Chío (D), Jaime Román (D) Ricardo Reyes (L)-por su salud

12:00pm

Saturday

7:45am

Lorenzo Nguyen & Madalena
Patricia Tellas Navarettes (D)

7:00pm

Sunday

8:00am

People of SNT
Nancy Cruz & Roberto Cruz (D), Madina de Jesus Espinal Hernandez (D), Jose Ramon Taveras (D)

9:30am

11:30am

1:30pm

Phero Luc & To Tien

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION
DECEMBER 22, 2024**

Tithing: \$7,734.15

Children: \$0.00

Total: \$7,734.15

We pray for the People of St. Nicholas of Tolentine.

We pray for the sick:

We pray for the dead: