



## St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

800 Gornto Rd, Valdosta GA, 31602

## & San José Mission

421 Marion Ave, Lake Park, GA 31636

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2020**

# THE HOLY FAMILY



The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom;  
and the favor of God was upon him. - Lk 2:40

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Parish registration

Newcomers to the parish are asked to register with the office as soon as possible. We would like to meet you and give you a welcome packet!

BAPTISM

Classes are scheduled by appointment through the Church Office.

***Baptism packet/registration must be picked up in advance, please stop by the Church Office.***

MARRIAGE

Contact the church office at least six months in advance.



WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, December 28th  
9:00am — + John Bugay

Tuesday, December 29th  
9:00am— +Peter Dandrea

Wednesday, December 30th  
12:10pm— +David Dennis

6:00pm—+Jay Delaney

Thursday, December 31st  
Church Office Closes at Noon  
9:00am—+John Fleming

Vigil for the Solemnity of Mary,  
The Holy Mother of God

6:00pm (Church)  
Special Intention

7:00pm (San José)

Friday, January 1st  
(Church Office Closed)

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy  
Mother of God

10:00am—+Sr. Joan Harrington  
12:00pm—(Spanish) People of  
the Parish

Saturday, January 2nd  
5:00pm—+Elham Hardan

Sunday, January 3rd  
7:30am —+Sr. Justine Ostini

9:30am—+Stephanie Nelson

12:00pm —+Nicky Godwin

2:00pm (Spanish)  
People of the Parish

**CONFESSION:**

Sunday 9:00 —9:20am (Advent)

Wednesday 5:00—5:30pm

Saturday 4:00—4:45pm

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:**

Wednesday / 4:00-5:40pm

First Friday 9:30—11:00am

(January date is the 8th)

# WEEKLY PRAYER

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 27, 2020

- SUN 12/27** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1] or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [7a, 8a]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40
- MON 12/28** 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18
- TUE 12/29** 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35
- WED 12/30** 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40
- THR 12/31** 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18
- FRI 1/1** Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
- SAT 1/2** 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 1:19-28
- SUN 1/3** 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

## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 27, 2020

- Sunday:** The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
- Monday:** The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
- Tuesday:** St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr
- Thursday:** St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve
- Friday:** Mary, The Holy Mother of God; New Year's Day; World Day of Peace
- Saturday:** Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church
- Sunday:** The Epiphany of the Lord; National Migration Week

## LIVE THE LITURGY

### Inspiration for the week

While families come in all shapes and sizes and no two are the same, they all need a common focus and grounding. Families are intended to be pivotal in providing us with a proper social structure and understanding, a support system, lessons about relationships and communication and the unconditional acceptance and love we so desperately crave. In addition to all of these things, the axis of every family has to be centered on faith. It is here that we can learn about the virtues and discover the windows to God Himself in His gifts of faith, hope, and love. We can learn, modeling our experience after the Holy Family, how to use these as anchors in our lives so that we can live out the other virtues with greater integrity. Because our human families struggle with weakness and sin, we have to come back to the Holy Family often for inspiration and guidance. In the bond of love that they shared, they clung to the anchor of God Himself and endured challenges far greater than many we will ever face.



New  
Year's  
Blessings

# WORSHIP & MEDITATION



## FIRST READING

The Lord took Abram outside and said, "Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can. Just so," he added, "shall your descendants be."  
(Gn 15:5)



## PSALM

The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.  
(Ps 105)



## SECOND READING

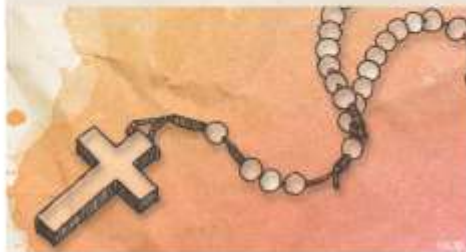
By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; he went out, not knowing where he was to go.  
(Heb 11:8)



## GOSPEL

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him. (Lk 2:40)

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Tragedy and disappointment are inevitable. What sees you through this? There will be challenges, changes, unexpected circumstances, interrupted plans, hurts, and injustices experienced by every human being at some point in their lives. We will be asked to adjust our plans, change course, and even encounter suffering and death. Where do we learn all of the lessons we need to live life well? Some of them we learn along the way but much of what we bring to life, positive and negative, comes from our early beginnings, our families. This is our early world and provides the blueprint for how we see the bigger, more inclusive world, which unfolds before us.

Our families of origin can be sources of grace, heartache or a combination of both. Families are intended to be pivotal in providing us with proper social structure and understanding, a support system, lessons about relationships and communication, and the unconditional acceptance and love we so desperately crave. They can also determine whether we have an accessible and healthy relationship with God. Many of life's challenges can literally bring us to our knees and require that we possess a strength of character that resides well beyond the superficialities of our world. At some point we will all need three coping gifts that can be given to us only by God: faith, hope, and love. Our families help us learn that we are not the ones responsible for their creation, but God!

Our experience of early family life colors all of our relationships and what we expect to achieve from life in general. Resolving conflicts, dealing with difficulty and suffering, celebrating accomplishments, prioritizing our needs, listening to God's call, understanding relationships, understanding disappointment, learning about the virtues and living a centered focused life are all lessons our families either succeed in teaching or do not. To succeed, as God has designed and ordered our world, is to discover his presence and then trust that Presence. The Holy Family can teach even the most dysfunctional family how to best use God's gifts of faith, hope, and love to find him and do his will. Their simple humble example is always before us, showing us the way. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!

## JOINED BY FAITH; CALLED TO SHARE

OFFERTORY  
Week of December 13th

NOT AVAILABLE AT THE TIME OF PUBLICATION

Please consider online giving:  
<https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/1566>

Offertory may also be mailed to the parish or dropped in our secure lock box near the front door of the office.



ANNUAL CATHOLIC  
APPEAL

Parish Target: \$76,802.00  
**Total Given: \$73,324.56** (as of 12/11/20)  
Percent of target: **95.47%**  
Parishioner Participation: 23.94%  
Number of donors: 170

Please consider a donation to the ACA if you have not already done so: <https://diosav.org/baa>

Please make note: At this time we are not able to offer missalettes for distribution. These disposable missalettes, along with the hymnals, come with a three year contract which we have determined is not economical or environmentally friendly. We are planning to eventually provide permanent hardbound hymnals with readings for years A, B and C. These will be ordered and placed in the pews when it is determined it is safe to do so. In the meantime we do have available the monthly subscription to Word Among Us. The combined edition for January and February has been placed out and we have ordered more to distribute as soon as possible. You may use the Word Among Us for daily Mass and Sunday Mass. Also, readings are available on our parish app and through the USCCB.org website.

23RD ANNUAL  
**REVERSE DRAW**  
ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC SCHOOL

**TICKETS ON SALE NOW!**

**HAVANA Nights**

**Saturday, February 13 2021**  
**Rainwater Conference Center | Valdosta**

Music | Dancing | Full Cash Bar | Silent & Live Auctions | Steel's Jewelry Raffle

**A CHANCE TO WIN**  
**\$10,000!**

The poster features a background of palm trees and a building facade. A yellow starburst graphic in the top right corner contains the text "TICKETS ON SALE NOW!". The event title "HAVANA Nights" is prominently displayed in a mix of bold sans-serif and cursive fonts. The date and location are clearly stated in a dark blue banner. At the bottom, the activities and the main attraction, a \$10,000 raffle, are highlighted.

## Prayer intentions

### For our sick

*Together let us pray for our loved ones...*

#### Parishioners

Marian Burns, Beatriz Agudelo, Mickey Kelly, Julie Nickeson, Jeannine Becton, Ray Hamel, Charles McFarland, Mary Padgett, Doug Henderson, Bob Consolini, Betty McElwain, John Waite, Wynette Dobard, Brigitte Carter, James Dabney  
Nerma Dave, Carol Hill

#### Family and Friends of Parishioners

Cathy Chamberlain, Linda Haymen, Linda Barrett, Joseph C. Wink, Jr., Dan Chase, Sandy Darden, Mike Eddington, Jerry Stophel, Andrew Meissner, Debbie Lorence, Susan Markwell, Janet Starling, Joe Sheer, John Gutermuth, Lucy Davis, Marge Gannaway, Freddy Stalby, Kristian Ann Roberts, Kathleen Valasek, Rhonda Hoffman

### For Those Who Have Died

*Please pray for the happy repose of the  
souls of:*

Bobby Dugger

Sr. Joan Harrington

David Dennis

Janet Curaso, sister of Richard Pye

Margaret Dorneden

John McElwain, husband of Betty McElwain



## COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

The Council of Catholic Women will have their monthly meeting on Thursday, January 7, 2021 at 7:00 pm in the parish center. Let's get the new year off to a good start. Masks and social distancing will be in place.

*The Feast of the Holy Innocents*, also called Childermas or **Innocents' Day**, is celebrated each December 28th. It is a Christian feast in remembrance of the massacre of the young children in Bethlehem by King Herod the Great in his attempt to kill the infant Jesus. (Matthew 2:13-18) These children have been regarded as the first martyrs of the early church. This year their feast day falls tomorrow, Monday. It would be good to try to attend daily Mass or pray a rosary in their honor.

**A Reflection:** *The Holy Innocents are few in comparison to the genocide and abortion of our day. But even if there had only been one child lost, we recognize the greatest treasure God put on the earth --- a human person, destined for eternity and graced by Jesus' death and resurrection.*

**Cemetery of the Innocents:** Our parish will display white crosses on Mary's Acres from December 28th through January 22nd (the 47th anniversary of Roe v. Wade, the Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion in the U.S.). The white crosses represent the over 30,000 abortions in the state of Georgia last year. Each cross represents approximately 1,000 babies' lives lost.

## ST. FRANCIS CENTER TRAILER

We appreciate all the donations you place in the trailer! Please note that the trailer will be closed from December 22nd—January 3rd. Have an enjoyable and healthy Christmas and New Year!  
St. Francis Center Staff

## COAT DRIVE

St Francis Center needs gently used winter jackets, all sizes men, women and children also men's shoes and sneakers. THANK YOU!

## RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

RCIA will continue following the 9:30 Mass (10:45-11:45 AM) in the Parish Center Conference Room. These sessions are open to everyone (even those who are already Catholic). It is requested that masks be worn. For more information contact Deacon Paul at 229-263-5659 or e-mail [deaconpaul@stjohnnevang.org](mailto:deaconpaul@stjohnnevang.org)

No class on December 27th

Topic for Jan 3—Universal Salvation

Topic for Jan 10—The Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation

**LIFE.**  
THE FIRST  
HUMAN  
RIGHT

**JAN 16  
2021**

**10:30 MARCH BEGINS**

**MAIN EVENT  
SAT/JAN 16**

**All-day events from 9AM-3PM  
Speakers, Music & Activities!**

National Shrine of Our Lady of La Leche  
101 San Marco Ave.

**9AM** - Mass with Bishop Felipe Estevez  
Mass outside (weather permitting)

**PLEASE BRING PORTABLE CHAIRS IF NECESSARY**

**10:30AM** - Praise & Worship Music

**10:45AM** - Speakers Begin

**1:00PM** - Keynote Speaker  
Patricia Sandoval

**2:00PM - NEW PLAN  
PRO-LIFE CARAVAN!**

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, we are transitioning from a walking march to a Pro-life Caravan. We encourage you to decorate your vehicle with positive pro-life messages (no graphic photos). We'll drive through the streets of our Nation's Oldest City to proclaim our pro-life message.



OUR PARISH WILL NOT TAKE A BUS THIS YEAR BUT WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO CONSIDER ATTENDING AS A FAMILY.

**MARCHING FOR 15 YEARS**



**PATRICIA SANDOVAL**  
BILINGUAL PRESENTATION



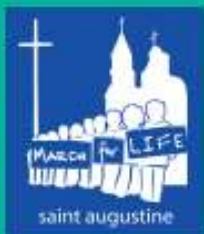
**KEYNOTE SPEAKERS**

**PAM STENZEL**

CHECK OUR WEBSITE & FACEBOOK PAGE FOR UPDATES!

**FRIDAY KICK-OFF!  
JANUARY 15**

**2-4PM** - Leadership Training  
Workshop for College Students  
**5PM** - Adoration & Praise and Worship Music  
**6PM** - Mass followed by Rosary  
**DINNER:** We recommend dining at one of the many restaurants that downtown St. Augustine has to offer.



**FOOD TRUCKS AT THE SHRINE & THROUGHOUT SATURDAY**  
- HOT DOGS & HAMBURGERS BY THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

PLEASE BRING A DONATION OF DIAPERS TO HELP OUR PREGNANCY CARE CENTERS IN NEED.



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