



**SHRINE CHURCH OF
OUR LADY OF THE AMERICAS**
A MISSION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT PARISH

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Sunday, December 26, 2021

Feast of the Holy Family

♪ *Blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways.* ♪



MASS INTENTIONS

December 24

5:00 pm Bilingual Mass

✠ *Fermin Fabian*

from his granddaughter Confesora Franco

December 26

9:30 am English Mass

✠ *Tom* and ✠ *Mae Stevens*

(75th wedding anniversary, 12/28/1946)

12:00 am Spanish Mass

✠ *Rodney Cooks* for a month of his passing
from his co-worker Marta Nuñez
and all the other co-workers

January 2

9:30 am English Mass

✠ *Frank McGinty* by the McGinty family

12:00 am Spanish Mass

SHARING OUR TREASURE

~ Giving as an act of Worship ~

*We need at least \$2,500.00 per week in the collections to
break even, not counting unexpected maintenance costs.*

Collections as of December 19, 2021

Regular: \$ 2403.00

Christmas: \$10.00

Immaculate Conception: \$40.00

Human Development: \$10.00

If you are unable to attend Mass, please mail checks to
274 Sherman St., Albany, NY 12206. *Do not mail cash.*

*Thank you, each and all, who share your
Time, Talent & Treasure with our community.*

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, December 26, 2021

Feast of the Holy Family

*Blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways.*

Saturday, January 1, 2022

Solemnity of Mary

May God bless us in his mercy.

Sunday, January 2, 2022

Epiphany of the Lord

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

A Christmas Prayer

*Emmanuel, God with us you chose to come for each person,
destitute and the wealthy, the unfortunate and the privileged,
the troubled and the peaceful, the healthy and the ill. You
came in human form with a message of extravagant love,
showing us how to be with those who have much less than we
do. You came offering a gesture of respect and reverence
instead of indifference and disdain; giving courteous kindness
in place of thoughtless disregard; contributing ongoing
support rather than merely holiday handout.*

*Change my heart. Turn it inside out, toward the larger world.
Remind me daily of those who struggle with their basic
existence. Lead me to help change social systems that
contribute to this ongoing struggle. Enlarge my awareness.
Increase my generosity. Guide my choices of how to live, what
I purchase, and how I use my material wealth. Remind me
often of your presence in those I tend to ignore or forget
Boundless Love, thank you for cherishing each person on this
planet.*

Joyce Rupp

CORONAVIRUS MASS PROCEDURES

General Procedures: Face masks must be worn at all times. All will be escorted to a place to sit; directions will be given for receiving communion and dismissal. Six feet of social distancing must be observed. Do not gather in groups before or after Mass.

Holy Communion: To maintain appropriate distancing, those in the front of the church will receive in the front of the center aisle. Those in the back will receive in the Gathering Area. Receive the Body of Christ in your hand. As you turn away, lower your mask, consume the Body of Christ, and then raise your mask again. This helps protect you and those who distribute the Holy Eucharist.

Attendance: If you are sick or suffering from serious illness or in a vulnerable category or experiencing anxiety about returning to Mass in person, you are not obliged to attend Sunday Mass in person.

LECTIO DIVINA

English: <https://catholic.bible/category/lectio-divina/>

Spanish: <https://catholic.bible/lectio-divina-en-espanol/>

Readings for Sunday, January 2 Epiphany of the Lord

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Gospel: St. Matthew 2:1-12

To View Masses Online:

Go to the Live Mass on Facebook
for All Masses held at the Shrine Church

<https://www.facebook.com/shrinechurchofourladyoftheamericas/>

Christmas Schedule

Saturday, January 1~Solemnity of Mary
11:00 am Bilingual Mass

CHILDREN'S CORNER



Candle of Light & Purity (Christ Candle)

This candle is white and it represents light and purity and is called "Christ's candle" as it represents Christ coming into the world. It is placed in the middle as a reminder of the preeminent place of Christ.

My Dear Friends,

"Joy is the echo of God's life within us." This phrase has always enchanted me. "Joy to the World, the Lord is come!" But can there be 'joy' in our hearts when there are so many difficulties, even tragedies to bear? Last week we celebrated a funeral for an 18 year old girl who was killed in an automobile accident. Her mother is devastated. Can there ever be joy in her life again? Many of us have lost a loved one. Others have a life threatening illness.

"Joy to the World!" Is it possible to be joyful. Jesus whose birth we celebrate today promises us that if you believe you will live beyond all your suffering, life to the fullness.

May returning to this glorious birth again and again, to His glorious promises, lead us more deeply into Christmas joy. Joy to the world.

I am grateful, joyful to celebrate this Christmas Mass with you.

Father O'Connor

I wish you a joyful
Merry Christmas

NEW TO THE PARISH? WELCOME! OR HAVE A CHANGE OF ADDRESS OR PHONE NUMBER?

Please fill in your information below and drop in the collection. Date: _____

Name: _____ () I am new to the parish.

Address: _____ () Send me "The Evangelist".

Phone: _____ Email: _____ () Please send church envelopes.