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**MASS SCHEDULE
HORARIO DE MISAS**

Saturday/Sábado
5:00 pm English

Sunday/Domingo
10:00 am English
12:30 pm Español

Tuesday-Thursday / Martes-Jueves
8:15 am English

First Friday/Primer Viernes
10:00 am English

CONFESSION/CONFESIÓN:
Saturday/Sábado
4:00– 4:45 pm or by appointment. *O con cita*

**SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY/
SACRAMENTO DEL MATRIMONIO**
Please call the Parish Office for appointment (6 months of marriage preparation required).
Favor de hablar a la oficina para una cita (6 meses de preparacion requerida).

BAPTISM/BAUTISMOS
Please call the parish office. *Favor de hablar a la oficina.*

MASS INTENTIONS/INTENCIONES PARA LAS MISAS
Please visit the parish office. *Favor de hablar a la oficina.*

CONFIRMATION/CONFIRMACIÓN
Confirmation is every year with a 2 year preparation. La confirmacion se realiza cada ano con una preparacion de 2 anos.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA

Grades K-6/Grados K-6:
Sundays/Domingo 11:00 am -12:15 pm
Grades 7-12/Grados 7-12:
Wednesdays/Miércoles 7:00 pm

FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST COMMUNION/PRIMERA RECONCILIACIÓN Y PRIMERA COMUNIÓN
Children in first grade must be enrolled in the Parish School/Parish School of Religion (PSR) to receive the sacrament in second grade. *Los niños en primer grado deben estar inscritos en la Escuela Parroquial/Escuela Parroquial de Religión (PSR) para recibir el sacramento en segundo grado.*

EMAUS: Invites you to pray the Holy Rosary every Saturday at 7:50 am. *Se les invita a rezar el Santo Rosario cada sábado a las 7:50 am.*

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Welcome to the Catholic Community of

St. Lawrence Catholic Church

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-CAPE
GIRARDEAU**

Parish Office 417-235-3286 Parish School 417-235-3721 405 7th Street, Monett, MO 65708

Digital bulletins available at www.stlawrencemonett.com

Office Hours/Horas de Oficina: Monday-Friday/Lunes-Viernes 9:00am-3:00pm

Please remember St. Lawrence Church and School in your will.

Parish Mission Statement/ Misión Parroquial

"We children of God and the Catholic community of St. Lawrence parish are committed to the worship of God and the spreading of the Gospel of Jesus Christ through education and our living example of love and concern for all the people of our area."

"Los hijos de Dios y la comunidad Católica de la parroquia de San Lorenzo estamos comprometidos con la adoración a Dios y la difusión del Evangelio de Jesucristo a través de la educación y nuestro ejemplo vivo de amor y preocupación por todas las personas de nuestra área".

ANGEL TREE

This year, we are collecting toys and gift items for parishioners, local families, and foster families in need of assistance with Christmas gifts for their children. None of the gifts need to be wrapped this year! Please bring gifts to the office as soon as possible so that we can arrange for deliveries. If you know of a local family who could benefit, please call Michelle Cornell at (417)669-3814.

PARISH DIRECTORY

Pictures will be taken on January 23-24. To schedule your photography appointment online, go to www.ucdir.com, click on Photography Session Sign-Up on the right side, enter MO257 in the Church Code field and enter **photos** in the Church Password field. Follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time. If you have 5 or more in your family, please use 2 consecutive time slots. For assistance in setting your appointment please call 816-501-8652. Universal Church Directories works hard regarding not applying pressure to buy photos. While we want to give everyone the opportunity to purchase pictures, we also respect your wishes and work hard at making your experience with us professional and hassle free.

WEEKLY COLLECTION**December 14, 2025**

Envelopes/Loose Checks	\$3,470.00
Loose Bills/Change	\$1,260.75
Immaculate Conception	\$700.00
Seminarian	\$20.00
Catholic Charities	\$10.00
School Support	\$45.00
Maintenance Fund	\$380.00
Our Lady of Guadalupe	\$10,667.00
Christmas Flowers	\$165.00
Children's Collection	\$29.00
Votive Candles	\$13.00
Mass Offerings	\$20.00
Outreach	\$10.00
Gift for Haiti	\$100.00
Total	\$16,889.75

Fr. Rahab thanks everyone for your generous contributions to our Parish.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

- Dec. 25—Seminarian & Diocese Retired Clergy

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**Christmas Eve**

7:30pm - St. Lawrence - Monett

10:00pm - Sacred Heart - Verona

Christmas Day

10:00am - St. Lawrence - Monett

8:00am & 12:30pm - Sacred Heart - Verona

SCHOOL NEWS

"O Lord, Word of God, You, whose glory is complete, came to us in perfect humility as a child in the womb. Your love for us and Your humility are unsurpassed and bring us to our knees in prayer and worship. Your incarnation forever changed the world."—Christmas Novena
Even though I have celebrated many Christmases, the reminder always stops me in my tracks. God Himself comes alongside us, enters into our reality and chooses the deprivations and struggles of our earthly lives. He chooses the growth by painstaking steps, development through stages that are yet incomplete to reach maturity and wholeness. When I look at all we do through our seemingly mundane and sometimes chaotic school days, I see this same incremental growth, the same continual striving and the quiet development....and I am grateful for every bit of it! The Lord inspires our work and brings forth the fruit of our daily labors!

**PSR ANNOUNCEMENTS**

If you have not yet paid your child(ren)'s PSR fees, please do so as soon as possible. This helps cover the cost of the books.

First Communion will be on Saturday, April 11, 2026 during the 5:00pm Mass.

The Confirmation retreat will be on Saturday March 21, 2026 at 9:00am. Confirmation will be on Wednesday, May 13, 2026, during the 7:00pm Mass. The bishop will speak with the students at 6:00pm.

WHEN CLASSES RESUME ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 4TH, THEY WILL BEGIN AT 11:15AM. THANK YOU.

DIOCESAN NEWS

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God— Holy Hour and Midnight Mass

Please join Bishop Rice at St. Agnes Cathedral for Holy Hour beginning at 11pm on Wed., Dec. 31st, followed by Midnight Mass in celebration of the Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God. What better way to give thanks to Almighty God for His blessings of this past year and gratefully anticipate the promise of hope as we welcome the New Year.

Rite of Election—Save the Date

Sunday, February 22, 2026—St. Agnes Cathedral at 3:00pm

The Gathering

Registration for The Gathering is open! If you minister with youth in 7th-12 grades, this “gathering” is for you! This year, Pat Millea, of the Martin Center for Integration, will be addressing the modern-day struggle with mental health issues through sessions on “Ministering to Mental Health Struggles” and “Being a Healthy Minister to Lead a Healthy Ministry.” Come with your questions and concerns so that we can discuss practical solutions and encourage each other in this most important area of ministry. **The Gathering will be held Feb. 27-28, 2026** at the Landing, Van Buren, MO.

Chrism Mass

The Chrism Mass will be held on the following day:

- **Tues., March 31, 2026, in the Cathedral of St. Agnes, Springfield**

PENANCE SERVICE

- **St. Joseph—Billings: Dec. 21st at 4pm**

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Due to weather concerns, we will not be having first Friday adoration during the months of January, February, March and April 2026. There will still be a mass, but no adoration following.

PRAYER REQUESTS

If you have a prayer request, please call Joan McNerney (417) 235-3836 or Marlene Hayes (417) 235-5524

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Barbara Alvarez; Sarah Sylvain Isidor(Father's Mom); Maria Padilla; Juan Cecenas; Maria Rueda; Parker Laning; Rosemary Schmidt; Kenneth Wroblewski; Bob DeGraff; Irene Cavazos; Oaklee Kay White; Debbie Erwin; Corey Sandwisch; Regina Peterson; Erin Hunt. To put a name in the bulletin or arrange a visit for sick or homebound parishioners, please call the parish office.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS & LADIES AUXILIARY



- ♦ Meetings held every 1st Sunday of the month at 6:00pm in the church basement.
- ♦ Join us in praying the rosary, every Saturday before Mass at 4:30pm and before Mass on the 5th Sunday at 9:30am.

PARISH MAINTENANCE

We have received several donations for the maintenance fund! This will help cover other areas in need of repairs. More info to come!

Thank you for your support of our parish and school needs!

FINANCIAL CORNER

Financial Corner	Oct 2025	Oct 2024
Regular Operations		
Sunday Contributions	\$ 29,926.94	\$ 22,421.78
Other Income*	\$ 1,700.07	\$ 2,570.02
Endowment/Cemetery/School Support	\$ 1,114.00	\$ 1,598.00
Collections for Diocese projects	\$ 1,860.00	\$ 1,419.17
2nd Collections/Non-revenue	\$ 2,749.25	\$ 2,378.12
Total Operational Income	\$ 37,350.26	\$ 30,387.09
Expenses		
Operational Expenses	\$ 23,488.03	\$ 24,141.34
School/Parish Education Expenses	\$ 8,109.00	\$ 14,400.04
Payouts to Diocese/2nd Collections	\$ 1,860.00	\$ 2,142.80
Total Expense	\$ 33,457.03	\$ 40,684.18
Net Income (Net Loss)	\$ 3,893.23	\$ (10,297.09)

*Masses/Stole fees, Votive candles, Religious goods, Advertising

ENGLISH LECTORS

Saturday 5:00pm

- **December 20th**.....Jim Haston
- **December 27th**.....Al Dohmen
- **January 3rd**.....Al Dohmen

Sunday 10:00am

- **December 21st**.....Lynda Velten
- **December 28th**.....Emma Outhouse
- **January 4th**.....Angie Madison

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday 5:00pm

- **December 20th**—Jim Haston, Teresa Verhoff, Aaron Holmes, Al Dohmen, Kirk Verhoff
- **December 27th**—Jim Haston, Nikki Pierce, Katelyn Conley, Patty Allcock, Marilyn Ceselski
- **January 3rd**—Al Dohmen, Geri Carey, Nikki Pierce, Katelyn Conley, Agnes Bruner

Sunday 10:00am

- **December 21st**—Jay Jastal, Emma Outhouse, Jerry Hudson, Judy Hudson, Ann Saunders
- **December 28th**—Ed Velten, Lynda Velten, Cathy Velten, John Velten, Suzie/Tim Curry
- **January 4th**—Sonie Probstfield, Susan Garcia, Charles Wilke, Bailey Flynt, Michelle Cornell

SERVERS 10AM MASS

- **December 21st**—Joseph Velten, Sydney Garcia, Brooklynn Outhouse
- **December 28th**—Isaac Saunders, Pedro Contreras, Johana Piedra
- **January 4th**—Isaac Saunders, Pedro Contreras, Johanna Piedra

December 21, 2025

1st Read: Isaiah 7:10-14; **Psalm:** Psalm 24:1-6;
2nd Read: Romans 1:1-7; **Gospel:** Matthew 1:18-24

December 22, 2025

1st Read: 1 Samuel 1:24-28; **Psalm:** 1 Samuel 2:1,4-8; **Gospel:** Luke 1:46-56

December 23, 2025

1st Read: Malachi 3:1-4,23-24; **Psalm:** Psalm 25:4-5,8-10,14; **Gospel:** Luke 1:57-66

December 24, 2025

1st Read: 2 Samuel 7:1-5,8-12,14,16; **Psalm:** Psalm 89:2-5,27,29; **Gospel:** Luke 1:67-79

December 25, 2025

1st Read: Isaiah 52:7-10; **Psalm:** Psalm 98:1-6;
2nd Rad: Hebrews 1:1-6; **Gospel:** John 1:1-18

December 26, 2025

1st Read: Acts 6:8-10; **Psalm:** Psalm 31:3-6,8,16-17; **Gospel:** Matthew 10:17-22

December 27, 2025

1st Read: 1 John 1:1-4, **Psalm:** Psalm 97:1-2,5-6,11-12; **Gospel:** John 20:1-8

WEEKLY CALENDAR/ CALENDARIO SEMANAL

SAT. DECEMBER 20TH

4:00 pm Confessions - Monett
 5:00 pm Mass - Monett +Maria Clementina Gaucin;
 Clemente & Marilyn Schmidt Anniversary
 6:30 pm Misa - Verona - Spanish

SUN. DECEMBER 21ST: 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT; FIRST DAY OF WINTER

8:00 am Mass - Verona
 10:00 am Mass - Monett +Earl Andrews and
 Alejandro Rivera
 12:30 pm Misa - Monett - Spanish—+Vicente
 Soriano and Rito Barrientos

MON. DECEMBER 22ND

6:00 pm Prayer Group

TUE. DECEMBER 23RD: ST. JOHN OF KANTY

8:15 am Weekday Mass—Monett— +Jeff McCaffrey

WED. DECEMBER 24TH: CHRISTMAS EVE

Parish Office Closed

8:00 am Weekday Mass—Verona
 7:30 pm Christmas Vigil Mass—Monett—
 Thanksgiving for Apostol, Montellano, Durham and
 Mullins Families
 10:00 pm Christmas Vigil Mass—Verona

THUR. DECEMBER 25TH: THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD; CHRISTMAS DAY

Parish Office Closed

8:00 am Christmas Day Mass—Verona
 10:00 am Christmas Day Mass—Monett—+Maria
 Clementina Gaucin, Omar Mijares and Simona
 Salas
 12:30 pm Christmas Day Mass—Verona

FRI. DECEMBER 26TH: ST. STEPHEN

Parish Office Closed

8:00 am Verona Weekday Mass
 1:00 pm Dominoes/Puzzles - Church Basement

SAT. DECEMBER 27TH: ST. JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

4:30 pm Confessions
 5:30 pm Saturday Mass Monett—+Michael Schmidt
 and James Sonny Bertalotto

SUN. DECEMBER 28TH: THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

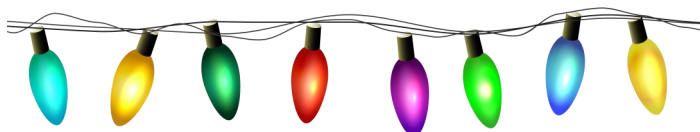
8:00 am Verona Sunday Mass
 10:00 am Monett Sunday Mass —+ Alejandro
 Rivera, Betty Prier, Ester Miller and John Miller
 12:30 pm Misa de Domingo Monett - Spanish Mass

NOTICIAS ESCOLARES

"Oh Señor, Verbo de Dios, Tu, cuya Gloria es completa, viniste a nosotros con perfecta humildad como un niño en el vientre materno. Tu amor por nosotros tu humildad son insuperables y nos postran de rodillas en oración y adoración. Tu encarnación cambió el mundo para siempre."—

Novena de Navidad

Aunque he celebrado muchas Navidades, este recordatorio siempre me conmueve profundamente. Dios mismo se acerca a nosotros, entra en nuestra realidad y elige las privaciones y las luchas de nuestra vida terrenal. El elige el crecimiento a través de pasos laboriosos, el desarrollo por etapas aun incompletas para alcanzar la madurez y la plenitud. Cuando observe todo lo que hacemos durante nuestros días escolares, aparentemente rutinarios y a veces caóticos, veo este mismo crecimiento gradual, este mismo esfuerzo continuo y este desarrollo silencioso... ¡y estoy agradecida por cada detalle! ¡El Señor inspira nuestro trabajo y hace que de fruto nuestro esfuerzo diario!



HORARIO DE MISAS DE NAVIDAD

Nochebuena

7:30pm - San Lorenzo - Monett

10:00pm - Sagrado Corazon - Verona

Día de Navidad

10:00am - San Lorenzo - Monett

8:00am y 12:30pm - Sagrado Corazon - Verona

MANTENIMIENTO DE LA PARROQUIA

¡Hemos recibido donaciones para el fondo de mantenimiento! Esto cubrirá varias áreas más que necesitan reparaciones. ¡Gracias por su apoyo a las necesidades de nuestra parroquia y escuela!

21 de Diciembre de 2025

Primera: Isaías 7:10-14; **Salmo:** Salmo 23:1-6; **Segunda:** Romanos 1:1-7; **Evangelio:** Mateo 1:18-24

22 de Diciembre de 2025

Primera: 1 Samuel 1:24-28; **Salmo:** 1 Samuel 2:4-8; **Evangelio:** Lucas 1:46-56

23 de Diciembre de 2025

Primera: Malquías 3:1-4,23-24; **Salmo:** Salmo 24:4-5,8-10,14; **Evangelio:** Lucas 1:57-66

24 de Diciembre de 2025

ADORACION DEL PRIMER VIERNES

Debido a las condiciones climáticas, no tendremos la adoración del primer viernes durante los meses de enero, febrero, marzo y abril de 2026. Habrá misa, pero no habrá adoración posterior.

ANUNCIOS DE PSR

Si aún no ha pagado las tarifas de PSR de su(s) hijo(s), por favor hágalo lo antes posible. Esto ayuda a cubrir el costo de los libros. La Primera Comunión será el sábado 11 de abril de 2026 durante la misa de las 5:00pm. El retiro de Confirmación será el sábado 21 de marzo de 2026 a las 9:00am. La Confirmación será el miércoles 13 de mayo de 2026 durante la misa de las 7:00pm. El obispo hablará con los estudiantes a las 6:00pm. **CUANDO SE REANUDEN LAS CLASES EL 4 DE ENERO, COMENZAREMOS A LAS 11:15AM. GRACIAS**

ARBOL DE LOS ANGELES

Este año, estamos recolectando juguetes y regalos para feligreses, familias locales y familias de acogida que necesitan ayuda con los regalos de Navidad para sus hijos. ¡Este año no es necesario envolver los regalos! Por favor, traigan los regalos a la oficina lo antes posible para que podamos organizar la entrega. Si conocen a alguna familia local que pueda beneficiarse, llamen a Michelle Cornell al (417)669-3814.

DIRECTORIO PARROQUIAL

Las fotos se tomarán del 23 al 24 de enero. Para programar su cita de fotografía en línea, simplemente vaya a www.ucdir.com, haga clic en inicio de sesión de programación de citas de fotografía en el lado derecho, ingrese MO257 en el campo Código de la Iglesia y escriba **photos** en el campo Contraseña de la Iglesia. Siga las indicaciones para programar la hora de la cita de su familia. Si tiene 5 o más miembros en su familia, utilice 2 horarios consecutivos. Para obtener ayuda para programar su cita, llame al 816-501-8652.

Primera: 2 Samuel 7:1-5,8-12,14,16; **Salmo:** Salmo 88:2-5,27,29; **Evangelio:** Lucas 1:67-79

25 de Diciembre de 2025

Primera: Isaías 52:7-10; **Salmo:** Salmo 97:1-6; **Segunda:** Hebreos 1:1-6; **Evangelio:** Juan 1:1-18

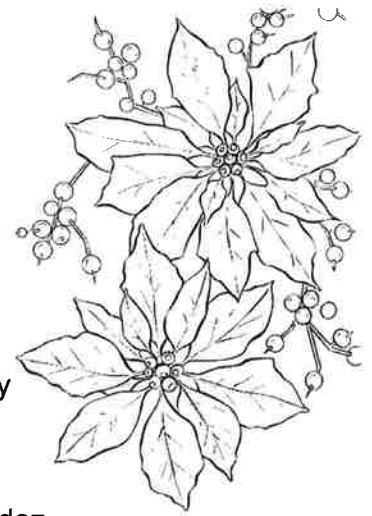
26 de Diciembre de 2025

Primera: Hechos 6:8-10; **Salmo:** Salmo 30:3-4,6,8,16,17; **Evangelio:** Mateo 10:17-22

27 de Diciembre de 2025

Primera: 1 Juan 1:1-4; **Salmo:** Salmo 96:1-2,5-6,11-12; **Evangelio:** Juan 20:2-9

Christmas Flower Offering



In memory of:

Charles & Anna Velten, Earl & Linda Andrews
 Doris Mason & Joe Velten
 James Curry & Lynnix Curry
 Irene & Al Fiffe, April Cornell & Deceased Members
 of Fiffe, Hecker, Cornell & Bradley Families
 Alejandro Rivera and Maria Villanueva
 Alberto Jaquez
 Doris Case
 Joe & Cecelia Witt, Julia Ann & Glenn Morris,
 Rosemary & Gene Annesser, Virginia & Wayne
 Perry, and Gene Roetto
 David Probstfield, Logan Harris, Nancy &
 Lefty Netzer, Paul and Mary Probstfield
 Paul & Mary Probstfield, Toots & Paul
 Garner, Thurman Davis and Donald Murphy
 Don & Judy Flynt
 John & Helen Brown, Frank & Ellen Schmidt,
 Bob Brown, Nathan Carpenter & Tom Schmidt
 Susan Roller, Barchak Families,
 Frank Schmidt Family, Katherine & Joe
 Bowman, John & Agnes Gremling
 Frank, Ellen & Thomas Schmidt, Gary Lynn
 Fowler, Michelle, Robert, Hayden, Pierce Espy
 Conversion, Sister Norbert and Sister Cordillia
 The Mansfield and Rowell Families
 Jim Ceselski, David Probsfield, &
 Pricilla Marbut
 Bobby DeGraff, Sandy Austin, Tony Mangler,
 & Bob Ruscha
 Consuela Alvarez, Jose Alvarez, Beverly
 Shivers, Sharon K Shivers & Jim Shivers
 David Gallardo
 Rodney Wrobleski, Patrick & Gerald McCaffrey
 Irene & Alicia Valenzuela
 Deceased Members of Albert and Florn Schmidt
 Families
 Charles Mael

By:

Edward & Lynda Velten
 Timothy and Suzanna Curry
 Michelle Cornell
 Sergio & Alejandra Ortega
 Mrs. Maria Isabella Hernandez
 James Case

 Marilynn Roetto

 Sondra Probstfield

 Pauline Kelly
 Chad and Celeste Flynt

 Mr. & Mrs. John Schmidt

 Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Barchak

 Lorene Fowler
 Mr. & Mrs. Charles Rowell

 Nikki Pierce

 Bob Degraff and Mary Mangler

 Mr. & Mrs. Joe Alvarez
 Estefani Rivera
 Missy Wrobleski
 Miguel & Rosa Villeda

 Mr. & Mrs. William Butterworth
 Mary Mael

In Thanksgiving:

Hector & Marisela Aldaba
 Michael & Marticia Scabarozi
 Humberto & Evangelina Morales
 Ruben & Rosenda Contreras
 Mr. & Mrs. Israel Patino
 Ralph Schmitz
 Jose Gonzalez & Evelia Tinajero
 Mr. & Mrs. Ken Dudzik

Tom & Melinda Mareth
 Sr & Sra Samuel Patino
 Antonio & Cecilia Arreola
 Zachary & Bailey Wolf
 Mr. & Mrs. Edward Laning
 Sr. & Sra. Francisco Salas
 Pofirio & Eustolia Rueda
 Dr. & Mrs. Sergio Cruz

Charles Wilke
 Marilyn Ceselski
 Xochitl Meza
 Patricia Monto
 Carmen SalasDr. & Mrs.
 Julio & Maria Cruz
 Mr. & Mrs. Francisco Mendez
 Patricia Randall



Christmas Prayer

Jesus, the Light of the World,
as we celebrate Your birth, May we
begin to see the world in the light
of the understanding You give us.

As You chose the lowly, the
outcasts, and the poor to receive
the greatest news the world had
ever known, so may we worship
You in meekness of heart. May we
also remember our brothers and
sisters less fortunate than ourselves
in this season of giving.

AMEN.

Oración de Navidad

Jesús, luz del mundo,
al celebrar tu nacimiento, permítenos
comenzar a ver el mundo a la luz
de la comprensión que nos brindas.

Así como elegiste a los humildes, a los
marginados y a los pobres para que aquí recibieran
la noticia más grande que el mundo jamás haya
conocido, que podamos adorarte con humildad de corazón.
Que también recordemos a nuestros hermanos y
hermanas menos afortunados que nosotros
en esta época de generosidad.

AMEN.



Jesus' Birthday is almost here!



Now there is less than a week left
until Christmas!

In today's Gospel reading God gave St. Joseph a special job. He told him to take care of Mary and the baby Jesus. St. Joseph thought he was just an ordinary person and didn't expect to have such an important responsibility, but he did what God asked.



God has given us a responsibility too. We have to love Jesus as much as we can. How can you love and honour Jesus at Christmas time? If your family has a nativity scene you can pray to Jesus while you look at it. Right now you have a few days left to get ready for Jesus' birthday. Ask St. Joseph to help you prepare for Jesus' coming.



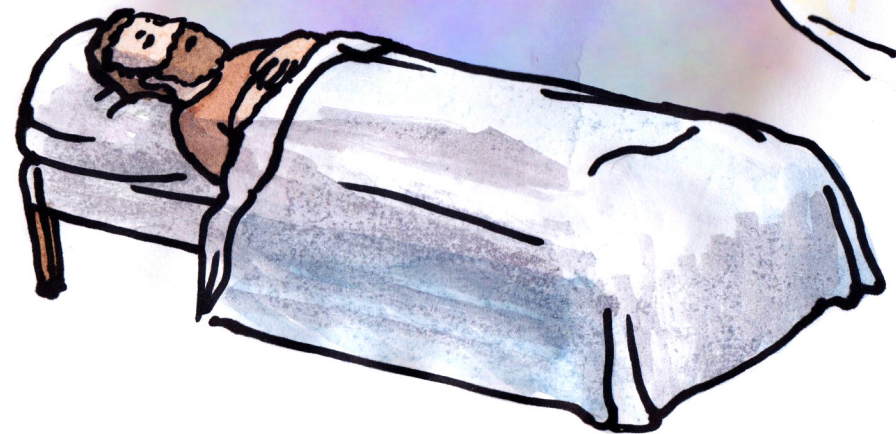
Answers to Cross-Word: Across: 2. Sheol 6. Immanuel
7. deep 8. the 10. virgin 12. child. Down: 1. name 3. house
4. man 5. Heaven 7. David 9. high 11. God

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Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 21st, 2025

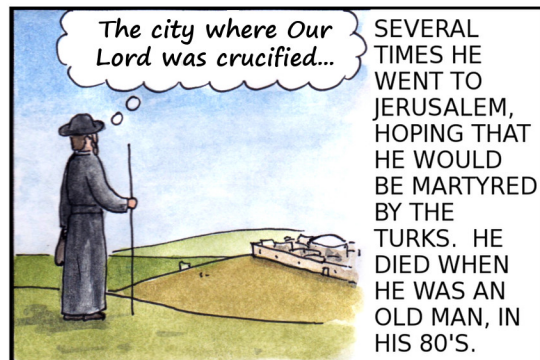
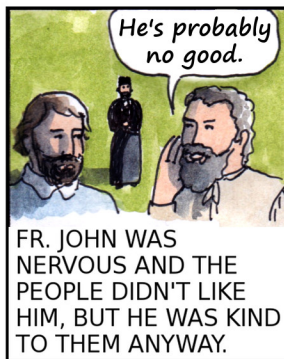
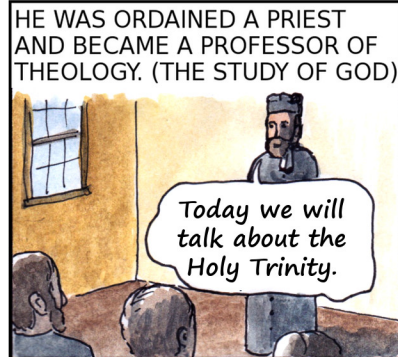
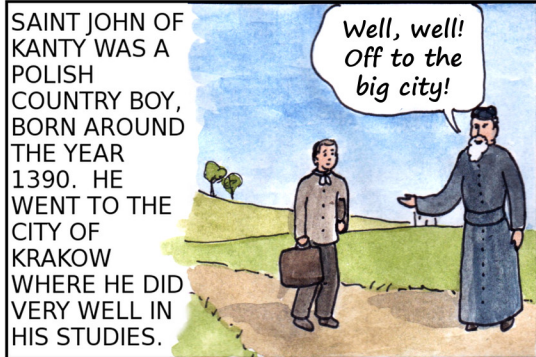
Joseph, son of David,
do not fear to take
Mary as your wife,
for that which is
conceived in her is
of the Holy Spirit.
She will bear a son,
and you shall call
his name Jesus.



*An angel appeared to Joseph in a dream and told him
what God wanted him to do. What did the angel say?
Look in a mirror to find out!*

Saint John of Kanty

December 23

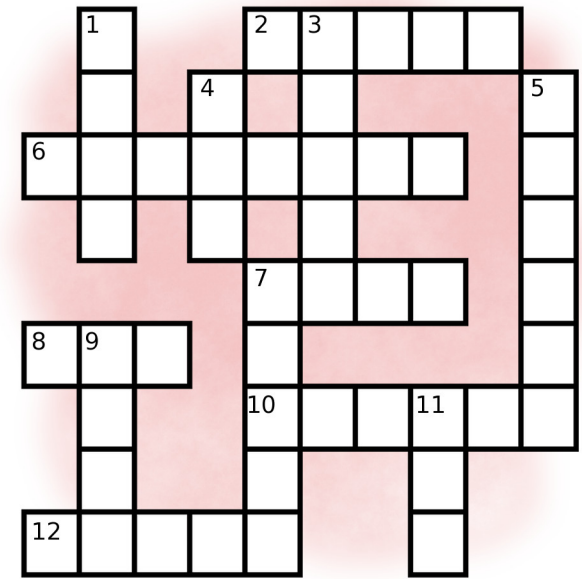


SAINT JOHN TOLD PEOPLE TO FIGHT AGAINST ERROR WITH LOVE. WE CAN LEARN FROM HIS LIFE THAT WE SHOULD BE GENEROUS AND KIND TO DRAW PEOPLE TO JESUS. SOMETIMES THE PEOPLE WON'T LISTEN RIGHT AWAY, BUT IF WE PERSEVERE IN BEING KIND TO THEM, THEY WILL EVENTUALLY CHANGE.

Isaiah 7 Cross-Word

Find the words that fit into the spaces in today's first reading, and then fit them into the puzzle. A=Across and D=Down.

HOUSE
VIRGIN
HIGH
SHEOL
CHILD
THE
DAVID
HEAVEN
NAME
DEEP
IMMANUEL
GOD
MAN



8A LORD spoke to Ahaz, "Ask a sign of the LORD your 11D; let it be 7A as 2A or 9D as 5D." But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test." And he said, "Hear then, O 3D of 7D! Is it too little for you to weary 4D, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you this sign: the 10A shall be with 12A, and bear a son, and shall 1D him 6A."

