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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***

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

**Digital bulletins available at [www.stlawrencemonett.com](http://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.”*

**PARISH DIRECTORY**

**Pictures will be taken on January 23-24.** To schedule your photography appointment online, go to [www.ucdir.com](http://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.

**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.**

**WEEKLY COLLECTION****December 21, 2025**

Envelopes/Loose Checks	\$3,555.00
Loose Bills/Change	\$1,104.25
Children's Collection	\$35.00
Votive Candles	\$19.00
Mass Offerings	\$240.00
School Support	\$300.00
Outreach	\$110.00
PSR	\$65.00
Basement Rental	\$200.00
Maintenance Fund	\$480.00
Seminary	\$120.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,228.25</b>

**SECOND COLLECTIONS**

- Jan. 25th—Church in Latin America

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY MASSES****Solemnity of Mary Vigil**

No Mass - St. Lawrence - Monett

6:00pm - Sacred Heart - Verona

**Solemnity of Mary**

6:00pm - St. Lawrence - Monett

No Mass - Sacred Heart - Verona

**SCHOOL NEWS**

This semester has been one of so much learning for me! Thank you for your patience as we get to know each other and as I learn my new role. I think back to the excitement of meeting all of our school families in August at Open House. I am encouraged by the effort and spontaneity of all our students and I am looking forward to moving into the 2nd semester! I have had occasion to reflect on an excerpt from a poem written by Rev. John Duffy, C.S.s.R entitled "A Poem for the Annunciation: I Sing of a Maiden." The visit of Sr. Agnus Dei and Sr. Leonie a couple weeks ago brought this to my mind. The incarnation changes everything and allows us to see the meaning and transcendence of the work we do every day. I hope you all take this realization into the work you do as family members, persons and as professionals. Nothing is casual or small when it is done in union with Christ and struggling to live into the world with Him as our model and strength. The grace of God gives transcendent and eternal meaning to our lives here below—the easy and the difficult, the logical and the contradictory. "Never again would she awake and find herself the buoyant Galilean lass, but into her dissolving dreams would break a hovering consciousness too terrible to pass—a new awareness in her body when she stirred, a sense of light within her virgin gloom: she was the mother of the wandering word, little and terrifying in her laboring womb. And nothing would be again casual and small and everything with light invested, over spilled with terror and divinity, the dawn, the first birds call, the silhouetted pitcher waiting to be filled.



## 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**

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

## 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! Please notice that the damaged trees to the south of the church have now been removed! More info to come on future repairs! Thank you for your support of our parish and school needs!

## FINANCIAL CORNER

Financial Corner	Oct 2025	Oct 2024
<b>Regular Operations</b>		
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
<b>Total Operational Income</b>	<b>\$ 37,350.26</b>	<b>\$ 30,387.09</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
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
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$ 33,457.03</b>	<b>\$ 40,684.18</b>
<b>Net Income (Net Loss)</b>	<b>\$ 3,893.23</b>	<b>\$ (10,297.09)</b>

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

### ENGLISH LECTORS

#### Saturday 5:00pm

- **December 27th**.....Al Dohmen
- **January 3rd**.....Al Dohmen
- **January 10th**.....Nikki Pierce

#### Sunday 10:00am

- **December 28th**.....Emma Outhouse
- **January 4th**.....Angie Madison
- **January 11th**.....Youth

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

#### Saturday 5:00pm

- **December 27th**—Jim Haston, Nikki Pierce, Katelyn Conley, Patty Allcock, Marilyn Ceselski
- **January 3rd**—Al Dohmen, Geri Carey, Nikki Pierce, Katelyn Conley, Agnes Bruner
- **January 10th**—Jim Haston, Marilyn Ceselski, Jason Ceselski, Ashley Ceselski, Geri Carey

#### Sunday 10:00am

- **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
- **January 11th**—Youth

### SERVERS 10AM MASS

- **December 28th**—Isaac Saunders, Pedro Contreras, Johana Piedra
- **January 4th**—Isaac Saunders, Pedro Contreras, Johanna Piedra
- **January 11th**—Youth

#### December 28, 2025

**1st Read:** Sirach 3:2-6,12-14; **Psalm:** Psalm 128:1-5; **2nd Read:** Colossians 3:12-21; **Gospel:** Mt 2:13-15,19-23

#### December 29, 2025

**1st Read:** 1 John 2:3-11; **Psalm:** Psalm 96:1-3,5-6; **Gospel:** Luke 2:22-35

#### December 30, 2025

**1st Read:** 1 John 2:12-17; **Psalm:** Psalm 96:7-10; **Gospel:** Luke 2:36-40

#### December 31, 2025

**1st Read:** 1 John 2:18-21; **Psalm:** Psalm 96:1-2,11-13; **Gospel:** John 1<sup>st</sup> 1-18

#### January 1, 2026

**1st Read:** Numbers 6:22-27; **Psalm:** Psalm 67:2-3,5-6,8; **2nd Read:** Galations 4:4-7; **Gospel:** Luke 2:16-21

#### January 2, 2026

**1st Read:** 1 John 2:22-28; **Psalm:** Psalm 98:1-4; **Gospel:** John 1:19-28

#### January 3, 2026

**1st Read:** 1 John 2:29; **Psalm:** Psalm 98:1,3-6; **Gospel:** John 1:29-34

### WEEKLY CALENDAR/ CALENDARIO SEMANAL

#### **SATURDAY, DEC. 27TH: ST. JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST**

4:00 pm Confessions - Monett

5:00 pm Mass - Monett +Michael Schmidt and James {Sonny} Bertalotto

6:30 pm Mass - Verona

#### **SUNDAY, DEC. 28TH: FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH**

8:00 am Mass - Verona

10:00 am Mass - Monett +Alejandro Rivera, Betty Prier, Ester Miller, and John Miller

12:30 pm Misa - Monett - Spanish Mass +Vicente Soriano, Rito Barrientos y Juan Froilan Nava

#### **MONDAY, DEC. 29TH: THE FIFTH DAY IN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS**

6:00 pm Prayer Group

#### **TUESDAY, DEC. 30TH: THE SIXTH DAY IN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS**

8:15 am Mass - Monett +Una Raymond Forcier, Pelagio, Dr. Andres & Mary Ann Apostol

#### **WEDNESDAY, DEC. 31ST: THE SEVENTH DAY IN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS; NEW YEAR'S EVE**

6:00pm Holy Day Mass - Verona

#### **THURSDAY, JAN. 1ST: SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD; NEW YEAR'S DAY**

6:00pm Holy Day Mass - Monett +Souls in Purgatory, Concepcion Salas y Blasa Serrano

#### **FRIDAY, JAN. 2ND: MEMORIAL OF SAINTS BASIL THE GREAT AND GREGORY NAZIANZEN, BISHOPS AND DOCTORS OF THE CHURCH**

8:00 am Mass - Verona

10:00 am First Friday Mass - Monett +Al Fiffe

1:00 pm Dominoes/Puzzles - Church Basement

#### **SATURDAY, JAN. 3RD: CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY**

4:00 pm Confessions

5:00 pm Mass - Monett +Lewis & Mae Bertalotto; Special Intention

#### **SUNDAY, JAN. 4TH: THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

8:00 am Mass - Verona

10:00 am Mass - Monett +Al Fiffe

11:00 am PSR - 1st-6th grades

12:30 pm Misa - Monett - Spanish Mass



## NOTICIAS ESCOLARES

¡Este semestre ha sido de mucho aprendizaje para mí! Gracias por su paciencia mientras no conocemos y mientras aprendo mi nuevo rol. Recuerdo con emoción el encuentro con todas las familias de nuestra escuela en agosto, durante la jornada de puertas abiertas. Me siento animada por el esfuerzo y la espontaneidad de todos nuestros estudiantes y ¡estoy deseando comenzar el Segundo semestre! He tenido la oportunidad de releer sobre un fragmento de un poema escrito por el Reverendo John Duffy, C.S.S.R., titulado "Un poema para la Anunciación: Canto a una doncella." La visita de la Hermana Agnus Dei y la Hermana Leonie hace un par de semanas me hizo recordar este poema. La encarnación lo cambia todo y nos permite ver el significado y la trascendencia del trabajo que realizamos cada día. Espero que todos ustedes lleven esta comprensión a su trabajo como miembros de familia, como personas y como profesionales. Nada es casual ni insignificante cuando se hace en unión con Cristo y esforzándonos por vivir en el mundo con Él como nuestro modelo y fortaleza. La gracia de Dios da un significado trascendente y eterno a nuestras vidas aquí en la tierra: lo facial y lo difícil lo lógico y lo contradictorio. "Nunca más despertaría y se encontraría siendo la jovial muchacha galilea, sino que en sus sueños desvanecidos irrumpiría una conciencia persistente, demasiado terrible para ignorar: una nueva conciencia en su cuerpo al moverse, una sensación de luz en su virginidad: era la madre de la Palabra errante, pequeña y aterradora en su vientre gestante. Y nada volvería a ser casual ni insignificante, y todo estaría investido de luz, desbordado de terror y divinidad, el amanecer, el canto de los primeros pájaros, la jarra silueteada esperando ser llenada."

## MISAS DE LA SOLEMNIDAD DE MARIA

### Vigilia de la Solemnidad de Maria

Sin Misa-San Lorenzo-Monett

6:00pm Sagrado Corazón—Verona

### Solemnidad de Maria

6:00pm—San Lorenzo—Monett

Sin Misa—Sagrado Corazón—Verona

### 28 de Diciembre de 2025

**Primera:** Siracida 3:3-7, 14-17; **Salmo:** Salmo 127:1-5;  
**Segunda:** Colosenses 3:12-21; **Evangelio:** Mt 2:13-15; 19-23

### 29 de Diciembre de 2025

**Primera:** 1 Juan 2:3-11; **Salmo:** Salmo 95:1-3, 5-6;  
**Evangelio:** Lucas 2:22-35

### 30 de Diciembre de 2025

**Primera:** 1 Juan 2:12-17; **Salmo:** Salmo 95:7-10;  
**Evangelio:** Lucas 2:36-40

### 31 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,**

## MANTENIMIENTO DE LA PARROQUIA

¡Hemos recibido varias donaciones para el fondo de mantenimiento! ¡Por favor, tengan en cuenta que los árboles dañados al sur de la iglesia ya han sido retirados! ¡Más información sobre futuras reparaciones vendrá pronto! ¡Gracias por su apoyo a las necesidades de nuestra parroquia y escuela!

## 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](http://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. Universal Church Directories trabaja duro para no ejercer presión para comprar fotos. Aunque queremos dar a todos la oportunidad de adquirir imágenes, también respetamos sus deseos y nos esforzamos por hacer que su experiencia con nosotros sea profesional y sin complicaciones.

**Primera:** 1 Juan 2:18-21; **Salmo:** Salmo 95:1-2, 11-13;  
**Evangelio:** Juan 1:1-18

### 1 de Enero de 2026

**Primera:** Numeros 6:22-27; **Salmo:** Salmo 66:2-3, 5-6, 8; **Segunda:** Galatas 4:4-7; **Evangelio:** Lucas 2:16-21

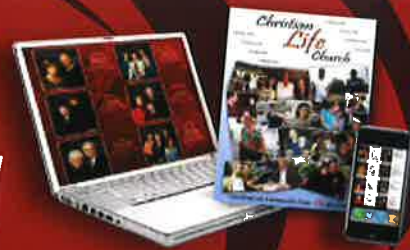
### 2 de Enero de 2026

**Primera:** 1 Juan 2:22-28; **Salmo:** Salmo 97:1-4; **Evangelio:** Juan 1:19-28

### 3 de Enero de 2026

**Primera:** 1 Juan 2:29; **Salmo:** Salmo 97:1, 3-6; **Evangelio:** Juan 1:29-34

Dear Church *family,*  
*It's time for a New Directory!*



*Celebrating faith.  
Connecting families.  
Sharing hope.*

When people enter the doors of our church they are looking for a place to belong. Our directory brings us together to develop new relationships, connect with our own families and reconnect with those we haven't seen in a while. Join us for this "Connections Event" and be part of what God is doing right here at our church!

*Directory Committee*

## *Connections Event*

***Our church directory will not be complete without you. Join us to celebrate faith and family with our new church family album.***

- **Schedule your professional photography session when you stop by the sign-up table at church or simply go online and follow the instructions below.**  
If we don't see your name on our list of appointments, you will receive a phone call inviting you to participate.
- **Everyone who is photographed by Universal will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait and a directory!**
- **Universal provides a complete professional portrait studio right here at our church!**  
You'll enjoy a variety of poses, backgrounds, portrait sizes, finish and framing options AND have the opportunity to purchase portraits to give to family and friends.

**Set your appointment with Universal today!**



*Gathering families,  
Connecting generations.*



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Querida familia de la Iglesia, ¡Es hora de un nuevo directorio!

### **Evento de Conexiones**

Nuestro directorio de la iglesia no estará completo sin ti. Únete a nosotros para celebrar la fe y la familia con nuestro nuevo álbum familiar.

- Agenda tu sesión de fotografía profesional cuando pases por la mesa de registro en la iglesia o simplemente conéctate en línea y sigue las instrucciones a continuación. Si no vemos tu nombre en nuestra lista de citas, recibas una llamada telefónica invitándote a participar.
- Todos los que sean fotografiados por Universal recibirán un retrato de 8x10 de cortesía y un directorio.
- ¡Universal demostró ser un estudio de retratos profesional completo aquí mismo en nuestra iglesia! Disfrutaras de una variedad de poses, fondos tamaños de retrato, opciones de acabado y enmarcado, y la oportunidad de comprar retratos para regalar a familiares y amigos.

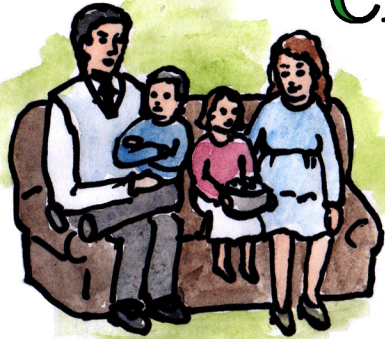
### **¡Agenda tu cita con Universal hoy mismo!**

Celebrando la fe. Conectando familias. Compartiendo esperanza. Cuando las personas entran a nuestra iglesia, buscan un lugar donde sentirse parte. Nuestro directorio no reúne para cultivar nuevas relaciones, conectar con nuestras familias y reconectar con quienes no hemos visto en mucho tiempo. ¡Únase a nosotros en este “Evento de Conexiones” y sea testigo de la que Dios está haciendo aquí en nuestra iglesia! –Comité de Directorio

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# A Little Story for Christmas



Before Emmanuel was born, his brother and sister felt that they were enough - and they certainly kept things busy at home. There was a lot of noise in the house after school when they were fighting for the couch, the TV, or the favorite snack. One time, even as Christmas drew near, there were a lot of loud temper tantrums: she had ruined his video game and he had thrown her doll and taken her favorite snack. For these two, it was almost like Emmanuel would never come.

They weren't really expecting him, but Mom and Dad knew that he would arrive. They tried to remind the kids but it wasn't easy. However, on December 25th, all was quiet in the house. And that was the day Emmanuel came too, very quietly. He could have been the centre of attention, but he was the kind of baby that could not be heard unless you were very quiet. His brother and sister began to understand that. Actually it was like that even when he was older. It was because you didn't expect him, they said.

Emmanuel was Jesus, and we are his brothers and sisters. A little noisy at times, a little selfish, and sometimes we just don't expect him. We feel that we are enough. Even today, unless we stop to visit him, and come up quietly to the crib to talk to him in our hearts, we might never realize that God has come.



# The Kids' Bulletin



*Christmas Day  
December 25, 2025*



*Help the shepherds find their way to  
Bethlehem to see Baby Jesus.*

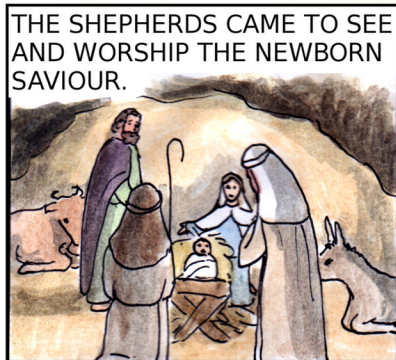
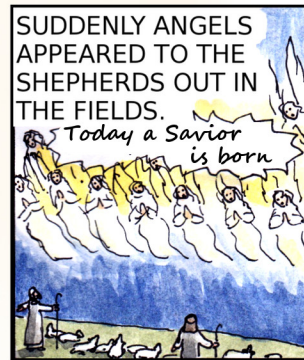
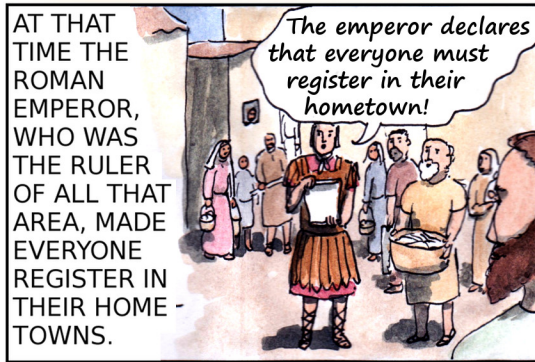


Answer to Word-Find: Jesus was born!

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# The First Christmas



WHY DO YOU THINK GOD CAME INTO THE WORLD AS A POOR AND TINY BABY WHEN HE COULD HAVE COME AS A POWERFUL KING? JESUS BECAME LITTLE SO THAT HE COULD SUFFER WITH US AND SO WE COULD LOVE HIM AS SOMEONE LIKE OURSELVES. HOW CAN YOU SHOW YOU LOVE JESUS TODAY ON HIS BIRTHDAY?

## Christmas Word-Find

B E T H L E H E M D  
M N J E S P O O R O  
O I M C J E S U S N  
T G A H O X E N T K  
H H N R S C U M A E  
E T G I E O B A B Y  
R S E S P L D R L W  
B I R T H D A Y E A  
O N N A Z A R E T H  
R N S T A Y K S B O  
N W R A P P E D R N



BABY  
BETHLEHEM  
BIRTHDAY  
BORN  
CHRIST  
COLD  
DARK

DONKEY  
INN  
JESUS  
JOSEPH  
MANGER  
MARY  
MOTHER

NAZARETH  
NIGHT  
OXEN  
POOR  
STABLE  
STAY  
WRAPPED

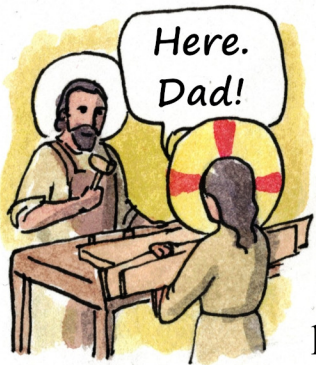
Why is Christmas so special? Because



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# The Holy Family



Today we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family: Jesus, Mary and Joseph. When God sent His Son Jesus into the world He wanted Him to come in a humble and quiet way. He wanted Jesus to have a mother and an earthly father and be raised in a happy home.

God brings us into the world in families too. He wants us to have good and loving mothers and fathers to look after us and teach us. Our Lady and Saint Joseph are great examples for parents. They loved Jesus and kept Him safe and let Him grow and learn.

I can help, Mom!



Jesus is an example to children, too! Love your father and mother, obey them and pray for them. Today is a good time to think of how your family can become more like the Holy Family, living in peace, joy and love. Can you think of a way to be more obedient, loving or generous with your family?



# The Kids' Bulletin

*Sunday December 28th, 2025*  
*Feast of the Holy Family*



Matt. 2:13-15

*Use the number code to see what the prophet predicted about the Child Jesus.*

11	15	14	11	5	4	6	16	12	14	7
2	1	8	8	4	3	9	16	13	11	10

A	C	D	E	F	G	I	L	M	N	O	P	S	T	U	Y
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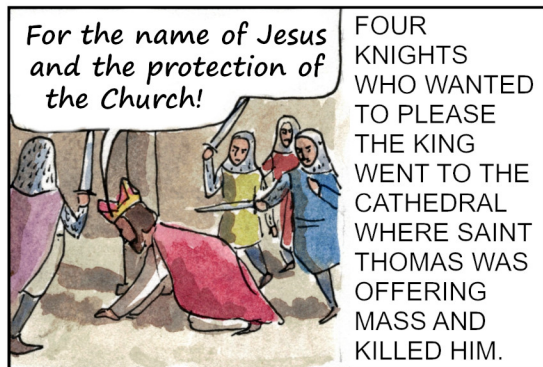
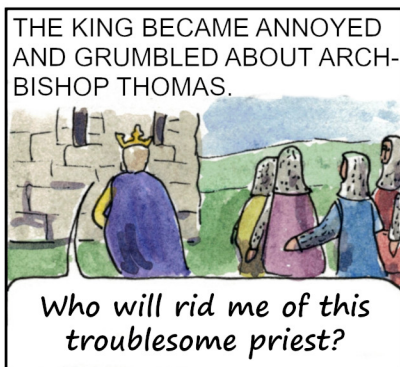
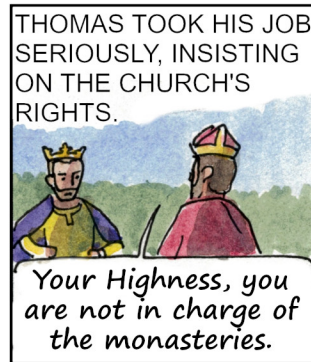
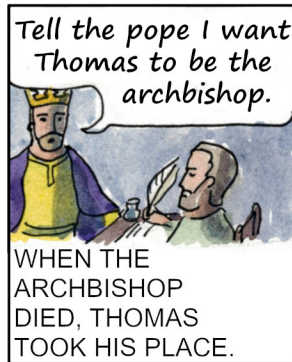
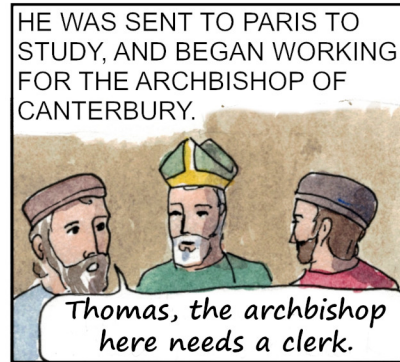
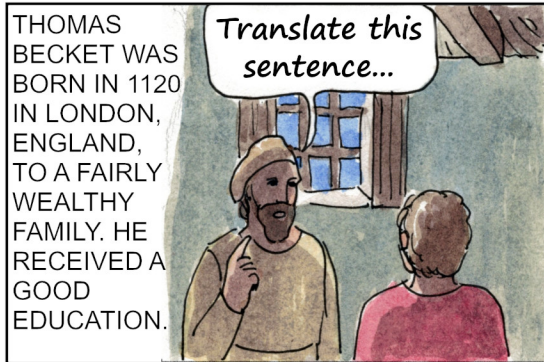
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Answer to inside page: HOLY FAMILY

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# Saint Thomas Becket

## December 29



SAINT THOMAS HAD LIVED A SECULAR (NOT VERY RELIGIOUS) LIFESTYLE UNTIL HE BECAME AN ARCHBISHOP. THEN HE UNDERSTOOD THAT HIS JOB WAS TO CARE OF SOULS, AND HE DIDN'T LET HIS FRIENDSHIP WITH THE KING GET IN THE WAY. GOD WANTS US TO HAVE GOOD FRIENDS, BUT REMEMBER HE IS OUR BEST FRIEND!

## Fill in the Blanks

Use the words from the list to fill in the blanks and use the circled letters to fill in the blanks at the bottom.

The angel of the Lord appeared to

\_\_\_\_\_C<sup>1</sup> in a dream and said,  
 "Rise, take the child and his C<sup>7</sup>\_\_\_\_\_,  
 flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell C<sup>4</sup>\_\_\_\_.  
 \_\_\_\_\_C<sup>2</sup> is going to search for the child to  
 destroy him."

Joseph rose and took the \_\_\_\_\_C<sup>9</sup> and his  
 mother by \_\_\_\_\_C<sup>8</sup> and departed for Egypt.  
 He \_\_\_\_\_C<sup>6</sup> there until the death of Herod,  
 that what the C<sup>3</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ had said through the  
 prophet might be \_\_\_\_\_C<sup>5</sup>\_\_\_\_\_.  
 Out of \_\_\_\_\_C<sup>10</sup> I called my son.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Matt. 2:13-15

FULFILLED  
 MOTHER  
 STAYED  
 JOSEPH  
 HEROD YOU  
 CHILD LORD  
 NIGHT EGYPT

