



The Poinsettias for Christmas are in Memory Of or in Honor Of the following:

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SCRIPTURE NOTE

Luke’s account of the birth of Jesus forms the Gospel for the first two Masses of Christmas. The story reflects the faith of the post-resurrection Church. The same titles that Peter attributes to the risen Jesus, “Lord and Messiah” (Acts 2:36), are now applied to the newborn child by the angels. Luke’s chief concern is theological. Every detail in the story serves this purpose. This is not to say that there is no historical basis for what he recounts. Luke gives the birth of Jesus a solemn setting. He is also hinting at the cosmic significance of the event. Unwittingly Augustus becomes an instrument of the Lord by ensuring that Jesus (the Messiah) was born in the town of David. His rejection at the inn anticipates his rejection by the Jewish people as a whole. Mary is shown to be a caring mother, wrapping the child in swaddling clothes and laying him in a manger-cradle. Her loving care reflects God’s care. Since Jesus was born in poverty, it is fitting that the news of his birth was first announced to simple shepherds. This also reflects Jesus’ concern (and Luke’s) for the poor and the lowly. The faith of shepherds serves as a model for future believers, and their joy anticipates the blessings that will come to those who accept Jesus as the Savior sent by God. For the third Mass of Christmas the prologue of John’s Gospel is used. This brings out the fullest meaning of what the feast reveals. John reaches back even before creation and identifies the new-born child as the Word of God. Eternally present with God, the Word brings life and light to the world. To those who accept him he gives the power to become children of God. [For a note on John’s prologue, see Second Sunday of Christmas.]

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY	DECEMBER 28
1 John 1:5—2:2; Matthew 2:13-18	
6:30 a.m.	Mr. Theo Laborde
8:15 a.m.	Int. Raymond Maurice Vernon
TUESDAY	DECEMBER 29
1 John 2:3-11; Luke 2:22-35	
6:30 a.m.	Mike and Marian Keane
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Tremellah McInnis
WEDNESDAY	DECEMBER 30
1 John 2:12-17; Luke 2:36-40	
6:30 a.m.	Ms. Margaret G. Dietrick
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Jackie Endt
THURSDAY	DECEMBER 31
1 John 2:18-21; John 1:1-18	
6:30 a.m.	Int. Ms. Lynn Fulkerson
8:15 a.m.	Ms. Jennifer Rogers
	5:00 p.m. Mr. & Mrs. William (Joyce) Staehle, Jr.
FRIDAY	JANUARY 1
Numbers 6:22-27; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21	
9:00 a.m.	Mr. Greg Mohler
11:00 a.m.	Int. Mr. Beckett Bassenger
5:30 p.m.	Int. Ms. Janette Williams
SATURDAY	JANUARY 2
1 John 2:22-28; John 1:19-28	
8:15 a.m.	Mr. George Pitalo, Sr.
	Mr. Gregory Hebert
	Russ, Carley, Brittany Jordan
	4:00 p.m. Bartoleme and Maria Camagong
SUNDAY	JANUARY 3
Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12	
7:30 a.m.	Ms. Linda Mayer
9:00 a.m.	Intentions for those Imprisoned
11:30 a.m.	Mr. Harby Kreeger
5:30 p.m.	Congregation



Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends: Rita Allen, Beckett Bassenger, Regina Papania Bell, Chris Bellman, Anthony David Belson, Elaine Belson, Bob & Ruth Boney, Glen Bosarge, Mercedes Bosarge, Carole Bourgeois, Sarah Broussard, Ellen Brown, Sybil Burchinal, Eileen Burkhardt, Arlene Burns, Carol Lee Cantin, Vicki Carter, Pat Cronin, Fred Dale, Breanne Dalton, Gina Dasher, Blake Donald, Marjorie DuBois, Betty Dugan, Henry Endt, Julian Galloway, Sandra Grantham, Donnie Hebert, Margaret Hebert, Mary Jo Hoogstra, Melissa James, Ashley Jensen, Otis Kaufman, John Kiernan, Daisie Laborde, Barbara Langan, Catherine Lawrence, Albert Gregory Mansfield, Erik Marcussen, Gordon Mathieu, Cheryl Megie, Bernie McGinley, Edna Miguez, Iva Misko, Donna Necaize, Leonard Necaize, Edward Necaize, Shirley and Travis Norman, Della Faye Odom, Michael Punziano, Anne Purdy, Carter James Sanders, Harold (Jimmy) Saylor, Jr., Sandy Senseney, Dale Seymour, Joyleen Seymour, Nell Stanton, Warren Strayham, Eunice Tamdah, Mary Terry, Ann Tootle, Dianne Tootle, Dolores Trenouth, Edna Trochesset, Ted Ursu, Ashley Vickers, Isabella Welch, Janette Williams and Thane Williams.

Altar Society Members for next week
Mary Ann Bounds, Linda Denehie, Lois Ravera

ST. ALPHONSUS SCHOOL
ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL

Dec 28 - Jan 4: No School – Christmas Holidays

Religious Education News

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Kindergarten – 5th Grade: 10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.
 Confirmation Class: 4:15 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.;
 6th – 8th Grade – Edge: 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
 9th – 12th Grade – Lifeteen: 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Dec 31: No RCIA
 Jan 3: No Youth Religious Education Class

Mass Schedule

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God:

Thursday, December 31: 5:00 p.m.
 Friday, January 1: 9:00 a.m.; 11:00 a.m.; 5:30 p.m.
 Spanish Mass: 2:00 p.m.

Office Closed: December 31 and January 1
Office Open: December 28 from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
December 29-30 from 8:30 a.m. – 12 Noon
Bookstore and Gift Shop: Closed through January 3rd.



You are invited to join us for the First Friday Devotion & Benediction on Friday, January 1st beginning at 7:45 a.m. (prior to 8:15 mass).



You are invited to join us for the First Saturday Devotion on Saturday, January 2nd at 7:45 a.m. (half hour before the 8:15 a.m. Mass) with Devotion, Consecration, Rosary and Benediction. Confession will also be available.



Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of: Mary Tanner – niece of Loraine Schneider and sister of Brenda Landrum of this parish, who passed away December 13th.

We extend our sympathy to the family and promise her a remembrance in our prayers. May God grant her eternal peace.

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