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My Christmas List of Blessings by Vicki J. Kuyper

My Christmas List is more than just a way to keep track of the special people God brought in my life to love. It's like a treasured scrapbook filled with pleasant memories of all the times God has answered prayers through friends and family.

Every name is a touchstone that leads to a place and time where God has used another's heart to reach out and touch mine. It may have happened years ago or even yesterday, but every person on my list has changed my life some way. Through simple conversation, a warm hug, or a shared meal, every person on my list has helped me to grow and heal, or laugh or love or learn or smile... the blessings never end.

As God allows our paths to cross as family and friends, please know that this greeting is more than a Christmas wish—it's a "thank you" card to God for putting on my list each and every one whose name I've come to hold dear—those who have shown me Christmas joy each day of the year.

When we gather for Christmas with family and friends, let us remember to thank God for each other and for the many blessings He has bestowed on us this past year. For unto us a child is given; He is Christ the Lord, Wonder-Counselor, Lord of Lords, the Prince of Peace.

John Milton wrote this observation about Christmas:

"This is the month, and this the happy morn, wherein the Son of Heaven's eternal King, of Wedded Maid and Virgin Mother born, our great redemption from above did bring; for so the holy sages did sing that He our deadly forfeit should release, and with His Father work us a perpetual peace."

On behalf of myself and the parish staff of St. Jane Frances de Chantal, I wish to extend to all of you, your families, and your friends a happy and joy-filled Christmas.

Christmas affords us the opportunity to recall and reflect upon the people God has placed in our lives—and the many experiences we have had with various people from all walks of life. Christmas is about our relationships with people new and old. It is a time to look inside ourselves and share our very being with those who walk the journey with us.

Have a Merry Christmas.

Carpe Diem,

Fr. Tony



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses Saturday	4:00pm
Sunday	9:00am & 11:30am
Weekday Masses	
Tuesday	7:00pm
Wednesday & Thu	rsday 8:00am
Holy Day Masses	As Announced
Confession Tuesday	5:30pm
Rosary Tuesday	6:00pm

OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday, & Thursday 9:00am—1:00pm & 4:30pm—8:00pm

Tuesday 2:00pm—8:00pm Saturday 3:00pm—5:00pm Sunday

10:00am—12:30pm

PARISH HAPPENINGS

Monday, December 27, 2021 Parish Office closed. 1:00pm Intercessory Prayer Team Mtg. (via Zoom)

Tuesday, December 28, 2021 Parish Office closed. No Mass or Confessions.

Wednesday, December 29, 2021 Parish Office closed. No Mass.

Thursday, December 30, 2021 *Parish Office closed. No Mass.*

Friday, December 31, 2021 4:00pm Solemnity of Mary Mass

Saturday, January 1, 2022 4:00pm Mass

Sunday, January 2, 2022 8:00am Red Cross Blood Drive 9:00am Mass 10:00am RCIA 11:30am Mass 12:15pm Baptism 1:00pm Faith Formation

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"Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another..."

-Colossians 3:12-13

On this Feast of the Holy Family, we honor the family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph and also focus on our own families. Today is a good day to reflect on the joys of family life and acknowledge its challenges. As you reflect, be sure to pray for the needs of your family.

As you gather for a meal, consider praying together the following prayer from the book *Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers*:

We bless your name, O Lord, for sending your own incarnate Son to become part of a family, so that, as he lived its life, he would experience its worries and its joys.

We ask you, Lord, to protect and watch over this family, so that in the strength of your grace, its members may enjoy prosperity, possess the priceless gift of your peace, and, as the Church alive in the home, bear witness in this world to your glory.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

May your family be a source of joy and peace!

FAITH FORMATION CALENDAR

Sunday, January 2, 2022 1:00pm—4:00pm Faith Formation

Sunday, January 9, 2022 7:00pm—8:30pm High School Youth Group at St. Rene

Sunday, January 23, 2022 7:00pm—8:30pm High School Youth Group at St. Jane Frances de Chantal

Sunday, February 6, 2022 1:00pm—4:00pm Faith Formation

Sunday, February 13, 2022 7:00pm—8:30pm High School Youth Group at St. Rene

Sunday, February 27, 2022 7:00pm—8:30pm High School Youth Group at St. Jane Frances de Chantal

FAITH FORMATION STAFF

Director of Faith Formation Michael Novak

Good News Catechists (Grades 1-3) Karen Graziano, Carol Coluccio

Venture Catechist (Grades 4-6) Pam Klassen **7th Grade Catechists** Ed Khule, Joann Urban

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Today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, who were so very ordinary—yet also divinely extraordinary through the power of God.

Mary and Joseph just didn't know the extent of it at the time of Jesus' arrival. We see them as a family to look up to, to pattern ourselves after, though it couldn't have been easy for them as Jesus got older and began to do the work of his divine Father.

No doubt, parents all over the world have to wonder what their kids are up to most of the time. Where are they going, what are they doing, and who are their friends? Often, the kids don't discuss too much with their parents.

Many of us grew up watching what seemed to be ideal families on television: Ward and June Cleaver and their sons, Wally and Beaver. Ward went to work every day; June wore dresses and pearls to clean the house—and without fail, had dinner on the table every afternoon. Wally and "the Beave" found some kind of mischief. The family talked of all that happened during the day over the nightly meal, and lessons were learned.

Or maybe you recall the Waltons—a large and extended family with grandma and grandpa, mom and dad—John and Olivia—and lots of kids all living under the same roof. Certainly, family members on both shows would get into trouble on occasion, but it was all sorted out by the end of the show.

Of course, television is not reality, and what was typical then isn't now. Today, things are different, and families have evolved into many different models, some with one parent, some with step-parents, some with no parents, some with grandparents who take over the role of parents, and some, due to financial hardship, where unrelated people are living together to keep expenses under control.

What is a family? There probably is no solid definition, and it can vary widely according to your own circumstances. We all celebrated Thanksgiving a month ago, and the beauty of that holiday is the coming together of family and friends to enjoy both the preparation and consumption of a wonderful meal. Sometimes it includes people you are meeting for the very first time—or the homeless, if you are volunteering to serve at a community shelter. More and more, we've seen the evolution of something known as "Friendsgiving," where people gather to celebrate holidays in the absence of—or even in addition to—their nuclear family.

Whatever your circumstances, it's all good. When I sing at weddings and can choose any verse for the Alleluia, my favorite one is from Matthew 18:20: "Where two or three are gathered in My name, there I am in the midst of them." A new family is beginning that very day, and whatever form it will take is beautiful in the eyes of God.

May you have a blessed day as you celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family with your own family.



THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

Adapted from *catholiccurrent.org*.

We celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family on the first Sunday after Christmas. This feast day is a reminder to us of the example Mary and Joseph set for all of us in welcoming Jesus into their lives. The Holy Family serves as a model for us all in which to live in faith and simplicity.

Add an additional prayer to your family routine today and brainstorm ways you might help each other grow in faith throughout this New Year.

"May the Holy Family be a model for our families, so that parents and children may support each other



mutually in adherence to the Gospel, the basis of the holiness of the family." —Pope Francis

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FAMILY CHALLENGE: FALL IN LOVE WITH THE SAINTS

Written by Rakhi McCormick. Adapted from unleashthegospel.org.

Find Your Own Calcutta! St. Teresa of Calcutta: September 5th

Faced with multitudes of people who wanted to go serve with the Missionaries of Charity in Calcutta, Mother Teresa encouraged people to begin by looking instead to their own communities—to find their own Calcutta. Pope Francis refers to families as a "vital cell to transforming our world." Take time to reflect on how your family is called to be a living witness of Christ's love to those in need. What spiritual and corporal works of mercy pull on your heartstrings? Who in your community can your family help to know the love and mercy of God?

Go Deeper: Consider making a family commitment to support a local organization living out the works of mercy like the Catholic Charities Works of Mercy Center, the Pope Francis Center, Jail Outreach Ministry, Deo Gratias Ministry, Mary's Mantle, Earthworks Garden, Capuchin Soup Kitchen, and your own parish's St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Seek God Now! St. Andrew Kim & Korean Martyrs: September 20th

St. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn was the first Korean-born priest, but the Catholic faith had spread through Korea before any priest had arrived in the country. Don't wait for someone else to come along before you grow in faith. Take charge of deepening your family's relationship with Christ and don't be afraid to invite others into it.

Go Deeper: Start a Bible study together (and consider inviting a neighbor). Pray over one another and for one another. Watch *The Chosen* as a family. Use *52 Sundays* to grow together.

Be Wildflowers! St. Therese of Lisieux: Oct 1st

When people think of St. Therese, they often think of roses. And yet, it is the Little Flower who reminds us that "if every tiny flower wanted to be a rose, spring would lose its loveliness." This is true among the saints as well. The beauty of our canon of saints lies in the tremendous diversity we find in their ranks—religious, priests, martyrs, children, married men and women, sinners who grew into heroic virtue, and broken people who allowed God to work through them. They all inspire and encourage us to discover the unique call in our lives and our family's mission in the world. Take time to learn about saints from around the world and create a saint squad that fits your family.

Go Deeper: Learn about a new saint each week using Jennifer Fulwiler's online Saint Name Generator. Read captivating stories from *Saints Around the World* by Meg Hunter-Kilmer and Lindsey Sanders. Shine a light on the saints to discover more about them with the interactive *Light of the Saints book* by Corey Heimann and Tricia Dugat. Put a few saint peg dolls around the house.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE							
	Tuesday Dec. 28, 2021	Wednesday Dec. 29, 2021	Thursday Dec. 30, 2021	Saturday Jan. 1, 2022	Sunday Jan. 2, 2022		
	7:00pm Mass	8:00am Mass	8:00am Mass	4:00pm Mass	9:00am Mass	11:30am Mass	
Sacristan	No Mass	No Mass	No Mass	Mary Wolf	Ray Knapp	Brian Finn	
Lector	No Mass	No Mass	No Mass	Sarah Friedmann	Chris Bajercius	Stephanie Jones	

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KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS: AN EASY WAY TO GIVE BACK TO OUR PARISH

Looking for an easy way to support our parish? St. Jane Frances de Chantal participates in **Kroger Community Rewards!** With Kroger Community Rewards, a percentage of your grocery purchase will be

awarded to our parish. This will not cost you any additional money.

TO USE KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS:

Be sure to have your Kroger Plus card handy, and remember to register your card with your organization after you sign up. If you do not yet have a Kroger Plus card, they are available at the customer service desk at any Kroger.

1. Visit krogercommunityrewards.com.

2. Create a digital account. A digital account is needed to participate in Kroger Community Rewards. If you already have a digital account, simply link your Shopper's Card to your account so that all transactions apply toward the organization you choose.

3. Link your Card to an organization. Selecting the organization that you wish to support is as simple as updating the **Kroger Community Rewards** selection on your digital account:

- Sign in to your digital account.
- Search for your organization.
- Enter the name or NPO number of the organization you wish to support. **Our parish's NPO number is JK577**.
- Select the appropriate organization from the list and click "Save."

Your selected organization will also display in the Kroger Community Rewards section of your account. If you need to review or revisit your organization, you can always do so under your account details.

4. Start shopping! Any transactions made using the Shopper's Card number associated with your digital account will be applied to the program **at no added cost to you.**

For each purchase to count, members must swipe their registered Kroger Plus card at the register or use the phone number that is related to their registered Kroger Plus card when shopping. Kroger donates annually to participating organizations based on your percentage of spending as it relates to the total spending associated with all participating Kroger Community Rewards organizations. **We appreciate your participation!**



SCRIPTURE READINGS WEEK OF DEC. 26, 2021

Sunday

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rewards

Feast of the Holy Family 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28 or Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24 or Col 3:12-21 or Col 3:12-17 Lk 2:41-52

Monday

Feast of St. John, Apostle & Evangelist 1 Jn 1:1-4 Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 Jn 20:1a & 2-8

Tuesday *Feast of Holy Innocents, Martyrs* 1 Jn 1:5-2:2 Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 Mt 2:13-18

Wednesday *The 5th Day in the Octave of Christmas* 1 Jn 2:3-11 Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 Lk 2:22-35

Thursday *The 6th Day in the Octave of Christmas* 1 Jn 2:12-17 Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 Lk 2:36-40

Friday The 7th Day of the Octave of Christmas 1 Jn 2:18-21 Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 Jn 1:1-18

Saturday Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God Nm 6:22-27 Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a) Gal 4:4-7 Lk 2:16-21

Sunday *The Epiphany of the Lord* Is 60:1-6 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12

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ARMED SERVICES PRAYER LIST

Robert Bain, Army Nicholas Brosowski, Army Chris Burley, Navy Shaun Chaplin, Air Force Alexander J. Hendzell, Marines Louis B. Kasper III, Coast Guard Elijah Kuefler, Navy Carmen LaForest, Navy Matthew McDowell, Air Force Cassidy Kicinski Rose, Air Force Jeremy Rzeppa, Navy Anthony Trotta, Navy Kyle Wiegand, Army

PRAYER LIST

Elaine Enck Billy Koresky Dallas McKim Vivian Parker Judy Peterson June Sadowski Tom Sadowski Jolly Talampas

Names added to the Prayer List remain for four weeks. Please call the Parish Office to request prayers.



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 27, 2021 No Mass

Tuesday, December 28, 2021 No Mass

Wednesday, December 29, 2021 No Mass

Thursday, December 30, 2021 No Mass

Friday, December 31, 2021

4:00pm For the Parishioners

Saturday, January 1, 2022

4:00pm For the Parishioners Dec. Elizabeth Koczon (Judy Taylor) Dec. Al Vichunas (Sepanik Family)

Sunday, January 2, 2022

9:00am First Sunday Monthly Memorial Members Dec. Robert F. Endres (Spouse)

11:30am Dec. Joan Castleberry (Mr. & Mrs. Chinn)



OUR MISSION

"Nourished by God's Word & the Eucharist, we strive to be a welcoming Catholic community dedicated to living and proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

NEW TO OUR PARISH?

Would you like to join the St. Jane Frances de Chantal parish family? Become a parishioner! You may register anytime in the Parish Office or online at **sjfparish.org/joinus**. We would love to have you!

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SACRAMENTS

CHILDREN'S BAPTISM

Do you have a child you would like to have baptized? Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements.

RECONCILIATION

Available Tuesdays at 5:30pm.

MARRIAGE

Congratulations! Please contact our Parish Office at least six months prior to your desired wedding date to begin preparations.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Contact the Parish Office to schedule one-time or regular visits.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Are you interested in joining the Catholic Church? Contact Laurie Hall to begin the process. Welcome home!



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Apdal & Rebucal Families Cresencio E. Apdal **Bajercius & Nowak Families** Carol Bardelline Michael Baranski Family Joseph Beauregard **Bielinski Family** Blacker & Bartz Families Bonk & Szymanski Families Anthony & Mary Ann Bratke Dennis Briston Broski & Schaff Families **Brower & Ficaro Families** Albert Brylewski Caradonna & Campo Families Nancy Ann Cardamone Fr. James Challancin **Coussens & Petracci Families Desmond Cushing** Louis & Elvira D'Ambrosio **DeHayes & Kulhawik Families** Andrew & Eleanor Delie Mark Dolata **Robert F. Endres Betty Eschrich** Raymond & Mary Fante

Finn & McNamara Families Florek & Soldatek Families Sr. Mary Frederick **Riley James Frush** Jesus & Mercedes Garcia James Golombek Norbert & Emily Golonka Henry & Irene Grifka **Gurney Family Donald Herppich** Kay Herrmann Hughes & Przedwojewski Families John Kapeluch Family Richard H. & Richie Karasinski Father Mike Kazer Anthony & Jane Klik Jean Koscielski **Bernard Kosnik** John & Dorothy Kotulis Peter & Elizabeth Kotulis Ron Kotulis Sandi Kotulis Anthony Krull Family Frances Kulwicki Kulwicki & Spellman Families James Kwapis

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