

Welcome to Our Parish!

December 28, 2025 Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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Mass Intentions

SAT, DEC 27

8:00am Laura Marini† 5:00pm Isagani Sabino†

SUN, DEC 28

8:00am Guillermo Sanchez† 10:00am People of Our Parish

Brock Mavity†

12:00pm Ruth Myers†

5:30pm Carroll Goldstein†

MON, DEC 29

7:00 am Deacon John Gravois† 12:15pm Gavin Christman†

TUE, DEC 30

7:00am Elvira Hernandez Vasquez†

12:15pm Joyce Baker† 7:00pm Spanish Mass

WED, DEC 31

7:00am Marylou Calabrese†
12:15pm Baltazar Reynafarje†
5:30pm Arlene Wagner†

THU, JAN 1

10:00am Chuck Russell† 12:00pm People of the Parish

FRI, JAN 2

9:00am Marylou Calabrese† 9:00am Larry Magilligan†

SAT, JAN 3

8:00am Daniel Saylor † 5:00pm Richard Adams†

SUN, JAN 4

8:00am Tom Colceri†

10:00am People of Our Parish

Salvatore DiBella †

12:00pm Suzanne Sansone Salzman†

5:30pm Winnie James†

Readings for Next Weekend

The Epiphany of the Lord

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalm: Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13. Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5pm

Sunday: 8am, 10am, 12pm, 5:30pm

Daily Masses

Monday - Friday: 7am & 12:15pm / Saturday: 8am

Tuesday: 7pm (Spanish)

RECONCILIATION

Tuesdays at 10:30am by RSVP on our home page. Saturdays from 3:30 to 4:30pm. (no rsvp needed)

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday through Friday from 8am (after the 7am Mass) until 7pm in the Chapel of the Angels. Adoration closes for the 12:15pm Mass.

Important updates for our Adoration Schedule:

Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel of the Angels will close

- Monday, December 22 at 12:15 p.m. and remain closed until Monday, December 29 after the 12:15pm Mass.
- We will close again at 5pm on Wednesday, December 31 and remain closed until, Monday, January 5, 2026 with our regular schedule.

Are you interested in registering at our Parish?

You can complete the registration form on our website or visit our Parish Office. Click on the QR code for a direct link to the form.



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Baptisms - Welcome!

Adrian Felipe Baquero Leonardo Robert Doern Rowan Mateo Gibbs Robert Russell Shinn

Praying for our Recently Deceased

†Dianne Konkel

†Alyssia Marie Brown

†Linnea Ellis

†Eduardo Vergara

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions

For Christians in areas of conflict Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.



Thank You

On behalf of our Parish Clergy and Team we say thank you and God bless you for your kindness and outpouring of Christmas graces, gifts and blessings. We are truly blessed to be part of this amazing Annunciation family. Thank you. God's peace and blessings always.

Upcoming Mass Schedule: **Fri., December 26** - Please note: Daily Mass at 9am only.

Sun., December 28 - Feast of the Holy Family

Wed., December 31 - Mary the Mother of God Vigil - 5:30pm. Daily Mass will be at 7am and 12:15pm

Thu., January 1 - Mary the Mother of God - 10am and 12noon Mass (no 7am Mass) Holy Day of Obligation

Fri., January 2 - Please note: Daily Mass at 9am only.

Parish Office and Bookstore Christmas and New Year's Schedule

The Parish office will be closed from December 24 to December 29 and then from January 2 to January 5.

The Book & Gift Store will be closed on December 24 and will reopen January 5.

REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL

Today we honor and ponder the family life of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. The love within their home exceeded that of any other household, and the love within their family poured forth upon their extended family and wider community. Scripture gives us limited details about the life of the Holy Family. What we do know is that from the very beginning, they suffered through enormous challenges.

Mary's pregnancy was the first challenge they faced. She conceived the Christ Child before she and Joseph lived together. Though she knew how she conceived the Son of God, Joseph did not understand until the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream. We can imagine that relatives and members of the community expressed their disapproval, given that the angel of the Lord did not reveal the truth to everyone.

Jesus was born far away from their home, in the little town of Bethlehem, in a cave, where animals dwelt. Humble shepherds were their first guests, and the magi from the East soon followed. Within a year or two after Jesus' birth, this family had to uproot from their home and flee to Egypt, find accommodations, and earn a living because Herod sought to kill the child Jesus

After Herod's death, Joseph was instructed in two subsequent dreams that he could return to Israel and was to move his family to the small and unremarkable village of Nazareth. Though Nazareth was not held in high esteem, it was within this simple setting that Jesus was raised and learned the virtues of hard work, obedience, and humility. Nazareth, though overlooked by the world, became the sacred ground where the Savior of the world was prepared for His mission. Finally, given that Saint Joseph is not mentioned during the time that Jesus exercised His public ministry, it is commonly believed that Jesus and His mother experienced the human sorrow of Joseph's earthly death.

Despite the hardships the Holy Family endured, the love in their home overshadowed every challenge, making their family life a source of the utmost consolation and joy. Amidst the trials they faced, the Holy Family found joy, not in worldly comforts, but in their deep union with God and with each other. Their home was a sanctuary of love, prayer, and mutual support, where God's presence was always felt. How fascinating it will be one day, in Heaven, if God reveals to us the details about the earthly and hidden life of the Holy Family. Though the angels witnessed their lives as they unfolded in time, we can hope and imagine that God, in His goodness, will share these mysteries with the saints, revealing the true beauty of Holy Family's earthly life together. conversations, interactions, charity, prayer, fun, work, and all that made up their family life will be a source of eternal admiration and gratitude.

GROW IN YOUR FAITH

The Kids Bulletin



A Home Filled with Love

Today we remember the Holy Family: Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. They loved each other very much, and their home was full of love.

The Bible does not tell us many stories about their life, but we know it was not always easy.

Mary was going to have baby Jesus. Joseph did not understand at first, but God sent an angel to him in a dream and told him not to be afraid.

Jesus was born far from home, in Bethlehem, in a place where animals lived. Shepherds and wise men came to see Him.

When Jesus was little, the family had to leave their home to stay safe. Later, they returned and moved to a small town called Nazareth. There, Jesus grew up and learned to work hard, obey, and be kind.

Joseph is not mentioned later in Jesus' life. Many people believe he died when Jesus was still young.

Even though life was hard, the Holy Family was happy. They loved God and loved each other. Their home was full of prayer, love, and peace.



Do you have questions about the Catholic Faith?

Have you been away from the Church... or do you just want to learn more about your faith? Were you raised in another faith or maybe not raised in any faith, but feel called to something deeper? Our next session is on Tue., January 13th at 7pm in the Nazareth Center. For more information, please contact Vicki Ridgeway at 407-869-9472 or vridgeway@annunciationorlando.org



How can we pray for you?

Everyday life can be challenging and we want to pray for your intentions. We will pray for each specific intention that you submit. Submit your intentions at:

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■ January 9⑥ 6:00-7:00 PM

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Date: Saturday January 17, 2026

Place: St. Gabriel Life Center Doors
Open 6:15PM

Food Tasting: 6:15 PM to 8:15PM

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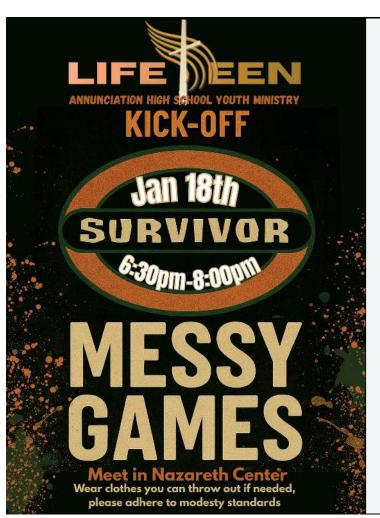
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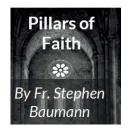
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Who: Facilitated by Fr Matthew **When**: January 12 to February 10, 2026 Mon. @ 10:30am and Tue. @ 5:30pm

Where: St Gabriel Life Center Register: Coming Soon!







St. Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor - December 21st

St. Peter Canisius (1521-1597) is sometimes called "the second apostle of Germany." He is a very important person in the Catholic Counter Reformation which followed the sixteenth century Council of Trent, several sessions of which he had attended

Born in Nijmegen in the Netherlands, he entered the Society of Jesus after studying at Cologne and Louvain. He was ordained a priest in 1546 and was first given a teaching assignment. As he was noted for his preaching, Duke William of Bavaria asked that he be sent to Germany to revive Catholicism. A popular and eloquent preacher, he zealously defended the faith, authored a simple catechism, taught and established colleges and seminaries. His influence was widespread and lasting.

Prior to his assignment to Germany, St. Peter Canisius tells of a spiritual experience. After acknowledging his acceptance of that mission, he continued: "At length, it was as if you opened to me the heart in your most sacred body; I seemed to see it directly before my eyes. You told me to drink from this fountain, inviting me, that is, to draw the waters of salvation from your wellsprings, my Savior. I was most eager that streams of faith, hope and love should flow into me from that source. I was thirsting for poverty, chastity, obedience. I asked to be clothed, to be wholly cleaned by you, to be made resplendent by you.

"So, after daring to approach your most loving heart and to plunge my thirst in it, I received a promise from you of a garment made of three parts: "these were to cover my soul in its nakedness, and to belong especially to my religious profession. They were peace, love and perseverance. Protected by this garment of salvation, I was confident that I would lack nothing, but all would succeed and give you glory."

St. Peter Canisius was canonized in 1925 and declared a Doctor of the Church. The Antiphon in the Benedictus (Morning Prayer) reads: "Those who are learned will be as radiant as the sky in all its beauty; those who instruct the people in goodness will shine like the stars for all eternity."

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Week of December 28, 2025



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The Holy Family

We are excited to announce our series of FORMED Now! Christmas and New Year special episodes. In these episodes, professors from the Augustine Institute Graduate School will lead us in reflections throughout the season!



Litany of the Holy Name of Jesus

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as we celebrate the feast of The Most Holy Name of Jesus with this litany prayer of the Holy Name.

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Parish Office Hours

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In need of assistance?



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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

...and the two shall become as one. Mark 10:8 For information regarding the Sacrament of Marriage, please contact the Parish Office at 407-869-9472 at least six months prior to your anticipated wedding date.

VOCATIONS

...I have called you by name. Isaiah 43:1 Do you feel called to Priesthood or Religious Life? We look forward to speaking with you. Please contact our Clergy at 407-869-9472.

HOSPITAL VISITATION ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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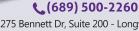
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