

The day after Christmas honors 3 holy men: Joseph, the earthly father of Jesus, David the king, and James, the brother of Jesus. Joseph was the father of James from a previous marriage to another woman who died, leaving Joseph a widower and James and his brothers and sisters, Judah, Simon, Esther, Martha, and Salome, without a mother. Joseph took Mary who had taken a vow of virginity and the mother of Jesus, as his wife, and as the foster mother of his children.

When we think of James, we think of him as one of Jesus' Apostles, James the Just. When we look at the icons of Mary and Joseph going to Bethlehem and the icon of the flight into Egypt, we see a young man with them. This young man is St. James. James wrote an epistle, which is part of the New Testament. He is also the writer of the Protoevangelion of James. After the Ascension of the Lord, Saint James was the first Bishop of Jerusalem, gaining great esteem of all he met. He was martyred by being thrown from the roof of the Jerusalem Temple and then stoned because he had publicly preached about the God-Manhood of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The day after Christmas also commemorates the Holy Prophet-King David. He was a forefather of our Lord Jesus Christ. David was the youngest son of Jesse and was a shepherd. He had deep faith, which allowed him to vanquish the giant Goliath in a single combat. His defeat of the giant decided the outcome of the war in favor of the Israelites. The king at the time was King Saul who was not in favor of David. After Saul died, David became the king of Israel and built Jerusalem and a new tabernacle. The Prophet David was not always a good person. He took the wife of Uriah as his own and sent Uriah into battle to have him killed. David is also known as an example of great repentance because he humbly and with faith bore the sorrows sent to him in punishment for his sins. David wrote the psalms from which many of the prayers said during divine liturgy are taken.

These three men are examples of faith that allow us to see ways in which we should live. In our lives, we have obstacles which send us farther from our faith and from our Lord. If we use the examples of others who have been through some of the same things that we go through, this should help to deepen our faith knowing that they were mere humans who sinned just as we do, but they found a way to make peace with our Lord and deepen their faith.



Our Weekly Bulletin

Protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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Welcome to our Parish

Христос Родиться!
Славите Його!

Christ is Born!
Glorify Him!

Divine Liturgies and Services for the Week

Week of Dec. 26, 2021 to Jan. 2, 2022

Sunday, Dec 26	Sunday after Christmas	✠ Robert Ramirez
Dec 27	No Liturgy	
Dec 28	No Liturgy	
Dec 29	No Liturgy	
Dec 30	No Liturgy	
Dec 31	No Liturgy	
Jan 1	No Liturgy	
Sunday, Jan 2	Sunday before Theophany	✠ Miroslav Danylo

If you are looking for a closer relationship with Jesus Christ and are looking for a home, you are welcome to be part of our kid friendly family in Christ. You have found your way home.

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New Year's Prayer for 2022

Lord, my precious Savior and God, help me turn to You this New Year. May I be grateful for every breath. Lord, as circumstances and issues came against me last year and have followed me into this New Year, I cry out to You. Empower me with Your Holy Spirit to overcome these obstacles with a good perspective, realizing You allow trials in my life to mold me into the image of Your marvelous Son.

Heavenly Father, let me be not only a hearer of Your Word, but also a doer, practicing Your teachings, no longer quenching the Holy Spirit. Cause me to act on opportunities instead of apathetically overlooking them. This readiness involves praising and worshipping You with a pure heart.

This New Year, I trust Your closeness and care. I have no need for fear because You lavish Your love on me. Heavenly Father, I propose to know more and more of You, seeking Your Kingdom and reigning over my life. May my actions prove I treasure the Holy Spirit indwelling inside me.

Let this New Year and the following years consist of Your reign in me. Let me take the time daily to lift Your name on high. Let me realize all the marvelous gifts that come from above: rain, sunshine, blessings. Then, I will bless You with all my soul.

May my mind focus on heavenly priorities: loving You and my neighbor. Lord, this New Year let me walk in humility, serving You, loving You, giving You glory and honor every day. Each day of this New Year may I acknowledge You in everything and for everything. I thank You for the work You do inside me by Your love, power, and might.

Thank You for this New Year. Let me do according to Your good pleasure and purpose, pleasing You in every area of this life. Thank You for Your mercy which makes all things new each morning -- even after a day of failure.

In this New Year, I cry to You Father, thanking you for restoring a right relationship with me. Conform and transform me unto all godliness through the burdens and blessings You allow to cross my path. Lord, thank You for hearing my prayer. May this New Year be truly about You – May I be all about God in my actions and attitudes. From this New Year's prayer, let me not forget to listen carefully to You. Give me eyes to see and a heart to do Your will this New Year and each and every New Year to come. Amen!

Thank You from Fr. Andriy, Fr. Deacon Tony, and Fr. Deacon Chris,

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We want to sincerely thank you for all the wonderful and warm wishes this Christmas. We are honored and grateful for your generosity that you have shown to us. We are very happy to have all of you for parishioners and fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. We hope that we continue to grow closer as a parish family on the way to the Kingdom of God. God bless you!

PARISH NEWS

Weekly Collection - December 19, 2021 - \$225.00 Thank you for your generosity.

Confessions - Father will hear confessions following Sunday Liturgies.

Saturdays with Jesus - Saturday, January 8, 2021 - 10:00AM - Adult class

2:00PM - Children from 5 and up

Blessing of Houses - Father will be blessing houses in the near future.



Blessing of the Jordan
Wednesday, January 5
at 5:00PM

Prayer List

Parishioners: Connie Butkus, Kathy Ott, Sarah Kelt, Gary Maurer, the Lutak family, Jeremiah Hunt

Friends of the Parish: Jennifer Maurer, Breanna Borlie, Tom and Kris, Mark Prewitt, Richard Shonk, Ryder McDermitt, Fr. Wolodymyr Woloszczuk, Steve Helsel, Tuinstra family, Patricia Dragani, Kevin Rogers, Darla Tishok, the Sherman family, the Williams family.

To add or remove a name, place your request in the collection basket.

Joke of the Day

Jim asked the televangelist to pray for his hearing. After three minutes of violent shaking and trying to push him over backwards, the preacher asked, "How's your hearing?" Jim replied, "I don't know. It doesn't take place until Tuesday at the courthouse."

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