

December 26, 2021  
Feast of the Holy Family

# We Are All God's Children Now



## *Holy Name Cathedral*

### Our Vision

A world in communion with Jesus Christ.

### Our Mission

Holy Name Cathedral, as a Catholic parish and the seat of the Archdiocese of Chicago, forms a community of disciples who inspire, nurture, and join people on their faith journey to encounter and grow in Jesus Christ.

### Mass Schedule

#### Monday-Friday

7:00am, 8:00am (livestream) & 12noon  
Wednesday evenings at 5:30pm

#### Saturday

9:00am (livestream) & 5:30pm Vigil Mass

#### Sunday

7:00am, 8:30am, 10:30am (livestream),  
12:30pm, 5:30pm

#### Saturday Reconciliation

9:00am to 12noon

# Reflections from the Rector

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Dear People of God,  
We celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family this weekend. The Holy Family reminds and challenges us about the importance of our own family –no matter what our age! Family life is never easy, and time moves much too quickly!

And speaking of time, enjoy the following and pass it on.

## Time Gets Better with Age

I learned that I like my teacher because she cries when we sing “Silent Night.” Age 5

I learned that our dog doesn’t want to eat my broccoli either. Age 7

I learned that when I wave to people in the country, they stop what they are doing and wave back. Age 9

I learned that just when I get my room the way I like it, Mom makes me clean it up again. Age 12

I learned that if you want to cheer yourself up, you should try cheering someone else up. Age 14

I learned that although it’s hard to admit it, I’m secretly glad my parents are strict with me. Age 15

I learned that silent company is often more healing than words of advice. Age 24

I learned that brushing my child’s hair is one of life’s great pleasures. Age 26

I learned that wherever I go, the world’s worst drivers have followed me there. Age 29

I learned that if someone says something unkind about me, I must live so that no one will believe it. Age 30

I learned that there are people who love you dearly, but just don’t know how to show it. Age 42

I learned that the greater a person’s sense of guilt, the greater his or her need to cast blame on others. Age 46

I learned that children and grandparents are natural allies. Age 47

I learned that no matter what happens, or how bad it seems today, life does go on, and it will be better tomorrow. Age 48

I learned that you can tell a lot about a man by the way he handles these three things: a rainy day; lost luggage; and tangled Christmas tree lights. Age 51

I learned that regardless of your relationship with your parents, you miss them terribly after they die. Age 53

I learned that making a living is not the same thing as making a life. Age 58

I learned that if you want to do something positive for your children, work to improve your marriage. Age 61

I learned that life sometimes gives you a second chance. Age 62

I learned that you shouldn’t go through life with a catcher’s mitt on both hands. Age 64

I learned that everyone can use a prayer. Age 72

I learned that even when I have pains, I don’t have to be one. Age 82

I learned that every day you should reach out and touch someone. People love that human touch — holding hands, a warm hug or just a friendly pat on the back. Age 90

**I learned that I still have a lot to learn. Age 92**

*May you laugh a lot*

*May you count your blessings*

*May you forgive quickly*

*May you make memories*

*May you love deeply*

*May you cherish friends*

*May you say I’m sorry*

*May you live life.*

Blessings and health in the New Year,

Fr. Greg



# Your Cathedral

## Upcoming Events

### Tuesday, December 28

No activities

### Wednesday, December 29

Weekly Bible Study	6:30pm
HNC YA Monthly Board Meeting	6:45 PM

### Thursday, December 30

Catholic Charities Supper Volunteers	3:00pm
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### Friday, December 31

7:00am Daily Mass	7:00am
8:00am Daily Mass	8:00am
12noon Daily Mass	Canceled

### Saturday, January 1

Rectory	Closed Today
Confessions	Canceled Today
New Year's Day Mass	10:00am
Saturday Vigil Mass	5:30pm

### Sunday, January 2

Rectory now open on Sundays 9a-2p	9:00am
7:00am Sunday Mass	7:00am
8:30am Sunday Mass	8:30am
10:30am Sunday Mass	10:30am
12:30pm Sunday Mass	12:30pm
5:30pm Sunday Mass	5:30pm

### Save the Date

Tuesday, January 11 at 7:30pm  
Cathedral Concert with Brass & Organ



## Christmas Message from the Rector

Blessings to you during this Holy Christmas weekend. Please know that you and your family are in my prayers during this special time of year. I wish to extend my profound gratitude for your generosity throughout this difficult year. Your continued prayers and financial support allowed us to fully open and even add more daily and Sunday masses as we care for the architectural beauty of your Cathedral.

A heartfelt thank you to our many liturgical ministers for your dedication and willingness to serve within ever-changing COVID protocols. In addition, thank you to our lay leadership and faith formation teams who found many creative ways to bring virtual programming to our Faith Community!

As I have said so many times, "You are the Church. We are the Body of Christ." He is already with us yet we celebrate again this year for a new awakening of His presence in our lives. I extend to you the prayers of our priests, deacons, sisters and staff. We pray that 2022 brings you and your family joy and peace, and may we love this world back into life.

Christmas Blessings,

Fr. Greg Sakowicz  
Rector, Holy Name Cathedral

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Open Sundays (starting on Jan. 2, 2022) 9a-2p

**Cathedral:** 735 N. State Street, Chicago, IL 60654

# Order of Worship

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## Entrance Hymn

**Angels We Have Heard on High**

Worship Hymnal #417

## Penitential Rite

**Spoken**

## Gloria

**Gloria for Christmastime**

Richard Proulx

## First Reading

**Worship Hymnal #1017 or #1019**

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14/ 17 or  
1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28

## Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5

## Second Reading

Colossians 3:12-21 or 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24

## Gospel Acclamation

**Worship Hymnal #333**

## Gospel

Luke 2:41-52

## Offertory

**The First Noel**

Worship Hymnal #449

*To all our faithful parishioners who give of their time, talent and treasure – thank you for your generosity.*

*To all of our visitors today from all over the country and world, know that your monetary gift will go toward the support of the mission and ministries of Holy Name Cathedral. Thank you for your generosity.*

## Holy, Holy

**A Community Mass**

Worship Hymnal #353

## Memorial Acclamation

**A Community Mass**

Worship Hymnal #356

## Amen

**A Community Mass**

Worship Hymnal #355

## Lamb of God

Worship Hymnal #382

## Communion Antiphon

**Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?**

## Communion Hymn

**What Child Is This**

Worship Hymnal #454

**Silent Night**

Worship Hymnal #413

## Communion Meditation

**Angels' Carol**

John Rutter

## Recessional Hymn

**O Little Town of Bethlehem**

Worship Hymnal #435



## Catholic Illuminations

### Christmas: More than a day

By Fr. Andy Matijevic

Our secular world tells us that once Dec. 25 passes, we look forward to the next holiday: New Year's Day, or in some stores you walk into, Valentine's Day. But in our Catholic tradition, we don't only celebrate 'days,' such as feast days and solemnities, we also celebrate seasons.

As the Gloria rang from the heavens to announce to the shepherds in the field the birth of the Christ child, we continue to join in the angelic hymn since Christmas is more than a day.

We begin our Christmas season with the Christmas Octave. An "octave" is an eight-day celebration where the solemnness and joy of the first day is prolonged. The Octave of Christmas stems from Dec. 25 to Jan 1. By celebrating eight days of the same reality, the Incarnation of God in the flesh, we are reminded for eight days of the joy, mystery and reality of what has occurred. God has visited his people and walks with us.

However, we don't just celebrate the same day over and over again. Each passing day during the octave builds to the eighth day, when it reaches its climax. During the Christmas Octave, the eighth day is the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God.

By recognizing the role of Mary in our history of salvation, we celebrate a simple woman from Nazareth who said yes despite the fears and the unknown. We build up each day from Christmas to Jan. 1, aware that without Mary, salvation would not have come, our Savior would not have been born of flesh and he would not have been able to redeem what he has assumed (St. Athanasius).



In this Octave of Christmas, let us truly immerse ourselves in the reality of what we celebrate, that God has become man and walks the journey of life with us and He is Emmanuel – God with us. As we move throughout this week, let us pause and rejoice, for each day this week has the same solemnness as Christmas morning. Keep the Christmas music playing, keep the decorations up, keep the cookies on the table, because the season of Christmas has only just begun.

**Do you have an idea for a future article for Fr. Andy to write, e.g. our Catholic worship, liturgy, symbolism, or fun facts?**

Send us your idea to  
[mycathedral@holynamcathedral.org](mailto:mycathedral@holynamcathedral.org)



# Worship

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## Christmas 2021

### WEEKLY RECONCILIATION

No Reconciliation offered Dec. 25 and Jan. 1  
Saturday, January 8, 15, 22, 29

### THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

#### Holy Day of Obligation

Friday, December 24 - Christmas Eve Vigil Masses  
3:00 p.m.\* , 6:00 p.m.

### MIDNIGHT MASS

Carols begin at 11:30 p.m.  
Midnight Mass - ticket only: Reserve your tickets at  
[tinyurl.com/Midnight2021](https://tinyurl.com/Midnight2021)

### CHRISTMAS DAY

Holy Day of Obligation  
Saturday, December 25  
7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.\* , 12:30 p.m.  
There will be no 5:30 p.m. Mass on Christmas Day

### FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Sunday, December 26  
7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.\* , 12:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m.

### SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

Saturday, January 1  
Mass at 10:00 a.m.\*  
(Please note there will only be one AM mass today)  
Saturday Vigil Mass at 5:30 p.m.

### EPIPHANY SUNDAY

Vigil Mass - Saturday, January 1 at 5:30 p.m.  
January 2 - Sunday Mass at 7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m.,  
10:30 a.m.\* , 12:30 p.m., and 5:30 p.m.

\*Indicates livestreamed liturgy

## Become a Cathedral Liturgical Minister

We've expanded our Sunday Mass schedule! We invite you to join our Liturgical team, especially during 8:30am mass. We welcome new ministers for:

### Lector

A proclaimer of the Word of God to those gathered for worship. Our goal for Lectors at Holy Name Cathedral is that hearing the Word of God proclaimed by our Lectors will wide the doors to Christ.

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Assist the priest in distributing the Eucharist to those gathered for worship. As an EMHC, you become an essential part of the Mass as people come forth to receive the Lord in the Eucharist which is the source and summit of our faith.

### Usher

Takes up the regular Sunday collection, the occasional special second collection, and hands out the weekly bulletin. But most importantly, the Ushers make our visitors and parishioners feel welcome and at home at Holy Name Cathedral for every liturgy we celebrate.

### Docent Committee

Made up of parishioners who are passionate about the history of the Cathedral and our parish. Each member is trained to give tours to parishioners and guests that strengthen their spirituality and connection to our Faith Community.

### Altar Server

This is a unique and important ministry within the Mass. Other than the priest and deacons, no one else has the opportunity to participate so closely in the preparation of the Eucharist. Everything they do is a witness to their love of Jesus in the celebration of the Mass.

Interested in becoming one of these liturgical ministers? Email Michelle Peltier at [mpeltier@holynamecathedral.org](mailto:mpeltier@holynamecathedral.org)

# Evangelization

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## Living with the Saints

### Looking for New Year's Resolutions?



This saintly information compiled by Fr. John Boivin

Here are some saintly suggestions:



Take care of your body as if you were going to live forever; and take care of your soul as if you were going to die tomorrow. *St. Augustine (August 28)*

Hope has two beautiful daughters; their names are Anger and Courage. Anger at the way things are, and Courage to see that they do not remain as they are. *St. Augustine (August 28)*



There is still time for endurance, time for patience, time for healing, time for change. Have you slipped? Rise up. Have you sinned? Cease. Do not stand among sinners, but leap aside. *St. Basil (January 2)*



Never miss an opportunity to do good. *St. Francis de Sales (January 24)*

Have patience with all things, but chiefly have patience with yourself. Do not lose courage in considering your own imperfections but instantly set about remedying them – every day begin the task anew. *St. Francis de Sales (January 24)*



During this new year, I resolve to begin a new life. I do not know what will happen to me during this year. But I abandon myself entirely to you, my God. And my aspirations and all my affections will be for you. I feel so weak, dear Jesus, but with your help, I hope and resolve to live a different life, that is, a life closer to you. *St. Gemma Galgani (April 11)*



Do something beautiful for God. Do it with your life. Do it every day. Do it in your own way. But do it! *St. Mother Teresa (September 5)*

If you ever want to know more about any of these saints, let technology do what it does best – Google their names!

## Interested in Becoming Catholic?



Have you pondered the possibility of becoming Catholic? Do you know someone who is inquiring? Are you a baptized Catholic, and seeking both First Communion and Confirmation? We are starting the

next RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) cohort in early March.

Contact Dr. Ken Ortega for a conversation  
[kortega@holynamecathedral.org](mailto:kortega@holynamecathedral.org)

## Adult Confirmation

We are offering preparation for adults who are baptized Catholics, have received First Communion, and are seeking the Sacrament of Confirmation. The eight-week course begins in February.

Please go online to register:  
[tinyurl.com/AdultConf2022](https://tinyurl.com/AdultConf2022)



## Join Our Thursday/Friday Suppers Volunteer Team

Every Thursday and Friday the Human Concerns Commission Supper Program partners with Catholic Charities to serve dinner to 120 people. We need your help!

- Pack to-go bags or serve hot meals at Catholic Charities from 3pm to 5pm.
- Bake dessert items and deliver to Catholic Charities.
- Solicit local restaurants to donate meals.



Please scan the QRcode if you are interested in signing up to help at one of our suppers. One of our Supper coordinators will be in touch with you when we receive your sign-up form.



## A Toy Drive Thank You!

Thank you for the generous response to our annual Toy Drive that was held on December 4 and 5 and sponsored by the Young Adults.

The gifts and contributions that you donated will be distributed this upcoming Christmas season by Catholic Charities.

There is a great need every year, but the Faith Community of Holy Name Cathedral truly stepped up this year as 2021 was one of our biggest collections to date.

Because of your generosity, the many gifts--especially for infants and young adolescents-- as well as the monetary donations will brighten the season for many needy families in Chicago and the surrounding area

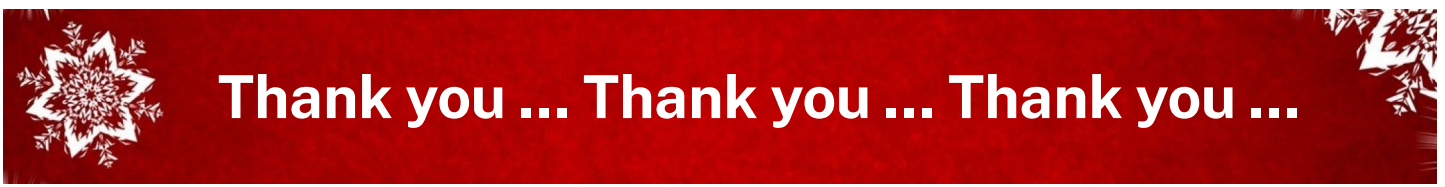
Thank you so much!

## Thank you, Hermanas!

We are especially blessed to have the Oblate Sisters of Jesus the High Priest in resident at the Cathedral. These dedicated sisters work day in and day out — always behind the scenes. On the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Sunday, December 12, the sisters renewed their religious vows. Congratulations and thank you for your dedication and daily prayers for the priesthood!







**“As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace.” 1 Peter 4:10**

Thank you for the gifts of time, talent and treasure you share with Holy Name Cathedral every day of the year. We are grateful for all you do to make the Cathedral such a unique and vibrant Faith Community. Thank you for being true stewards of God’s varied grace by accepting the gifts he has given you, tending to them responsibly, and sharing them with love for others.



## UnGala II

Thank you to all those who donated to the Holy Name Cathedral UnGala II! We are grateful for your generosity! The response to the UnGala II has been significant. As funds continue to come in, we will update you in January with the final number. Your giving is a true testament to the vitality of our parish and the many ministries and programs we offer.

A special thanks to our UnGala II committee members for their steadfast leadership: Ali Bestler, Peggy Masse, and Grace Villamora. Sponsors will be recognized in Cathedral communications after the first of the year. We are grateful for every donation and the important impact it has on those we serve.

## Please Consider Making a Gift from Your IRA

Making a year-end gift from your IRA can benefit you and our parish. A qualified charitable distribution (QCD), allows individuals age 70½ or older to authorize their IRA administrator to make a direct transfer of funds from their IRA to qualified charities, tax-free. The main benefits of giving this way are:

- If you are 72-years-old or older, the amount you transfer can satisfy all or part of your required minimum distribution.
- The amount transferred directly to charity does not generate taxable income, which may reduce your annual income level. This may help lower your Medicare premiums and decrease the amount of Social Security that is subject to tax.

## Sign up for eGiving today!

eGiving is a secure and convenient way of giving to Holy Name Cathedral. It is ecofriendly and cost-saving. Just scan the QR code to make your one-time, weekly, or monthly donation.

If you have any questions, please contact Mary Lederer at [mlederer@holynamecathedral.org](mailto:mlederer@holynamecathedral.org) or call her at (312) 573-4432



**God bless you for  
your generous heart!**

# Fellowship

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## A Little Humor from the Rector



**“Whoa! The holidays are crushing me!”**

## “Oplatki”

### Christmas Wafers -- A Beautiful Polish Tradition

Still available at the Rectory for anyone who would like them in helping to celebrate your family holiday tradition. Donations are welcome.



## “Santa and the Christ Child”



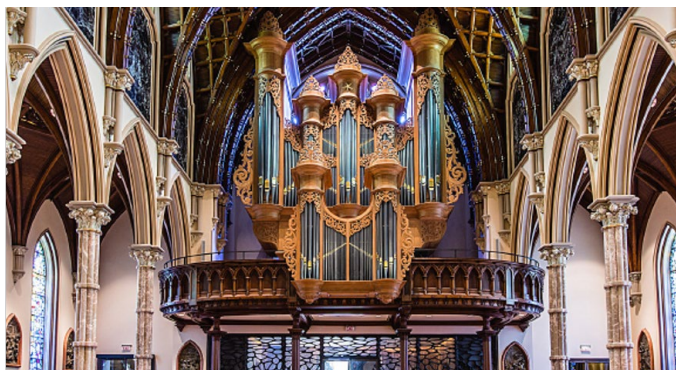
### Watch the video with your family!

Before returning to the North Pole after his whirlwind visit to Holy Name Cathedral, Santa graciously agreed to the Parish Life Commission's request to read a story that could be enjoyed by children of all ages from the Holy

Name Cathedral parish family. We recorded it so you can share in the experience.



Santa will read “*Santa and the Christ Child*” by Nicholas Bakewell to bring Christmas cheer. The Santa recording is now available on our YouTube channel. Just scan the QRcode to be connected.



## Save the Date

### Cathedral Concert Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at 7:30pm

Concert for Brass & Organ with The Chicago Brass Quintet. Led by David Jonies, Holy Name Cathedral Director of Music & Organist, and Ross Beacraft.

This event is co-sponsored by the Cathedral Ministry Conference, our Parish Life Commission, and the Chicago Chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

# Cathedral Parking

## Our New Parking Garage is Open!

### Free parking with validation

We are blessed to have a brand-new parking garage right across the street with free parking for Cathedral Masses and other Cathedral events. This new parking garage has 225 parking spaces, a nearly 20% increase over our old lot. The entrance and exit are located at 14 W. Superior Street, between Dearborn and State Street. You may park on either Lower Level One or Lower Level Two.

### For the rest of December, we will have both parking areas

- Our new parking garage at One Chicago Square –enter and exit on Superior Street.
- The Loyola University parking lot (20 W. Chicago) on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Saturdays, and after Sundays, (through 12/31/21)



### Validation is only available on Cathedral campus

Validation machines for Cathedral Masses are in the Vestibule. We will provide two (2) hours free parking for Cathedral Masses with a validated ticket. You can validate your ticket before or after Mass. For Cathedral meetings/programs, validation machines will be available onsite at your event.

This is a self-park garage. There are no security guards nor is valet parking available.

### Please use safety first:

1. Drive slowly
2. Watch for two-way traffic
3. Be alert for pedestrians

**IMPORTANT!** Please be sure your vehicle exits the parking lot within the validated time on your ticket. This is important for people who are arriving for the next Mass. **If you do remain beyond the validation period, there is a \$100 fee (payable in the garage) in order to exit the parking garage.** There is no overnight parking. Cars remaining overnight will be subject to towing.



For additional information and frequently asked questions, please visit our website.  
Scan the QRcode to take you to the parking page.



# Prayers

## What is a Mass Intention?

Holy Name Cathedral offers you different possibilities when you request that Mass be celebrated for a particular intention. First, it may be helpful to understand what happens when you ask that your intention join to a Mass. Requesting a Mass intention means that you are asking that the grace of Christ's sacrifice in his death and resurrection be applied for a particular purpose, for example, for a deceased person or a living person who is ill or in thanksgiving for a favor received. An intention can also be directed to a cause, such as an increase of vocations or respect for life.

Usually, a single intention is attached to a given Mass. But it is also possible to gather several intentions in one Mass with exactly the same effect. At Holy Name Cathedral, we celebrate single-intention Masses as well as gathered-intention Masses. You may find it more convenient to request one of the two weekly gathered-intention Masses (Wednesdays at 8:00 a.m. and Fridays at 12 p.m.). If you do, we can accommodate your request sooner, and it is the same as a single-intention Mass.

Due to the sacramental nature of the Mass Intentions, we cannot accept requests for famous people like actors, musicians, politicians, and other celebrities. Also, we are not able to include pets. Thank you for your cooperation.

To request a Mass Intention, please stop by our Rectory during business hours. Any questions, call the Rectory (312) 787-8040.

## Wedding Banns



### December 26

II. Shannon Bryant & Daniel McCormick

III. Molly McGurk & Louis Michael

## Mass Intentions

### Week of December 26 – December 31

#### Sunday, December 26

(The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph)

No Mass Intentions

#### Monday, December 27

(Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist)

7:00AM Deacon Len Steinbeigle +

8:00AM Gloria Mendoza +

12:00PM Thomas Andrew Raines +

#### Tuesday, December 28

(The Holy Innocents, Martyrs)

7:00AM Cyriac Pullapilly +

8:00AM Raymond Adams +

12:00PM Tina Guide Allen

#### Wednesday, December 29

(Fifth Day Within the Octave)

7:00AM Roger Herman Berns +

8:00AM Concepcion Daivas +

Joseph McDonald +

Theresa Jobin

12:00PM Stephen Flaherty +

5:30PM Michael O'Connell +

#### Thursday, December 30

(Sixth Day Within the Octave)

7:00AM George Michael Courtney +

8:00AM Mary Agnes Dobski +

12:00PM Catherine and Terry Shin

#### Friday, December 31

No Mass Intentions

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