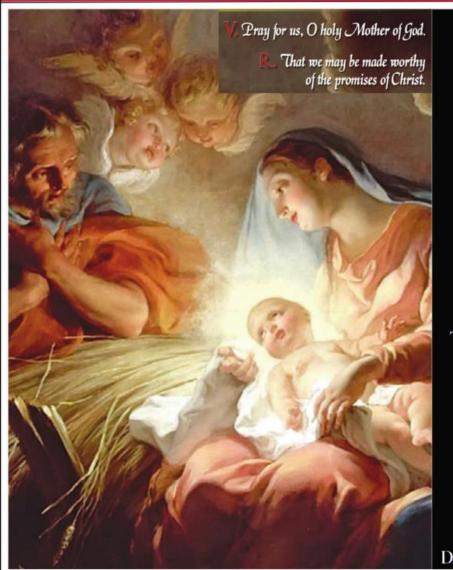


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"To be the light of our World by: Praying and Celebrating as a Eucharistic Community, serving those in need with unconditional love & generosity."

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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT





THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD



DECEMBER 24, 2023

	MASS TIMES	2	ONFESSIONS		ADOR/	TION	
Monday	8:30am	Wednesday	6:20pm-6:50pm	Mon, Tue, Thur	, Fri 9	:00am-3:0	00pm
Tuesday	8:30am	Saturday	4:00pm-4:50pm	Wed	9	:00am-7:0	00pm
Wednesday	7:00pm with Novena of the						
Thursday	Miraculous Medal	CHURCH OFFICE HOURS  11665 Fort Caroline Rd Jacksonville, FL 32225  Monday-Friday 9:00am-4:30pm			CONTACT US www.holyspiritchurchjax.org info@holyspiritchurchjax.org		
Thursday	8:30am						
Friday	8:30am						
Saturday	5:00pm Vigil Mass	The state of the s	P: (904) 641-7244	opin —			
Sunday	8:30am & 11:00am		F: (904) 641-7266			<b>(1)</b>	(*)

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	Choir-Sunday 8:30am	Bob Vigliano	904-476-4240
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#### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

**Baptism Class** — **Registration required**: Classes are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of every month at 7:00pm in the FLC. You **MUST** be registered parishioner for at least 6 months.

Baptisms —  $2^{nd}$  &  $4^{th}$  Sunday after the 11:00am Mass or during the weekend Mass liturgies is also available.

#### **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Wednesday—6:20pm & Saturday—4:00pm or by appointment

#### SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Every 1st Saturday of the Month **after** the 8:30am Mass. You may also call the church office to make an appointment. We also have dedicated Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to bring Holy Communion to the sick and the homebound.

#### **SACRAMENT OF HOLY MATRIMONY**

Couples must contact Father John Peter & Cheryl Bergman at least 8 months in advance.

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# THIS WEEK AT Holy Spirit



### Sun December 24

Mass for the 4th Sunday of Advent—8:30am, 11:00am Christmas Eve Masses—5:00pm, 7:00pm Christmas Cantada—9:30pm Christmas Eve Night Mass—10:00pm

#### Mon December 25

Christmas Mass—9:00am, 11:00am

#### Tue December 26

Mass—8:30am

St. Vincent de Paul meeting—6:00pm (FLC)

## Wed December 27

Reconciliation—6:20pm Mass—7:00pm

#### Thu December 28

Mass—8:30am

#### Fri December 29

Mass—8:30am

#### Sat December 30

Confessions—4:00pm Mass—5:00pm

## Sun December 31

Mass—8:30am, 11:00am New Year's Eve Vigil Mass—5:00pm



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	Sat	Dec 23	5:00pm	+ Jowell Loyola By: Mom & Dad
The second second	Sun	Dec 24	8:30am	+ Janice Stapf By: Roberge Family
			11:00am	+ Carolyn Amorosa By: Prayer Group
			5:00pm	For Holy Spirit Parishioners
			7:00pm	For Holy Spirit Parishioners
			10:00pm	For Holy Spirit Parishioners
	Mon	Dec 25	9:00am	For Holy Spirit Parishioners
			11:00am	For Holy Spirit Parishioners
	Tue	Dec 26	8:30am	For Irene & Chad Sagnip's 24th Wedding Anniversary By: Magdalena Sagnip
	Wed	Dec 27	7:00pm	+ Franklin Estrada By: Mom & Dad
	Thu	Dec 28	8:30am	For Sabrina Scott's Birthday By: Family
	Fri	Dec 29	8:30am	+ Micheal Woerly By: Family
	Sat	Dec 30	5:00pm	+ Gapasin Family, Mauro, Esmenia, Fernandito, Emerlinda and Romalynn
	Sun		8:30am	For Holy Spirit Parishioners
		Dec 31	11:00am	For Holy Spirit Parishioners
			5:00pm	For Holy Spirit Parishioners

## **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

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Monday: 12/25	ls 52:7-10		
	Heb 1:1-6		
	Jn 1:1-18		
Tuesday: 12/26	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59		
	Mt 10:17-22		
Wednesday: 12/27	1 Jn 1:1-4		
	Jn 20:1a, 2-8		
Thursday: 12/28	1 Jn 1:5—2:2		
	Mt 2:13-18		
Friday: 12/29	1 Jn 2:3-11		
	Lk 2:22-35		
Saturday/Sunday: 12/30-12/31	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14		
	Col 3:12-21		
	Lk 2:22-40		

# **STEWARDSHIP**

# PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Let's pray for those who are sick in our Holy Spirit



Due to an early bulletin

submission deadline for

the Christmas Holiday,

last weekend's sacrificial

Alexis Chase Arlene Smith Donald Smith Jack Kaye

community:

Joshua Breckenridge

Ken Fabre
Lynn Bonifacio
Nancy Murray
Patricia Bayer
Sandy Anderson
Tillie Lightfoot
Wyatt Freeman

Anne Barrow Charlie

Elizabeth Owens Jackie Henderson

Keith Dyess Korina Cassidy

Mary Glorioso Noah Besvold Rhonda Scott

Thomas Lang
Trey Campbell

If you have a loved one that is sick or battling an illness, please call the church office to let us know so that we may include them in our list of prayer.

Let us also pray for our clergy:

Fr. John Peter Arul, MSFS Dc. Pat Goin Dc. Ed Prisby Dc. Ray Stiles

Please pray for those in our community in the military.

Thank you for your constant generosity in taking care of our Holy Spirit Parish!

offering will be printed in next

week's bulletin. Thank you!

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## **SECOND COLLECTIONS:**

2024 2nd Collections TBD

# PRAYERS FOR THE DEAD

Let's pray for those in our Holy Spirit community that have passed away recently:

Earl Davis Terrence Schuster Marcoria Mendoza Shirley McCary

If you have a loved one that has recently passed away during this month, please call the church office to let us know so that we may include them in our list of prayer.



Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Amen.

# FELLOWSHIP AND PRAYER



# New Year Masses

## **NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS**

Dec. 31, 2023, Sunday

**8:30am** (Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus,

Mary and Joseph)

**11:00am** (Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph)

**5:00pm** (Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God)

## **NEW YEAR'S DAY MASSES**

Jan. 1, 2024, Monday

**10:00am** (Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God)

## SUNDAY OBLIGATION AND 2023/2024 NEW YEARS MASSES

Our New Years Masses fall on Sunday this year.

The Sunday Obligation on December 31 celebrates the Feast of the Holy Family during the day. Our regular Mass times on Saturday (Dec. 30) 5PM, Sunday (Dec. 31) 8:30AM and Sunday (Dec. 31) 11AM will count for this obligation. These Masses count for the Feast of the Holy Family and **NOT** for New Years Day (Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary).

# YOUR GIFT IS TRULY A BLESSING!

To our generous donors,

Thank you for the very generous donation to our Family Life Center Debt Reduction Campaign. Our Parishioners have opened their hearts and given what they could to help achieve the goal of making the Family Life Center ours. This will allow us to focus our attention on other anticipated facility needs.

If you have not already paid your pledge in full, I humbly request that you give as much as you can by the end of 2023, so that we can meet our 2024 goal.

Again, thank you for the support of our Family Life Center, as well as my pastoral work here at Holy Spirit Church.

In Christ, Mary, and Joseph,

Fr. Jam fite dal, mers

Fr. John Peter Arul, MSFS "Be who you are and be that well". (Saint Francis De Sales)

## FAMILY LIFE CENTER DEBT REDUCTION CAMPAIGN

TOTALS AS OF NOVEMBER 30, 2023

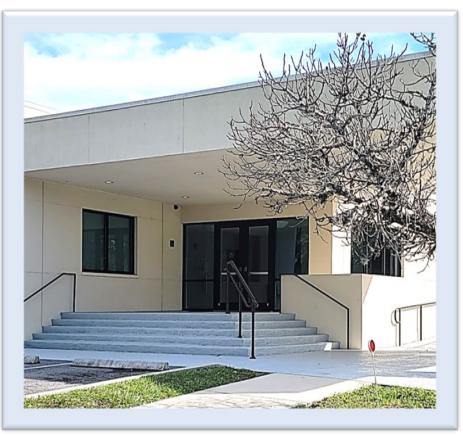
Total Pledges: \$346,658

Total Payments: \$153,700

Loan Balance: \$342,810

Principle Reduction from Pledge Drive: \$130,000

Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7



# FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

## Merry Christmas and prosperous year, 2024

"Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel", which means "God is with us". Mt 1:23

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today, we celebrate Christmas, the birth of Jesus, the incarnation of God's Word of love. We proclaim and affirm, once again, that we are a privileged people, a people blessed and graced by God's unconditional love revealed in Jesus. As we celebrate Christmas, we contemplate the deepest and the most profound presence of God in our life. We contemplate the depth of God's Love and compassion for us his children.

Christmas Proclaims that we are born in an age of faith - maybe weak faith, shallow faith, irrational faith, superstitious faith - But Faith with all its limitations. Christmas reminds us that we are fortunate heirs of devoted ages of faith. We have a heritage of faith. We have roots - we have connections with believers before us and around us and far away and near! Above all, we have this profound and intimate connection with our God. Our God is closer to us than we are to ourselves. He is "Emmanuel", God-With-Us."

We are blessed and "Graced" and privileged to know "Emmanuel", "God with us." When fears threaten to overwhelm us or keep us from being authentic witnesses of the Gospel, knowing "God-with-us" transforms our fears and failings into courageous faith.

I pray that you have the most profound experience of Emmanuel, "God-with-us" wherever you may be and whatever you may be doing. And may that experience be your hope and your strength. May all you do in this season bring you and your family lasting joy!



Be grateful for today and every day, for the miracle of life, for the amazing grace and blessing of your history, for the men and women who gave you spirit and tradition and for today, be especially grateful for the birth of Jesus and the hope that he proclaimed.

Thank you every one of you for your wonderful stewardship of the many gifts, talents, and treasures from God to our Holy Spirit Church, which continues to bear fruit in our faith lives and in the ministries of our Parish and School community.

So, I wish you a very Happy, Holy, Grace-filled, Joy-filled, Love-filled, and Peace-filled Christmas! And may the "Newborn King", grant us all His richest blessings in the New Year.

"Merry Christmas to you and your family and to all your loved ones"

With Every Blessings, Fr. John Peter Arul MSFS

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# **AROUND OUR PARISH & SCHOOL**

## **ITEM DRIVE BY TROOP 182**

We are Holy Spirit Parishioners and Scouts from Troop 182. As part of the Youth Ministry, we are striving to achieve the Pope Pius XII Religious Emblem. This endeavor will provide us with an understanding of the vocations available to us as we reach adulthood and how to discern which one we are called to as Catholics. As part of this venture, we are completing a service project to help the local homeless community by donating <a href="https://pxeudo.org/hygiene-products">hygiene-products</a> to Catholic Charities. Please consider donating items by dropping them in the bin located in the foyer. Thank you for your generosity!





## **CHURCH OFFICE NOTICE**

The office will be closed on Monday, December 25. Thank you for your understanding and Merry Christmas!

## MSFS MASS INTENTION REQUESTS

If you would like to offer a Mass Intention for a family member or friend in celebration of a:

Birthday, Wedding, Wedding Anniversary, Death, or Death Anniversary

then you could do so with the **Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales** and the donation goes toward the support of the order. These intention are available even when the Holy Spirit Mass Intention schedule is full. Please note that these Mass intentions will be celebrated by the Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales at their mission churches and not necessarily here at Holy Spirit.



Contact the church office for more details.

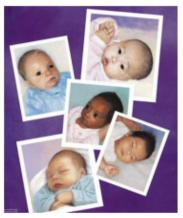
## RESPECT LIFE PROJECT

Spiritually Adopt an Unborn Child

To help stop the anti-life push in the U.S., the late Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen encouraged the spiritual adoption of an unborn child. This is done by praying that one, but unknown child's life, be spared abortion and be allowed to continue to live.







Your spiritually adopted baby was born this month - - nine months after her mother conceived her. The only change at birth is a change in the external life support system of the baby. She is no different now than she before birth except that she breathes and eats differently. She is truly a miracle. She began as a 46-chromosome cell and has grown over the past nine months into this unique human baby we now can see. Never before in history, nor ever again, will anyone exist who is exactly like your spiritually adopted baby. Your prayers saved her life. Thank you on behalf of all of the little babies and their parents for your loving prayers that helped to bring them to birth "so that they might have life and have it to the full!"

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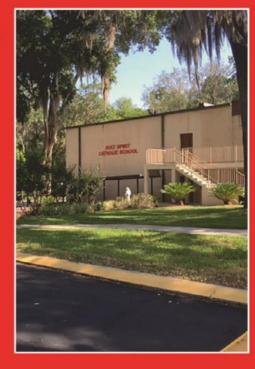


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## PICTURE DIRECTORY PROJECT

## **Helper Responsibilities**

Sign people up in person after Masses on the weekends of either December 9 & 10, 16 & 17, or 23 & 24

## **Host Responsibilities**

- Welcome and check in each person/family Help person/family fill out sitting form
- Administratively assist photographer, if needed (e.g. water, turn on lights) Available times on Dec. 27, 28, 29, 30, Jan.

# FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT

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## **ALTAR SERVERS**

- Please refer to the bulletin board and the emailed schedules for upcoming holiday season schedules
- Please talk to Mrs. Cabrey, Mrs. DeLeon or Armon before Masses to make sure you know the candle and sitting changes

# **STEWARDSHIP**

#### WHEN TO TAKE DOWN CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS?

By: MICHAEL R. HEINLEIN from https://www.simplycatholic.com/when-to-take-down-christmas-decorations/

The Church's lituraical season of Christmas ends in the Ordinary Form of the Roman Rite with the movable feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which falls in early to mid-January. After revisions to the missal in 1962, the calendar of the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite marks the end of Christmas on the feast of the Baptism of the Lord, fixed to Jan. 13. Previously, it had been long standing tradition to mark the end of Christmastime on Feb. 2 — the feast of the Lord's Presentation in the Temple, which is literally 40 days after Christmas, as indicated in Scripture.

Our homes are to be domestic churches, where God is at the center of our family life, as our call is to worship Him always and everywhere. And so it is important for us to live liturgically in the home.

So, then, it's recommended that if we put up Christmas decorations, we should consider [keeping] them up until the end of the Church's liturgical season of Christmas. But practically speaking, this isn't always possible. While we might need to discard our tree earlier, we can always keep up a Nativity scene longer, until the feast of the Lord's baptism or even until Feb. 2. However you choose to keep Christmas alive in your home is ultimately up to you.



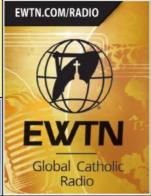


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