

## Readings for the Coming Week

### Monday, December 19

Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a  
Psalm 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17  
Luke 1:5-25

### Tuesday, December 20

Isaiah 7:10-14  
Psalm 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6  
Luke 1:26-38

### Wednesday, December 21

Song of Songs 2:8-14  
Psalm 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21  
Luke 1:39-45

### Thursday, December 22

1 Samuel 1:24-28  
Psalm 1 Samuel 2:1, 4-5, 6-7  
Luke 1:46-56

### Friday, December 23

Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24  
Psalm 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10, 14  
Luke 1:57-66

### Saturday, December 24

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16  
Psalm 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29  
Luke 1:67-79

### Sunday, December 25

#### The Nativity of the Lord

#### Christmas

Isaiah 9:1-6  
Psalm 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13  
Titus 2:11-14  
Luke 2:1-14

## THE FIRST NATIVITY

The first-ever Nativity scene recorded in history was created by St. Francis of Assisi. St. Francis was concerned that the meaning of Christmas was becoming lost as most people were more focused with the ritual of gift giving than they were of the true message of Christmas.

Determined to remind people what Christmas is really about, he set about creating the world's first known Nativity scene to help tell his people of The Nativity Story. It was created in a cave and near Greccio, Italy, and involved real people and animals, making it a living Nativity scene.

## MASSES INTENTIONS

### Monday, December 19

8:00 a.m.: † Paul Bordenave (Marlene Bordenave)  
† Leo Bordenave (Marlene Bordenave)

### Wednesday, December 21

6:00 p.m.: † JJ Beyers (Yvonne Beyers)

### Thursday, December 22

8:00 a.m.: ♥ Chuck and Jeanne Frey (Anne Strasser)

### Friday, December 23

8:00 a.m.: † Matthew Nguyen (Sam & Tuyet Nguyen)

### Saturday, December 24

5:00 p.m.: ♥ For the People

8:30 p.m.: ♥ For the People

### Sunday, December 25

12:00 a.m. **Midnight Mass** ♥ For the People

10:00 a.m.: ♥ For the People

*If you or a loved one are in the hospital and would like Father Steve to visit please call the parish office and let us know. Father Steve wants to provide you pastoral care but must be told that you need him.*

To schedule a Mass Intention, please come by the Parish Office, Monday - Thursday between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. The suggested donation for a Mass is \$10.00.

## Brite Stars Gala

Eighteenth Annual

Charity Benefit

&

Dinner

Friday, February 3  
2017

Saint Mary Catholic  
School

850-243-8913

## GENERAL PARISH INFORMATION

**BAPTISM:** Infant Baptism Parents must attend a Baptismal Preparation Class prior to scheduling a baptism and it is required that godparents also attend. Call the parish office to make arrangements.

**MARRIAGE:** Call the parish office and request a copy of the "Marriage Preparation Guideline". Make an appointment for an initial interview with a priest or deacon at least six months prior to the anticipated wedding date. There are several classes & workshops that the couple must attend.

**RCIA:** For those considering entry into the Catholic Church. Contact the church office at 678-7813 or email holynam@holynamchurch.org.

**ANOIDING OF THE SICK:** The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is administered both to the dying and to those who are ill or are about to undergo an operation, for the recovery of their health and for spiritual strength. It is a ritual of healing appropriate not only for physical but also for mental and spiritual sickness.

**FUNERAL:** When a loved one dies, it is a time of great stress and grief. Making a phone call to the pastor is an important first step. He can offer not only spiritual support but also practical guidance about what steps need to be taken next. Please contact the parish office before making arrangements with the Funeral Home.

**VISITATION OF THE SICK:** Ministers of the Holy Eucharist bring communion to the homebound and hospitalized after the 8:00 a.m. Mass each Sunday. Call the parish office if you wish a priest, deacon or communion minister to visit the sick.

**GIFTING THE PARISH:** Please consider making a planned gift to Holy Name of Jesus Church such as a bequest in your will, gift of life insurance, or a charitable trust. All gifts are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

**COMMEMORATIVE BRICKS:** The Father Butler Parish Life Center commemorative bricks are available for purchase. We have two brick sizes: 4"x8" for \$100.00 & 8"x8" for \$250.00. For more information call the parish office at 678-7813.

## Holy Name of Jesus Prayer Line

We have 72 ministers who will pray for your needs. Also, a Prayer Box is available in the back of the church where one can drop a written prayer request. Confidentiality is always respected.

Jack & Kathie Garnett 678-5323  
Gloria Hart 678-2816  
Marlyss Hernandez 835-2323  
Ed & Dee Lowrey 678-8438  
Lisa Underwood 678-6579



# Holy Name of Jesus CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Niceville, Florida 32578

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December 18, 2016 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

### Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil ..... 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday ..... 8:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.  
Mon, Thurs, Fri, & First Sat ..... 8:00 a.m.  
Wed & First Fri. .... 6:00 p.m.

### Communion Schedule

Tues and Wed ..... 8:00 a.m.

### Adoration Schedule

Tuesdays..... 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.  
Fridays..... Adoration begins right after the  
8:00 a.m. Mass and continues through the night,  
through Saturday, until 4:30 p.m. on the 1st, 3rd & 5th  
Saturdays and **3:00 p.m. on the 2nd & 4th Saturdays.**

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays, 3:30-4:30 p.m. or by appointment

Parish  
Office Hours:  
Mon – Thurs  
8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.



Niceville Catholic  
Outreach Office  
(850-678-7861)  
Mon – Thurs  
9:00 a.m. – Noon

### Pastoral Staff

Pastor : Father Stephen Voyt  
Parish Administrator: Deacon Gary M. McBride  
Deacons: Deacon James B. Cox  
Deacon Thomas J. Fraites  
Deacon Louis A. Marini  
Deacon John Shin

### Parish Staff

Finance Manager: Randy O'Connor  
Office Manager: Monica Peppler  
Administration: Carolyn Cox  
Faith Formation Director: Pia Elsesser  
Director of Children's Ministry: Lisa Sherwin  
Youth Minister: Aaron Slayback  
Music & Audio-Visual: Christa Cloutier  
Maintenance: Fran Huttler  
PLC Manager: Monica Atkinson



### Holy Name of Jesus Parish Mission Statement

We are a Roman Catholic community united by faith in God, nourished by Jesus in the Eucharist, and empowered by the Holy Spirit. We strive to live the Christian mission of peace, service, outreach, and fellowship through love, prayer, evangelization, and ministries so both the human and spiritual needs of our growing parish family and community are always met.



## Stewardship

Weekend of December 10 & 11, 2016

Offertory.....\$19,380.15

## Christmas Lights

Father Steve has put together a beautiful light display in front of the rectory. Tune into 88.3 FM to hear synchronized music to the moving lights.



Please join us for the Ephesians: Discover Your Inheritance taught by Jeff Cavins. We will offer the study three different times during the week.

**Sunday's**, 9:30 a.m. beginning Jan. 8, 2017 in the PLC

**Wed.**, 6:30 p.m. beginning Jan. 11, 2017 in the Hall.

**Wed.**, 9:00 a.m. beginning Feb. 8, 2017 in the Hall.

The cost of the book is \$25 (this includes shipping). Please contact Pia at [pelsesser@holynamechurch.org](mailto:pelsesser@holynamechurch.org) or call 678-6790 to sign up.

## Catholic Renewal Conference

The 2017 Catholic Renewal Conference, **I will pour out my Spirit upon mankind (Joel 3:1)**, will be January 20-22 at Holy Name of Jesus' Parish Life Center. Bishop Parkes, Dr. Carol Razza, Fr. Nicholas Shumm and Fr. Michael Nixon are the speakers. For more info visit [www.pt-dccr.org](http://www.pt-dccr.org) or call Sue McAllister at 850-341-0379 or Deacon Gary at 850-699-9193.

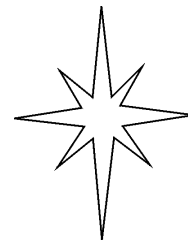
## Walk For Life

January 14, 2017

### Rally at Seville Square

Featuring national and local pro-life speakers. Rally begins at 10:30 a.m. The Walk For Life begins at 11:45 a.m. at Seville Square, 399 Alcaniz St, Pensacola. Visit [www.eccfl.org](http://www.eccfl.org) for more information.

## CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE



### December 24

5:00 PM.....Children's Liturgy

8:30 PM.....Vigil Mass

12:00 AM.....Midnight

### December 25

10:00 AM.....Christmas Mass

*There will be 30 minutes of prelude music before all Masses.*

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament SCHEDULE CHANGE

### CHRISTMAS

**DECEMBER 23-24**

**NO ADORATION**

### NEW YEAR'S

**DECEMBER 30-31**

**NO ADORATION**

## Poinsettias for the Altar

Poinsettias will be needed to adorn the altar during the Christmas season. Parishioners are invited to donate towards the purchase of these flowers in honor or memory of a loved one. Place your donation in an envelope with the name of your loved one written on it and bring it to the office or simply place it in the offertory basket.

## Encounter

Encounter is a faith night for young adults in their 20's and 30's aimed towards igniting conversion, creating community, and encouraging discipleship. There will be a special focus on learning how to live and share the Faith in the 21st century. All young adults in the diocese are welcome to attend.

The first Encounter Night will be held on Thursday, January 5, 2017 at St. Paul Catholic Church, Pensacola in Spartan Hall. There will be dinner, followed by a presentation by Chris Benzinger, the Diocesan Director of Evangelization. RSVP by emailing Triana Ernde at [trianaernde@gmail.com](mailto:trianaernde@gmail.com).

## The Feast of The Most Holy Name of Jesus Dinner

Tuesday, January 3, 2017

On Tuesday, January 3, 2017 we will celebrate The Most Holy Name of Jesus, our parish namesake. There will be a blessing of the memorial pavers after Mass followed by a catered dinner in the Parish Life Center. **The dinner is free but YOU MUST HAVE A TICKET and be a registered parishioner of Holy Name of Jesus.**

Tickets are available during business hours in the admin office. If you have a ticket for the dinner and find you are unable to attend please let us know in the office. This will enable someone to attend who is on the waiting list.

## Attention Parents

There will be NO RE, Edge or Life Teen classes December 18 through January 1. RE & Life Teen classes will resume on Sunday, January 8, 2017 and Edge classes will resume on Wednesday, January 11, 2017.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year.

## Saying Goodbye to Bishop Parkes

A Farewell Reception in honor of Bishop Gregory Parkes will be held Sunday, December 18th from 3 p.m. - 5 p.m. at the Co Cathedral of St. Thomas More, Parish Hall in Tallahassee and on Wednesday, December 21st from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Ave Maria Hall in Pensacola. All are invited to join us as we share with him our gratitude and best wishes in his assignment as Bishop of St. Petersburg.

## Open Gym Times

If you like to play **Basketball**, the PLC is open on

**Thursdays, 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.**

**Sundays, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.**

**Sunday, December 18: 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.**

**Thursday, December 22: 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.**

**Sunday, December 25: No Basketball**

We have walking Tues., Wed., and Thurs.,  
8:30 - 9:30 a.m.

and Yoga/Pilates on Thursday's at 9:30 a.m. (\$3).

A Strength and Conditioning class will begin on Thursday, January 19th. We will meet every Thursday from 6 - 7 p.m. in the Parish Life Center. The cost will be \$3 a class. All proceeds will go to the church.



Every two years, we come together as a diocese to celebrate the joy and beauty of our Catholic faith. **On Feb. 18, you are invited to join us as we dive deeper into what it means to live out our vocations, whether to religious life, married life or single life.**

A variety of speakers and panelists will share their wisdom and insight on how to joyfully live our vocation in whatever stage of life we currently find ourselves, and how we can grow in holiness within it. Music for the conference will be provided by Out of Darkness! All are invited, and families are encouraged to attend together.

Read more about our inspiring Celebrate Faith 2017 speakers in the Jan/Feb edition of the Catholic Compass!

## Christmas Ornaments



In the spirit of Christmas and in appreciation, Father Steve handed out Christmas ornaments to everyone who had been involved in any ministry within Holy Name of Jesus over the past year. If you did not receive your ornament please stop by the office during the week to pick one up.

## Youth News

### Flock Note Announcement

Flock Note is the main communication tool we use to send information through email or text message from our various ministries and groups in our church. This is our way to make sure you are up to date on important information. We are asking that you check your e-mail regularly and also please make sure you check your spam and/or junk folder to ensure that you are receiving these e-mails. This is especially important for Religious Education and Youth activities, including our sacramental preparation classes. If you have any problems or believe you are not getting e-mails please contact the office and we will make sure you are registered.