

Weekday Mass Times & Intentions for the Week**Sunday, December 28**CTR—8:30am
HTC—10:30pm**Monday, December 29****Tuesday, December 30**

CTR—10:00am

Wednesday, December 31

HTC—4:30pm

Regina Tesnow

Thursday, January 1

CTR—1000am

Solemnity of Mary**Friday, January 2**

HTC—3:00pm

Fr. William Evans

Saturday, January 3

STC—4:00pm

Sunday Vigil Mass**Mass Intentions**, please contact Fr. Sony at

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Anointing of the Sick, please contact Fr. Sony or
Ingrid directly.**Readings for the Week**

12/28—Sir 3:2-6, 12-14

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

Col 3:12-21

Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

12/29—1 Jn 2:3-11

Luke 2:22-35

12/30—1 Jn 2:12-17

Luke 2:36-40

12/31—1 Jn 2:18-21

John 1:1-18

01/01—Nm 6:22-27

Gal 4:4-7

Luke 2:16-21

01/02—1 Jn 2:22-28

John 1:19-28

01/03—1 Jn 2:29-3:6

John 1:29-34

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Rectory:**Holy Trinity Catholic Church****610 Kimmins Street****Hohenwald, TN 38462****931-796-3738****holytrinity67477@bellsouth.net****Mass Times:****Sunday** - 8:30 am**Tuesday** - 10:00 am**Wednesday** - 6:30 pm**1st Saturday** - 10:00am**

** Parish Council Meeting following

Rosary:**Tuesday** - 9:30 am**Wednesday** - 6:00 pm**Confession :****Sunday** - 8:00 am**Tuesday** - 9:30 am**Wednesday** - 6:00 PM

Date	Reader	Gift Bearer	Money Counters
11/23	Randy Overton	Communicants	Cathy & Leann
11/30	Jeremy James	Communicants	Leann & Mary
12/7	Jessica Ruddle	Communicants	Mary & Maria
12/14	Leann Olejniczak	Communicants	Maria & Jeremy
12/21	Steve Sain	Communicants	Jeremy & Cathy
12/28	Randy Overton	Communicants	Cathy & Leann
1/4	Jeremy James	Communicants	Mary & Maria
1/11	Jessica Ruddle	Communicants	Mary & Jeremy
1/18	Leann Olejniczak	Communicants	Jeremy & Maria
1/25	Steve Sain	Communicants	Cathy & Leann

Prayers for our sick:

Jeanie Anderson, John Baker, Joseph Bell, Anthony Bennett, Adam Buckler, Leah Carroll, Faith Clark, Elizabeth Daney, Tina Daniels, David Dittlinger, Jeanie Ebert, Terry Engholm, Ken Gaylord, Diane Gibson, Patricia Greene, Peggy May, Charlotte McKinley, Rhonda Sihock, Jane Sparks, Helen St. Germain, Joseph Wakefield, Joe Weldon, and Barbara Wisherd.

Judy & Sal Varisco, Andrea Duncan, Tim Zaunbrecher, Diana Berry, Darla Helton, Susan Ezell, John Jorgenson, Elorine Harris, Ken Biedenkapp, Katalina Spencer, Mary Crane, David Flecher, Martha Williams, Toni Schneider, Blair Baker, Joe Bell II, Frank Procopio, Walter Nash, Paul Cooley, Carlyle McCarthy, Randy Crowley, Louise Volpe, Kay Parrish, Geno DeVandry, Mary Yantes, Todd Schneider, Reece Brown, Johnny Faye Skelton, Vanessa Ramos, LaVelle & Rocky Conner Sr., Tom Stanton, Cathi Gilliam, Rhonda Campell, Kathy Tiller, Chris Gilbert, Gabe Zaunbrecher, Linda & Rick Martel, Valerie Jorgenson, Steve Booz, Patty Chavez, Pierre Montplaisir, McLeod Family and Etton Anderson.

Remember in your prayers:

Pope Leo XIV, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, Bishop J. Mark Spalding, Fr John O'Neill, Fr Sony Mathew, our nation's leaders, all military and law enforcement personnel, and all persecuted Christians around the world.

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December 28, 2025 — Feast of the Holy Family

Saving Family

Underlying the wisdom offered in today's Liturgy is the mystery of the family in God's divine plan.

The Lord has set father in honor over his children and mother in authority over her sons, we hear in today's First Reading. As we sing in today's Psalm, the blessings of the family flow from Zion, the heavenly mother of the royal people of God (see Isaiah 66:7, 10-13; Galatians 4:26).

And in the drama of today's Gospel, we see the nucleus of the new people of God—the Holy Family—facing persecution from those who would seek to destroy the child and His Kingdom.

Moses, called to save God's first born son, the people of Israel (see Exodus 4:22; Sirach 36:11), was also threatened at birth by a mad and jealous tyrant (see Exodus 1:15-16). And as Moses was saved by his mother and sister (see Exodus 2:1-10; 4:19), in God's plan Jesus too is rescued by His family.

As once God took the family of Jacob down to Egypt to make them the great nation Israel (see Genesis 46:2-4), God leads the Holy Family to Egypt to prepare the coming of the new Israel of God—the Church (see Galatians 6:16).

At the beginning of the world, God established the family in the "marriage" of Adam and Eve, the two becoming one body (see Genesis 2:22-24). Now in the new creation, Christ is made "one body" with His bride, the Church, as today's Epistle indicates (see Ephesians 5:21-32).

By this union we are made God's chosen ones, holy and beloved. And our families are to radiate the perfect love that binds us to Christ the Church.

As we approach the altar on this feast, let us renew our commitment to our God-given duties as spouses, children and parents. Mindful of the promises of today's First Reading, let us offer our quiet performance of these duties for the atonement of our sins.

Scott Hahn

Pope's Prayer Intention for December 2025

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.

Amen.

Prayer Before the Blessed Sacrament in Honor of the Holy Family

Grant us, O Lord Jesus, faithfully to imitate the example of Thy Holy Family, so that in the hour of our death, in the company of Thy glorious Virgin Mother and St. Joseph, we may deserve to be received by Thee into eternal tabernacles.

Amen.

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

Prayer to Saint Michael

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.

Amen.

New Years Mass Times:

Thursday, January 1st—New Year's Day Mass—10:00am

Baby Blankets—We will be making NO SEW baby blankets in the hall during and after breakfast on *Sunday, January 18th*. This is to commemorate the anniversary of the Row vs Wade Supreme Court decision in 1973. The blankets will be donated to the Diocesan "Baby Closet". For a list of materials needed, see Eileen Walker.

Father Sony would like everyone to know that he will be available to bless your home during the season of Advent.

Men's Breakfast—The men of the Parish meet each Friday at Homestead @ 8:30am. All men are welcome.

Pilgrimage Information Meeting—St. Rose of Lima Church in Murfreesboro will host two information meetings about three upcoming pilgrimages – *France with Father John Peeters June 29 through July 10, the Holy Land and Greece with five priests and five deacons Oct. 5-20, and Ireland and Scotland with Father Seth Reed May 15-27, 2027*. The information meetings will be at 3 p.m. on **Saturday, Jan. 10**, and 3:30 p.m. on **Sunday, Jan. 11**, in the McGivney House, 1522 Stonewall Blvd., in Murfreesboro. For more information or questions, call Deacon Mike Plesé at 630-664-4174 or email him at deaconmikeplesé@proximotravel.com.

Organist' Series—the Cathedral of the Incarnation will host a Cathedral Organists' Series at 3pm on Sunday, Jan 11, 2026. It will feature Rex Rallanka, director of music and organist of the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Sacramento, California, who will accompany the Cathedral Choir in an Epiphany Season Organ Concert. All are welcome.

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Please contact *Dan Mecklenborg* or *Ingrid Jones* for more information.

Mass Live Streamed Every Sunday—

St. Catherine, Columbia at 10:30am. <https://stcatherinecc.org/live-streaming>
St. Philip, Franklin at 8:30am & 11:00am. <https://stphilipfranklin.com/live-stream/>
Cathedral of the Incarnation, Nashville at 8:30am, 11:00am & 5:00pm.
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Please stay after Sunday Mass and enjoy a light breakfast and fellowship with your church family.

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