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December 31,
2023:

Feast of the Holy
Family of Jesus,
Mary and Joseph

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MASS/LITURGY SCHEDULE

DAILY MASS

Mon.—Thurs. 5 PM

WEEKEND MASS

SATURDAY VIGIL 5 PM

SUNDAY 10 AM ([livestream on YouTube](#))

SUNDAY, DEC. 31—No 5 PM Mass

MONDAY, JAN. 1—Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God is a Holy day however the obligation has been abrogated. Mass at 5 PM

CONFESSION The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available Saturdays 3:30-4:30 PM and by appointment with Fr. Larry at chaplain@rpi.edu

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DEC. 30 5 PM Mass— Beth O'Reilly requested by Dee and Dave Dziejewski

SATURDAY, JAN. 6 5 PM Mass—Jane Spain Ducatt requested by Ed and Kathy Spain

SUNDAY, JAN. 7 10 AM Mass—Scott Lavonas requested by Dee and Dave Dziejewski

Consider having a Mass said in thanksgiving, for the intentions of another person (ex. birthday), or, most common, for the repose of the soul of someone who has died. Complete the form [here](#) or a hard copy form can be found in the C+CC hallway.

COLLECTIONS

Your continued generosity is appreciated! Here are ways to give...

- Mail your collection envelope and/or your check **made payable to Christ Sun of Justice** or place in the collection basket.
- Make an [online donation](#) ("Mass donation" in the comments section.)
- Venmo: At offertory time (or any time, really!) you can use your Venmo app to give to "csjparish". If it is for a special collection, just note that in the comments box.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Romans 12:6 "In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well."

COFFEE HOUR Weekly coffee hours are held after the 10AM and 5PM Sunday Masses. Please come and meet your fellow parishioners! Help is always needed and sign up sheets are posted on the bulletin board.

CSJ BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Please join us for our next book discussion meeting on Wednesday, January 17, 6:30-8:30 pm in the lounge to discuss, John Vaillant's ["Fire Weather, A True Story from a Hotter World."](#) Everyone is welcome to participate! Join us each month for a new book. Contact Grace Reale with questions or future suggestions at graceereale@gmail.com

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Readings can be found in multiple ways:

- Web: <https://bible.usccb.org/>
- Sign-up for a daily email with a link to the day's readings: <https://bible.usccb.org/daily-bible-reading#subscribe>
- On the Hallow app
- In the Bible

Dec. 31 Sun: Genesis 15: 1-6; 21: 1-3 or Sirach 3: 2-6, 12-14; Ps 105: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 or Ps 128: 1-2, 3, 4-5; Heb 11: 8, 11-12, 17-19 or Col 3: 12-21; Heb 1: 1-2 or Col 3: 15a, 16a; Lk 2: 22-40 or Lk 2: 22, 39-40

Jan. 1 Mon: Num 6: 22-27; Ps 67: 2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4: 4-7; Heb 1: 1-2; Lk 2: 16-21

Jan. 2 Tue: 1 Jn 2: 22-28; Ps 98: 1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Heb 1: 1-2; Jn 1: 19-28

Jan. 3 Wed: 1 Jn 2: 29 – 3: 6; Ps 98: 1, 3cd-4, 5-6; Jn 1: 14a, 12a; Jn 1: 29-34

Jan. 4 Thurs: 1 Jn 3: 7-10; Ps 98: 1, 7-8, 9; Heb 1: 1-2; Jn 1: 35-42

Jan. 5 Fri: 1 Jn 3: 11-21; Ps 100: 1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Jn 1: 43-51

Jan. 6 Sat: 1 Jn 5: 5-13; Ps 147: 12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Mk 9: 7; Mk 1: 7-11 or Lk 3: 23-38

C+CC NEWS

IN THE NORTH—Exhibit by artist, Virginia Bryant exhibit extended through FEB. Artist information can be found [here](#).

C+CC Closed Mon. JAN. 1 (will open for 5 PM Mass only)

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE by Bud Ozar

The gospel today shows Mary and Joseph weren't 'perfect' parents. If you have ever been 'amazed' and 'astonished' at what came out of your child's mouth, then you are in good company. If there were times you 'didn't understand' your children or felt 'anxious' about their behavior so did Mary and Joseph. Parenting is tough but it is also the stuff of holiness.

NOTES

INCLEMENT WEATHER Winter is fast approaching! Please call the C+CC phone (518- 274-7793) and listen to the voicemail for any changes in Mass times. Also, if you see on TV that OLV Masses are cancelled, Masses at CSJ will also be cancelled.

TAX LETTERS If you would like to receive a CSJ gift acknowledgement letter for tax purposes, please complete the form [here](#) or call the office. Letters will be sent out starting JAN. 15.

BULLETIN Interested in receiving an electronic copy of the bulletin? Sign up [here](#).

LOW GLUTEN HOSTS are available for those who need them. They contain .001% gluten and are authorized for use in the Catholic Mass. If that amount of gluten still presents a problem, Fr. Larry will arrange for you to receive the consecrated wine at communion time. Please see the Mass coordinator or Fr. Larry before Mass to make arrangements.

PRAYER REQUESTS If you would like to add a friend, loved one, or yourself to the Prayer of the Faithful intentions for the sick, please complete the form [here](#), or a hard copy form can be found in the C+CC hallway.

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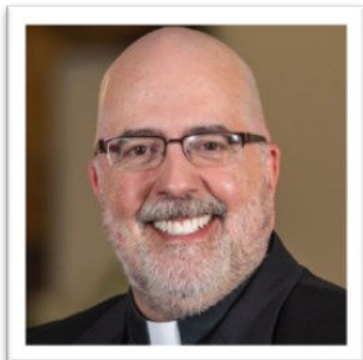
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~Campus Connection~



FR. LARRY RICE, CSP

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There's always lots of talk at the end of each year about how horrible it is that Christmas has become a big secular marketing event. But the truth is, the Catholic faith has a long, venerable tradition of co-opting secular holiday, feasts, and seasons, and making them our own. One theory holds that the date of Christmas was chosen, in part, to override the Roman celebration of Saturnalia. The feast of All Saints is a Christian counter to the pagan or druidic observance of Samhain. St. Valentine's Day superseded the Roman Lupercalia.

It seems odd, then, that we haven't had better success with a Christian celebration for the New Year. It's a time that is ripe for introspection and personal renewal: out with the old year, and in with the new. Apart from the parties and champagne, it's already a date with spiritual significance.

Perhaps the problem is that the Church's New Year, liturgically speaking, arrives on the first Sunday of Advent, and is almost entirely overshadowed by Thanksgiving and Christmas.

The fact is, that January first is a Holy Day of Obligation-- a feast day on which we're obligated to go to mass. It's the Feast of Mary the Mother of God. This year, since the first of January falls on a Monday, the obligation is abrogated.

Perhaps we can make the feast of Mary Mother of God more relevant to the New Year by seeing in Mary a model for renewed Christian life: in her openness to the Holy Spirit, her radical assent to God's will for her life, her patience through suffering, and her willingness to bring the Savior into the world. Those are all qualities that would make any of us better people in the New Year.



SPIRITUAL SEEDS

by Tracy Watson, RPI Associate Catholic Chaplain

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As we head into a new year, I share with you a decidedly non-traditional blessing attributed to Sister Ruth Marlene Fox, OSB: may our hearts be open to hear God's invitation for each of us this New Year.

~A Non-traditional Blessing~

May God bless you with a restless discomfort about easy answers, half-truths and superficial relationships, so that you may seek truth boldly and love deep within your heart.

May God bless you with holy anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people, so that you may tirelessly work for justice, freedom, and peace among all people.

May God bless you with the gift of tears to shed with those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation, or the loss of all that they cherish, so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and transform their pain into joy.

May God bless you with enough foolishness to believe that you really CAN make a difference in this world, so that you are able, with God's grace, to do what others claim cannot be done.

And the blessing of God the Supreme Majesty and our Creator, Jesus Christ the Incarnate Word who is our brother and Savior, and the Holy Spirit, our Advocate and Guide, be with you and remain with you, this day and forevermore.

Amen.

Got a suggestion? A question?

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