



The Catholic Center

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ALL ARE WELCOME

Mass Intentions

Saturday 5PM - Members of the Portel, Rebellon, and Galan Families	5:30PM - No Mass Wednesday 5:30PM - No Mass Thursday 5:30PM - No Mass
Sunday 8AM - George Huban 10:30AM - Edith Ellsworth †	Friday 8AM - No Mass
Monday 5:30PM - No Mass	
Tuesday	

A New Year's Prayer

As the dawn breaks on a new year, let us give thanks for all we hold dear: our health, our family and our friends. Let us release our grudges, our anger and our pains, for these are nothing but binding chains. Let us live each day in the most loving ways, the God-conscious way. Let us serve all who are in need, regardless of race, color or creed. Let us keep God of our own understanding in our hearts and to chant God's name each day. Let us lead the world from darkness to light, from falsehood to truth and from wrong to right. Let us remember that we are all one, embracing all, discriminating against none. May your year be filled with peace, prosperity and love. May God's blessings shower upon you and bestow upon each of you a bright, healthy and peaceful new year. - *Rev. Marcy Sheremetta*

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Liturgical Schedule

Mass: Saturday: 5PM Sunday: 8AM & 10:30AM Mon-Fri: No Mass	Holy Hours: Tues: will resume after break Confession: Wednesday: none Saturday: 3:30-4:30PM
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Weekly Calendar

Saturday 12/31
New Year's Eve
5PM Mass

Sunday 1/1
New Year's Day
8AM Mass
10:30AM Mass & Donuts

Monday 1/2
SEEK Retreat

Tuesday 1/3
SEEK Retreat

Wednesday 1/4
SEEK Retreat

Thursday 1/5
SEEK Retreat

Friday 1/6
SEEK Retreat

Saturday 1/7
3:30PM Reconciliation
5PM Mass

The front office will be closed Friday, 12/23 and reopen on Tuesday, 1/3

A Message from Fr. Michael

Dear Catholic Center Community,
And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. -Lk 2:19
God sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!"
-Gal 4:6

One of the phrases for turning over the calendar becomes: "new year, new me." So, it begs some good reflection: "if my life could be different in one or more ways, how?" Or more specifically, "if I could receive one thing (or more) from God this year, what would it be?" A particular thing to consider is that even though my life can be really great and I have much for which to be grateful, it wouldn't invalidate it to still ask for more.

It turns out, God is very - some would say infinitely - generous, always desiring to give more. Nine months before Christmas Mary is invited to her destiny that she will birth the Son of God. Later, shepherds will come to glorify Him; then, the Magi; then, Simeon and Anna - in each of these encounters, more about His goodness is revealed to her. And Mary is the invitation of all people: "She kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart." Treasuring them in her heart.

Something I become aware of in my life, as well as the lives of the people I'm invited to serve, is the "more" in a relationship with God: I desire more peace, more joy - very simply, to be closer to God. It might be the invitation for this upcoming year.

A simple invitation would be to consider the other side of prayer, particularly on the part of God. Mary learned to keep "all these things, reflecting on them in her heart;" she learned this, of course, from God - how God has kept her in His Heart. The invitation for us: we are able to say what prayer "is like": it was dry, it was joyful, etc.; but what is our prayer like - for God?

With this invitation, prayer becomes more personal, more relational: even though prayer might have been boring or distracted or not spectacular for me, if I turn my attention toward God, I can see how much God enjoys spending time with me or how much I delight Him or how He is at rest with me. The invitation: hold in your heart what you mean to God - God is grateful that you pray.

Blessings,
Fr. Michael

Passing the Basket

Due to COVID we had discontinued passing the collection baskets for the offertory. Effective with the weekend of January 7th and 8th we will resume passing the collection baskets. Two ushers will be required to assist with this. For more information or to volunteer to be an usher, please see the Mass Coordinators. Mass Coordinators will also be receiving an update on our new procedures.

Poinsettias

In Memory of . . .

The Alcoreza-Castelli Family	John Geary	Michael King	The O'Shea Family
Trudy Elliott Amrich	Delores Geary	Ted Larson	The Quattrocchi Family
Victor & Helen Ashley	Edwina Ginter	Bette Lind	Lymon Rains
Thelma Barzottini	Earl Ginter	Tommy Lyness	Victor Reyes
Jackee Bell	Kay Glenn	Chet Malanoski	Maria Reyes
Hope Brown	Deidre Pettey Gouer	Marijo Maloff	Norah Risher
Anne M. Campbell	Michael T. Greay	Frank Mangano	Al Rittle
Francesca Conners	John Halligan	Sam Marra	Margaret Smith
The Darden-Orr Family	The Halper Family	Mildred Marra	Edward Smith
The Dour Family	The Herbert Family	Matt Marsden	Eddie Smith
Rev. Mr. Edward J. Dietzler	The Hilario Family	Luke Marsden	Bob Spisak
Vince Dooley	Jack Horton	Neil McAllister	Joan Spisak
Craig Elliott	Elsie Horton	Doris McAllister	Peg Sullivan
Mardell Erler	Peter J. Hoy	James McNamara	Gertrude Thayer
Laurence Fernald	Marrlyn L. Hoy	Wallace Meshad	John & JoAnn Toutkoushian
Mary Fernald	John Hudak	Tea Meshad	Emerita Valentin
Dr. Bill Fetter	Eleanor Hudak	Camilla Mims	Annie Watwood
Michele Flaherty	Butch Hudak	Frank Morris	Mary Ellen Weir
	Elmer & Emma Jean Hutchins	The Mueller Family	Joel Weir Jr.
		John Mullen	

In Honor of . . .

Fr. Michael Bremer	The Children & Grandchildren of Ann Shumpert	Mitsue Halligan	Fr. Brian McNavish
The Catholic Center Community		The Kalla Family	Alyssa Themas
		Charles & Lois Long	

We Lift Up in Prayer

Charlotte & Joel Alesi	Denise Goins	Kathy McGill	David Simmons
Peter Bryan	Ricardo Guerra	Kevin Noble	Dave Sterberg
Cindy Bullist	Charlene Hall	Janna Nugent	Joan Tillitski
Grace Byrne	Bob Henry	Daniel O'Sullivan	Alyssa Thomas
Rick Cook	Debbie Huckaby	Lou Perno	Jake Wilson
Macie Davis	George Huban	Shirley Puskarz	Bryan Vaughn
Joy Davis	Jeremiah	Larry Richardson	The Wallace Family
Josephine Eckles	Victor Kalla	Lou Richt	Don Young
Sylvia Floyd	James Law	Sophia Rodriguez	
Jeffery Foster	Susan Luthi	Ashlee Shapland Runyon	
Alberta Foster	Ron Makula	Mo Saiidi	

With deepest sympathy, our community prays for the souls of the faithful departed and for their loved ones, especially Mike Clutter, Cecilia Cassera, and Alice Gray Houston.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for January: We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

Financial Giving Updates

Thank you so very much for your generous contributions to our offertory throughout the year. Your support of the Catholic Center and our ministries is heartwarming. Thank you for sharing your time, treasure and talent.

December 18, 2022	December 18, 2022
\$9,164.51 - Offertory	\$13,280.50 - Offertory
\$12,720 - Donations	\$26,566.05 - Donations
\$343.00 - Alms	\$343.00 - Alms

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Thank you to all who donated to help make our Chapel beautiful this Christmas season!