



THE HOLY FAMILY

“For my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.”

- Lk 2:30-31

Blessed Sacrament Roman Catholic Parish

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Mass Times

Sunday	7AM, 9:30AM, 5PM
1st & 2nd Sunday	11:30AM (Croatian)
Monday	7AM, 8:30AM
Tuesday	7AM, 8:30AM, 6PM
Wednesday	7AM, 8:30AM
Thursday	7AM, 8:30AM
Friday	7AM, 8:30AM
Saturday	8:30AM, 4PM Vigil

Reconciliation

Tuesday	5PM - 5:50PM
Saturday	9AM - 10AM

Devotions

Rosary & Chaplet of the Divine Mercy
Monday-Saturday, after morning Mass

Miraculous Medal Novena
Tuesday, after 6PM Mass

First Friday Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus
First Friday of the month after morning Mass

First Saturday Devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary
First Saturday of the month after morning Mass

Office Hours

Sunday	Closed
Monday	8:30AM - 4:30PM
Tuesday	8:30AM - 4:30PM
Wednesday	8:30AM - 4:30PM
Thursday	8:30AM - 4:30PM
Friday	8:30AM - 4:30PM
Saturday	Closed

Gift Shop Hours

Sunday	7:45-11AM, 5:30-6:30PM
Monday	9AM - 4PM
Tuesday	9AM - 4PM
Wednesday	9AM - 4PM
Thursday	Closed
Friday	Closed
Saturday	3:30-5:30PM

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Pastor's Letter:
December 31, 2023
The Great Feast of
The Holy Family of
Jesus, Mary & Joseph

The Church's focus at this time of the year is based on the theme of the family.

The Family Is Our Connection To God:

Likewise, we receive life from God through our parents; they from their parents; and then repeated over and over all the way back to God, who is the author of all life, beginning with Jesus Christ, made in the image and likeness of God.

I am not long back from visiting my family in Dublin. My father, Christy, whom many of you may know, celebrated his 92nd birthday in November. Birthdays, the reception of Holy Sacraments, especially weddings (and also big anniversaries), are the greatest, most joyful family celebrations, as you all know.

Do we still have the witness of the Holy Family, Jesus, Mary and Joseph, today?

The best way is simply by showing up: attending Sunday Mass as a family is the greatest public witness to the faith we can possibly give. This is how every Catholic family lives out their God-given call as an Evangelizing Community.

As Pope St. John Paul the Great wrote:

“The parents not only communicate the Gospel to their children, but from their children they can themselves receive the same Gospel as deeply lived by them. And such a family becomes the evangelizer of many other families, and of the neighborhood of which it forms part.”

(Familiaris Consortio, #52).

Pope Benedict a few years ago said regarding the family in relation to the **Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph:**

“God had chosen to reveal himself by being born into a human family and the human family became an icon of God! **God is the Trinity, he is a Communion of love**; so is the family, despite all the differences that exist between the mystery of God and his human creature, an expression that reflects the unfathomable mystery of God as love.

(Pope Benedict, Angelus, December 27, 2009).

Let's make 2024 a great year, through **the intercession of The Holy Family.**

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, we love you!

A Holy and Safe New Year to you all.

The Catholic Family that
“Prays Together,
Stays Together”:

as Fr. Patrick Peyton always said.

We Are Happy to Offer
A Unique Opportunity

Coming On January 11th, 2024 to
Blessed Sacrament Parish
Prayer & Life Workshops

with Chayito Hernandez

in the Parish Hall beginning

2PM, Thursday, January 11th.

*Fr. Kilian, Fr. Williams, Our Deacons
and all of our great Parish Staff.*

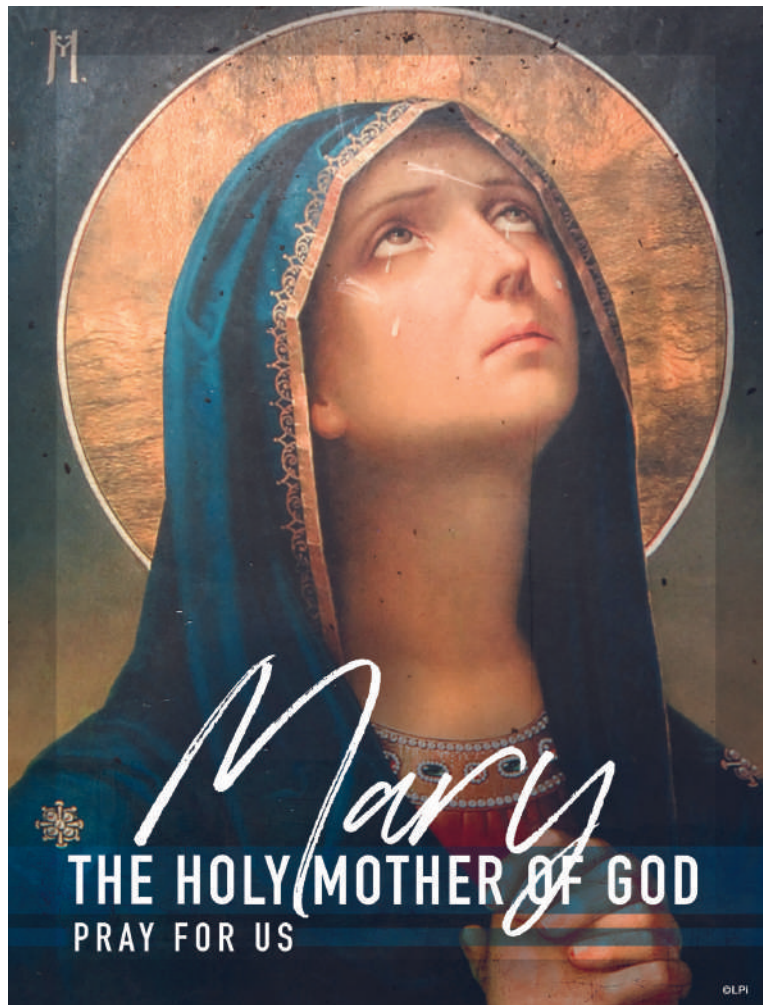
Miraculous Medal Novena



The Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal is celebrated each Tuesday evening at 6:45PM in the church.

This weekly devotion includes Benediction. This is then followed by a Pro-Life Rosary for those who wish to stay. All are welcome to join us, and we hope to see you there.

O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee.



We invite you to visit our Adoration webpage and choose the hour or hours you would like to spend with Our Lord.

bscaz.org/adoration

The Importance of Eucharistic Adoration

Excerpted from: All Your Questions About Adoration Answered...What Is It? How Do I Go? What Do I Do? And More!

by Becky Roach | Adoration, Best Of Catholic-Link.org

When Catholics say they are "going to Adoration," they are typically referring to Eucharistic Adoration, which, in the most basic terms, is the worship of the Eucharist outside of the Mass. The Eucharistic Host is displayed in a monstrance on the altar so that all can see and pray in the presence of Christ.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us that, "Adoration is the first attitude of man acknowledging that he is a creature before his Creator. It exalts the greatness of the Lord who made us and the almighty power of the Savior who sets us free from evil. Adoration is homage of the spirit to the King of Glory, respectful silence in the presence of the ever-greater God. Adoration of the thrice-holy and sovereign God of love blends with humility and gives assurance to our supplications." (CCC 2628)

We can show our adoration to God in many ways, but in Eucharistic Adoration, we spend time adoring the true presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

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Prayer & Life Workshop

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THURSDAYS @ 2PM
BEGINNING JANUARY 11

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15 Sessions
Registration Not Necessary

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SOCIAL HALL



Retreat Leaders:



Fr. Conrad Targonski, OFM is a Catholic Franciscan friar priest of the Our Lady of Guadalupe Province. Fr. Conrad served 22+ years with the Navy & Marine Corps as a supervisory chaplain in *Operation Phantom Fury*, Fallujah, Iraq in 2004-2005 and retired as a Navy Captain from the Marine Corps Combat Center in 29 Palms in 2010. He currently serves as a chaplain at Viterbo University in La Crosse, WI and had led several trips to Italy on the Veteran's Pilgrimage to Assisi and Rome.



Greg Masiello is a retired psychologist at the Albany Veterans Center in New York where he worked to assist combat veterans with their reintegration to civilian life. Greg served with the 42nd Aviation Brigade as a Liaison Officer in Iraq & also served 23 years in the New York Army National Guard as a pilot, training officer, and psychologist and had led several trips to Italy on the Veteran's Pilgrimage to Assisi and Rome.



Rev. Dr. Bill Reese is a retired Professor Emeritus at Viterbo University in La Crosse, WI where he taught World Religions and Holy Scripture. He is a decorated Vietnam veteran and has completed several pilgrimages to Assisi, and recently made a solo return-trip to the Mekong River Valley in Vietnam.



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ST. FRANCIS: JOURNEY OF A RESILIENT WARRIOR RETREAT

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February 9-11, 2024



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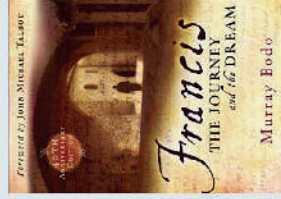


Program Description

St. Francis: Journey of A Resilient Warrior Retreat is designed to offer healing insights from one of the most beloved but misunderstood saints, St. Francis of Assisi.

Most people don't know that St. Francis was a soldier and a prisoner of war who faced a number of hardships and challenges before undergoing a profound religious experience. In untangling the paradox of his life, this retreat will explore how the call of the warrior intersects with the call of spirituality.

The group will examine, from various perspectives, the challenges confronting veterans in light of the life of a saint who rose out of the ashes of combat to become an icon of peace. With this goal in mind, we will look at the life of St. Francis as portrayed in *The Journey and the Dream*, by Friar Murray Bodo, OFM.



Comments by Past Attendees

"I'm so blessed and fortunate to have attended this retreat and felt a kindred spirit with other vets, which allowed me to decompress."

"This retreat gave me a deeper understanding of St. Francis and how my life directly relates to his."

"I learned to now put the past behind me and allow forgiveness of myself and others."

"This retreat reversed my thinking about going to Vietnam to pay back for my friend's death in combat over there to realizing I need to love life more and Pay It Forward in service to others."

Registration Information

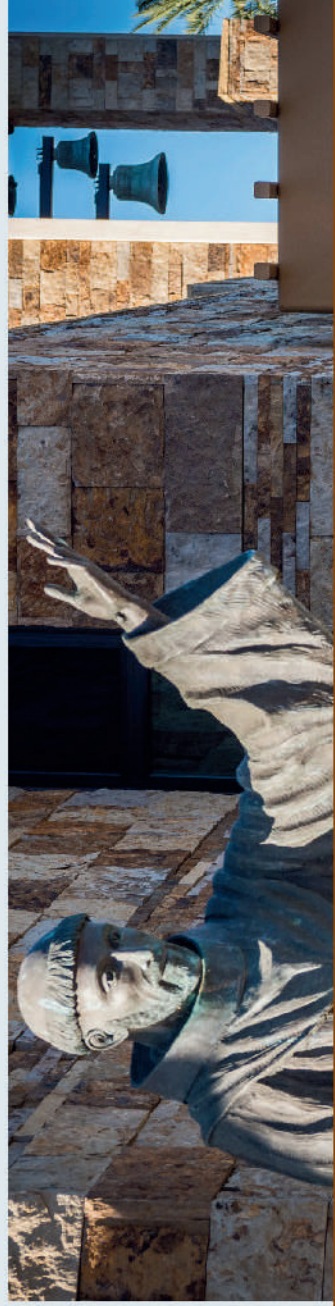
This retreat will be held at the Franciscan Renewal Center on **February 9-11, 2024**.

Check-in is Friday, from 4:00 - 5:00 pm with Meet & Greet Gathering at 5:00 pm. The retreat concludes on Sunday at 2:00 pm. This retreat is provided at no cost to veterans. No commuter options available.

This program is made possible through donations from various community organizations and private individuals.

For more information contact: Linda MacLeish at macleishlinda@gmail.com.

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What a pleasure to listen to not only a world class pianist and composer, but an artist whose music translates beyond its genre to lift the audience to belief and hope in the power of the human spirit. I have been honored to be present at several of Eric's concerts. Every time with every unique audience nuance, those present felt the power of Eric's music and his words clearly elevated people.

- Jim Caviezel (The Passion of the Christ and The Sound of Freedom)



Saturday, December 30, 2023

8:30AM +Dick & Lorraine
O'Connor

4PM. Libunao Family

Sunday, December 31, 2023

7AM Pastoral Mass

9:30AM +Gil and +Brian Koceja

5PM +Janie Guzak

Monday, January 1, 2024

8:30AM +Roberta Pikey

NOON +Brian Mikkelson

Tuesday, January 2, 2024

7AM James and Elizabeth
Noriega

8:30AM +Melinda Epperson

6PM +Marilyn Clasen

Wednesday, January 3, 2024

7AM +Marie Sloup

8:30AM +Paul Ochocki

Thursday, January 4, 2024

7AM. +Mary Bresnahan

8:30AM +Kathie Fink

Friday, January 5, 2024

7AM +Regina Crowley

8:30AM +John Veszlovits

Saturday, January 6, 2024

8:30AM +Memorial Mass for
January 2023

4PM +Donald Joseph Stombres

Sunday, January 7, 2024

7AM +Ann Kuscin

9:30AM +Prisco Santos

5PM Pastoral Mass

Readings of the Week ©LPI

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 **or** Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

Monday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34

Thursday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42

Friday: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Jn 1:43-51

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 **or** 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Observances for the week of December 31, 2023

Sunday: The Holy Family; New Year's Eve

Monday: Mary, The Holy Mother of God, New Year's Day

Tuesday: Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

Wednesday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus

Thursday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

Friday: St. John Neumann, Bishop

Saturday: St. André Bessette, Religious

Next Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord

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Saint of the Week Venerable Augustus Tolton



John Augustus (Gus) Tolton was born in 1854, to parents who were enslaved by a white Catholic family in Missouri. Early in his childhood, the Civil War broke out, and his father escaped slavery to join the Union Army. John and his mother remained enslaved until 1862, when they escaped by crossing the Mississippi River into Illinois.

Tolton and his family were introduced to Catholicism by their enslavers, and, despite the awful circumstances that they were subjected to, John developed a deep personal relationship with Jesus. It's said that, after escaping into Illinois, his mother told him, "John, boy, you're free. Never forget the goodness of the Lord."

Tolton attended an all-white school in Illinois, St. Peter's Catholic School, where he was mentored by the school's pastor. As he matured, he intended to go to seminary, but no American seminary would accept him due to the color of his skin. With the pastor's support, Tolton attended seminary in Rome, instead.

After a few years as a priest in Illinois, he went to Chicago, where he led the development of St. Monica's Catholic Church on Chicago's South Side. As pastor of St. Monica, Tolton served the poor, fed the hungry, ministered to formerly enslaved families, shared his beautiful singing voice and talent for playing the accordion, and led many to the faith.

Sadly, in 1897, at age 43, Fr. Tolton died of heat stroke. His legacy, however, lives on, and he was declared Venerable by Pope Francis in June of 2019.



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