



# Holy Family Old Cathedral

ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF ANCHORAGE-JUNEAU

The Most Reverend Andrew Bellisario, CM, Archbishop

*Staffed by the Friars of the  
Dominican Province of the Most Holy Name of Jesus*



**WELCOME TO HOLY  
FAMILY OLD CATHEDRAL  
ON THE  
NATIVITY OF THE LORD  
December 25, 2021**

# CHRIST IS BORN!

**Nativity stained glass window  
Holy Family Old Cathedral**

### PASTOR'S CORNER

*He was in the beginning with God. All things came to be through him, and without him nothing came to be. What came to be through him was life, and this life was the light of the human race; the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.”  
John 1:2-5*

In the darkest time of year we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, the light of God arriving in the world to

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dispel the darkness of sin and death by the blood of his Cross and the glory of his Resurrection.

In Jesus, God tenders his love to us in a way that can never be withdrawn. The famous Archbishop Fulton Sheen once said: "with blood there is no going backwards." God's offer cannot be erased or revoked. Humanity is never alone now. If we accept God's invitation and follow in his ways, we will always have Jesus as our light, guide, strength and companion.

The angel who appeared to them did not tell the shepherds to go to Bethlehem. The angel announced the news of Jesus' birth. The glory of God was made known to the shepherds. They were astonished and filled with awe. With minds, hearts and souls awakened, they decided, with no further encouragement, to leave their sheep and go to Bethlehem to find Jesus.

They were not disappointed. Finding Jesus in the manger with his mother Mary and with Joseph, they saw God. Not as a judge. Not as a threat. Not as a condemnation. They saw a savior. The invitation to a meaningful and complete life, here on earth amid its evils and imperfections and in the everlasting glory of heaven for all of eternity.

Invitation. Christmas is an open invitation from God. Like with the shepherds, God meets us where we are. He receives us as we are. Like with the baby Jesus, God expects us to grow. In our case, he wants us to respond to his commitment and invitation with an invitation and commitment of our own to him. We are to invite Jesus into our life, following his lead on our life journey. In good times and in bad. Seeking his truth and grace, we are to mature and grow in holiness by entering into a life of discipleship with him.

This Christmas, may we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus with a generous invitation for him to be in our lives according to his desire and plans. May the source of our joy this season come from a place of understanding that we are profoundly loved by God who desires our greatest happiness which can only come from a life that is shared with him who is the author of life.

On behalf of the Dominican Friars and Staff at Holy Family Old Cathedral, I wish you and your families a very merry Christmas!

Fr. Steve Maekawa, OP - Pastor

## THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

12/26 Sunday	<b>FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY. NO CCD</b>
12/29 Wednesday	<b>NO 7P ADORATION</b>
12/31 Friday	<b>530 VIGIL MASS</b>
1/1/22 Saturday	<b>SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD. 9A MASS</b>
1/2 Sunday	<b>EPIPHANY. NO CCD.</b>

## CHURCH INFORMATION

### CONFESSIONS

M - F 1130A – 12P; Sat. 830A – 9A. Also, by appointment. Visit the website to contact individual friars. [www.holyfamilycathedral.org](http://www.holyfamilycathedral.org) or call 276-3455.

### MASS INTENTIONS

Contact office at 276-3455 or email [frontdesk@holyfamilycathedral.org](mailto:frontdesk@holyfamilycathedral.org).

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Call the office at 276-3455.

### OPTIONS FOR VULNERABLE PARISHIONERS

The cry room can be reserved at all Masses for especially vulnerable parishioners – family groups or individuals. Call Deacon Dave at 646-3002.

### CHURCH OPEN HOURS

30 min. before Masses; one hour before weekday noon Mass.

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday – Thursday, 10A - 4P. Closed Mondays and Fridays. And by appointment. Call 276-3455.

### ST. PAUL'S CORNER BOOKS AND GIFTS

Sundays, 1030A – 230P; Wednesdays, 11A – 2P.

### CLERGY

#### Parish Dominicans

Fr. Steven Maekawa, OP	Pastor
Fr. Dismas Sayre, OP	Parochial Vicar
Fr. Andrew Opsahl, OP	Parochial Vicar
Fr. Alejandro Crosthwaite, OP	In Residence
Br. Benedict Mary Bartsch, OP	Residency Brother

#### Deacons

Deacon David E. Van Tuyl	Permanent Deacon
Deacon Gustavo Azpilcueta	Permanent Deacon

#### Paid and Unpaid Staff

Peter Alvarez (P)	Contact at 276-3455
Mary Beth Bragiel (P)	Rel. Education Coordinator
Dan Concepcion (P)	Operations Consultant
Letha Flint	Maintenance
Bernardette Frost	Administration/Music
Darlene Perkins (P)	Manager, St. Paul's Corner Bookkeeper



## STEWARDSHIP OF TIME

### Prayer and Study

### EUCHARISTIC ADORATION



“Let your gratitude never separate the Crib from the Altar, the Word made flesh from the God-Man made Bread of Life in the Most Blessed Sacrament.”

*St. Peter Julian Eymard*

**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**  
Wednesdays. 7P – 8P. Fridays. 830A – 12P.  
First Fridays. 830A – 8P.

**ADORERS NEEDED.** Contact Katie Reed at 348-7300.

### LITURGICAL SCHEDULE / MASS READINGS

**Dec. 25 – The Nativity of the Lord.** Mass during the Day. Isaiah 52:7-10; Psalm 98:1-6; Hebrews 1:1-6; John 1:1-18.

**Dec. 26 – Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.** Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Psalm 128:1-5; Colossians 3:12-21; Luke 2:41-52.

**Dec. 27 – Feast of St. John, Apostle and evangelist.** 1 John 1:1-4; Psalm 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; John 20:1a, 2-8.

**Dec. 28 – Feast of the Holy Innocents, martyrs.** 1 John 1:5 – 2:2; Psalm 124:2-5, 7c-8; Matthew 2:13-18.

**Dec. 29 – Fifth Day in the Octave of Christmas.** 1 John 2:3-11; Psalm 96:1-3, 5b-6; Luke 2:22-35.

**Dec. 30 – Sixth Day in the Octave of Christmas.** 1 John 2:12-17; Psalm 96:7-10; Luke 2:36-40.

**Dec. 31 – Seventh Day in the Octave of Christmas.** 1 John 2:18-21; Psalm 96:1-2, 11-13; John 1:1-18.

**Jan. 1 - The Octave Day of Christmas; Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary the Mother of God.** Numbers 6:22-27; Psalm 67:2-3, 5-6, 8; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21.

**Jan. 2 – The Epiphany of the Lord.** Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12.

## Rosary Sunday

DOMINICAN STUDENT APPEAL

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

Total to date: \$129,910

134 households (21%); average pledge \$969

134

134/632 households, 21%

632

**GOAL: to increase household participation**

Envelopes available in the back of the church or  
give at [www.opwest.org/rs](http://www.opwest.org/rs)



### MASS INTENTIONS\*

<b>Dec. 24</b>	8A	<i>Laurie Boelter</i>
<b>Friday</b>	6P	+Carole Frost
	9P	+Max Hodel
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<b>Dec. 25</b>	12A	<i>People of Holy Family</i>
<b>Saturday</b>	730A	<i>John and Gerianne Forbes</i>
	930A	<i>Frances Evanson</i>
	12P	<i>Christmas Novena 1</i>
	2P	<i>Br. Benedict Mary</i>
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<b>Dec. 26</b>	730A	<i>Brad and Christina Doman</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	930A	<i>Grace Forbes</i>
	12P	<i>Fr. Gregory Tatum, OP</i>
	2P	<i>People of Holy Family</i>
	4P	<i>Christmas Novena 2</i>
	6P	+Christopher Komperda
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<b>Dec. 27</b>	8A	+Stephen Cancellare
<b>Monday</b>	12P	<i>Christmas Novena 3</i>
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<b>Dec. 28</b>	8A	<i>Christmas Novena 4</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	12P	<i>End of Abortion</i>
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<b>Dec. 29</b>	8A	+Maeve Ryan
<b>Wed.</b>	12P	<i>Christmas Novena 5</i>
	4P	<i>Jen Syzdek</i>
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<b>Dec. 30</b>	8A	<i>Christmas Novena 6</i>
<b>Thurs.</b>	12P	<i>Priest Intention</i>
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<b>Dec. 31</b>	8A	<i>Laurie and Michael Boelter</i>
<b>Friday</b>	12P	<i>Christmas Novena 7</i>
	530P	<i>Benefactors of Dominican Friars and Holy Family Old Cathedral</i>
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<b>Jan. 1</b>	9A	<i>Christmas Novena 8</i>
<b>Saturday</b>	530P	+Phyllis Wilson
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<b>Jan. 2</b>	730A	<i>People of Holy Family</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	930A	<i>Volunteers of St. Paul's Corner</i>
	12P	<i>Christmas Novena 9</i>
	2P	<i>Our Lady of Akita</i>
	4P	+Nancy and +Bill McQuillan
	6P	+Stella and +Jozef Krol

\*To request a Mass for a specific intention, please contact the office.

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

### OFFERTORY

FY22 Offertory through December 19:	\$303,454
Offertory December 19:	\$ 11,907
Cash and checks:	\$ 8,415
E-giving:	\$ 3,492

## STEWARDSHIP OF TALENT

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS

#### Extraordinary Ministers

#### Lectors

December 26

730A Toni Berkenbush

930A Helen Craig

Noon Rowena Carrillo

6P Br. Benedict Mary

January 1

530P Peter Frost

January 2

730A Toni Berkenbush

930A Deacon Dave Van Tuyl

Noon Rowena Carrillo

6P Letha Flint

Gena Columbus

Stephanie Van Tuyl

Arlene Chico

Beth Kenney

Bernardette Frost

Marissa Hanson

Larry Nakata

Stephen Plattus

Spruce Lynch

Please contact Marianne Berus at 248-4707 to volunteer as an extraordinary minister or lector.

**The KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FALL FOOD DRIVE has donated 5084 pounds of food and \$480 to St. Francis Food Pantry.**

**THANK YOU!**

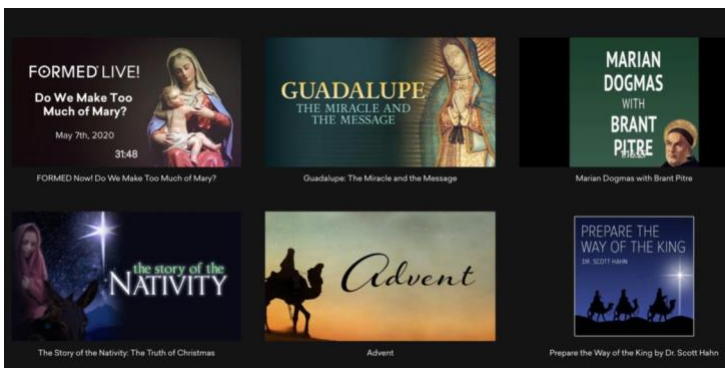


## Don't Forget!

As a parishioner at Holy Family, you have a free membership in "Formed." Catholic books, videos, classes and more. Weekly special offers. Sign in at [formed.org](http://formed.org).

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PICK OF THE WEEK



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[www.holyfamilycathedral.org](http://www.holyfamilycathedral.org)

## 2021 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL – WK 32 OVER THE TOP!! THANK YOU!

**Additional gifts to United in Mission through March 31 will be returned to Holy Family without the 16.5% Archdiocesan tax.**

GIVE SECURELY ONLINE: [aoaj.org/pledge](http://aoaj.org/pledge)

Holy Family 2021 Assessment: \$ 84,500

Received or pledged to date: \$84,650; Balance: \$0  
80 households (12%) of 663; \$1,047 average gift

## Parish Ministries and Groups

### LITURGICAL MINISTRIES:

**Altar Servers** English. . . . . Deacon Dave, 885-9992

Dominican Rite. . . . . Jason Fouch, 903-7965

Spanish. . . . . Dulce Martinez, 339-7118

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion / Lectors**

English. . . . . Marianne Berus, 248-4707

Spanish. . . . . Lupe Ortega, 350-2667

**Liturgical Art & Environment** Florence Ward, 301-4613

**Music.** Music Coordinator: . . . . . Letha Flint, 227-3201

2P Spanish. . . . . Juan Ortega, 250-2027

4P Schola. . . . . Mario Bird, 205-9390

6P Choir. . . . . Liz Janezich, 947-8335

**Ushers.** English. . . . . Deacon Dave, 885-9992

Spanish. . . . . Jacobo, Carlos Sanchez

### PRAYER:

**Adoration.** . . . . . Katie Reed, 348-7300

**Centering Prayer.** . . . . . English: Kess Frey, 338-2894

Spanish: Cristina Azpilcueta, 903-6297

**El Shaddai.** . . . . . Rowena Carrillo, 250-0823

**Llamas del Espiritu.** . . . . . Griselda Martinez, 339-7118

**Prayer Line Requests.** . . . . . Use the form on the website

**Legion of Mary, Junior.** . . . . . Meyoung Wolfe, 360-0996

**Legion of Mary, Senior.** . . . . . Office, 276-3455

### WORKS OF MERCY:

**St. Vincent de Paul.** . . . . . Richard Whitney, 330-9637

**Homebound Ministry.** . . . . . Paul Lariviere, 276-3074

**Pioneer Home.** . . . . . Sheila Barrett, 334-9503

**Parish Nurses.** . . . . . Office, 276-3455

**Prison Ministry.** . . . . . Deacon Dave, 885-9992

### SERVICE AND FELLOWSHIP:

**Knights of Columbus.** . . . . . Bill Fasser, 907-903-3145

**Women of Holy Family.** . . . . . Florence Ward, 301-4613

**Earth Angels.** . . . . . Office, 276-3455

**Coffee & Donuts.** . . . . . Bill Fasser, 907-903-3145

**Trail Life.** . . . . . [tlusatrop251@gmail.com](mailto:tlusatrop251@gmail.com)

### EVANGELIZATION AND EDUCATION:

**Religious Education.** . . . . . Peter Alvarez, 646-3025

**St. Paul's Corner.** . . . . . 646-3070

**Catholics Read book group.** . . . . . 646-3070

**Project Rachel Healing after Abortion.** . . . . . 297-7781

**Catholic Men for Life.** . . . . . Dennis Deering, 258-0386

**Natural Family Planning.** . . . . . [www.aknfp.com](http://www.aknfp.com)

**Website/Parish App.** . . . . . [geolochner@gmail.com](mailto:geolochner@gmail.com)

### ADMINISTRATION:

**Finance Council.** . . . . . Joe Babka, 337-2335

**Parish Council.** . . . . . Fr. Steven Maekawa, OP, 276-3455