

**4th Sunday of Advent  
December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024**

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb."  
(Luke 1:41-42)

<u>Mass Intentions</u>	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>December 21<sup>st</sup></b>
9:00 AM	Mary Spencer, Healing
4:00 PM	Pat Carter, Deceased
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 22<sup>nd</sup></b>
7:30 AM	Walter Obrecht, Healing
9:15 AM	Barbara Grillo, Deceased
11:00 AM	Pro Populo
<b>Monday</b>	<b>December 23<sup>rd</sup></b>
8:00 AM	Ed Preininger, Deceased
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>December 24<sup>th</sup></b>
8:00 AM	Communion Service
<b>Christmas Eve Masses (Tues., Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>)</b>	
4:00 PM	Roscoe Leischner, Deceased
10:00 PM	Sal & Gretchen Bommarito, Sp. Int
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>December 25<sup>th</sup> (Christmas Day)</b>
7:30AM	Parish Deacons & their wives
9:15 AM	Pro Populo
11:00 AM	Community members most in need
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Dec. 26<sup>th</sup></b> (St. Stephen-Feast)
8:00 AM	Joseph Fletcher, Deceased
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Dec. 27<sup>th</sup></b> (St. John, Evangelist-Feast)
8:00 AM	Rachel Jonz, Birthday
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Dec. 28<sup>th</sup></b> (Holy Innocents-Feast)
9:00 AM	Ed Preininger, Deceased
4:00 PM	Carmen & Ron Sutherlin, Thanksgiving
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Dec. 29<sup>th</sup> (Holy Family Sunday)</b>
7:30 AM	Pro Populo
9:15 AM	Ed Preininger, Deceased
11:00 AM	Greater devotion to Baby Jesus

**Saturday Vigil & Sunday Readings**

**First Reading:** You, Bethlehem-Ephrathah too small to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel. (Micah 5:1)

**Psalm:** Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved. (Psalm 80)

**Second Reading:** "Then I said, 'As is written of me in the scroll, behold, I come to do your will, O God.'" (Hebrews 10:7)

**Gospel:** "And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?" (Luke 1:43)

**MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent:** Micah 5:1-4a; Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45

**Monday:** Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24; Psalm 25:4-5b, 8-9, 10 and 14; Luke 1:57-66

**Tuesday morning:** 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Psalm 89:2-5, 27 and 29; Luke 1:67-79

**Christmas Eve: 4:00 PM** Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Matthew 1:18-25; **10:00 PM** Isaiah 9:1-6; Psalm 96:1-3, 11-13; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14

**Wednesday (Christmas Day):** Isaiah 52:7-10; Hebrews 1:1-6; Psalm 98:1-6; John 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

**Thurs. (Feast-St. Stephen):** Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Psalm 31:3c-4, 6 & 8a, 16b & 17; Matthew 10:17-22

**Friday (Feast-St. John the Evangelist):** 1 Jn 1:1-4; Psalm 97: 1-2, 5-6, 11-12; John 20:1a, 2-8

**Saturday (Feast-Holy Innocents):** 1 John 1:5—2:2; Psalm 124:2-5, 7b-8; Matthew 2:13-18

**Next Sunday (Holy Family):** 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28; Psalm 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24; Luke 2:41-52

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**Notable St. Philip's events**

Sun., Dec 22nd: 12p-2p Parish Christmas party in the hall (food, music, games, Santa Claus)



No Faith Formation December 22nd, 26th, 29th and January 2nd. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Fri., Jan. 17th: Eucharistic Revival 3-5:30pm

**New Missals in the Nave (Church) Pews**  
If you would like a missal, please contact Tricia in the office. Please don't take missals from church. Thanks!

**Christmas Mass schedule:**  
Tues, Dec. 24th: **4:00 PM & 10:00 PM-with incense**  
Wed., Dec. 25th: **7:30; 9:15; 11:00 AM (bilingual)**

**Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**  
**(A Holy Day of Obligation this year)**  
Tues, Dec. 31st: **4:00 PM**  
Wed., Jan. 1st: **9:00 AM; 5:30 PM (bilingual)**

 **Mystical Rose Sodality** 

**What is a Sodality?** A sodality is a lay Catholic society for religious & charitable purposes. **What is the Mystical Rose?** It is one of many titles given to Mary, Our Blessed Mother. The Mystical Rose Sodality is an organization which serves Christ and our parish community through the intercession of our Mother Mary. All Catholic women of Payson are invited to join.

For more information call **Karen @ 480-518-3618**.

**Faith Formation is promoting the collection of non-perishable foods in December for our SVdP Food Bank.**

Saint Vincent de Paul Food Bank is in need of egg cartons, plastic bags, medium-sized cardboard boxes. Please place donations in the box in the vestibule. Thank you!

**Contributions & Fundraising Last Week:**  
**Parish Offertory:** \$4,856.35  
**Online Giving:** \$2,515.50  
**Building Fund:** \$425.00

Thank you all for your generosity! - Fr. Tom

**Building Fund giving—yellow pew envelopes or please give online:**

1. Visit our website: **catholicpayson.com**
2. Click the **Our Sunday Visitor Website** button
3. Create your account or donate as a guest
4. Give one-time or recurring to **Building Fund**

**If you have questions contact the parish office:**  
**928-474-2392**

 **Thank You!** 

**Be Reconciled with God and One Another**

Confession is a Sacrament of Healing. Let's face it: we all need the healing touch of Jesus at times. Among the most joyful experiences that we can have is to receive God's healing graces and a new beginning, no matter what we've done. God is always willing to pardon our sins when we come to Him in our need for forgiveness and restoration. He never fails to show us his perfect love and mercy.

**Confessions Wed, 5:15-6:15pm; Sat. 2-3pm or by appt.**

**Angel Tree Ornaments**

Please return the gifts from the Angel Tree with the tag attached **as soon as possible**. The gifts will be helping families in our Saint Philip the Apostle Community. Please use gift bags instead of wrapping. Thank you for your generosity!

**Our St. Vincent de Paul Conference**  
**Will be taking a 2nd collection Dec. 28th & 29th**

At each Mass next weekend. Your donation goes to serve many people in need in our own community. Please help us to serve those in need.  
*Thank you and God bless you for your generosity!*

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

**Sunday:** 4th Sunday of Advent  
**Monday:** St. John of Kanty, Priest  
**Tuesday:** Christmas Eve (Masses begin at 4:00PM)  
**Wednesday:** The Nativity of the Lord  
**Thursday:** St. Stephen, First Martyr (Feast)  
**Friday:** St. John, Apostle and Evangelist (Feast)  
**Saturday:** The Holy Innocents, Martyrs (Feast)  
**Sunday:** The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph