

CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

December 28, 2025 | The Feast of the Holy Family



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The Sunday after Christmas is the Feast of the Holy Family. This Feast & liturgical celebration honors Jesus, His Mother Mary, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and her spouse, Joseph, as a holy family with Jesus, the Second Person of the Trinity, at the center. Among the purposes of this feast is to set the Holy Family as a model for Christian families. From the 17th century, the feast was celebrated at local & regional levels by the promoting of Pope Leo XIII. In 1921, Pope Benedict XV established it on the Church calendar, setting it on the Sunday within the Octave of the Epiphany, meaning on the Sunday between January 7 & January 13, inclusive. When the calendar was revised in 1969, this Feast was moved to the Sunday within the Christmas Octave, meaning the Sunday between Christmas Day & New Year's Day, exclusive - as it could not replace Christmas Day or the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God if they fell on a Sunday.

Quote of the Week

"For by gold the power of a king is signified, by frankincense the honor of God, by myrrh the burial of the body; and accordingly they offer Him gold as King, frankincense as God, myrrh as Man."

- St John
Chrysostom

MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY

9:00am
11:00am (Spanish)

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OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY-WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY

2:30pm - 5:30pm

OUR MISSION

Catholic Church of the Resurrection is a diverse Christian Community of faith that:

- is centered in the Eucharist and the Word of God
- proclaims the Good News of Jesus
- seeks, welcomes, and serves all in His name

OUR CLERGY

Pastor - Rev. John M. Zimmerman

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MARY, MOTHER OF GOD MASSES

December 31 - Vigil Mass at 5:00 PM (*Spanish*)

January 1 - Mass at 10:00 AM

MASS INTENTIONS

DECEMBER 28

09:00am + John Jozwiak

11:00am + Pedro Esquivel (*Spanish*)

DECEMBER 31 - MARY, MOTHER OF GOD VIGIL

05:00pm + Deceased Parish Members (*Spanish*)

JANUARY 1 - MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

10:00am + Irene Warren

JANUARY 4

09:00am + William Kolmer

11:00am + Deceased Parish Members (*Spanish*)

MASS MUSIC

Processional: # 438	Angels from the Realms of Glory
Offertory: # 455	O Little Town of Bethlehem
Communion: # 935	Draw Near
Recessional: # 456	Aye Carol



PASTOR'S LETTER

Merry Christmas!

For the Feast of the Holy Family, I will trade parishes with Fr. Ed Fitzgerald who was the pastor at St. Michael's and is now at Our Lady of the Hills. I was reluctant to trade, even though it allows me to spend time with family, as I love to preach on this Feast.

Before I was a priest, I had other aspirations, with them centering around being a husband & father for several children. In fact, my desire for 4-6 children made me question why God would give me this desire just to "give it up." I realized before entering seminary that it was to be a spiritual father to 4 to 6 thousand; & in my (22) years as a priest, I have seen how many children of whatever age need their parents - biological or spiritual.

Whether in the confessional or in religious education or youth ministry, I have seen youth truly struggling as their parents are not stepping into the role and vocation that God gave them. Parents, as they hear at the Baptism of their child, are "the first teachers of the faith to their children." Yet, way too often, parents not only leave the work of catechizing & discussing matters of faith with their children, they fail to engage in conversations of the heart.

As seen in school and other shootings, parents had no idea what was happening in the hearts of their child. This is truly sad. Do we know how our children are? How are they doing in school? Are they learning how to mature and not merely get old?

Similarly for marriage, couples in general need to communicate and pray together better and more often. If married sacramentally, they made a covenant with each other and God. When couples pray together, Jesus becomes present as He said: "When two or three gather in My Name, there I am in their midst" (Matt 18:20).

Have a blessed Feast of the Holy Family and continued holy Christmas Season! +

Father John

Pastor's Letter

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Nancy Lanni	Victor Cocco
Lena Risser	Estelle Cashion
Terry Savino	Dorothy Smith
Jim Carroll	Danielle Dargue
Rose Gizzarelli	Joan Monaghan
Mark Anderson	Eugene Gransky
Risser Family	Ron Reimer
Contreras Family	Jack Rafferty
Fischer Family	Adam Berkheimer
Maureen Harris	Kim Ciasto
Mark Anderson	Fr. Mark Moore
Bobby McQueen	John Donohue
David Nelson	Peggy Bunn

December 14 Offertory

Mass	Offertory	Weekly Budget	Variance	Attendance
9:00 am	\$1,728.78	\$2,788.46	-\$225.68	9am – 155
11:00 am	\$ 834.00			11am – 146

YTD Offertory	YTD Budget	YTD Variance
\$ 62,824.02	\$ 64,134.58	-\$1,310.56

Second/Other Collections	Dec 14	Dec Total
Building Fund-9am	\$ 24.41	\$ 604.82
Building Fund-11am	\$ 0.00	\$ 348.00
Holy Trinity Catholic Sch -9am	\$ 0.00	\$ 10.00
Retirement for Religious-9am	\$ 402.65	\$ 402.65
Retirement for Religious-9am	\$ 287.00	\$ 287.00

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

The Feast of the Holy Family

In next weekend's Gospel of the Magi, we again hear from the Apostle Matthew quoting Scripture that foretold that kings from the East would come from the East as well as that Bethlehem would be the anticipated place from which the Messiah would be born. Not devout to his faith and the Hebrew Scriptures, King Herod was oblivious to this prophecy and needed others to inform him. How well do we know Scriptures and what do we do to become more familiar with the Word of God?

STEWARDSHIP

The stewardship of Mary & Joseph has begun. Entrusted with the gift of Jesus' Birth, Mary would have to serve in a different way once He is born and outside her womb. Then they would have to watch Him more carefully. He stayed behind in Jerusalem at the age of twelve, under the impression God wanted Him there. Parents have the vocation and are entrusted with the stewardship of caring for their child(ren). This begins at conception & begins a bit more labor-intensive (no pun intended) as their children make more decisions on their own. This stewardship trusts, if not requires, them to raise this God-given gift with the Catholic Christian faith as taught by Mother Church into whose family they were baptized. Parents make a covenant with God for their child's soul to enter Heaven as they promise to raise their children with the Church's teachings.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

THIS WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION is for the **Solidarity Fund in Africa.**

NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION is for the **Capital Reserve Fund (Building Fund).**

Please be generous.



The **Bicentennial Capital Campaign (BCC)** will **close at the end of 2025**. Any BCC donations received by the parish must be received by the Stewardship Office for processing no later than Jan. 8, 2026. This includes all donations — no matter if it is by cash, check, credit card, or auto draft. The books close on Jan. 9.

If you have been processing online auto drafts, please discontinue after the Jan. 8 deadline.

THANK YOU for your support and collaboration with the Diocese to bring forth great fruit for South Carolina through the BCC! The gifts to the campaign are at work, bringing parish projects to life, providing services to neighbors in need, and strengthening various Catholic ministries across the state. Truly, God's kingdom is growing here! Please contact Ruthie Major in the Office of Stewardship & Mission Advancement with questions: (843) 261-0438, ruthie@charlestondiocese.org.