

St. Philomena Chapel

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THE HOLY FAMILY

- Monday, January 12 | **Within the Octave**
7:30am – St. Philomena
7:30am – St. Peter Claver
RIP Elle Virginia Wakeley – D. Savant
- Tuesday, January 13 | **Octave Day of the Epiphany**
7:30am – St. Philomena
RIP Norman and Sandra Reed – J. Reed
- Wednesday, January 14 | **St. Hilary, St. Felix**
7:30am – St. Philomena
The USA and its leaders – J. Reed
- Thursday, January 15 | **St. Paul the 1st Hermit, St. Maurus**
7:30am – St. Philomena
Norman Reed Family – J. Reed
- Friday, January 16 | **St. Marcellus I**
7:30am – St. Philomena
Personal Intention
- Saturday, January 17 | **St. Anthony**
7:30am – St. Philomena
Personal Intention
- Sunday, January 18 | **2nd Sunday after Epiphany, St. Peters Chair at Rome, St. Paul, St. Prisca**
9:00am – St. Philomena
9:00am – St. Peter Claver
Pro Populo

Announcements

Collection

St. Philomena – 1/4 - \$686

St. Peter Claver – 1/4 - \$805

Please let Fr. Spray know if you would like an end of year statement of your donations for 2025.

The Chair of Unity Octave begins next Sunday. We will say the associated prayers each day after Mass in place of the Leonine Prayers.

The Holy Family

The Feast of the Holy Family places before us a household that is entirely ordinary in its outward form and utterly unique in its interior life. There is no spectacle in Nazareth. There is obedience, silence, work, prayer, and fidelity. God chooses to sanctify family life not by removing it from hardship, but by inhabiting it.

St. Joseph obeys without explanation. He rises in the night, he takes the Child and His Mother, he works with his hands. His authority is real yet always exercised in service. In him, fatherhood is shown as protection, responsibility, and self-forgetfulness. The family stands or falls on this quiet strength.

Our Lady treasures and ponders. She does not dominate the household by speech, but by presence. Her obedience is not passive; it is intelligent, deliberate, and total. She receives what she does not yet fully understand and remains faithful when understanding does not come. In her, motherhood is revealed as attentiveness to God's work rather than control over outcomes.

The Child Jesus submits. The Son of God accepts dependence. He learns, grows, and obeys. This obedience is not a concession to weakness but a revelation of divine order. Authority is not humiliation; it is a school of charity. Submission is not loss; it is trust.

The Holy Family teaches that holiness in family life is not created by sentiment, novelty, or self-expression, but by order, sacrifice, and fidelity to duty. Grace enters the home through obedience to God's will as it is actually given, not as it is imagined.

Nazareth sanctifies the ordinary. It teaches that God is most at home where daily duties are done faithfully, where authority serves love, and where love submits to truth.