

THE *LIGHT SHINES* IN THE DARKNESS

JOHN 1:5



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MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR



Christmas Year Long!

We prepare for Christmas like no other celebration. For many of us Thanksgiving begins focusing us on everything we need to do for the upcoming celebrations – gift-shopping, putting up the tree, decorating the outdoors with colorful lights, preparing Christmas goodies, attending work parties, and perhaps even having the Christmas family gatherings to accommodate our busy schedules. We dedicate an entire month to do all this. It is a big deal. And it should be. In reality, preparation for celebration of the coming of the Messiah should take us the whole year!

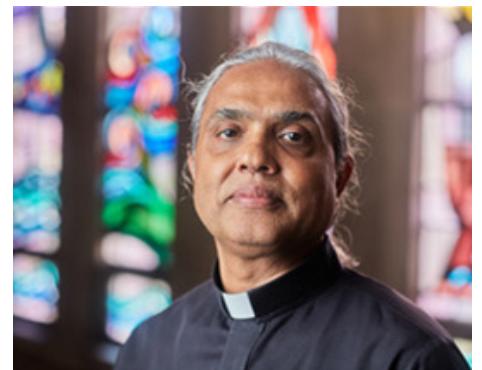
As I wish you happy Christmas, I also want to focus on the rest of the year. More specifically, I am talking about the Eucharist. Catholic life revolves around the Eucharist. Every Eucharist is a Christmas. If John's words, "The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us" (Jn 1:14) is true, then Christmas unfolds at every Catholic church, on every church altar, every day of the year. Every day, every hour, somewhere in the world the Word becomes flesh to make his dwelling among us. Nothing speaks Christmas more than the celebration of the Eucharist.

In wishing you "Merry Christmas" for Christmas 2025, I am going to wish for something extraordinary—that our parish communities are deeply Eucharistic communities. My wish would be that our churches are full, the schedule has more Masses, the music is exceptional, and all this is matched with unparalleled solemnity and festivity. This, then, is my wish—that all who are present in Church today are present at the next Eucharist and for the rest of the year; that the solemnity and festivity of this Christmas Mass is continued every Sunday and for the rest of the year; that the Eucharist becomes the focal point for every aspect of our lives; that like the bread broken and the cup shared we become communities that break ourselves for the world and share our life with those present in our lives; and that we celebrate every Sunday like Christmas.

Living the Eucharistic life is the best way to carry the Christmas spirit through the year. As I wish you a "Merry Christmas," I wish you Christmas joy, Christmas peace, Christmas love for the rest of the year as we gather to celebrate the mystery of the incarnation week after week. Christ became flesh and dwelt among us. In every Eucharist and by becoming a deeply Eucharistic communities, let us celebrate Christmas today and the rest of the year.

Merry Christmas!

Fr. Satish Joseph
Pastor, Bread of Life Family of Parishes



WORSHIP, SACRAMENTS, & PRAYER

Mass Schedule

The services below are in English unless otherwise specified. Refer to the other side of the bulletin for Masses and other services in Spanish.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26

9:00 am	Mass	IC
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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27

4:30 pm	Mass	IC
5:00 pm	Mass (Reconciliation at 4:00 pm)	Holy Angels

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28: Feast of the Holy Family

9:00 am	Mass	St. Anthony
9:00 am	Mass (also livestreamed)	St. Helen
9:45 am	Mass (Reconciliation at 9:15 am)	St. Mary
10:45 am	Mass	Holy Angels
11:00 am	Mass (also livestreamed)	IC
5:00 pm	Mass	IC

MONDAY, DECEMBER 29

9:00 am	Mass	IC
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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30

9:00 am	Mass	IC
7:00 pm	Liturgy of the Hours	St. Anthony

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31

9:00 am	Mass	IC
5:00 pm	Mass (Vigil of January 1)	St. Helen

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1: Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

9:00 am	Mass	IC
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FRIDAY, JANUARY 2: Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen

9:00 am	Mass	IC
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SATURDAY, JANUARY 3

9:30 am	Adoration (until 10:30 am)	St. Anthony
4:30 pm	Mass	IC
5:00 pm	Mass (Reconciliation at 4:00 pm)	Holy Angels

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4: The Epiphany of the Lord

9:00 am	Mass	St. Anthony
9:00 am	Mass (also livestreamed)	St. Helen
9:45 am	Mass (Reconciliation at 9:15 am)	St. Mary
10:45 am	Mass	Holy Angels
11:00 am	Mass (also livestreamed)	IC
5:00 pm	Mass	IC



Sacraments

To learn about Baptisms,

- St. Anthony, Holy Angels, & Immaculate Conception: Will Marsh, willmarsh@icparishdayton.org
- St. Helen: Deb Danner, deb.danner@sthelenparish.org
- St. Mary: 937.256.5633

Baptism workshops (attending either one is required):

- 2nd Sundays of the month: 9:30 am at Immaculate Conception. Register: tinyurl.com/IC-Baptism.
- 3rd Sundays of the month: 1:00 pm at St. Helen. Register: sthelenparish.org/baptism.html.

To learn about First Holy Communion and Confirmation

- St. Anthony & Holy Angels: Katy Dalrymple, kdalrymple@holyangelsdayton.org
- St. Helen: Deb Danner, deb.danner@sthelenparish.org
- Immaculate Conception: Rachael Griggs, rachaelgriggs@icparishdayton.org
- St. Mary: 937.256.5633

To learn about Marriages and Convalidations:

Contact the parish office. Weddings must be scheduled 9 months in advance.

To learn more about becoming Catholic or receiving First Holy Communion and Confirmation as an adult:

Contact Will Marsh at willmarsh@icparishdayton.org

Wishing you and your family

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

Blessings & Peace,
Fr. Satish, Fr. Len, Fr. José, and the Staff of the
Bread of Life Family of Parishes

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Denise *Malleo*
Katy *Sue*
Sr. Emily *Brown*
Will *Will*
Alice *Will*
Joyce *Will*
Leticia C. *Will*
Fr. Satish Joseph *Will*
Dell *Will*
Gretta *Will*
Sonja *Will*
Amy *Will*
Erika Walker *Will*
Martha *Will*
Deb *Will*
Nancy *Will*



UPCOMING EVENTS & PROGRAMS

Lent

Join us for our events and programs this Lent (February 18–April 4)

Friday Lenten Series about the Our Father with Fr. Satish

Women's Lenten Retreat

Men's Lenten Retreat

Lenten Discipleship Challenge:

Reflections on the daily Mass readings during Lent. Find them in upcoming bulletins.

Shrove Tuesday at St. Helen

Meatball Madness at Holy Angels



St. Mary's Open House

Come see St. Mary Church in full Christmas decoration including the two-story creche.

- Friday, December 26 from 3:00-6:00 pm
- Saturday, December 27 from 1:00-4:00 pm
- Monday, December 29 from 4:00-6:00 pm

Save the Date

Holy Angels Fish Fry: Saturday, January 10 from 6:00-11:30 pm.

St. Helen Athletics Fish Fry: Saturday, January 24 from 5:00-11:00 pm. Presale tickets can be purchased online at stheleansports.org.

Bulletins

Receive bulletins in your email by going to eva.us/bol or scanning the QR code.



MINISTRIES

Get Involved in our Family of Parishes

For more information about how to volunteer in our family of parishes:

Liturgical Ministries (Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Altar Servers, Gift Bearers)

- St. Anthony & Holy Angels: Amy Gray, agray@holyangelsdayton.org
- St. Helen: Deb Danner, deb.danner@sthelenparish.org
- Immaculate Conception: Will Marsh, willmarsh@icparishdayton.org
- St. Mary
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- Immaculate Conception: Madeleine Demetriades, madeleinedemetriades@icparishdayton.org
- St. Mary: Jeff Hecht, 937.256.5633

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- St. Helen: Deb Danner, deb.danner@sthelenparish.org
- Immaculate Conception: Will Marsh, willmarsh@icparishdayton.org
- St. Mary: Julie Moorman, 937.361.2917

Faith Formation

- St. Anthony & Holy Angels: Katy Dalrymple, kdahlrymple@holyangelsdayton.org
- St. Helen: Deb Danner, deb.danner@sthelenparish.org
- Immaculate Conception: Rachael Griggs, rachaelgriggs@icparishdayton.org
- St. Mary: 937.256.5633

Social Justice & Service Ministries

- St. Vincent de Paul
 - * St. Anthony: 937.253.9132
 - * St. Helen: 937.254.6233
 - * Holy Angels: 937.229.5911
 - * St. Mary: 937.256.5633
- Bread of Life Social Justice Committee: 937.252.9919
- Prayer Shawl Ministry: 937.254.6233

Small Faith Sharing Groups

- St. Anthony: 937.253.9132
 - * Women's Book Club: franphilips9150@gmail.com
- Holy Angels: 937.229.5911
- Immaculate Conception: Will Marsh, willmarsh@icparishdayton.org

Fellowship Ministries

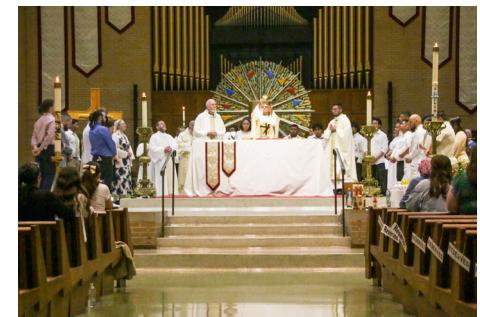
- Holy Angels Knights of Columbus: Mark Minardi, 937.760.3993.
- Holy Name Society (St. Mary): 937.256.5633
- St. Ann Society (St. Mary): 937.256.5633

Holy Angels Twinning Committee (with sister parish in Rwanda): 937.229.5911

Donate Casseroles and Food to St. Vincent de Paul Shelter

Each month parishioners from our family of parishes provide casseroles and/or donate canned vegetables or fruit. Updates on how to donate will be in upcoming bulletins. These are the times casseroles and food are collected at each parish:

- St. Anthony: Last Tuesday of the month
- St. Helen: Fourth Sunday of the month
- Holy Angels: Second Friday of the month
- Immaculate Conception: First Tuesday of the month



FAITH FORMATION

Daily Reflections

Are you interested in delving deeper into the Scripture readings from Mass each day? If so, go to Ite Missa Est's website, itemissaest.org, to read reflections and subscribe to receive reflections in your email.



SCHOOLS

Open House

Join us for the schools' open houses for the 2026-2027 school year.



Holy Angels School

Thursday, January 29
6:00-7:00 pm
Call the school office at 937.229.5959
for more information.



Immaculate Conception School

Thursday, February 12, 2026
6:00-7:30 pm
Call the school office at 937.253.8831
for more information.



St. Helen School

Thursday, February 12, 2026
6:00-8:00 pm
Call the school office at 937.256.1761
for more information.

LOCATIONS

St. Anthony of Padua Church

820 Bowen St.
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St. Helen Church
605 Granville Pl
Riverside OH 45431
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Church of the Holy Angels
1322 Brown St.
Dayton, OH 45409
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Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception Church
2300 S. Smithville Rd.
Dayton, OH 45420
937.252.9919

St. Mary Church
310 Allen St.
Dayton, OH 45410
937.256.5633

STEWARSHIP

Online Donations

St. Helen: ParishSoft

To donate online, go to <https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Giving/FD-790>. If you had a FaithDirect account, use the same credentials.

Immaculate Conception: ParishSoft

To donate online, go to <https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Giving/FD-796>.

Holy Angels, St. Anthony, &

St. Mary: WeShare Giving

Your financial support is needed!

- St. Anthony: Go to, stanthonydayton.org: Online Giving tab (located on the right of the home page).
- Holy Angels: Go to holyangelschurchdayton.org click on the GIVE tab and then click Sunday collection tab.
- St. Mary's: Go to stmarydayton.org and click on the WeShare icon on the home page.

Donation Envelope Exchange Policy

If you are a member of another parish & attend Mass here, we have an envelope exchange agreement. If you drop your donation envelope in the collection basket, we will see that your home parish receives your donation.

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