

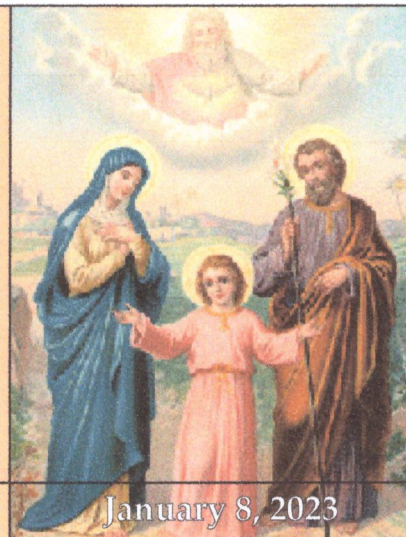
# SAINT AUGUSTINE CHAPEL

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*Roman Catholic ✠ Traditional Latin Mass*

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January 8, 2023

Holy Family; First Sunday after the Epiphany; Epiphany Octave

## Schedule for Jan 2023 – Feb 2023

Sun Jan 15	Holy Hour 9:30 am
Fri Jan 20	March for Life - Reparation & Thanksgiving
Sun Jan 22	Mass 9:30 am
Sun Jan 29	Holy Hour 9:30 am
Sun Feb 5	Mass 9:30 am
Sun Feb 12	Holy Hour 9:30 am
Sun Feb 19	Mass 9:30 am
Wed Feb 22	Ash Wednesday
Sun Feb 26	First Sunday of Lent

### Holy Family

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, ii. 42-52. When Jesus was twelve years old, they going up into Jerusalem, according to the custom of the feast, ...

#### What are we Christians to learn by this?

That we should never miss an opportunity to go to church, particularly on Sundays and holy-days, and there assist at the public services, with inward and outward devotion.

#### What lesson does the child Jesus teach us?

That we also should attend religious instructions, the sermon, and catechism, to learn what is necessary in regard to our salvation.

#### What do we learn by those words, "Jesus was subject to them"?

That children should obey their parents. When the God-Man was thus subject to His poor Mother and to His foster-father, who was a plain mechanic, those children should blush who are ashamed of their parents, who refuse to assist them in their old age, poverty, or distress.

*From the Apostolic Letters of Pope Leo XIII - Breve Neminem fugit 14 Junii 1892*

To all fathers of families, **Joseph** is verily the best model of paternal vigilance and care. In the most holy **Virgin** Mother of God,

mothers may find an excellent example of love, modesty, resignation of spirit, and the perfecting of faith.

And in **Jesus**, who was subject to his parents, the children of the family have a divine pattern of obedience which they can admire, reverence, and imitate.

Those who are of **noble** birth may learn, from this Family of royal blood, how to live simply in times of prosperity, and how to retain their dignity in times of distress. The rich may learn that moral worth is to be more highly esteemed than wealth.

**Artisans**, and all such as are bitterly grieved by the narrow and slender means of their families, if they would but consider the sublime holiness of the members of this domestic fellowship, cannot fail to find some cause for rejoicing in their lot, rather than for being merely dissatisfied with it. In common with the Holy Family, they have to work, and to provide for the daily wants of life. Joseph had to engage in trade, in order to live; even the divine hands labored at an artisan's calling.

It is not to be wondered at, that the wealthiest men, if truly wise, have been willing to **cast away** their riches, and to embrace a life of poverty with Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.

... it is evident how natural and fitting it was that **devotion** to the Holy Family should in due time have grown up amongst Catholics; and once begun, that it should spread far and wide. ... This devotion was already held in great esteem in the seventeenth century. Widely propagated in Italy, France, and Belgium, it spread over almost the whole of Europe; thence, crossing the wide ocean, through Canada it made its way in the Americas, and finding favour there, became very flourishing. - Pope Benedict XV extended the Mass and Office to the whole Church.

**Chalk Blessing:** Bless, + O Lord God, this creature chalk to render it helpful to men. Grant that they who use it in faith and with it inscribe upon the entrance of their homes the names of thy saints, Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar, may through their merits and intercession enjoy health of body and protection of soul. Through Christ our Lord.

**Epiphany Inscription:** Blessed chalk may be used to inscribe the digits of the year and the initials of the Wise Men over the doors of our homes. **20+C+M+B+23**