

Christmas 2024 Year C

December 26 - Jan 12

# Mass Music for Christmas 2024

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church Music Ministry



## THE HOLY FAMILY

The Holy Family is celebrated on the first Sunday after Christmas, but if you think about it, the Holy Family is really celebrated throughout Christmas, individually and as a unit. Why would that be? Well, as I always tell my students, if a particular concept is repeated, that must mean it's important. The more it is repeated, the more important. Our Holy Family, Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, gives us the model to strive for in our families, whether we are part of an "original" family or a "mixed" family as the Holy Family was. The significance of Jesus not being Joseph's blood relation, yet was considered his (Joseph's) son, is so deep, deeper than I can go here, but think about it... Joseph is from the Davidian Bloodline, a Patriarchal royalty of God's own heart. God has adopted us (He adopted Joseph as His earthly father) as part of his lineage while being born of purity in soul and body. God chose us, even with all of our failings. We have also chosen each other in our families and love each other with all of our failings. Let us love each other through this wonderful season of joy and stress.



What is a Jubilee Year?

The Jubilee is much more than a thematic year that the Pope proclaims. Click the link above (underlined text) and read more about it! Click HERE for the official hymn.

## NOTES ABOUT THIS SEASON:

- Please use Mass of Creation (#193-204 in the Hymnal)
- Continue receiving Communion last, stopping the music when there are about 5 people left in line
- Read and pray about the readings before Mass so that your singing and playing can reflect the readings
- The readings used will be the first set of readings, not the optional readings
- Christmas ends with the Baptism of the Lord on January 12
- You can sing the Christmas Music in the hymnals up through January 12
- If you choose to change the suggested music, please read the readings first and match the music to the readings!

## Music Selections for the Christmas Season

Date: ▾	12/29/2024 ▾	1/1/2025 ▾	1/5/2025 ▾	1/12/2025 ▾
Liturgical Day:	Holy Family	Mary Mother of God	Epiphany	Baptism of the Lord
<b>PRO</b>	Good Christian Friends Rejoice #440	Hark the Herald Angels Sing #424	Rise Up in Splendor (Worship Aid)	The City of God #766
<b>OFF</b>	The Aye Carol #456	Lo How a Rose Ere Blooming #451	We Three Kings #463	When John Baptized by Jordan's River #467
<b>OFF 2</b>	God of Adam, God of Joseph #982	Mary First Among Believers #893	What Child is This# #466	At the Name of Jesus #569
<b>COM ANT</b>	24	27	Sat: 31, Sun: 33	35
<b>COM</b>	What Child Is This? #466	O Come All Ye Faithful #439	The First Nowell #460	Song of Thankfulness and Praise #459
<b>COM 2</b>	O Little Town of Bethlehem #446	God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen #435	O Little Town of Bethlehem #446	Alleluia Sing to Jesus #949
<b>REC</b>	Go Tell It on the Mountain #428	Angels We Have Heard On High #433	Epiphany Carol #462	Joy to the World #437
<b>Gospel:</b>	Lk 2:41-52	Lk 2: 16-21	Matthew 2: 1-12	Lk 3: 15-6, 21-22
<b>Themes:</b>	Love, Family, Jesus as God Incarnate,	Mary, Mother of God, Peace	Light of Christ; Jesus as King, priest, sacrificial lamb; Worship of Jesus, God Incarnate	Jesus' Baptism, Water, Glory of the Lord revealed

CANTOR  
WORKSHOP  
JAN 6 @6PM  
ALL CANTORS  
MUST ATTEND

# Liturgical Calendar for the Christmas Season

## December 2024

<b>26</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>Saint Stephen, The First Martyr</b>	red
<i>Feast</i>			
Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22 (696) Pss Prop			
<b>27</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist</b>	white
<i>Feast</i>			
1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8 (697) Pss Prop			
<b>28</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>The Holy Innocents, Martyrs</b>	red
<i>Feast</i>			
1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Mt 2:13-18 (698) Pss Prop			
<b>29</b>	<b>SUN</b>	<b>THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH</b>	white
<i>Feast</i>			
Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52			
or, in Year C, 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52 (17) Pss Prop			
<b>30</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord</b>	white
1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40 (203) Pss Prop			
<b>31</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord</b>	white
<i>[Saint Sylvester I, Pope]</i>			
1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18 (204) Pss Prop			

## JANUARY 2025

<b>1</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD</b>	white
The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord			
<i>Solemnity</i> [Holyday of Obligation]			
Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21 (18) Pss Prop			
<b>2</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church</b>	white
<i>Memorial</i>			
1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28 (205) Pss I			

# January 2025

<b>3</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Christmas Weekday</b> <i>[The Most Holy Name of Jesus]</i> 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Jn 1:29-34 (206)	white/white
<b>4</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>USA: Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious Memorial</b> 1 Jn 3:7-10/Jn 1:35-42 (207)	white
<b>5</b>	<b>SUN</b>	<b>USA: THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</b> <i>Solemnity</i> Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12 (20) Pss Prop	white
<b>6</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Christmas Weekday</b> <i>[USA: Saint André Bessette, Religious]</i> 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25 (212) Pss II	white/white
<b>7</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>Christmas Weekday</b> <i>[Saint Raymond of Penyafort, Priest]</i> 1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44 (213)	white/white
<b>8</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Christmas Weekday</b> 1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52 (214)	white
<b>9</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>Christmas Weekday</b> 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Lk 4:14-22a (215)	white
<b>10</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Christmas Weekday</b> 1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16 (216)	white
<b>11</b>	<b>Sat</b>	<b>Christmas Weekday</b> 1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30 (217)	white
<b>12</b>	<b>SUN</b>	<b>THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD</b> <i>Feast</i> Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, in Year C, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 (21) Pss Prop	white



## PRAYER FOR ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST MUSIC MINISTRY

**H**eavenly Father, All Powerful, Almighty, Everliving God, Thank You for bringing us all here today and Thank You for giving us the talent of music, but most of all thank You for Your abundant mercy and grace.

Please send down your Holy Spirit to sing through us and play through us.

Lord, open our lips and our mouths shall sing your praise as we lead your congregation closer to you with the gift You have given us. In our ministry, we ask You to open our hearts to love You, our ears to hear You, and our minds to discern what is from You. We ask You to bless our ministry so that we may grow in Your Will. We also ask You to bless our families and those that cannot be here today as they help us continue Your work. Protect us from all evil and bring us to everlasting life.

My God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love you and I ask pardon for those who do not believe, who do not adore, who do not hope, and do not love you.

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Sacred Heart of Jesus, Have mercy on us.

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Pray for us.

St. Joseph, Protector of the Family and Terror of Demons, Pray for us.

St. Cecilia, Pray for us.

St. Jude, Pray for us.

Amen.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS BEFORE MASS

## WELCOME TO ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

TODAY'S MASS INTENTION is for \_\_\_\_\_.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given for \_\_\_\_\_.

And

THE SECOND COLLECTION FOR TODAY IS \_\_\_\_\_.

Please RISE and JOIN IN SINGING \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_, found in the  
\_\_\_\_\_..

AGAIN... NO MORE NO LESS.

WE ARE NOT TO BE INTERJECTING OUR  
OWN OPINIONS OR WORDY  
COMMENTARIES WHEN WE ANNOUNCE  
THE HYMNS.

JUST BECAUSE WE HAVE THE MIC DOES  
NOT GIVE US THE AUTHORITY TO USE IT.  
We have to be careful about this. Our  
responsibility is to SUPPORT THE MASS as a  
prayer and sacrifice. The more words we  
interject, the more that DETRACTS from the  
prayer. :)