



*Our Lady of the Hills
Catholic Church
Diocese of Charleston
4th Sunday of Advent
December 23rd, 2007*

Mission Statement

Our Lady of the Hills Roman Catholic Church is inspired by the Holy Spirit and formed by the Gospel, under the patronage of Mary, the Mother of Jesus. As one family under God the Father, we welcome all who come to us and are particularly mindful of those in need.

Our Lady of the Hills Capital Campaign Prayer



Almighty God, Our Heritage, Our Hope. with grateful hearts, we place all that we have and all that we are, at the service of your will. May the offering of our time, talent, and treasure, be guided by the generous out pouring of the Holy Spirit.

Bring to perfection what we have begun in faith. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Lady of the Hills ...pray for us.

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

Joy in the Spirit Charismatic Prayer Group meets in the church on Tuesdays from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. We are renewed by the Holy Spirit as we praise God through singing, praying, Scripture reading, teaching and sharing. We are a family prayer group and all ages are welcome. Please join us. For more information, call Jack or Sharon Crocker (356-3042) or Deanie Tourville (772-0232). Joy in the Spirit Prayer Group will not meet on Dec. 25 or Jan. 1. We will resume meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 8 at 7:00 PM in the church.

There will be Vespers on Thursday, December 27th, at 5:00 pm in the church. Please join us for this special prayer service that will last to approximately 6:15 p.m. All materials are provided.

Centering Prayer Group meets in the church on Monday at 6:00 p.m. each week. For more information, call Jennifer Chandler at 361-6137.

VOCATION REFLECTION: Stop asking for a sign and become one. Consider becoming a priest or religious. (Isaiah 7: 10-14)

EVANGELIZATION

Do you know of someone who might be interested in learning about the Catholic faith? An invitation to learn more about the Catholic faith through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is extended, without obligation, to any interested person. This process seeks to foster and support conversion to Christ and to assist in:

- Learning Catholic Teachings - Accepting Christian values and morality

- Developing a prayer life

- Becoming a fully initiated and active member of the Catholic Community

R.C.I.A. is also an excellent opportunity to learn more about your faith tradition. For more information please call the parish office @ 772-7400



Welcomed into the faith family through the Sacrament of Baptism: Avery Marie & Richard Ronan Cruchley, grandchildren of Marie & Richard Cruchley, who were baptized at 10:00 a.m. mass on Sunday, December 16th. Also, Minh-Thu Jordan Phan, daughter of Thanh Lan Phan & Hanh T. Pham, who was baptized at 12 noon mass on December 16th.

MASS INTENTIONS & SCRIPTURE READINGS

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Scripture Reading</u> | <u>Time</u> | <u>Intention</u> | <u>Requested by</u> |
|-----------------|--|-------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Sat., Dec. 22 | 1Sm 1: 24-28 Lk 1: 46-56 | | | |
| | Is 7: 10-14 Rom 1: 1-7 Mt 1: 18-24 | 5:30PM | Julie & Kurt Thiel + | Thiel Family |
| Sun., Dec. 23 | “ “ “ “ | 8:00AM | For the Parish | |
| | “ “ “ “ | 10:00AM | Paul Smith + | Irene Mondle |
| | “ “ “ “ | 12 Noon | Betty Macchiaverna + | Morans |
| | “ “ “ “ | 2:00PM | Intentions of Lisa & Alex Spitzig | Gloria |
| Mon., Dec. 24 | 2 Sm 7: 1-5, 8b-12,14a,16 Lk 1: 67-79 | 6:30PM | Santo D'Eredita + | Tomasini Family |
| | “ “ “ “ | 10:00PM | For the Parish (Spanish Mass) | |
| | Is 9: 1-6 Ti 2: 11-14 Lk 2:1-14 | 12 Midnight | Harry Bikerstaff + | Sam & Sharon Allen |
| Tues., Dec. 25 | Is 52: 7-10 Heb 1: 1-6 Jn 1:1-18 | 10:00AM | Bernard Bujak + | Mary Bujak |
| Wed., Dec. 26 | Acts 6: 8-10, 7:54-59 Mt 10:17-22 | 12:15PM | Frances Brennan + | Alan & Kathy Shaw |
| | | | Maria Husak + | Maria Soares |
| Thurs., Dec. 27 | 1 Jn 1: 1-4 Jn 20: 1a, 2-8 | 12:15PM | Sherry Assemany + | M/M James Assemany |
| Fri., Dec. 28 | 1 Jn 1: 5-2:2 Mt 2:13-18 | 12:15PM | | |
| Sat., Dec. 29 | 1 Jn 2: 3-11 Lk 2: 22-35 | | | |
| | Sir 3: 2-7, 12-14 Col 3: 12-21 Mt 2: 13-15,19-23 | 5:30PM | Pete Gray & Fred Adkins + | Mark & Chris Gray & Daniel Adkins |
| Sun., Dec. 30 | “ “ “ “ | 8:00AM | For the Parish | |
| | “ “ “ “ | 10:00AM | Ruth Schrank + | Mark & Maureen Taylor |
| | “ “ “ “ | 12Noon | June West + | Leonard & Paula Mistoler |
| | “ “ “ “ | 2:00PM | Intentions of Alex & Kim Spitzig | Gloria |

DECEMBER 24TH & 25TH

| MASS | PRESIDER | MUSIC | LECTOR | ALTAR SERVERS | EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION* |
|--------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|----------------|--|--|
| Mon., Dec. 24 6:30 PM | Father Droze | Joyful Noise | Andrew Klasnic | Claire Mariaca, Jake Wainscott, Paul Melton | Maureen Taylor, Eric Longshore, Steve Lee, Marsha Sansonetti, Jan Espino, Annie Gibson, Rocky Pizzarello, Paul Hudacko |
| 10:00PM Sp. Mass | Father Lache | Spanish Choir | | | |
| 12 Mid. | Father Droze | Traditional Choir | John Lopiccolo | Chris Beym, Matthew Arnold, Lexi Plattenburger | Al Sadowski, Sr. Christina, Sue Darlington, Nydia Burdick, Kathy Zimovan, Linda Byars |
| Tues. 10 AM | Father Droze | Organ | Shirley Lubitz | Daniel Adkins, Michael Naso, Zachary Smith | Mark Gray, Sue Darlington, Marilyn Smith, Dennis & Sharon Roberts, Susan Naglic |

December 29th & 30th

| MASS | PRESIDER | MUSIC | LECTOR | ALTAR SERVERS | EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION* |
|------------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------|---|--|
| Sat., 5:30 pm | Father Droze | Joyful Noise | Anna Coracy | Rachael Catalano, Kaitlyn Ward, Daniel Adkins | Ron Akins, John & Lalone Augustine, Mark Gray, Rocky Pizzarello, Sheila Gallagher |
| 8:00 am | Father Droze | Organ | Matt Church | Caroline Church, Kerrie Watkins | Jeannie Butler, Al Sadowski, Linda Schmidt, John Volmer |
| 10:00 am | Father Droze | Traditional Choir | Alex Skiro | Evan Devine, Louis Biles, Nicole Biles | Don Gagnon, Susan Naglic, Phil & Carly Samek, Marilyn Smaith, Maureen Taylor |
| 12Noon | Father Droze | Organ | Gecia Habing | Elizabeth Wullner, Cameron Taylor | Sue Darlington, Barbara Srimongchanh, John Bender, Bonnie Harwick, Annie Gibson, Madonna Mueke |
| 2 pm | Father Lache | Sp. Choir | | | |

JANUARY 1 - SOLEMNITY OF MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD - HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

| MASS | PRESIDER | MUSIC | LECTOR | ALTAR SERVERS | EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION* |
|----------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------|--|--|
| Tues. Jan. 1 10AM | Father Droze | Joyful Noise | Shirley Lubitz | Benjamin Pesek, Jacob Pesek, Anna Garcia | Nydia Burdick, Sue Darlington, Gary & Linda Jasinski, Jeannie Butler, John Volmer |
| 12Noon | Father Droze | Organ | Ginny Riga | Dylan Silber, Miles Silber, Tripp McNall | Marsha Sansonetti, Mark Gray, Fran Dudley, Sam Allen, Mary Ellen Rouse, Susan Naglic |

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS



Orlando Alers, Sharon Allen, Kathy Lopiccolo Ammermann, Manuel Ard, Christine Arehart, Edward Arvalo, John Berg II, Noah Berg, Barbara Berch, Ewald Bernhagen, Cindy Blackman, Robert Blaze, William Bolich, John Boone, Sharon Brown, Julie Burtis, Jack Byars, Debra Bytnar, Ann Campbell, Ellen Campbell, Judy Case, Hayley Chaplain, Bruce Cole, Jim Connelly, Shannon Connolly, Bill & April Conroy, Andy Corbett, Sonja Corley, Pat Coval, Amy Cox, Cameron Dadger, Stephanie Dannels, Diane Del Tova, Lynne D'Eredita, Susan Dietrich, , Dr. Rosita Dizon, Heather Dorn, Kathryn Doucett, Lisa Duda, John Duffy, Natalie & Bill Emerick, Nancy Esposito, Stacy Ewart, Camille Farrell, Wilma Feltus, Rev. Robert Fix, Bernadine Fontaine, Brendan Fontaine, John Freeman, Sandra Gaines, Betsy Gilkeson, Luther Glenn, Susan Gorman, Virginia Goslee, Ben Greer, Sr. Kathleen Halligan, Parker Hebda, Loretta Hebert, Harold Hoffman Jr., Justin Hooks, Margie & Jim Horosko, Daniel Hudacko, James Hughes, Emily Hunt, Dorothy Irwin, Larry Janczak, Lorenzo Johnson, Raymond June, Kevin Kaminsky, Karen Kays, Lynn Keller, Rick Kelly, Hal Kennedy, Miriam Ketcham, Shawn Knox, Edward Kriner, John & Julie Lazur, Antonio Lazaro, Kristin Lesesne, Floyd Lipe, Barbara MacCallum, Louis Martin, Marie Masters, Maria Martinez, Mildred McCormack, Frieda McNinch, Jane Mary Martel, Melissa Martin, Eunice Matthews, Irene McCollam, Kathy McNeal, Regina McKnight, Johnny McManus, Carol Meitus, Ed Martella, Lorraine Mitchell, Donald Montjoy, Madonna Mueke, Lori Nuovo, Jane Obie, Tom O'Brien, Patricia O'Hara, Becky Opachan, Lu Parkinson, Johnny Pellitier, Marguerite Perry, Phyllis Peterson, Eileen Petransky, Charles Petrino, Cathy Pharo, Anthony Portigiana, Paul Potter, Annabelle Price, Margaret Principino, Margaret Reed, Jay Reedy, Lynn Reiland, Edna Reilly, Norbert Rohling, Dorothy Rozof, Stella Ruiz, Charles Schaffer, Robert & Helen Schmidt, Jeanette Schmidt, Bernard Schmidt, O.J. Schonhardt, Rosemary Scopel, Rosemary Scott, Dan Sease, Daniel Seay, Alan Shealy, Steve Shepard, Connie Slezak, Dawn Smith, Max Snyder, Sam Spade, Sue Spinuzza, Nicholas Sprenkel, Dave Stevenson, Molly Taylor, Diane Thornton, Dr. Peter Tucci, Eva Tyson, Lemar Underdown, Mary VanBrunt, Bob Valwa, Lucille Verhoff, Lynn Wainscott, Juanita Wharten, Leila Will, Michael Williams, Todd Williams, Amanda Wilson, Chris Wilson, Kenneth Witcraft, Paul Womak, Pat Yerema, Michael York.

If you find yourself or a loved one as a patient in a hospital and are in need of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, please call the office during business hours as soon as possible. Please do not wait until your loved one is in critical condition. There can be unavoidable delays in a priest getting to the hospital immediately. Also, if you plan on entering the hospital for a particular procedure, you may receive the Sacrament of the Anointing before you are admitted by making contact with the parish office.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

NEW PHONE NUMBER FOR THE OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION IS 772-7759

NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ON WEDNESDAYS, DECEMBER 26th AND JANUARY 2ND AND SUNDAY DECEMBER 30th. WEDNESDAY CLASSES WILL RESUME ON JAN. 9TH. SUNDAY CLASSES WILL RESUME ON JAN. 6TH.

ATTENTION CATECHISTS! DON'T FORGET WE ARE MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2ND, AT 6:30 PM IN THE HALL OF THE FAMILY LIFE CENTER.



Attention Junior High and High School Youth! No Bible Study on Tuesday, December 25th. We will resume in January.

PARENT MEETING FOR CHILDREN WHO QUALIFY FOR 1ST EUCHARIST - THURSDAY, JANUARY 17TH, 2008. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR.

REMINDER.....Children preparing for 1st Eucharist Please be reading your Reconciliation book and completing the assigned chapters over the holiday.

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Are you currently seeking a place where you can personally grow stronger in your faith life? Are you having a hard time meeting Catholics your age? If you are a young adult then this is the group for you! Currently we have attending a range from 19 to 28 year olds. This is a group of people who are seeking to learn more about our beliefs as Catholics along with the study of scripture. If you are looking to meet new people you can relate to, this is the perfect place. We are taking a break for the Holidays and the wedding. We will resume meeting on Thursday, January 17th.



THE WEDNESDAY MORNING SCRIPTURE STUDY - Will meet on Wednesday, December 26th, at 10:00 a.m. in the library of the Family Life Center. NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY.

SOCIAL OUTREACH



Home Works of America is sponsoring a multi-day blitz. "Christmas Break", Dec. 27th thru Dec. 30th. Teens and adults are needed to make repairs to the home of the elderly and the disadvantaged in the Greater Columbia area. No skill level is required, your mere presence extends hope. What a special way to convey the Christmas spirit. Santa and his elves will also be coming to work! Call 781-4536 for more information.



God's He became a child, so that the Word could be grasped by us. In this way God teaches us to love the little ones. IN this way he teaches us to love the weak. In this way he teaches us respect for children. The child of Bethlehem directs our gaze towards all children who suffer and are abused in the world, the born and the unborn. Towards children who are placed as soldiers in a violent world; towards children who have to beg; towards children who suffer deprivation and hunger; towards children who are unloved. In all of these it is the Child of Behltem who is crying out to us; it is the God who has become small who appeals to us. Let us pray this night that the brightness of God's love may enfold all these children. Let us ask God to help us do our part so that the dignity of children may be respected. Pope Bendeict XVI, Homily, Midnight Mass, Christmas, 2006.

COMMUNITY BUILDING

Father Fix has had minor surgery. You may send get well wishes to him c/o Heartland of West Ashley, 1137 Sam Rittenburg Blvd., Charleston, SC 29407.

OUR LADY'S GARDENERS



Have you noticed how beautiful the gardens around the church are? These improvements are the work of a few dedicated gardeners. One of the new developments that you may not have noticed is that we now have a sprinkler system and no longer have to water long hours by hand. A well has been drilled and most of the grounds are now automatically watered. This saves on the water bill as well as enabling us to be responsible stewards of our natural resources, which has inspired us to consider further improvements. We have many more ideas to put into action, but too few hands to do the job. Planting, pruning and maintenance are an ongoing effort. We would also like to offer new volunteer opportunities to our church community. Volunteers can choose to help for an hour or a whole day. If you would like to be part of the ongoing project to beautify Our Lady's Church grounds, contact Carole Eddins (772-7357) or Leila Nyikos (798-9796) for more information. If you love gardening, but just can't find the time to volunteer, please consider making a donation to offset the cost of the plants and enjoy your gift in the months and years to come. Here is how one of our gardeners described her experience recently. "It was wonderful working together and creating a beautiful winterscape for our Church grounds. What a buzz of activity our Church and Family Life Center was yesterday. The Holy Spirit and our faith is alive with action."



Families and/or church ministries who would like to host the Coffee and Donuts Social after the 10:00 Mass once a month or more, please call Fran Dudley, 781-0706 or the parish office, **December 23rd - OLH Men's Group, December 30th - Pastoral Council.**

GIVE YOURSELF A CHRISTMAS GIFT-during the weeks of Lent Father Droze will conduct a prayer/study group using Mother Teresa's book **COME BE MY LIGHT**. One of the requirements is that participants read the book and bring a copy of the book with them. You can purchase the book at The Catholic Shop.



Scott Bender & Ashley Patrick

This Week at our Parish

Monday, December 24th - Parish Offices Closed

Tuesday, December 25th - Christmas Blessings / Parish offices closed

Wednesday, December 26th - Parish Offices Closed

10:00AM - Scripture Study - PC Library

NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OR BIBLE STUDY CLASSES WILL RESUME JANUARY, 9th, 2008

7:00PM - Legion of Mary - PC Library

Thursday, December 27

12:45PM - Adoration - Church

5:00PM - Vespers - Church

6:30 PM - Wedding Rehearsal Bush/Thomas - Church

7:00PM - Boy Scouts - Croghan Center

Friday, December 28

10:00AM - Playgroup - Church Nursery

4:00PM - Wedding Rehearsal Bender/Patrick - Church

6:30PM - Bush/Thomas Wedding - Church

Saturday, December 29

12 Noon - Bender /Patrick Wedding - Church

Sunday, December 30

Sharing the Sunday Scriptures - will resume on January 6th, 2008.

10:15AM - R.C.I.A. - PC Library

1:30PM - The Mourning After - PC Hall

NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES OR BIBLE STUDY CLASSES WILL RESUME ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 6TH, 2008.



BASKETBALL: The OLH Men's Basketball Teams will resume play after the holidays.

Music Lessons for the Winter Session

If you are interested in taking music lessons in Beginning piano, flute, or voice, now is the time to register for the Winter Session.

Please call Beth Ann Moats

at the church office, or 803-740-2780. Lessons begin January 7, 2008



JANUARY 13TH - PASTA & PUCK WITH THE COLUMBIA INFERNO - 5:30 PARISH GYM

JANUARY 20TH - BLOOD DRIVE & PANCAKE BREAKFAST

STEWARDSHIP

One of the simplest ways to make a future gift to Our Lady of the Hills is through your will. Please call the Parish Office for details on how to make arrangements.

| PARISH SUPPORT | LAST WEEK | YEAR TO DATE |
|------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Budget Amt. Needed | \$14,000.00 | \$350,000.00 |
| Amt. Received 12/16 | \$12,132.00 | \$333,149.00 |
| Variance | (\$ 1,868.00) | (\$ 16,851.00) |
| Capital Campaign Rec'd | \$11,818.00 | \$666,151.00 |

Total Number Registered Households.....1215

Total Number of Envelopes 12/16.....223

Woodyard Fund.....\$200.00

Children's Stewardship.....\$1.00

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, (Vigil) 5:30 PM

Sunday, 8AM, 10AM & 12NOON

Spanish Mass - 2 P.M.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday, 4pm or by appointment

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MARRIAGES - Contact Parish Office 6 months prior to wedding.

BAPTISMS - Contact Parish Office

We extend a warm welcome to all who are visiting or are here for the first time. If you attend Our Lady of the Hills regularly and consider this your parish, please take the time to register by asking an usher at Mass or calling the Parish Office. Please use the envelope system to practice Good Stewardship of the many gifts God has given to you and your family and to help support your Parish, Diocese, and the worldwide Church.



THERE IS A WHEELCHAIR AVAILABLE AT THE CHURCH. IT IS STORED IN THE USHER'S CLOSET IN THE NARTHEX. HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE AUTOMATIC DOOR IS LOCATED AT THE FRONT & SIDE ENTRANCE OF THE CHURCH NEAR THE SACRISTY. WE ALSO HAVE AVAILABLE, AIDS FOR THE HEARING IMPAIRED. PLEASE ASK AN USHER FOR ASSISTANCE. CHURCH NURSERY IS OFFERED DURING THE 10:00 AM & 12 NOON MASS.

SPECIAL INTERESTS

The best gift you can give your spouse is your time to make your relationship even better than it is today. Give the gift of your time and love by taking your spouse on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend, Our next scheduled weekend will be January 25-27, 2008 at the Holiday Inn in Surfside Beach, SC. Weekends fill up quickly, so a prompt response is encouraged. For more information call Mitch or Gayle Michaelis 803-647-9319, Steve or Nydia Burdick 803-798-8296 or visit our South Carolina website at <http://sc.wwme.org>.

Pilgrimage to the Eucharistic Congress

Our Lady of the Hills in Irmo is organizing a pilgrimage trip to the International Eucharistic Congress in Quebec City, Canada from June 15th - 22nd, 2008, or the weekend only from June 19th - 22nd. There will be week long activities centered on the theme of the Congress, "*The Eucharist, Gift of God for the Life of the World.*" The Congress is a gathering of the universal Church, celebrating Jesus alive and present in the Eucharist. Registration is open for all who would like to attend and celebrate the Eucharist. For additional information please contact Catherine Hood, group leader, at cathycataniahood@mail.com.

Knights of Columbus Council #724, 1623 Marion St., is hosting a New Year's Eve Party on December 31st. Cost: \$30 per couple in advance, \$40 at the door. Heavy Hors devours, music, party favors & Champagne. Call Art White for tickets and more info at 796-7007, 791- 9326 or 518-3085.

The Five-O-Plus Club of St. Peters Catholic Church presents a trip to Amelia Island, St. Augustine and Jacksonville, FL for \$345 per person (double occupancy) for 4 days and 3 nights April 7-10, 2008. Included are 3 nights lodging, 6 meals: 3 breakfasts and 3 dinners, guided tours and a dinner show. Motorcoach transportation will leave St. Peter's Church, 1529 Assembly street on April 7. For more information contact: Germaine Carney (803) 796-3648 or Mary Callahan 803-779-0373.

SHEPHERD'S CENTER OF ST. ANDREWS

Winter Session begins January 8, 2008, 10 week session – Tuesdays – 9am - 2 pm --Quilting-Art-Bridge-Music Classes include Healthy Living-Ancient Greece- Spanish Free class 10am – CSI: Columbia Season Two Noon Lunches with Guest Speakers/Entertainers Shepherd's Center is an interfaith program for persons 50+ Located at Ashland UMC, 2600 Ashland Rd. For more information Call 731-9394.

Christmas Schedule

Christmas Eve, December 24th - 6:00 p.m. Little Singers & Christmas Pageant(Parish Center Gym)
- 6:30 p.m. Mass(in the Parish Center Gym)
- 10:00 p.m. Spanish Mass (Church)
- 11:30 p.m. Christmas Carols(Church)
- 12:00 Midnight Mass (Church)
Christmas Day, December 25th - 10:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
Solemnity Mary Mother of God
Tuesday, January 1st - 10:00 a.m. Mass (Church)
Holy Day of Obligation - 12 Noon Mass (Church)

The Parish and Religious Education Offices will be closed Monday & Tuesday & Wednesday December 24th, 25th & 26th. The Offices will also be closed on Tuesday, January 1st, 2007.

4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT

During these weeks of Advent, we have been decorating our Jesse Tree with ornaments that remind us of the people who waited for Jesus to come. The *first week* we hung an apple and a tree for Adam and Eve, an ark and dove for Noah, and a sword and a torch for Abraham. The *second week* we added a bundle of twigs and fire for Isaac, a ladder and a flower for Jacob, a multi-colored coat and a bucket for Joseph, and a tablet of stone for Moses. Last week we hung a basket of wheat for Ruth, a rose and shepherd's staff for Jesse, a key and a six-pointed star for David and the scales of justice and a temple for Solomon. Tonight on this 4th Advent weekend we conclude our decorating of the Jesse Tree.



First we honor Judith who delivered the Hebrew people from their enemies. Her symbol is the HAND MIRROR.

Next we remember Joseph who was the head of the Holy Family. Since he was a carpenter, his symbol is the ANGLE.



God chose Mary to be the mother of Jesus, the Savior. Her symbols are a CROWN and a LILY because she was born without sin.



Jesus, the Son of God, born of the Virgin Mary, is represented by the Manger and the Greek letters CHI-RHO.



About 2,000 years ago Jesus was born in Bethlehem. We rejoice that he has come! We wait and get ready now to celebrate that wonderful day in our hearts and prepare for Him to come again!

