

# The COLLECTION Basket



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**IDEAS FOR LIVING BETTER FROM THE FAMILY LIFE**

## JUBILEE 2025

Every twenty-five years, pilgrims from all over the world flock to Rome for a jubilee year to witness the opening of a special door on the north side of St. Peter's Basilica—the Holy Door—and to receive a special blessing by passing through it.

This bronze Holy Door uniquely depicts the salvation story, from the dawn of creation to the present, through sixteen panels that inspire the faithful to connect their lives to the timeless story of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world.



## Respect Life Committee Corner

The committee hopes to help create a culture of life throughout the diocese by supporting existing respect life programs and developing new ones. The group focuses on services that promote, support, and educate the faithful on the Church's teaching on life issues, while providing practical support and prayer. At this time the committee is focusing on abortion, euthanasia, and end of life issues. Other respect life issues will be added.

Resources are available to help start a Pro-life Rosary or Holy Hour For Life in your parish, school, or Catholic service group. For more information, please contact Jerry Murray at gemurray6@gmail.com

## Top from Santa's workshop Via Susan Vogt



### GIFT GIVING

#### EASY:

If you are going out to buy gifts, make as few driving trips as possible, thereby reducing your carbon footprint.

#### CHALLENGING:

When possible, buy from local vendors, crafts artists, grocers, farmer's markets...

### WRAPPING PRESENTS

#### EASY:

Recycle cardboard cores from wrapping paper.

#### CHALLENGING:

Avoid buying tissue paper. If you already have some, use it/re-use it.

**(Tissue paper cannot be recycled.)**

**OPENING MASS OF  
THE JUBILEE 2025  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2024  
@ 2PM  
Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament**

**Join in Mass; Stay to see for yourself the  
"Expressions of Hope" - over 200 pieces of  
original Art, Poetry, Photography & Sculpture!  
Made by OUR Parishioners!**

**Cathedral Hall directly following Mass,  
refreshments will be served.**

# A Family Perspective

## First Sunday of Advent LUKE

At this time of the year we are very conscious of our family as we make preparations for Christmas. Today's gospel warns us not to be consumed by all the consumer activity. This Advent appreciate the gift of people in your life. The best gift this season might be your appreciation of others.

## Second Sunday of Advent

Today's gospel shows John the Baptist and parents have similar vocations. Like the Baptist, parents are asked to make "rough ways smooth" and to "prepare the way of the Lord" for their families. This Advent ask: "Does my life hinder or help my family to know Jesus?"

## Third Sunday of Advent

Today's gospel tells us to SHARE! This Christmas resist the pressure to give token gifts. Instead, use those funds to give NECESSITIES to the poor. If our impoverished brothers and sisters are not on our gift list, we've missed the point of Christmas.

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mary was excited about her first pregnancy and rushed to tell her cousin. Sadly children are often seen as a liability, "another mouth to feed" or an "obstacle to my career." It is said "Christmas is for children." It is more accurate to say "Christmas is for adults to appreciate the gift of children!"



**Christmas** Today's gospel reminds us God chose to enter human history in a family. By Divine design the salvation of the world began in a family. Family was the best God the Creator could do for his Beloved Son. Jesus was our first Christmas gift.

## December 29 Holy Family

Today's gospel contains this truth about parenting: "but his parents did not know." One of the reasons parenting is so difficult is because our children don't tell us everything. If the Holy Family had trouble with their teenager, why do we think it will be easier for us?

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**MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM MAUREEN  
IN THE FAMILY OFFICE!**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU AND  
YOURS!**