

Our Vision: We seek to light the way to Christ as a strong military Catholic community of faith guided by the Holy Spirit and on fire with God's love.

Our Mission: We, the Catholic Community of Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall, serve to advance the spiritual growth and resilience of all bonded by love of Christ, and share experiences of service to country. Guided by our military chaplain, we actively participate in the living Body of Christ and persevere in our Savior's mission. We are grateful stewards of the gifts we have received and eagerly use them to show our love for God and for one another. Jesus' life and teachings direct our lives as Christian disciples.

JBM-HH Catholic Community

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Suicide Prevention Lifeline: (800) 273-8255 | [Veterans Crisis Line](#)

Catholic Coordinator: Pam Ortiz info@jbmhccatholicparish.com

Registration: [Forms](#) available on website or email the Catholic Coordinator.

Sacraments and Sponsor Letters: Requires registration. Fr. Fred has pastoral jurisdiction only for active duty military and their family members.

E-Bulletins: Available on website; e-mailed each Thursday.

I want to wish to all of you a Blessed Christmas. It's a joy to be here with you all and a part of this faith community. If you're traveling during the Christmas/New Year, please have a safe journey.

For some, Christmas is a very difficult time. It recalls painful memories or people feel more intensely the missing of those family and friends who have died. If you know of such people and have the opportunity, please do reach out to them.

Life throws surprises at us also. Do we still say "yes" to God? May Mary, the Mother of God, continue to assist us on our way to her Son.



Daily Mass: M – F, 1200, Blessed Sacrament Chapel **Reconciliation:** T – F, 1130 – 1145, Room 112
Please visit the [website calendar](#) for dates, locations, event details and for schedule updates.

24 December 2016 through 6 January 2017

SAT & SUN		MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
24 Christmas Eve 1630 Choral Prelude 1700 Vigil Mass	25 The Nativity of our Lord 0900 Mass No Religious Education Merry Christmas!	26 Chapel Closed No Daily Mass No RCIA	27 No Bible Study	28	29	30 Training Holiday No Daily Mass
31 New Year's Eve 1700 Vigil Mass	JAN 1 Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary 0900 Mass No religious education Happy New Year!	2 Chapel Closed No Daily Mass No RCIA	3 No Bible Study	4	5 1900 KC Roundtable	6 1000 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Connect with us! In addition to our [website](#), we are on [Facebook](#) and on [Twitter @JBMHCCatholics](#)

Offertory Weekend 17-18 December

1700 Vigil Mass: 125 \$1,558.00
 0900 Mass: 255 \$3,924.00
380 \$5,482.00

Please make checks payable to C.T.O.F.

Next Designated Offering: 14 April 2017; Holy Land Collection

Additional Links

- [Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA](#)
- [Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception](#)
- [The Holy See](#)
- [United States Conference of Catholic Bishops \(USCCB\)](#)

Readings for the weekend of 24-25 December

First Reading: Isaiah 52:7-10

The city of Jerusalem, surrounding mount Zion where the temple stood, has been almost emptied by the exile of many of its citizens. When the exile ended, the prophets describes sentinels in the city seeing the people return.

All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God ~ Psalm 98

Second Reading: Hebrews 1:1-6

Jewish converts to Christianity missed many of the institutions of Judaism. The letter to the Hebrews shows these recent converts they have more in Christ than ever before. This passage compares God's communication through the prophets versus how God has just communicate in Christ, and how Christ is superior to the angels as mediator.

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER...

...for Vocations to the Priesthood and the Military Chaplaincy; for our deployed troops and their families; for our parishioners who are ill; for our deceased; and, for those who are lonely or in crisis:

Deployed: FC2 Joseph Reed, USN; Ginny Ortiz, Peace Corps, Kevin Voelker, DoD; Harold Miller, Jr., DoD; Deborah & Panakkal David, Foreign Service

Healing: Alfred Prados, Jim Egan, Len Trahan, Bob Bowen, Kevin Tighe, Bob Schaaf, Alexis Coffey, Frank Bernardo, John Bikus, Suzie Kumashiro, Jack Doyle, Bill Hoh, Virginia Hoh, Jeff Lepak, Al and Marilyn Hanson, Russell Plaisance, Warren Krug, Warren Efting, Barbara Nastro, Joe Franklin, Maria Miani, Richard W. Kalb, Fran DeLoatche, Babs Clare, Finian Lalime, John Bian, Lina Czugas, Mary Masserini

Lonely or in crisis: If you need to talk to someone, please call 1-800-273-TALK (8255) Option 1; text 838255; chat live at [Veterans Crisis Line](#).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Pastoral Council wishes each of you a very Joyous Christmas with many Blessings for you and your families in the coming year. ~ Pat Trahan, Pastoral Council President

Luke's Wings: Luke's Wings is dedicated to the support of service members who have been wounded in battle. By purchasing travel agency services and travel tickets, family members so they can be together with their loved one during hospitalization and rehabilitation. If you would like to donate or support Luke's Wings, please take one of their brochures. Brochures are at the back of the chapel alongside other booklets and brochures. For more information, please visit their website at www.lukeswings.org

The Knights of Columbus's "**Socks for the Homeless**" project continues through the month of December.

Epiphany Concert: Soprano Emily Casey, cantor for the Saturday Vigil Mass, will perform a concert of sacred music on **January 8th, 2017** at 5pm in Memorial Chapel. The concert will feature works by Bach, Mozart, Gounod, and more, with Dr. Nicholas Catravas on the piano. Please join us for this wonderful opportunity to expose friends and family to a beautiful concert of classical music performed by one of DC's most promising emerging operatic sopranos.

New Adult Ed Class: *Catholic Mysticism* begins on Sunday, **8 January** at 1030 in the Conference Room. The first session is "The Cloud of Unknowing."

Arimathean Training: The Arimathean Ministry is looking for volunteers to function as lectors and Eucharistic Ministers for Catholic funerals at Old Post Chapel. Volunteers participate in one to two services per month. Training will be held on a Saturday in January 2017. For more information or if you are interested in volunteering in this ministry, please contact Neal Collins at USPHS@mac.com or arimatheans@jbmhccatholicparish.com or call (562) 528-6263.