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Holy Days of Obligation: Vigil at 5:30PM





## *Saint Stanislaus & Holy Trinity*

### *Partners in Faith & Mission*



#### **The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph**

“Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you.” 725 kilometers. That’s the distance on modern roads from Bethlehem to Cairo. Assuming one covered 40km a day on foot - ambitious for two young parents and their infant son - the journey would take well over two weeks. Of course, the Holy Family didn’t have modern roads. They would travel through wilderness, fear bandits, run low on water, and cross the vast Sinai Peninsula in a reverse of their forefathers in Exodus. Here, in struggle and sacrifice, are the beginnings of the forging of the Holy Family.

“Joseph rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed for Egypt. He stayed there until the death of Herod.” Large Jewish communities existed in most major cities of the ancient Mediterranean world, after the collapse of their kingdoms chronicled in the Old Testament, and Joseph could likely find work as a carpenter. All the same, today’s Gospel reminds us that the first formational years of Jesus as a babe-in-arms were spent in a strange land. The members of the Holy Family were foreigners, outsiders, immigrants.

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. God took on our humanity. He is in solidarity with our own trials and difficulties. On the feast of the Holy Family, we honor the special place of the family within society. We are invited, too, to recall those families who share in the struggles of the Holy Family in a particular way. We pray for immigrants, asylum seekers, and refugees. We pray for all parents who sacrifice their own well-being and comfort so their children may have a better life.



#### **WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES**

Readings for the week of December 29th, 2019

Sunday:	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/ Ps 128:1-5/Col 3:12-21/Mt 2:13-23 [Holy Family]
Monday:	1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-10/Lk 2:36-40 [6th Day of Christmas]
Tuesday:	1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-13/Jn 1:1-18 [7th Day of Christmas]
Wednesday:	Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-8/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21 [Mary, Mother of God]
Thursday:	1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1-4/Jn 1:19-28 [Sts. Gregory and Basil]
Friday:	1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Ps 98:1-6/Jn 1:29-34 [Holy Name of Jesus]
Saturday:	1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1-9/Jn 1:35-42 [St. Elizabeth Ann Seton]
Next Sunday:	Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-11/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12 [Epiphany]

**Sacrament of Baptism:** Sacramental preparation is required of the parents who desire to share the Catholic faith with their children and are held monthly throughout the City of Erie. Call the parish office to register to schedule your preparation. Godparents must be Confirmed and practicing Catholics with a letter of recommendation from their pastor to serve as a sacramental sponsor.

**Religious Education, First Holy Communion, and First Reconciliation** programs are hosted at Saint Luke’s Church for all eastside Erie parishes. Contact their parish office for more information and to register your child (814.825.7105).

**Confirmation** preparation for all eastside Erie parishes is hosted at Saint John’s Church. Contact their parish office for more information and to register your child (814.454.2873).

**Sacrament of Holy Orders:** God calls all people to holiness. Some men are called to fulfill this vocation as priests. If you are interested in the priesthood, or have questions about it, please contact a parish priest or our Diocesan Vocation Director, Fr. Michael Polenik, at 1.800.374.3723.

**Sacrament of Matrimony:** Before a date can be scheduled, a priest must be contacted at least six months in advance to complete the required documents.

**Sacrament of the Sick:** Communal celebrations of Anointing the Sick are scheduled periodically. The sacrament can also be requested by any parishioner who is seriously ill or in danger of death. *Please note:* Federal law no longer permits hospitals or nursing homes to contact churches when a parishioner is admitted. It is incumbent upon family members to notify the parish office if a loved one needs a visit, desires to receive Holy Communion, or needs Anointed.

**Leave A Legacy:** Consider Saint Stanislaus and Holy Trinity as you meet with your attorney or financial planner regarding your estate planning. Remember the needs of your parish family and leave a legacy of faith for future generations with your generous remembrance.

**Bulletin Information Deadline:** Please submit information to be included in the weekend bulletin by noon the Monday prior. Holiday bulletin announcements must be received by the parish office two weeks in advance.



# *Saint Stanislaus & Holy Trinity*

## *Partners in Faith & Mission*

### **"PRAYER, CARE, AND CONCERN" MINISTRY**

Those who participate in this ministry express the care and concern of our entire parish community to those who are ill, hospitalized, homebound, or in nursing facilities, through birthday and holiday cards, visits, and prayers. To request prayers, or to participate in this ministry, contact Rose Marie at 814.923.4438.

### **"PRAYERLINE" MINISTRY**

These ministers devote themselves to prayer for any needs made known to them and any special intentions. To participate in this ministry, or to request prayers for a particular need, contact Kay (825-7328) or Shirley (452-3395) from Saint Stanislaus, or Kathy Benes (898-1091) or Kathy Smith (392-8974) from Holy Trinity.

### **PCEP (Parish Catholic Education Program)**

Parishioners of Holy Trinity can receive a parish grant to assist with the cost of tuition for families who wish their primary or secondary school age children to have a Catholic education. To be eligible, families must participate in the program, attend Mass regularly, and be involved in the parish community. For more information, contact the parish office.

### **"PRAYER SHAWL" MINISTRY**

The enjoyment of knitting, crocheting, and sewing are uniquely combined with prayer to offer a deeply personal and meaningful spiritual ministry. Shawls are prayerfully made and freely given away to those suffering bereavement, those recovering from illness, the elderly, homebound, and those in nursing facilities. To join us in this ministry, please contact Linda at 814.864.8476.

### **THE "ZABAWA COMMITTEE"**

Held on the parish grounds of Holy Trinity, Zabawa is the largest Polish heritage celebration in the region, drawing tens of thousands of people to our neighborhood. The Zabawa Committee organizes the festival through food preparation, donation solicitation, food and beverage service, and so on. The committee always welcomes any help they receive. If you would like to offer your time, and experience hands-on learning about these rich cultural traditions, contact Ray Luniewski at 882-1032.

### **LITURGICAL MINISTRIES**

Parishioners interested in serving our worshipping community as an altar server, lector, Eucharistic minister, or music minister, please let one of your priests know.

### **ST. STANISLAUS / HOLY TRINITY INITIAL PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM**

(please circle which parish)

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Check: ☐ New Registration ☐ Change of Address ☐ Change of Telephone Number

☐ Change of E-mail ☐ Moving out of Parish ☐ Want Envelopes

*Place in offertory basket or mail to Parish Office. We will contact you to complete our Census Form.  
Welcome to our Parish Family!*

*A Community of Faith Built on Tradition, Where Everyone is Welcome*

# Saint Stanislaus Parish Community

## MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., December 30th, 8:00AM - Agnes Rzodkiewicz (Family)  
 Tues., December 31st, 4:00PM - Parishioners of Saint Stanislaus  
 Wed., January 1st, 9:30AM - Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth  
 Thurs., January 2nd, 8:00AM - Gabriella Wlodarczyk (Dorothy Fearn)  
 Fri., January 3rd, 8:00AM- Diane Andrychowski (Care & Concern Cmte.)  
 Sat., January 4th, 4:00PM - Parishioners of Saint Stanislaus (Pro Populo)  
 Sun., January 5th, 9:30AM - Ray Pruzenski (Wife & Family)



Our sanctuary candle burns in memory of  
**MARY & BERNARD BAGNISZEWSKI** [gifted by the family].



## IN MEMORIUM

We remember in a special way this weekend, **Monsignor Andrew Ignasiak**, our founding pastor, who passed away 85 years ago on December 29th, 1934. He served as pastor of Saint Stanislaus for 48 years, from August 22nd, 1886 until his death.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS** are still needed for both New Year's Eve and New Year's Day masses. Please consider signing up in the vestibule of the church if you are able to help in this ministry.

## SCRIP ORDERS

Special holiday orders will be accepted this weekend and will be available for pick-up on January 4 & 5. Your support of this program provides our parish with a percentage return on all sales. Thank you!



## HOLY NAME RAFFLE

Time is running out to purchase your Lottery Raffle tickets from a Holy Name Society Member. Tickets will not be accepted after January 1st. Be sure to get yours today for only \$5!

## LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 28th  
 Servers: M. Shaba  
 Lector: B. Sulecki  
 Gifts: The Macie Family  
 Sunday, December 29th  
 Server: K. Brocious  
 Lector: Paul Gambil  
 Gifts: The Brocious Family  
 Tuesday, December 31st  
 Server: C. & H. Rohrbach  
 Lector: John Kleiner  
 Wednesday, January 1st  
 Server: A. & J. Wildfire  
 Lector: D. Kurtz  
 Saturday, January 4th  
 Server: C. & H. Rohrbach  
 Lector: E. Czulewicz  
 Gifts: The Ciecierski  
 Sunday, January 5th  
 Server: G. Widomski  
 Lector: D. Kurtz  
 Gifts: The Shaba Family

## *A Prayer for a Family*

O dear Jesus, I humbly implore You to grant Your special graces to our family. May our home be the shrine of peace, purity, love, labor and faith.

Dear Jesus, to protect and bless all of us, absent and present, living and dead.

O Mary, loving Mother of Jesus, and our Mother pray to Jesus for our family, for all the families of the world.

Blessed Saint Joseph, holy guardian of Jesus and Mary, assist us by your prayers in all the necessities of life. watch over our home at the pillow of the sick and the dying.

*Amen.*



**"CLEANING TEAM A"** is scheduled for Tuesday, January 7 at 9:30AM. Thank you for giving your elbow grease to keep our church beautiful!

## WEEKLY OFFERING (DECEMBER 15, 2019)

This Week	July 1 to date
Amount we need .... \$4,156.00	\$99,744.00
Amount Received ... \$2,648.00	\$70,540.00
Net over/under .... (\$1,508.00)	(\$29,204.00)

Mass Attendance:  
 4:00PM = 72  
 9:30AM = 76



## MANY THANKS!

A special word of gratitude to all who lent a hand preparing for our Christmas liturgies, especially those who helped decorate our environment. Additional thanks to our music ministers, who not only graced us with their talents for our Kolędy and Christmas Masses, but also for our Lessons & Carols service. We are truly fortunate to have so many talented, gifted, and devoted parishioners!

2020  
*Happy New Year*

# Holy Trinity Parish Community

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

### 5:00PM - December 31st

**Lector:** Jack Kempisty

**Server:** J. & T. Chermack

**EM:** E. Simora & S. Chermack

### 10:00AM - January 1st

**Lector:** Sue Carpenter

**Servers:** K. Smith & R. Luniewski

**EM:** J. & P. Stano

### 5:00PM - January 4th

**Lector:** Robert Koziel

**Servers:** M. & M. Mangini

**EM:** R. & A. Koziel

### 10:00AM - January 5th

**Lector:** Bill Downing

**Servers:** M. & L. Brieger

**EM:** E. Korytowski, E. Simora, & M. Nitzczynski

## MASS INTENTIONS

Mon., December 30th, 8:00AM - Mass at St. Stanislaus

Tues., December 31st, 5:00PM - For the People of Holy Trinity

Wed., January 1st, 10:00AM - Special Intention

Thurs., January 2nd, 8:00AM - Msgr. John D. Daniszewski

Fri., January 3rd, 8:00AM - In Honor of the Sacred Heart

Sat., January 4th, 5:00PM - Al & Carolyn DiMaggio

Sun., January 5th, 10:00AM - For the People of Holy Trinity (Pro Populo)

## THE 31 CLUB - PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS

12/28 Dorothy Carlson, Mead Carlson, & Suzanne Sunday; 12/29 Msgr. Bernie & Janis Leretsis; 12/30 Edie Luniewski & Ed Czulewicz; 12/31 Sr. Anita Benecki & Bobby Sulecki; 1/1 Kathy Smith, Debbie Majewski, & Mary Speice; 1/2 Patty Czulewicz, Evelyn Selleny, & Ed Selleny

## PLEASE OFFER PRAYERS FOR OUR PRIESTS THIS WEEK:

12/29 Fr. Rick Tomasone; 12/30 Fr. Nick Rouch; 12/31 Msgr. John Swogger; 1/1 For a Happy New Year; 1/2 Fr. Jorge Villegas; 1/3 Fr. Tom Fialkowski; 1/4 Fr. Matt Ruyechan

The Sanctuary Candle burns in memory of **SCOTT SLATZER** from Marty Connelly.



The word "nun" is just the letter "n" doing a cartwheel.



## DOUBLE DOSE FOR THE NEW YEAR



The Santa Claus at the mall was very surprised when a young lady about twenty years old walked up and sat on his lap. Santa doesn't usually take requests from adults, but she smiled very nicely at him, so he asked her, "What do you want for Christmas?" "Something for my mother, please." said the young lady. "Something for your mother? Well, that's very thoughtful of you," smiled Santa. "What do you want me to bring her?" Without blinking she replied, "A son-in-law!"

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A lady was picking through the frozen turkeys at the grocery store, but she couldn't find one big enough for her entire family. She asked a stock boy, "Do these get any bigger?" The boy replied, "No, ma'am. They're dead."



This past week's financial report is not available at this time due to an earlier bulletin publishing deadline because of the upcoming holidays. The report will be published in a future bulleting.

## Happy New Year!

DIRECTIONS: Find and circle the vocabulary words in the grid. Look for them in all directions including backwards and diagonally.



AULD LANG SYNE  
BABY  
BALL  
BALLOONS  
CALENDAR  
CELEBRATION  
CLOCK  
CONFETTE  
COUNTDOWN  
DANCING  
DECEMBER

EVE  
FATHER TIME  
FIRECRACKER  
FIRST  
GAMES  
HAPPY  
HAT  
HOURGLASS  
JANUARY  
KISS  
MIDNIGHT

MUSIC  
NOISE MAKER  
PARTY  
RESOLUTION  
SPARKLER  
STREAMER  
TIMES SQUARE  
TRADITION  
VOW  
YEAR



"... let the peace of Christ control your hearts"

- Colossians 3:15





## *The Rite of Installation of Pastor*

Bishop Persico has informed us that he will install  
Fr. Jason A. Glover, S.T.L.  
as Pastor of Saint Stanislaus & Holy Trinity Parishes  
On Saturday, January 18th, 2020  
During the 4:00PM Mass at Saint Stanislaus.

A reception will follow in the Social Hall at Holy Trinity.

More details will be forthcoming. Please consider taking part in this celebration!



### **NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE** **Solemnity of "Mary, Mother of God"**

#### **NEW YEAR'S EVE**

4:00PM - Saint Stanislaus

5:00PM - Holy Trinity

#### **NEW YEAR'S DAY**

9:30AM - St. Stan's

10:00AM - Holy Trinity

### **CASH BINGO**

The 3rd Street Falcons will host a Cash Bingo on January 12th starting at 1:00PM; doors will open at noon. The event is sponsored by the Saint Benedict Alumni & Ministries. Each pack costs \$20; extra packs are \$5. There will be instants and a 50/50 raffle. The kitchen and bar will also be open.

### **42nd ANNUAL PRO-LIFE BREAKFAST**

... will be held at 9:00AM on January 11th at the Bayfront Convention Center. Emmy Award-Winning "Factivist" and author, Ryan Bomberger, will be the keynote speaker. Reservations required. Call 882-1333 for information.

### **SUPPORTING THE DIVORCED**

"Surviving Divorce Ministry," a 12-week support group, begins 6:30PM on Wednesday, February 12, 2020. The group meets at Saint Mark Catholic Center. Cost is \$15 per person and includes a book/journal and all materials. Find Comfort and counsel consistent with Catholic teaching. Call the Family Life office at 824-1261 for more information and/or to register.

### **PRO-LIFE MARCH**

The annual Pro-Life March will take place of January 24th in Washington, DC. The "People for Life" organization is coordinating busses to depart Erie at 11:00PM on January 23rd and return around 1:30AM on January 25th. The cost \$55. For more information, call 814.882.1333.

### **MARRAGE MOMENTS**

So many conflicting voices and influences make parenting difficult. Jesus encourages parents to bravely "give testimony" and trust He will give us the wisdom to be good parents; a loving Father is standing with you.

### **#IGiveCatholic REPORT**

On Tuesday, December 3rd, our parishes participated in the #IGiveCatholic on the annual Day of Giving. Throughout the Diocese of Erie, 561 donors contributed to 67 Catholic ministries and raised a total of \$92,843. Holy Trinity received \$2759.99 from 21 donors, including a \$500 randomly-chosen prize selected from among all institutions who acquired 10 unique donors. St. Stan's received \$1,673.99 from 22 donors. We thank all of our parishioners and friends for participating in the inaugural #IGiveCatholic campaign. We will use these donations to address roofing issues at both of our parishes. If you were unable to participate and would like to donate to these projects, we would always be grateful for your generosity. Again, many thanks to those who continually support our needs in maintaining our facilities!

With the impending winter months upon us, we urge you to exercise due prudence in balancing your obligation to attend Mass and personal risks you may take due to inclement weather and poor road conditions. Additionally, when ill, be mindful of the potential of spreading your illness onto others attending Mass. If you are unable to attend Mass for these legitimate reasons, know that there are several televised Masses:

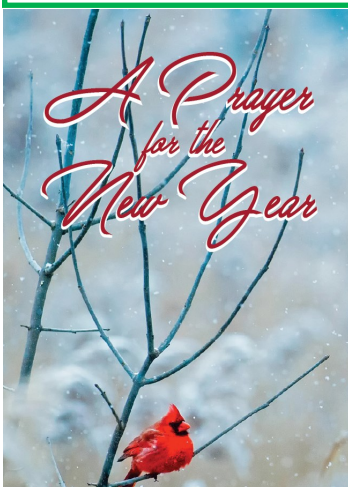
**Channel 3 - Sunday at 10:00AM**

**Channel 11 - Sundays at 8:00AM**

**Channel 16 - Sundays at 8:00AM & 12:00PM**

**Daily (Monday - Saturday) at 8:00AM,  
12:00PM, & 7:00PM**

**Or visit [www.TheSundayMass.org](http://www.TheSundayMass.org)**



God of the ages, you have blessed us with another year.  
Help us to make room for the blessings that are in store for us in the coming months.  
May we be open to learn the right lessons, even if they hurt a little.  
Help us to be patient so that we won't miss divine opportunities.  
Show us how to be fulfilled without material possessions, so that we will not miss what it means to be a blessed people.  
Enable us to be a blessing so you will recognize us as the ones who gave you bread when you were hungry, drink when you were thirsty, and clothes when you were naked.  
In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Adaptation of a prayer by the Rev. Kevin B. Smalls

## Sunday, Dec 29, 2019

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

### A change in plans

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Colossians 3:12-21; Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

*"... flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you."*

Dreamers can't explain themselves. People ask: "How could you? Why did you?" And dreamers shrug and smile. They make the sacrifice, they take the risk, they think differently, they become someone unimaginable. Ask any artist or composer, star athlete or entrepreneur, priest or monk or missionary: How did you become what you are? They shrug and smile, because it's hard to tell someone who hasn't heard the voice themselves: I talk to angels, I listen to the universe, I close my eyes so I can see more clearly. Sit and pay attention to the holy silence.

## Monday, Dec 30, 2019

SIXTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

### Generation to generation

1 John 2:12-17; Luke 2:36-40

*"The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom."*

The gospel anticipates the New Year with a child's potential. After Simeon's harsh prediction of a sword piercing Mary's soul, Anna comforts. She directs the conversation back to thanking God. She has had time to prepare for her moment, so when it comes, she rises to the occasion. Pope Francis linked Anna and Simeon to grandparents. In a society that too often dismisses the elderly, grandparents still offer time and presence, just what children need most. Pray for and honor the elders in your own family and community. They carry a consoling message!

## Tuesday, Dec 31, 2019

MEMORIAL OF SYLVESTER I, POPE

### Guard the pearl of great price

1 John 2:18-21; John 1:1-18

*"He was in the world . . . but the world did not know him."*

We know little of Sylvester I other than that his papacy lasted from 314 until his death in 335. A legend arose around the eighth century, however, based on a forged document known as the Donation of Constantine, that the emperor who famously converted to Christianity also transferred authority over Rome and the entire Western Roman Empire to Sylvester and future popes. While the document was later proven to be a fake, the papacy nonetheless got ensnared in power politics, luxury, and the corruption that comes with trying to rule an empire. As ante put it in his *Divine Comedy*, "Ah Constantine, how much evil was born / not from your conversion, but from that donation / that the first wealthy pope received from you!" Don't practice your faith for worldly gain—God grants us riches money can't buy.

## Wednesday, Jan 01, 2020

SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

### Incarnation in all

Numbers 6:22-27; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21

*"So they went in haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger."*

The Octave of Christmas reminds us that all people everywhere share in the mystery of Incarnation, the communion of divinity and humanity, revealed in Jesus Christ and realized in all who are likewise born of women. We celebrate this mystery whenever we gather to eat and drink the sacred meal. Our task is to recognize the divine presence in the least of those with whom we share this mystical communion, from the baby born in Bethlehem to the

the divine presence in the least of those with whom we share this mystical communion, from the baby born in Bethlehem to the migrant standing at our wall. Resolve this New Year to lend a helping hand.

## Thursday, Jan 02, 2020

MEMORIAL OF BASIL THE GREAT AND GREGORY NAZIANZEN, BISHOPS

### Let's be friends

1 John 2:22-28; John 1:19-28

*"All...were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds."*

"To the Ancients, friendship seemed the happiest and most fully human of all loves; the crown of life and the school of virtue. The modern world, in comparison, ignores it." When C.S. Lewis referred to the "Ancients" he might have had today's saints, Basil and Gregory Nazianzen, in mind. Instrumental in the formation of the Nicene Creed that the church recites each Sunday, these great bishops and doctors of the church can also be remembered simply for being two great and lasting friends. Let them remind us that deep and warm friendships enrich life in ways that accomplishments and honorifics, and even creeds, sublime as they may be, cannot replace.

## Friday, Jan 03, 2020

MEMORIAL OF THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS

### Called by name

1 John 2:29—3:6; John 1:29-34

*"Behold, the Lamb of God."*

The memorial of the Most Holy Name of Jesus reminds us of the power of names. We honor not just the person Jesus, but the name of Jesus. There is a certain intimacy in knowing a person's name. Think of our litanies, our prayers for people who are sick or who have died. Think of the genealogy we heard on Christmas Eve. When we name people, we acknowledge and see them. Think of the people you see regularly in your school, workplace, gym, grocery store, faith community. Remember to call them by name.

## Saturday, Jan 04, 2020

MEMORIAL OF ELIZABETH ANN SETON, RELIGIOUS

### Be a trailblazer

1 John 3:7-10; John 1:35-42

*"Come and see."*

Elizabeth Ann Seton (1774-1821) was born into a wealthy Episcopalian family. At 19, she married William Magee Seton with whom she had five children. For a brief time, it was a wonderful life, but soon William's business and health failed. Elizabeth was a poor widow and single mother by the age of 30. Inspired by Catholic friends who helped care for her dying husband, Elizabeth became Catholic in 1805. In the following years this first American-born saint established many firsts: the first religious community of women and the first Catholic school, with several more to follow. Elizabeth Ann Seton's deep faithfulness reminds us that nothing is impossible with God.

