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FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY



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| Monday, December 29 7:00 am 8:30 am | † Guadalupe N. Mariano Talag † Basil Smith |
| Tuesday, December 30 7:00 am 8:30 am | In Thanksgiving † Manuel Madeira |
| Wednesday, December 31 5:30 pm | <i>Octave of the Nativity</i> Vigil of Solemnity of Mary |
| Thursday, January 1 9:30 am 11:00 am 12:30 pm | Solemnity of Mary Holy Mother of God † Jose DaCosta & Victor DaCosta † Maria De Spirito Santo Ferreira Tomas † Alojzija Segudovic |
| Friday, January 2 8:30 am 7:30 pm 8:00 pm | St Basil the Great & St Gregory of Nazianzen † Diane Hanson † Theresa Mai Dinh † Flavio Comarin & Family † HOLY HOUR & BENEDICTION |
| Saturday, January 3 9:00 am | † Rafael Estrellas † In Thanksgiving - Lazaro Family |

THE SACRED LITURGY THIS WEEK

Thursday January 1, The Solemnity of Our Lady the Holy Mother of God. This celebration is meant to commemorate The Blessed Virgin Mary's part in the mystery of salvation, the oldest feast of Our Lady celebrated by the Catholic Church. It is meant also to exalt the singular dignity which this mystery brings to the 'holy Mother . . . through whom we were found worthy...to receive the Author of life. She, who gave earthly life to the Son of God, continues to give human beings divine life, which is Jesus himself and his Holy Spirit. For this reason she is considered the Mother of every human being who is born to Grace and at the same time is invoked as Mother of the Church.

Friday January 2, St. Basil the Great was one of ten children of St. Basil the Elder and St. Emmelia. Several of his brothers and sisters are honored among the saints. A man of vast learning and constant activity, genuine eloquence and immense charity he first was a lawyer but later became a monk and found a monastery for which he wrote a famous monastic rule. He was given the title of "Great" during his life and Doctor of the Church after his death. Basil was one of the giants of the early Church.

After his baptism at 30, **St Gregory of Nazianzen** accepted his friend Basil's invitation to join him in a newly founded monastery. As a priest he skillfully avoided a schism that threatened when his own father made compromises with Arianism. Then, as bishop of Caesarea he came into conflict with Emperor Valens, who supported the Arians, but this battle caused tension with St Basil. When protection for Arianism ended with the death of Valens, Gregory was called to rebuild the faith in the great see of Constantinople, which had been under Arian teachers for three decades. He is famous for his great sermons on the Trinity. In time, Gregory did rebuild the faith in the city, but at the cost of great suffering, slander, insults and even personal violence.

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH

On this first Sunday after Christmas, the Liturgy invites us to celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family of Nazareth. Indeed, every nativity scene shows us Jesus together with Our Lady and St Joseph in the grotto of Bethlehem. God wanted to be born into a human family, he wanted to have a mother and father like us. The Gospel presents the Holy Family to us on the sorrowful road of exile, seeking refuge in Egypt. Joseph, Mary and Jesus experienced the tragic fate of refugees, which is marked by fear, uncertainty and unease. Unfortunately, in our own time, millions of families can identify with this sad reality. Almost every day the television and papers carry news of refugees fleeing from hunger, war and other grave dangers, in search of security and a dignified life for themselves and for their families.

Jesus wanted to belong to a family who experienced these hardships, so that no one would feel excluded from the loving closeness of God. The flight into Egypt caused by Herod's threat shows us that God is present where man is in danger, where man is suffering, where he is fleeing, where he experiences rejection and abandonment; but God is also present where man dreams, where he hopes to return in freedom to his homeland and plans and chooses life for his family and dignity for himself and his loved ones.

Today our gaze on the Holy Family lets us also be drawn into the simplicity of the life they led in Nazareth. It is an example that does our families great good, helping them increasingly to become communities of love and reconciliation, in which tenderness, mutual help, and mutual forgiveness is experienced. Let us remember the three key words for living in peace and joy in the family: "may I", "thank you" and "sorry". In our family, when we are not intrusive and ask "may I", in our family when we are not selfish and learn to say "thank you", and when in a family one realizes he has done something wrong and knows how to say "sorry", in that family there is peace and joy. Let us remember these three words. Can we repeat them all together: may I, thank you, sorry. I would also like to encourage families to become aware of the importance they have in the Church and in society. The proclamation of the Gospel, in fact, first passes through the family to reach the various spheres of daily life.

Let us fervently call upon Mary Most Holy, the Mother of Jesus and our Mother, and St Joseph her spouse. Let us ask them to enlighten, comfort and guide every family in the world, so that they may fulfill with dignity and peace the mission which God has entrusted to them.

~ POPE FRANCIS ANGELUS Sunday December 29, 2013



NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

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| Vigil of Solemnity of Mary Wednesday December 31 | 5:30 pm |
| Solemnity of Mary Holy Mother of God | 9:30 am, 11 am |
| Thursday January 1 | & 12:30 pm |

**Note: There will be NO 7:00 am Mass on:
December 31, New Years Day & Jan 2.**

Parish Office Closed
From December 24, 2014
and will reopen January 3, 2015

COFFEE HOUR



Will be **Tuesday, January 13,**
following the 8:30am Mass. Come join us!

THANK YOU ST. JOSEPH PARISHIONERS

For World Mission we raised \$1,092.00.
For Shepherds Trust we have raised \$8,254.00 to date.

CATHOLIC SPONSORSHIP 1 YEAR COMMITMENT

Since 1989, the Human Family in Christ has been taking care of poor children in Bolivia through a sponsorship program. A donation of \$180 a year provides food, clothes, medicine and scholastic material to a sponsored child. Sponsors will receive a photo and information on the child's family background. The sponsor will also receive a receipt for income tax purposes.

Contact Marie Morrison at (905) 821-9012.

Or visit stjosephsstreetsville.com for additional details.

OUR LADY'S PILGRIM STATUE



Those wishing to have Our Lady of Fatima statue visit their home for nine (9) days, please call the Parish office (905) 826-2766, to arrange for members of the Legion of Mary to bring the statue and join the host family for prayers.

LOST & FOUND



Over the year(s) many rosaries, car & house keys, gloves, glasses etc have been left behind at the church. Please check the Lost & Found Box in the usher's room, located off the main entrance of the Church or with the Church Office.



CD of the week Spotlight



In this Christmas themed presentation, Fr. Shannon Collins sheds new light on the biblical narratives of the birth of Jesus Christ, as well as the beautiful Christmas traditions of the Church.

CHURCH BULLETIN ADVERTISING

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the **advertisements for our church bulletin** beginning January 2015. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or service. Call Liturgical Publications at (905) 624-4422.

FIRST COMMUNION / CONFIRMATION 2015

REGISTRATION IS NOW CLOSED.

Next First Communion session dates (for parents):
Thursday Jan. 22nd at 7pm or Saturday Jan. 24th at 10am.

Next Confirmation session dates (Parent & Confirmandi):
Tuesday Jan. 27th at 7 pm or Saturday Jan. 31st at 10 am.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE 2015

....at St. Joseph over 2 weekends.
Friday March 6, 8pm-10pm & Saturday March 7, 10am-5pm
Friday March 13, 8pm-10pm & Saturday March 14, 10 am - 5pm. Couples must attend both days both weekends!
To register please call the parish office: 905-826-2766

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR 2015-2016

.... will take place at our elementary schools (listed on the bulletin cover) on:

- Monday, January 26 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, January 28 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- Thursday, January 29, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- Friday, January 30 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

* Snow Date: Tuesday, January 27, 2015, 7:00 pm. - 9:00 pm.

Information about how to register can be found at dpcdsb.org/CEC/Schools

ST VINCENT DE PAUL ANNUAL COLLECTION

You may still make a donation to the annual special collection for SVDP, our wonderful group that assists our less fortunate brothers and sisters is this weekend.



Last Christmas SVDP provided Christmas gift baskets and assistance for 200 families as well as providing ongoing assistance throughout the year to those in need. You may drop the special St Vincent de Paul envelope into the collection basket over the next 2 weeks.

Your support is needed and greatly appreciated!

The BIBLE STUDY



Acts of the Apostles provides us more than a history of the First Christians - it is the story about the Early Church with the Holy Spirit as the protagonist. Christ did not leave His Apostles alone - He sent the Holy Spirit to guide, instruct and equip them. Enrich and deepen your faith as you learn how the Apostles continued Christ's mission on earth through the Power of the Holy Spirit.

Join us for **ACTS: THE SPREAD OF THE KINGDOM**, a 20 week study Monday evenings at St Joseph parish hall beginning Jan 5th (from 7pm -9pm).

Cost is \$5 to register - \$35 for materials.

For more information or to register: Call Michele at 905-826-2766 or email: michele@stjosephsstreetsville.com.
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