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Feast of the Holy Family

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



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"He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them." We might be tempted to think that Jesus more or less raised himself. As the Son of God, it might appear on first glance that earthly parents would be a mere formality for this particular child. But it wasn't so. Mary and Joseph had real influence, and real authority, over their son.

Although Jesus apparently understood from a tender age how he related to God ("Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?"), he also knew that he owed appropriate respect to his parents. This is why he stayed in their home in Nazareth and was obedient to them. And because of this obedience, clearly Mary and Joseph must have been deeply influential in his life. Their direction, their teachings, their example, and their rules would all have shaped Jesus in his humanity. It was thanks in no small part to the matriarch and patriarch of the Holy Family that Jesus "advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man."

We should be advancing in these ways too! And those of us who are parents are likewise called to direct and guide our children to develop as Jesus did, not only forming our sons and daughters to succeed in the eyes of men, but also leading them on the path of "favor before God." The Holy Family serves as a beautiful model for us in this regard. They help us learn how to submit our lives to the loving leadership of our heavenly Father. But more than this, Mary and Joseph also serve as intercessors who, like any faithful family member or friend, want to pray with us and for us. Let us turn, then, to the intercession of the Holy Family asking that our families may be holy too.

He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man. - Lk 2:51-52

MONDAY, Dec 28/15 - Feast

The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

† Socorro & Salvador Boquia/Elizabeth

No Noon Mass



- Victoria Umali Ilagan
- Florence McKeon

TUESDAY, Dec 29/15

12:10 pm - † Gerald Onofrey/Rose Onofrey

WEDNESDAY, Dec 30/15

12:10 pm - Thanksgiving for Nick & Pam Marcelino/Ted & Corie



- Denise Markmann
- Natividad Varona Aguadera

THURSDAY, Dec 31/15 - Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

5:00 pm † Antonio Ramos/Remy Ramos

FRIDAY, Jan 1/16 - New Years Day

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

9:30 am

11:30 am (Archbishop Gagnon presiding)



- Roman Cubacub
- Rodolfo Mendoza Roque

SATURDAY, Jan 2/16 - Epiphany of the Lord

5:00 pm † Leonila Encarnacion Maranan/Family



- Emelio Danting

SUNDAY, Jan 3/16 - Epiphany of the Lord

9:30 am & 11:30 am - for the Parishioners of St. Mary's



- Leonila Encarnacion Maranan

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Readings for the Week of Dec 27, 2015

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21/
Lk 2:41-52

Monday: 1 Jn 1:5--2:2/Mt 2:13-18

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11//Lk 2:22-35

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18

Friday: Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a,5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Thank you to all the many people who helped in the various preparations for our Christmas season. We recognize that there are so many areas that contribute to the success of our community. For all these wonderful gifts of time, talent and treasure, we give thanks!

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Throughout the Advent season, we have been singing the hymn 'God of All People'. In singing this hymn together as a faith community, we have raised our voices in song to proclaim a faithful God who touches our very human existence. From those who are near to those who are far, from those who are trusting to those who remain unsure, from those who live with confidence to those who live in fear, the hymn offers a consolation that God's spirit continually provides to the grace of 'breath' and, a 'new wind and fire in our hearts'. Such a consolation challenges our faith to trust in the Lord whose presence is with us in word and deed. As we celebrate Christmas, the feast of our Lord's Nativity, we know that we continue to live under circumstances of difficulty, fear, brokenness, uncertainty and grief. Our faith, however, offers us the grace to commemorate the birth of our Lord which marks God's compassion and reveals 'in the flesh' through Christ, the promise that our God's love desires to be with us in our daily living—the true gift of Christmas!

As we celebrate another Christmas season, we know that humanity continues to struggle and suffer all around us. As such, it is precisely because of this reality that my prayer for all of us is that we continue to give thanks. For, in giving thanks we begin to see the presence of mercy, friendship and beauty. In giving thanks, our efforts to strengthen our Spirit begins the healing process in places where division, poverty and grief are found. In giving thanks, we become enlightened to the fact that we are not alone, but rather find ourselves among those who journey with us along life's path.

This Christmas, may we never cease to give thanks for a faith in our God - a 'God of all people' in all circumstances, who through his son Jesus, reveals in and through us the gift of God's eternal love and mercy.

Merry Christmas

Fr. Geoffrey

SHARING GOD'S GIFTS

Committed Goal for 2015	\$53,530.00
Donations Received to Nov 21, 2015	\$42,351.03
Balance Remaining for 2015	\$11,178.97

Only one month is left to raise a sum of \$11,178 to achieve the goal we have been assessed. This is a big challenge confronting all of us, and we ask for your generosity and support.

We wish to express our gratitude for your continued commitment and support.

Parish Offerings

There will be no Offertory figures shown during the holidays because of the revised schedules that require us to submit bulletins far ahead of our usual schedule. The offertory figures will be provided on the weekend ending January 9th and 10th.

Lectors Schedule

Group 1 will read next Saturday, January 2, 2016
Group 3 will read next Sunday, January 3, 2016

Please pick up New Schedules in the Sacristy

"Fill The Crib" for Villa Rosa

This is CWL Council's annual project to assist Villa Rosa, a residence at 784 Wolseley Ave. that serves young families in need during and after pregnancy. **There is a bassinette on the window sill of the Mary devotions side of the sanctuary.** You may fill the crib with items such as baby clothes, diapers, wipes, receiving blankets, quilts and personal items for mothers, e.g. deodorants, lotions, shampoo, soap, nursing bras and pads. Due to the overwhelming generosity of the community and lack of storage space, Villa Rosa cannot accept gently used clothing until further notice—thank you.

AGAPE TABLE

The item for January is **peanut butter**.
(please place items in the container by the Hospitality Room)
to volunteer: 204-783-6369 or volunteer@agapetable.ca



Congratulations
to the Family and Friends of
Olivia Harmony Martin,
Jayce Gray Tuazon,
Reiden Cole Caballero
and
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who were baptized at the Cathedral
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