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Feast of the Holy Family

PASTOR'S PEN

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH – SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2024

We give thanks today for the gift of family. Families take on many sizes and shapes. We lose members of our family to eternity – other's may come along to share the love of the Lord with us. So, the family is always evolving, growing, changing. The stability of the family is love. Love rooted in mutual respect and self-sacrificing love. We look today at the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. We are taken in our gospel to the temple, and here Jesus shows his deep connection to the heavenly Father. Mary and Joseph have left, assuming Jesus to be among the extended family and friends, but he is not. They search with anxiety for three days to find him. They find Jesus discussing the Father to the elders of the faith. He is most at home in His Father's house. "His mother treasured all these things in her heart." Mary's response is to ponder, to meditate on all these events. Joseph and Mary are charged with the human formation of Jesus – Son of Mary and Joseph, Son of God. Both Joseph and Mary have much to ponder. Their son's miraculous conception, the Visitation of Shepherds, and Oriental Kings. Their flight into Egypt and their return in safety to Nazareth. All the events of a normal family life Christ participated in. He truly has become one of us. May the holy family encourage and inspire us. May God bless and protect our families.

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD – WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2025

Today we celebrate the oldest of all Marian feasts – this solemnity proclaiming her motherhood. On this eighth day of Christmas, the child is named Jesus, and the covenant is initiated in the flesh. Mary is a symbol or type for the Church – the Church, the Body of Christ that ponders and treasures the words of her Lord. We, too, are called to ponder and to treasure. It is the poor shepherds that the message of Christ's birth is first given to, they go in haste, in joy to behold the gift of the Father. Mary is Mother of the Church – she is also our Mother. She was given to us at the foot of the Cross when John was given to care for her. Let us contemplate today the role of motherhood in our lives and in our world. Let us consecrate ourselves to Jesus through Mary. "Do whatever He tells you to do," are the words of Mary at the wedding feast of Cana. They are good words for us. Mary always points to her son. She is the surest way to Him. Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Happy New Year!

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD – SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2025

Today we celebrate the revelation of the Christ to all nations – not just to poor shepherds and the people of Israel but to all peoples. Today the three Magi, the Kings, the Wise Men from the east bring their gifts of Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh. Gold for a King, Frankincense for divinity, and Myrrh for burial. These gifts recognize the divinity of Christ, His kingly rule, and also his upcoming passion, death, and resurrection for our salvation.

Herod afraid of losing his earthly power is threatened by the rumors of a child king. He asks the three Kings to inform him when they have found him. "On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary, his mother, and knelt down and paid Him homage." So, we know that this is sometime after his birth, they didn't go to the cave or manger but to a house. Here Mary and Joseph would be astounded by the extravagant and puzzling gifts their newborn child was receiving. Mary ponders, we ponder. What are the gifts Christ has given us on our Advent / Christmas journey this year so far? How have we been a gift to others? If we were one of the three Kings, what would we give the Christ Child? What shall we give him this year? Today?

From the English Carol:

In the Bleak mid-Winter

"What can I give Him, Poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb,
If I were a wise man, I would do my part,
Yet what I can I give Him, Give my heart."

Happy Little Christmas!

Fr. Christopher
Pastor

TODAY'S READINGS

Feast of the Holy Family of
Jesus, Mary and Joseph

1st Reading

1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10

2nd Reading

1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24

Gospel

Luke 2:41-52

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION - JANUARY

For the right to an education

Let us pray for migrants,
refugees, and those
affected by war, that their
right to an education, which
is necessary to build a
better world, might always
be respected.

SACRAMENTS

If you are interested in
getting information for
any sacrament, please
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New Members

Welcome

St. Justin's Parish

MASS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31

VIGIL OF THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

4:30 pm St. Justin

4:30 pm St. Francis-St. Martin – Bilingual

6:00 pm St. Leopold – Croatian

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1 @ 10:00 AM

THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

10:00 am St. Justin

10:00 am St. Francis-St. Martin – Bilingual

11:00 am St. Leopold Mandic – Croatian

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2 @ 8:00 AM

NO MASS

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3 @ 8:00 AM

NO MASS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4

NO CONFESSIONS

MONDAY, JANUARY 6 @ 10:00 AM AT ST. JUSTIN

MEMORIAL OF ST. ANDRE BESSETTE MASS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7 @ 6:30 PM

(+) Giuseppe Gentile

Carmen Gentile

(+) Cesar Torre Franca

Tony Torre Franca

(INT) Marianne Hare

Marnie & Family

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8 @ 6:30 PM

(+) Peterson Osuji

Liz Akano

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9 @ 8:00 AM

(INT) Priestly Vocations

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 10 @ 8:00 AM

(+) Martha Macrina & Clement Moris

The Family

(+) Alceo De Odorico

Yenson Family

(+) Michael Hartman

Yvonne Hartman

(+) All souls in purgatory

Dcn. Jose & Mercés Viveiros

(+) Dec'd members of Plante family

Muriel Plante

(INT) Vescio Family

C. Leach

ST. JOSEPH DEVOTIONAL PRAYERS



Join us for communal prayer to St. Joseph on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:00 PM.

Please consider joining us on Wednesday, January 8th.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

If you didn't receive your Offertory Envelopes for 2025, contact Sherry Rowland at the office 519-685-2795 ext. 241. Please do not use your new envelopes until 2025. Any charitable donations for the Church for 2024 must be received by the office by Friday, December 31, 2024.

PRAYER REQUEST FOR DIOCESAN MINISTERS



Please pray for the following Diocesan Ministers:

Sunday, Dec. 29 - Deacon Tim Raaymakers

Monday, Dec. 30 - Rev. James Roche

Tuesday, Dec. 31 - Institute of Secular Missionaries

Wednesday, Jan. 1 - **Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God**

Thursday, Jan. 2 - Deacon Rudy Pflanzner

Friday, Jan. 3 - Rev. Canon Mitchell Kaminski

Saturday, Jan. 4 - Rev. Frank Leslie

Sunday, Jan. 5 - Deacon Gaston Mabaya

Monday, Jan. 6 - Deacon Gary Flewelling

Tuesday, Jan. 7 - Diocesan Centre Administrative Assistants

Wednesday, Jan. 8 - Sharon Hunt, Pastoral Minister for Bereavement

Thursday, Jan. 9 - Lucia Costa, Pastoral Minister

Friday, Jan. 10 - Rev. Josef Denys

Saturday, Jan. 11 - Rev. Francis Thekkumkattil

MERRY
Christmas



& Happy New Year 2025

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Prayers occur in the Church on the first Friday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

Please consider joining us for prayer on Friday, January 3rd.



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Sunday Offertory amounts for December 14/15, 2024:

\$8,361.95

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