

## THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

DECEMBER 29, 2019

*“Over all other virtues put on love, that is, the bond of perfection.”*

— Colossians 3:14

### SALVATION IN DAILY LIFE

This Sunday is the feast of the Holy Family, which comes on the first Sunday after Christmas Day. Today's feast celebrates how the humanity of Jesus (including his entire family life) has brought saving significance into the daily rhythms of our human family life.

The scriptures offer instruction and encouragement on how to share—within our families, parish families, and the wider human family—the love that God shares with us in Jesus. Selections from Sirach, Psalm 128, and Colossians encourage us to reflect divine love and thus find holiness in all our human relationships. The reading from Matthew's Gospel offers a living example of love in the actions Joseph took to protect his young family from danger and to nurture them within the larger family of faith of their time.

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### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Those who honor and comfort their parents shall never be forgotten (Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14).

**Psalm** — Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways (Psalm 128).

**Second Reading** — You are called into one body. Bear with one another; forgive one another; let Christ's peace control you (Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17]).

**Gospel** — Joseph rose, took the child and his mother, and fled to Egypt (Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23).

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

As the old year ends and a new one begins, it's only natural to think about the past, and especially, the future.

Here's something First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt wrote in one of her newspaper columns during the Great Depression: "I wish for those I love this New Year an opportunity to earn sufficient; to have that which they need for their own and to give that which they need for their own and to give that which they desire to others; to bring into the lives of those about them some measure of joy; to know the satisfaction of work well done, of recreation earned and therefore savored; to end the year a little wiser, a little kinder and therefore a little happier."

May each of us use the turn of the New year to resolve to try each day to seek and strive for our own true welfare and the welfare of others.

**Why do you see the speck in your neighbor's eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye? — Luke 6:41**

*Bless us, Father of all, as another year begins.*

### FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. The Wife and Family of "Al" on the 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his death;
2. a Parish Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

### SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION - MASS SCHEDULE

*Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup> — 5:00 P.M. — New Year's Eve*

*Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup> — 10:00 A.M. — New Year's Day Mass*

### *Happy New Year from Fr. Phelan*

*Heartfelt thanks to God for the completion of a Year and the start of a new year. May this New Year 2020 bring you great blessing and joy.*

### OUR GIFTS RECORD

Offertory                      Development

<b>Last Week's Collection</b>	\$3,282.00	\$2,083.00
Number of Families contributing	84	62
Total Pledge for 2019	\$167,031.00	\$163,188.00
Pledged to Date (51 Weeks)	\$163,844.00	\$158,798.00
Received to Date	\$139,261.00	\$110,983.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$24,583.00	\$47,815.00

### LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

<b>Amount given last week</b>	<b>Amount given to Date in 2019</b>
\$118.00	\$8,336.00

Fifteen ladies made a contribution last week.

### PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

<b>Amount given last week</b>	<b>Amount given to Date in 2019</b>
\$2,050.00	\$70,724.00

Three people made a P.L.C. contribution last week.

### BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN

<b>GOAL</b>	<b>\$165,000.00</b>
Total Pledged	\$208,330.00
Total Received	\$14,247.00

PARKING LOT totaled \$4.00.

115 CHILDREN contributed \$41.00.

POOR BOX totaled \$41.00

The ATTENDANCE for last Saturday 4:00 p.m. Mass was 310; Saturday 7:00 P.M. was 105 and Sunday 10:00 a.m. Mass was 110.

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED** The Church Office will be closed this Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup> and Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup> in observance of the New Year Holiday.

**BANNS OF MARRIAGE** The Banns of Marriage are announced for the third time for Jim Boy Riley and Karys O'Hara. The Banns of Marriage are announced for the second time for Jason Sherlock and Bessette Carroll.

**MASTER'S TABLE** The Youth Group is scheduled to prepare and serve a hot meal to the clients of the Master's Table in Augusta this Thursday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>. If you would like to participate in this very rewarding opportunity, please contact Jack's Mary Rita.

**THANK YOU** to a member for a donation in thanks to the Holy Spirit, Sacred Heart, Precious Blood and St. Expedite; and a member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite.

**JOKE OF THE WEEK** A friend asks his friend for a cigarette. His friend says, "I thought you made a New year's resolution to quit smoking."

The man says, "I am in the process of quitting right now. I am in the middle of Phase 1."

"What's Phase 1?," the friend asks.

"I've quit buying," the man says.

**RECIPE FOR A HAPPY NEW YEAR**

- Like Abraham* – trust implicitly in my God.
- Like Job* – be patient under all circumstances.
- Like Joseph* – turn my back on all seductive advances.
- Like Moses* – choose to suffer rather than enjoy sin.
- Like Andrew* – strive to lead others to Christ.
- Like Jehoshaphat* – prepare my heart to seek the Lord.

**SILENCE**

**Don't waste words on people who deserve your silence.  
Sometimes the most powerful thing you can say is nothing at all.**

**FUNNY QUESTIONS & ANSWERS**

**Why do birds fly south for New Year's Eve?**  
*It's too far to walk.*

**Why should you put your new calendar in the freezer?**  
*To start the new year in cool way.*

**What do you say to your friends on New Year's Eve?**  
*I haven't seen you since last year.*

**ADDICTION PROBLEMS** Do you have addiction problems? Please call Richard Harmon 803-270-8376.

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- Sunday:** The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
- Monday:** Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
- Tuesday:** Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Sylvester I; New Year's Eve
- Wednesday:** The Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; Mary, the Holy Mother of God; World Day of Peace; New Year's Day
- Thursday:** Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen
- Friday:** The Most Holy Name of Jesus; First Friday
- Saturday:** St. Elizabeth Ann Seton; First Saturday

**MASS INTENTIONS**

- Monday:** For the suffering souls.
- Tuesday:** In honor of the Infant Jesus of Prague for all the sick and St. Joseph for all the holy souls in purgatory.
- Wednesday:** *New Year's Day.*
- Thursday:** For the repose of the soul of "Al" on the 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his death.
- Friday:** For the repose of the soul of Tommy Taylor on his Birthday.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR WISH**

***My Happy New Year wish for you  
Is for your best year yet,  
A year where life is peaceful,  
And what you want, you get.***

***A year in which you cherish  
The past year's memories,  
And live your life each new day,  
Full of bright expectancies.***

***I wish for you a holiday  
With happiness galore;  
And when it's done, I wish you  
Happy New Year, and many more.***

**READERS**

- Sat. Dec. 28<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 P.M.** Cathy Lisa & Karen
- Sat. Dec. 28<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 P.M.** Christina & Natalie
- Sun. Dec. 29<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 A.M.** Jimmy Joseph & Mary Cat
- New Year's Eve, 5:00 P.M.** Christina & Natalie
- New Year's Day, 10:00 A.M.** Jimmy Joseph & Tommy Mack
- Sat. Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 P.M.** Grace & Rita Riley
- Sat. Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 P.M.** Bridgette Anna & Carolyn
- Sun. Jan 5<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 A.M.** Jimmy Joseph & Mary Cat

**READERS – WEEKDAYS**

- Monday** - Taneil
- Tuesday** - Fallon
- Wednesday** - Cathy Lisa
- Thursday** - Pamela
- Friday** - Christina

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND**

- Saturday 4:00 P.M.** Front Left Cup
- Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>** Bridget Ann Winnie Ann
- Sunday 10:00 A.M.**
- Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>** Pete Man's Nora Rose Marie
- Dec. 29<sup>th</sup>** Pete Man's Nora Rose Marie

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY**

- Monday** Cathy Pole
- Tuesday** Pete Man's Nora
- Wednesday** Margaret Butts
- Thursday** Betty Jo
- Friday** Mary Cat

**A NEW YEAR IS LIKE A BLANK BOOK**

- and the pen is in your hands. It is your chance to write a beautiful story for yourself.
- Every end marks a new beginning. Keep your spirits and determination unshaken, and you shall always walk the glory road. With courage, faith and great effort, you shall achieve everything you desire.
- You're supposed to let go of the past and start off new. You're supposed to forgive all those who have hurt you and be open to new relationships, with open arms. That is why it is called the 'New' year.

~~~~~**PRAYER CORNER**~~~~~

**NEW YEAR'S PRAYER**

*Jesus, I want to thank You for this new day. This new year I ask You to please allow the archangel Gabrielle to visit me and all my family with good news throughout this whole new year regarding our bills, payments, obligations, life issues, health issues, hopes, plans, dreams for the future, expected and unexpected doctor visits, letters phone calls, news, meetings, life meetings, life decisions, let all end well. Amen.*