

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

December 31, 2017

My eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.

—Luke 2:30-31



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BEARERS OF THE WORD

The Church has placed a number of notable feast days immediately after Christmas. The feasts of Stephen, John the Evangelist, and the Holy Innocents form a summary of the life lived in Christ, the Word made flesh. What do these have to do with the feast of the Holy Family, which crowns the Octave of Christmas? These feasts remind us that suffering will occur in fulfilling the mission of Christ, and that we are all called to be bearers of this Word whose birth we celebrate.

We also see this manifested in the lives of Joseph and Mary, both of whom took social and religious risks in obedience to the will of God, and both of whom were open to the word of God sent to them from on high. In these ways they prefigured the life of Jesus himself.

Most likely, few of us found ourselves at Mass this past Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday, but the essence of these feasts and the essence of the holiness of Joseph, Mary, and Jesus remain central, a holiness we celebrate today.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Those who honor their parents will be greatly blessed and will atone for sins (Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14) or Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3.

Psalm — Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways (Psalm 128) or Psalm 105.

Second Reading — Be thankful; do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus (Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17]) or Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19.

Gospel — The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom (Luke 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]).

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday

8:00 am

Tuesday

8:00 am

Wednesday

7:00 pm

Thursday

8:00 am

Friday

8:00 am

Saturday

8:00 am

4:30 pm

Sunday

7:30 am

9:30 am

11:30 am

January 1

† Rinaldo Schenone

January 2

† Giuseppe Benedetti

January 3

January 4

† Bruna and † Italo DeRosa

January 5

† Joseph and † Carmen Spiteri

January 6

† Oriana Simonetti

January 7

† Joseph DeLuca

† Richard Marquez

People of the Parish

† Marta P. Ramirez

† Denotes deceased – (L) Living

Please note beginning January 1st 2018, on **Wednesdays only**, there will no longer be an 8:00 am Mass. The only Mass that will be offered that day will be at 7:00 pm.

Sunday Collection December 24, 2017

Weekly Need:	\$ 5,000.00
Sunday Collection	\$ 3,356.00
Over/Under	\$ 1,644.00

If you make your offertory donation by check, without using parishioner envelopes, it would be most helpful if you placed your parishioner/envelope # in the "memo" section of the check.

This helps us input your donation to the offertory data system. **We will not be responsible for donations not credited due to missing envelope numbers (or not having a Sunday collection envelope.)**

JANUARY 1, 2018-New Year's Day

Monday, January 1

Octave Day of Christmas

Solemnity of Mary, the

Holy Mother of God

8:00 am

End of Year Statements

We are closing the books on 2017. Please contact the parish office **in writing**, **if** you are in need of a year-end statement of your donations. We are able to provide statements to parishioners who have donated using **Sunday envelopes**. Please note that any donations received after December 31st will be credited to 2018.

Thank you to the Light of God Charismatic Prayer Community for their yearly donation of \$250.00.

Congratulations to our 2017

Parish Raffle Winners

First Prize

Salvacion de los Reyes

Second Prize

Maria Rangel

Third Prize

Angela Porter

Fourth Prize

Salvacion de los Reyes

Fifth Prize

Caesar Herico



The Parish office will be closed on Monday, January 1st.



Special Christmas Gratitude

On behalf of Father Suan, we would like to say "Thank you" to all the parishioners for their holiday gifts, cards and prayers during the Holy Season. We are grateful to the members of the Art and Environment Committee for decorating our Church so beautifully, members of Hospitality, the Parish Choirs, Organist and Musicians for their uplifting music and ministry during the Holy Season, and to all who generously donated festive Poinsettias to the Church. We would also like to thank all the organizations, individuals and sponsors who contributed to our nine Novena Masses in preparation for Christmas.



*Pray for our Beloved Deceased
In your prayers this week, please remember
the repose of the souls of our deceased
parishioners, especially:*

Pearl Bottino

"Eternal Rest Grant unto them O Lord..."