



THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH December 30, 2018

Beloved, we are God's children now;
What we shall be has not yet been revealed.
— 1 John 3:2a

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Mass Intentions:

December 29th: Parishioners of
 St Andrew and St Regina
 December 30th: Tony Dat Nguyen +
 by Mr & Mrs Mark Bartel
 January 5th: Parishioners of
 St Andrew and St Regina
 January 6th: Lottie Hay +
 by Mr & Mrs Mark Bartel

WEEKLY OFFERING

Dec 30th	
Budget	\$2300
Actual	\$765
Short	\$1535

January 6, 2019

Lectors — Mark Bartel

Gift Bearers — Mr & Mrs Jim
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Eucharistic Ministers — Mary Alyce
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Servers — Emily Perez, Nicki Raudry

Sacristans — Mary Alyce Fiechtl

Altar Linens — Rose, Huff, Patty
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HOME IS WHERE THE FAMILY IS

The idea, dream, and reality of family is so strong and durable that we use it to describe all that is best about human gatherings. We speak of the family of nations, of our church and parish families. The greatest compliment we can pay a friend or gracious host is to say that we feel at home with them, we feel part of the family.

Families are the first crucibles in which love is tested and tempered. Jesus himself was one of three people who lived in the shadow of each other. This family, like our own, did not always “get it right,” but they always tried to. These three “amateurs” were on holiday, and one of them got lost. Two were worried sick and took great measures to find the third, a boy after all, who was seeking the meaning of his calling. He found his vocation—to do his Father’s work—but he also returned home with his parents.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today’s feast is new as feasts go, and it sets us this year in a very modern crisis. Amid conflicting schedules and commitments, a young man, testing the limits, has strayed from his parents and gone off to the big city. Mary and Joseph search frantically, only to find the child Jesus in the temple, conversing with the elders and scholars of the law, who are amazed at his wisdom.

In the time of Jesus, the temple was the religious center of Jewish ritual. Outside of Jerusalem, people gathered in the synagogues, centers of learning, for daily prayer and study. Still, everyone longed to journey to the temple to participate in the offerings, and to fulfill certain obligations of the law that could only be done there. On this feast, we catch a glimpse of the family of Jesus: parents dealing with the normal stresses of raising a child, and yet completely grounded in the ways of faith and tradition.

There has always been an appreciation in Christianity for the value of pilgrimage—the journey to holy places that is a symbol of our life’s journey to God, and a sense of connection to important events in our family history. During the Christmas season, many of us undertake pilgrimages to the family homestead for festival meals, to the parishes where we were formed in the faith, or perhaps even to a beautiful manger scene or festival of lights. There are few better days than this in our calendar for spending time with the family, especially on a short pilgrimage to a favorite place. Just make sure that no one gets left behind!

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TODAY’S READINGS FOR YEAR C

First Reading — Hannah conceived, and at the end of her term bore a son whom she called Samuel (1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28) or *Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14*.

Psalm — Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord (Psalm 84) or *Psalm 128*.

Second Reading — See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God (1 John 3:1-2, 21-24) or *Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17]*.

Gospel — The boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. They found him in the temple, in the midst of the teachers (Luke 2:41-52).

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Parishioners

Grant Adams,

Relatives

Christine Hart and the twin boys Benjamin and Theodore, Andrew Morlan,

Friends

Emma Cupples, Fr Robert Ponticello

Mass Schedule for

Solemnity of the Holy Mother of God (This is a holy day of obligation)

Monday, December 31st, Vigil
 St Andrew at 7:00 pm

Tuesday, January 1st
 St Andrew at 9:00 am
 St Regina at 11:00 am

Coming Events

December 31st and January 1st: The office will be closed.

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There will be no class on December 30th. Classes will resume on January 6th.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
 Tuesday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
 Thursday: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34
 Friday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42
 Saturday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Jn 1:43-51
 Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Mass Schedule

Monday: 7:00 pm

Tuesday: 9:00 am

Wednesday: 11:30 am

Thursday: 9:00 am

First Friday: Adoration from
 9:00—11:30 am

Mass at 11:30 am

First Saturday: 9:00 am

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

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