BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO WALK IN THE WAY OF THE LORD.

Psalm 128

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
December 28/29, 2019
Merry Christmas

The Catholic Christmas season begins on December 25th and ends in January on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. During this season, we celebrate the birth of Christ, the Son of God, God with us, true God and true man, Emmanuel, who was born long ago in Bethlehem and is still among us today.

Christmas Prayer

Glory to God in the highest!

My precious Lord, Jesus,
I adore You with profound love and rejoice in the celebration of Your birth.
Your love for us is unfathomable,
it is glorious transforming, awe-inspiring,
and deeply personal.

You chose to come and dwell among us,
being born into poverty, rejection and humility.
Yet Your mother knew whom she bore,
Her heart was filled with the tenderest love
as she adored her Child and her God.

Help me, dear Lord.
to come to love You with the heart of Your mother.
Invite me to adore You with St. Joseph and the poor shepherds.

Reveal to me the glorious power of Your birth and change my life on account of this perfect gift of Yourself.

I love You, dear Lord Jesus.
Help me to love You with all my heart.
Newborn Savior of the World,
I trust in You.
Mother Mary and St. Joseph,
Pray for me and for all. Amen.

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS
MARY AND JOSEPH
«Get up, take the child and his mother and go back to the land of Israel»

Today, we contemplate the mystery of the Holy Family. The Son of God begins his path through men in the midst of a plain family. It is the Father's design. The family will always be the irreplaceable human habitat. Jesus has a legal father that “carries” him and a Mother that is always by his side. God always used St. Joseph, a just man, faithful husband and responsible father, to protect the Family of Nazareth: «An angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph and said, ‘Get up, take the child and his mother and flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you’» (Mt 2:13).

Today, more than ever before, the Church is expected to proclaim the good news of the Gospel of the Family and of life. Today, more than ever before, a deep inhuman culture trumpets, while trying to inflict it upon us, their anti-gospel of confusion and death. In John Paul II's postsynodal apostolic exhortation, Ecclesia in Europa, he reminds us: «The Church (…) must faithfully proclaim anew the truth about marriage and the family. She sees this as burning need, for she knows that this task is integral to the mission of evangelization entrusted to her by her Bridegroom and Lord, and imposes itself today with unusual force. Many cultural, social and political factors are in fact conspiring to create an increasingly evident crisis of the family. In varying ways they jeopardize the truth and dignity of the human person, and call into question, often misrepresenting it, the notion of the family itself. The value of marital indissolubility is increasingly denied; demands are made for the legal recognition of de facto relationships as if they were comparable to legitimate marriages…!».

«Herod will soon be looking for the child in order to kill him» (Mt 2:13). Once again, Herod is striking, but we are not to be afraid, for God's help is not lacking in our life. Let us go to Nazareth. Let us rediscover the truth about the family and about life. Let us live it up joyfully and let us proclaim it to our brothers thirsty for light and hope. The Pope invites us to: «It is necessary to reaffirm that these institutions [marriage and family] are realities grounded in the will of God. Furthermore, it is necessary to serve the Gospel of life».

And, again, «an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph and said: ‘Get up, take the child and his mother and go back to the land of Israel’» (Mt 2:19-20). The return from Egypt is imminent!

Fuente: Fr. Joan Ant. MATEO i García
(La Fuliola, Lleida, Spain) http://evangeli.net/gospel/day/2019-12-29

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I would like to express to all of you my deep gratitude for so many beautiful Christmas cards and good wishes to me and my family in this holy season. It was my first Christmas without my mom but with all your company, support and friendship it was a great time. You are amazing communities (St Charles and St. Romans parishes). It is a blessing to me to be here with all of you!! Thank you all for your generosity. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2020.

May the Blessed Virgin Mary, our mother of Hope, enlighten us to continue walking towards Jesus Christ, who is our Salvation. Blessings to all.

Fr. Carlos Zapata
FELIZ NAVIDAD

La época navideña católica comienza el 25 de diciembre y termina en enero en la fiesta del Bautismo del Señor. Durante este tiempo, celebramos el nacimiento de Cristo, el Hijo de Dios, Dios con nosotros, verdadero Dios y verdadero hombre, Emmanuel, que nació hace mucho tiempo en Belén y sigue entre nosotros hoy.

ORACIÓN DE NAVIDAD

¡Gloria a Dios en lo más alto!
Mi precioso Señor, Jesús,
Te adoro con profundo amor y me regocijo en la celebración de Tu nacimiento.
Tu amor por nosotros es insondable,
es gloriosa transformación, impresionante,
y profundamente personal.

Elegiste venir y morir entre nosotros,
nacer en la pobreza, el rechazo y la humildad.

Sin embargo, tu madre sabía a quién llevaba,
Su corazón estaba lleno del amor más tierno
como ella adoraba a su Hijo y a su Dios.

Ayúdame, querido Señor,
para llegar a amarte con el corazón de tu madre.

Invítame a adorarte con San José y los pobres pastores.

Revelarme el glorioso poder de Tu nacimiento y cambiar mi vida a causa de este don perfecto de Ti mismo.

Hoy contemplamos el misterio de la Sagrada Familia. El Hijo de Dios comienza su camino a través de los hombres en medio de una familia llana. Es el diseño del Padre. La familia siempre será el hábitat humano insustituible. Jesús tiene un padre legal que lo “lleva” a él y a una Madre que siempre está a su lado. Dios siempre usó a San José, un hombre justo, esposo fiel y padre responsable, para proteger a la Familia de Nazaret: «Un ángel del Señor se apareció en un sueño a José y le dijo: ‘Levántate, toma al niño y a su madre y huye a Egipto, y quédate allí hasta que te lo diga’» :13).

Hoy, más que nunca, se espera que la Iglesia proclame la buena nueva del Evangelio de la familia y de la vida. Hoy, más que nunca, una cultura profundamente inhumana trompeta, mientras trata de infligir sobre nosotros, su anti-evangelio de confusión y muerte. En la exhortación apostólica postsinódal de Juan Pablo II, Ecclesia in Europa, nos recuerda: «La Iglesia (...) debe proclamar fielmente de nuevo la verdad sobre el matrimonio y la familia. Ella ve esto como una necesidad ardiente, porque sabe que esta tarea es parte integral de la misión de evangelización que le ha confiado su Esposo y señor, y hoy se impone con una fuerza inusual. Muchos factores culturales, sociales y políticos están conspirando para crear una crisis cada vez más evidente de la familia. De diversas maneras ponen en peligro la verdad y la dignidad de la persona humana, y cuestionan, a menudo tergiversándola, la noción de la propia familia. El valor de la indisolubilidad conyugal se niega cada vez más; se exigen el reconocimiento legal de las relaciones de hecho como si fueran comparables a los matrimonios legítimos...!».


Y, de nuevo, «un ángel del Señor se apareció en un sueño a José y le dijo: ‘Levántate, toma al niño y a su madre y regresa a la tierra de Israel’» (Mt 2, 19-20). ¡El regreso de Egipto es inminente!

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Quisiera expresarles a todos mi profunda gratitud por tantas hermosas tarjetas de Navidad y buenos deseos para mí y mi familia en esta época santa. Fue mi primera Navidad sin mi mamá, pero con toda su compañía, apoyo y amistad fue un gran momento. Ustedes son una comunidad hispana increíble en nuestra parroquia de San Roman. Es una bendición para mi estar aquí con todos ustedes!! Gracias a todos por su generosidad. Feliz Navidad y Feliz Año Nuevo 2020.

Que Nuestra madre La virgen María, la madre de la Esperanza, nos ayude a orar, sintiendo la presencia real de Jesucristo, su Hijo, sobre todo en la Eucaristía. Feliz semana para todos.

Fr. Carlos Zapata
Parish Stewardship
A Way of Life

The contributions for the week of December 22nd will be posted in the next available bulletin.

Readings for the week of December 29th

**Sunday**
Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/ Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

**Monday**
1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40

**Tuesday**
1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18

**Wednesday**
Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

**Thursday**
1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 1:19-28

**Friday**
1 Jn 2:29–3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6 [3cd]/Jn 1:29-34

**Saturday**
1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [3cd]/Jn 1:35-42

**Next Sunday**
Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

**Holiday Schedule**

**Feast of the Holy Family**
Saturday, December 28th at 4:30 pm
Sunday, December 29th at 8:30 am, 10:30 & 12:15 pm (Espanol)

**Solemnity of Mary Mother of God**
Tuesday, December 31st at 4:00 pm
Wednesday, January 1st at 8:30 am & 12:15 pm (Espanol)

**Baptism Class at St. Roman Parish**

**Tuesday, January 7 / 7 de Enero**
**6:30 pm** en Español
Favor de hablar a la oficina parroquial para matricularse (414) 282-9063
La noche de la plática, favor de entrar por la puerta que está ubicada en la parte de atrás de la oficina parroquial.

**7:00 pm** en English
Call the Parish Office (414) 282-9063 to register.
Enter on the side of the Parish Office Building through the covered porch entrance on the evening of the class.

**FYI**
There are copies of Exploring the Sunday Readings & Living Faith in the kiosk. Feel free to take one.

**Please Note!**
The date for pizza making has been changed. The new date is January 24th beginning at 4:00 pm.
Pizza pick up will take place in Adamski Hall on January 25th from 9:00 am-12:00 pm.
**Ladies ~** Join us at St. Roman Parish on Monday, January 13, 2020 as we continue our 2019-2020 Dinner and Movie Series.

Come and enjoy our buffet dinner and stay to watch "Hidden Figures". The movie is 2 hour 7 minutes long.

This event takes place in Adamski Hall, 1810 W Bolivar Avenue. Entry is from the Parking Lot.

The Cost for dinner is $10 per person. Payment may be made in cash or by check payable to St. Roman Parish. The reservation deadline is Friday, January 3, 2020. If mailing, the postmark must be on or before December 31, 2019.

Doors Open at 5:30 pm. Dinner is served beginning at 6:00 pm.

- Once you enter Adamski Hall, enjoy complimentary coffee, ice water, and veggies and dip. The bar will be open for those who wish to purchase beer, wine or soda. You may take your name card and redeem it for your dessert.
- Visit our raffle table before dinner, from 5:30 to 6:40 pm, to purchase your chances to win wonderful prizes. Raffle ticket sales will end at 6:40 pm and we will begin drawing tickets at 6:45.
- Prayer is scheduled for 6:00 pm and we will begin serving immediately after giving thanks to God and asking for His blessings. The movie is expected to begin between about 7:00 pm; as soon as everyone is finished with dinner and we draw the winning numbers for the prizes.

Our dinner menu includes pulled pork or beef brisket (indicate your choice below), creamy Cole Slaw, Corn Bread, Italian Pasta Salad, and watermelon. Assorted desserts will again be provided by our wonderful committee.

About the Movie: Three brilliant African-American women at NASA -- Katherine Johnson (Taraji P. Henson), Dorothy Vaughan (Octavia Spencer) and Mary Jackson (Janelle Monáe) -- serve as the brains behind one of the greatest operations in history: the launch of astronaut John Glenn (Glen Powell) into orbit, a stunning achievement that restored the nation's confidence, turned around the Space Race and galvanized the world.

Please remember that all persons wishing to sit at the same table must submit their form and payment in the same envelope. A list of people and payment for all guests may also be attached to one form. The maximum at each table is 8 people. If you have more than eight in your party, please split them into two groups and request they be seated at tables next to each other. In this case, two forms should be filled out with the names and returned together in the same envelope.

Reservations, along with payments, are due to St. Roman Parish Office, 1710 W Bolivar Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53221 on or before January 3, 2020 and must be post marked on or before December 31, 2019 if received through the mail.

**January 13, 2020 Movie Night Dinner Reservation**

Name and Phone Number of person making the reservation:  

**Name of Guest** (please begin with the person making the reservation when listing guests below)

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Carmen High School South
Winter Blood Drive
St. Roman Parish

Adamski Hall
1710 W. Bolivar Ave.
Milwaukee, WI 53221

Friday, January 3, 2020
1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

For an appointment call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org

By donating at this blood drive, you are helping one or more graduating seniors earn a scholarship!

Adult Dance Fundraiser
To Benefit The Catholic Youth Football Club for the purchase of equipment

Saturday, February 15, 2020
At St. Roman Parish Betz Center
1810 W Bolivar Ave (entry is from the Parking Lot)

Music from 7:30 pm to 11:30 pm
Doors Open at 7:00 pm

Single Admission $20 ~ Two for $30

Admission includes music, beer, wine, soda, the opportunity to purchase raffle ticket to win cash or prizes. Carry-ins are allowed.
It is time again for St. Roman Athletic Association’s Annual Pizza Sale. This is the only fundraiser that the Athletic Association sponsors and we NEED your help. The success of this event benefits all of the children in the athletic programs. This fundraising event helps us to keep costs down for our sporting program and allows us to purchase new uniforms and equipment. Please obtain orders from family, neighbors and friends! Please help to sell pizzas, assemble pizzas and/or distribute the orders!

**Friday – 10 January 2020 Order Forms & Money Due Date**
Please return order forms by this date to the Parish or School Office.

**Friday – 24 January 2020 Pizza Assembly Party (4:00 pm starting time)**
Come and join in the fun of assembling pizza’s & socializing with families of St. Roman Parish & School (Children in 5th Grade or higher can help pick up some service hours!). All are welcome...parish members, parents, grandparents, aunts & uncles, etc. Many hands make light work...please stop by to help ...we NEED everyone...come for 30 minutes or 3 hours!!

**Saturday – 25 January 2020 Pizza Pick Up Date (9:00 am -12:00 pm)**
Pick up your pizza orders between 9 am and noon in front of the school entrance.

If you need additional order forms or have any questions, please call the School Office or contact – Beth Bohn at (414-507-6045). We hope we can count on your support of our **MAJOR** fundraising event.

Please fill out and return the bottom portion if we can count on you to volunteer your time.

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Deadline for all orders is Friday, January 10th 2020
**Monday, December 30**

- **8:00 am** Mass (CH)
- **4:00 pm** St. Thomas Aquinas Basketball practice (BC)
- **5:30 pm** 6th grade boys basketball practice (BC)

**Tuesday, December 31**

- **Parish office closed at noon**

- **4:00 pm** Mass (CH)

**Wednesday, January 1**

- **Parish office closed**

- **8:30 am** Mass (CH)
- **10:30 am** Mass @ SCB
- **12:15 pm** Misa en Español (CH)

**Thursday, January 2**

**Friday, January 3**

- **1:00 pm** Blood Drive (AH)
- **5:30 pm** St. Alphonsus Basketball Practice (BC)
- **6:00 pm** Spanish Choir Rehearsal (CH)

**Saturday, January 4**

- **8:30 am** Contemplative Outreach of Southeast Wisconsin (POLMR)
- **10:00 am** Food Pantry distribution
- **12:00 pm** Private party (AH)
- **4:00 pm** Rosary (CH)
- **4:30 pm** Mass (CH)

**Sunday, January 5**

- **8:30 am** Mass (CH)
- **8:45 am** K-5 Faith Formation (AH/Classrooms)
- **10:00 am** Children & Adult Choir Lunch (AH)
- **10:30 am** Mass (CH)
- **12:15 pm** Misa en español (CH)

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**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, December 28th**

- **4:30 pm**— Fr. Brian Holbus
  - † Laura Gnus, Int. John M.
  - † Beatrice & Eugene Bratkowski, Int. John M.
  - † Becky Berger, Int. Family
  - † Bob Belter, Int. Gerry & Kris
  - ♥ Anniversary of Wayne & the late Kathleen Blaszczyk, Int. Family

**Sunday, December 29th**

- **8:30 am**— Fr. Carlos Zapata
  - † Robert Lemke Jr., Int. Mary Mecha
  - † Crystal Sura, Int. The Festival Committee

- **10:30 am**— Fr. Brian Holbus
  - † Arlene Kazinski, Int. Sue Balcerk

- **12:15 pm**— Fr. Carlos Zapata
  - ♥ Birthday blessings for Ashlee Perez, Int. Familia

**Monday, December 30th—Fr. Brian Holbus**

**Tuesday, December 31st—Mary Mother of God**

- **8:00 am** Mass (SCB)

**Wednesday, January 1—Mary Mother of God**

- **8:30 am**— Fr. Brian Holbus
- **10:30 am**— Fr. Brian Holbus
- **12:15 pm**— Fr. Carlos Zapata

**Thursday, January 2nd—Xaverian**

- **7:00 am**— Fr. Michael Michalski

**Friday, January 3rd—Xaverian**

- **7:00 am**— Fr. Michael Michalski

**Saturday, January 4th**

- **4:30 pm**— Fr. Thomas Eichenberger
  - † Janet Uttke, Int. Family
  - † Terry Schlindler, Int. Cathi & Ray Willoughby, Jr.

**Sunday, January 5th**

- **8:30 am**— Fr. Brian Holbus
- **10:30 am**— Fr. Ron Kotecki
  - † Marcella Karshen, Int. Friends
  - † Arlene Kazinski, Int. Jill Bauer

- **12:15 pm**— Fr. Michael Michalski

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**In observance of New Years**

the parish office will be closed

beginning at noon on Tuesday, December 31st.

We will reopen on Thursday, January 2nd at 8am.

Wishing you and your family a
Happy New Year.

-St. Roman Parish Staff.
For this is how God loved the world: He gave His one and only unique Son as a gift. So now everyone who believes in Him will never perish but experience everlasting life.

God did not send His Son into the world to judge and condemn it, but to be its Savior and to rescue it.

John 3:16-17

KSB has loved celebrating Jesus this Christmas with the giant Advent calendar, decorating our tree, learning about the Christmas story and making crafts. Merry Christmas!
School News

Mark your calendars for these fun, upcoming events at St. Roman School!

**Sunday, February 2, 2020: Teacher Meet & Greet**

*Please join us after the 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Masses!*

Join us in the gym for family fun with a bounce house and refreshments. This is a great opportunity to meet teachers, ask questions, watch our school video, and tour the school.

**Wednesday, February 5, 2020: Open House**

*Please join us from 6:00-8:00pm! This is an event you won't want to miss!*

This is a great opportunity to take an official tour, meet current St. Roman students and families, talk with teachers, ask questions, and learn about curriculum and programs offered at our school. Plus, we have a Mad Science program for the kids along with decorating their own cookie!

We will have computers set up and staff available to assist you in registering for the 2020-2021 school year!

We look forward to seeing you at these events!

Please contact the school office at 414.282.7970 with questions!
As we walk together at St. Roman School, we are Committed to God, Challenged to Grow, and Called to Serve.