



St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center

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The Holy Family - December 27, 2020



THE HOLY FAMILY

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

- Lk 2:30-31

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

If your loved one dies and you need a sign language interpreter for Catholic funeral, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE contact Fr. Joe at 312-685-7899 v/text. If you know of a Deaf person in the hospital or nursing home who would like his blessing, he can call them at the nursing home.

NOTES FROM FR. JOE

The Feast of the Holy Family: we should pray, in a special way, for all our families. Many of our families have struggled because of sickness, losing jobs, the death of loved ones, great stress. We ask JOSEPH, MARY & JESUS to protect all our families. Pope Francis has declared that this year (2021) will be especially dedicated to ST. JOSEPH.

- ◆ CATHOLIC DEAF COMMUNITY of ORANGE, CA has a new website. Visit OCCatholicDeaf.org
- ◆ See the Christmas/Three Kings customs of MEXICO, CENTRAL & SOUTH AMERICAS: www.dcyia.net
- ◆ DOLORES STEFANSKI (88) died 12/10. Dolores (and husband FRANK) were long-time members of the Catholic deaf community. Two of her daughters are wonderful interpreters: SHIRLEY WEHKING & DARLENE CECCHI. She also had a 3rd daughter, SUE.
- ◆ The Center for Disease Control has good videos about health & Covid-19 with ASL. Google: CDC ASL videos
- ◆ Owe rent, mortgage, have debts because of CoVid-19? No lawyer? Cook County has a special program to help you. Go to: www.cookcountylegalaid.com

WARNINGS!

- ◆ COVID SCAMS. There are so many SCAMS about Covid-19. These scams tell you that you can pay to get "special vaccine", "first place in line", "no wait for Covid help", "you will not get a shot unless you....." etc, but you MUST pay. NO!!!! These are all false. Your Medicare, Medicaid, insurance will pay for the vaccine shots. Do NOT respond to any of these scams.
- ◆ The TRUMP administration has changed some rules about SSI, SSD, and made it HARDER to keep your SOCIAL SECURITY! Social Security will NOT call you on the phone. If you get a letter from Social Security wanting information about your present SS status, do NOT ignore the letter. Contact someone at CHS (Chicago Hearing Society), any CIL (like Access Living, Progress Center, etc); Sarita Phadke, or Fr. Joe.
- ◆ POLICE WARNINGS: all police departments will be very strict to give tickets for ALL drivers who: do not wear seat belts, text/drive, talk on phone/drive, DUI, speed. This is especially true NEW YEAR'S week.
- ◆ DRIVERS: pay attention to the street signs, especially re: winter parking. Even if there is no snow, the law about parking changed DEC. 1st.

If you feel sick, feel a cold starting, stay home from Church until you feel good again. It is important to: wash your hands/use a hand sanitizer. Wear a mask when you are with other people, outside or into any stores. No hand-shaking. Keep social distance. If you feel sick: high fever, hard cough, body hurts all over, contact your doctor. If you are VERY weak, trouble breathing, 9-1-1! Do not wait. IF YOU CAME TO CHURCH AND TEST POSITIVE FOR CoVid 19 PLEASE CONTACT FR JOE AS SOON AS POS-

Every Monday, 1pm & Every Wednesday, 2pm:
VIDEO PHONE CHAT with
Deaf Social/Support Group,
RSVP: 224-520-9763vp,
sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org

WASH YOUR HANDS

SOAP & WARM WATER, 20 Seconds.
STAY HOME: avoid being near other people.
GET REST: getting enough sleep is important.
DRINK WATER
MOVE AROUND: do not sit at your VP or computer screen for hours.

FEEDING HUNGRY CHILDREN: There are hundreds of sites in the Chicago area where children can receive healthy, FREE meals. Text FOODIL to 877877, or call 1-800-359-2164. CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS has free lunch for children at many schools from 8 AM to 1 PM at over 450 sites every weekday. Find a site near you at cps.edu/mealsites. The Greater Chicago Food Depository has a number of "Pop-up Pantries". These are mobile sites where food is available for families. Go to: www.chicagofoodbank.org and search "Pop-up Pantries".

2020 CASH RAFFLE WINNERS!!!

\$4,000 Jayne Mulcrone Grabowski
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\$1,000 Fr. Jack Cuff

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Julie Sochacki
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Kay Heinz

JERSEYS
Annette Langston
Steve Van Dorselaer
John Lemker
Fr. Tom Hurley
Bob & Mary Nellis

Remember, when the snow comes, keeping sidewalks ice-free is an important way to protect yourself and passersby from injury. It's also the law in Chicago, and many suburban municipalities. Residents & businesses who do not follow this rule could face fines of \$50 to \$500. **Chicago has a Snow Corps for helping seniors and people with disabilities.** To volunteer or request help, go to: www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/mayor/snowportal/snow_corps.html

ELECTRONIC GIVING is an EASY way to contribute to St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center.
INFO: deafsmitty@gmail.com (JIMMY SMITH).
He can make your giving to church each week simple, with no hassles!

WARNING: if you travel to ANY STATE OUTSIDE OF ILLINOIS, be careful. Wear your mask and stay 6 feet from other people. You MUST quarantine yourself for 14 days after you return. All states have high rates of COVID-19, but not all have strict mask & distance rules.

Family Together

Today's celebration of the Feast of the Holy Family highlights the importance of family in our religious life. From his parents, Jesus learned how to be a faithful believer in his Jewish tradition.

Gather as a family and recall times when your family showed its commitment to one another in good times and in bad. Recall times when your immediate family was supported by members of your extended family. Note that today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family, and we see in the family of Jesus an example for our own family life.

One of the blessings of family life is our commitment to one another, sharing good times and supporting one another through difficult times. Conclude in prayer together thanking God for the grace expressed in your family's commitment to another.

Message from Margaret Swatek, Religious Education Reporter

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

God sent his only son into the world to be born as a helpless baby. The Holy Family cherished and loved him until the time came for him to share his Good News with the world.

Mary and Joseph set off for the temple in Jerusalem to offer thanks to God, as was the custom after the birth of their first child. At the temple they met an old man call Simeon. Simeon was a kind and good man who was filled with the Holy Spirit. When Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the Temple, Simeon took him in his arms and said, "Thank you, Lord, for allowing me to see the savior you promised." He blessed Mary and Joseph, and they were amazed by everything he said.

An old woman called Anna often prayed at the temple. When she saw Jesus, she began to praise God loudly and to tell everyone about the child who had come to save the world. When Mary and Joseph had done everything, they were supposed to do, they returned to Nazareth in Galilee. Jesus grew into a strong and wise child because he had been blessed by God.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sun, Dec 27: Holy Family Feast. NO MASS at St. Francis Borgia or St. Mary of Vernon. This is a "day of REST!"

Thurs, Dec 31: 5pm (hearing church) Mass, INTERPRETED.

Fri, Jan 1: NO MASS

Sun, Jan 3: EPIPHANY. Feast of the 3 kings. Mass, 10:30am.

Sun, Jan 10: Mass, 10:30am. 6pm Mass, St. Julie Billiart.

REMINDER: the doors to the hall open at 10am each Sunday for Mass. There is no social time after Mass until further notice. When Mass is finished, you must leave the building.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR NEW INFORMATION. WWW.DEAFCHURCHCHICAGO.ORG

Many of our Chaplains for the Deaf are posting Masses on the internet.

Mon and Weds - Fr. Shawn Carey - www.facebook.com/bostondeafcatholic.org/

Tuesdays - Fr. Mike Depcik at 10:30 am EST, 7:30am PST - www.facebook.com/deafmass

Thursdays - Fr. Paul Zirimenya 12 noon PST, 3pm EST www.facebook.com/stbenedictparish

Fridays - 3pm - Divine Mercy Chaplet - www.facebook.com/groups/icdaus/

HelpIllinoisfamilies.com is a program to help families who have unpaid bills for rent, utilities, food, etc. Go to: helpillinoisfamilies.com.

Readings for the week of December 27, 2020

Sun Dec 27: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Ps 128:1-5; Ps 105:1-9; Col 3:12-21; Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40

Mon Dec 28: 1 Jn 1:5 - 2:2; Ps 124:2-8; Mt 2:13-18

Tues Dec 29: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-6; Lk 2:22-35

Weds Dec 30: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40

Thurs Dec 31: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18

Fri Jan 1: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Sat Jan 2: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-2



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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Rita Cupuro	Dolores Wallace
Genevieve Balsitis	John Hoberg
Marijo Wimbush	Sr. Corita Ambro
Bill Ortiga	Peggy Franco
Genevieve Uhren	Richard Kush
Arlene Redmond	Deacon Casey Fronczek
Hedie Iovito	Wilma Roche
Patricia Mancuso	Fr. Len Broniak
Frank Mancuso	Danny Rivera
Chris Wehking	William Costello
Caroline Goraj	Baby Victoria Solis
Majka family	James Mulcrone
Drucilla Ronchen	Joan Christian
Carmen Reyes	Esther Stolarski
Kay Mulvey	Mary Brandseth
Bill Cusack	Joseph Valicento
2 priests at St. Julie	Theresa Stanis
Charlotte Seegert	Mary Cook

DOLORES STEFANSKI (88), who died Dec. 10th.

- ♦ Rev. Joseph Mulcrone, Administrator
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- ♦ Deacon Emeritus Casimir Fronczek
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Mass Every Sunday 10:30am

At St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center

Mass at 4:00pm:

St. Julie Billiart: 2nd & 3rd Sundays every month

St. Mary of Vernon: 4th Sunday of every month

Take a look at FR. MIKE DEPCIK's web-page, every week: www.frmd.org

Pietryka Funeral Home
 5734 W. Diversey Avenue ~ 773-889-0115

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 5735 W. Fullerton Ave. ~ 773-237-6400

Our family is dedicated to helping you share the stories that make this community great. We provide a place to cry, to laugh, and most importantly, begin the healing process that follows the loss of a loved one. Whether traditional or unique, we help you create a meaningful way to say goodbye.

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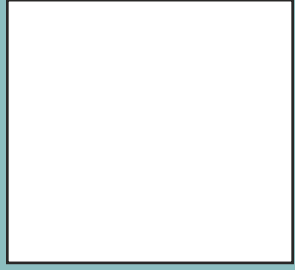
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