



St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center

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The Holy Family - December 26, 2021



The Holy Family

After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. - Lk 2:46-47

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

- We want to thank all of the wonderful people who work with our Religious Education program. They truly help our families grow in love of God.
- Next Sunday, JANUARY 2: the Feast of the three Wise Men (EPIPHANY). One of the fun customs of this feast is the Rosca de reyes. We will bring the specially baked bread with small statues of Jesus in the bread.
- POLICE WARNING: ALL POLICE DEPARTMENTS in Illinois, will be watching drivers and will be giving tickets: DUI...texting/calling while driving...not wearing seat belts...no insurance...not using turn signals. The police will be out all this week through next Sunday.
- RAFFLE NEWS: Fall Raffle collected \$39,000. We paid out \$18,000 in prizes. We had \$1,000 in expenses (printing, mailing, etc.) That left us a profit of \$20,000. The profit from the race went to the Catholic Office of the Deaf. Thank you so much. We will do this same raffle again in the Fall of 2022.
- JANUARY 1 is NOT a holyday this year. We will not have any special Masses on New Year's Eve or New Year's day.
- DEC. 27: St. John the Evangelist. He was the brother of St. James, an Apostle of Jesus, and the writer of the Gospel of St. John and the Book of Revelation (Apocalypse).
- DEC. 28: the feast of the Holy Innocents. King Herod had these innocent children killed (Matthew 2:16-18). We should pray for all the children of our world who die every day because of war, violence, and abuse.
- THANK YOU! On Sunday, Dec. 12th, I talked about the people (many from Puerto Rico, Mexico, Guatemala) who died in the tornado in Mayfield, KY. Many of these people make small wages. They were working on the night shift to make a little more overtime money for their families before Christmas. I suggested at Mass we send all the money of that collection to the Diocese of Owensboro, KY. The Catholic Charities there will use the money to help these families. We collected \$505 - God bless you all for being so generous.
- Our COVID rules continue at St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center: Must use hand sanitizers. Must wear masks. Holy Communion in your hands ONLY. Please make sure to wash your hands if you go to the washroom, soap and warm water. (Parents, remind your children.) If you feel sick, stay home and rest.

In person Deaf Social & Support is back at Schaumburg Township! 3rd Tuesday each month, 10:30 am to 3 pm. Must RSVP: 224-520-9763vp, sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org

WASH YOUR HANDS SOAP & WARM WATER, 20 Seconds.
GET REST: getting enough sleep is important.
DRINK WATER
MOVE AROUND: do not sit at your VP or computer screen for hours.
PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER. PRAY.

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. 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".

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

IMMIGRATION LEGAL CLINICS:

Irish Community Services offers FREE 30 minute VIRTUAL meetings with immigration lawyers. Upcoming clinics. The meetings are FREE & CONFIDENTIAL. ALL Nationalities are welcome, not only Irish! If you are deaf and wish to attend one of these, contact Catholic Office of the Deaf to arrange an appointment and get an interpreter.

To register for a legal clinic please call 872-227-7099 or email info@irishchicago.org

DRIVERS...PLEASE!!! Be VERY careful driving, especially near malls and shopping centers. Many young people are running between cars, crossing in the middle of streets. Watch out; slow down. Do not text or talk on the phone behind the wheel.

Family Together

At Christmas time it can be all too easy to get caught up in the excitement and commercialism that is associated with this time of year. We can lose sight of what the Christmas celebration is really all about – that God's only Son was born in Bethlehem and laid in a simple manger. He is the greatest Christmas gift of all. That's why Christmas is a time for giving and remembering the needs of others. It is time when we should reflect on all the God-given gifts we have, and how we can and should share them with others and give something back to God. As we welcome the gift of God's Son this Christmas, let us prepare a special place for Him in our simple manger and humble hearts. Let's swaddle Him not in strips of cloth but in the loving thoughts and the personal gifts and talents we can bring to the manger as offerings of love and thanks for His coming.

Message from Margaret Swatek, Religious Education Reporter

Christmas

(Luke 2:1-14)

Christmas is one of the great feasts of the Church's year when it is more appropriate for the entire worshipping community to celebrate the liturgy of the Word together.

Caesar Augustus, the Roman Emperor, ordered a census to be taken, and everyone returned to the town of their family origin to be registered. So it was that Joseph and Mary left Nazareth in Galilee and returned to Bethlehem in Judaea, King David's childhood home. This was because Joseph was a descendant of David's royal line.

While they were there, the time came for Mary to have her baby, and she wrapped him in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no room at the inn.

On a hillside near the town, some shepherds were watching over their sheep. Suddenly, an angel appeared, and the sky was filled with God's glory. The shepherds were terrified, but the angel said, 'Do not be afraid, for I have great news for you. Today a baby has been born in Bethlehem. He is Christ the Lord, and you will find him lying in a manger.'

The sky was filled with the sound of angels singing, 'Glory to God in the highest, and peace to all people on earth!' of miles to visit together for the celebration of Christmas.

This week's gospel story tells of another visit. Right after the angel told Mary that she would be the mother of Jesus, Mary went to visit her cousin Elizabeth. The angel had also told Mary that Elizabeth would have a son. Mary wanted to be with her cousin to share their happy news. Mary and Elizabeth both know that happiness is twice as nice when it is shared with loved ones. Christmas visits are just like Mary's visit with Elizabeth. Everybody is happy. Everyone has wonderful news to share.

This week, whenever someone visits you, whenever someone calls you, remember the message of the gospel: Happiness is better when it is shared. And Christmas is the happiest news the world has ever known.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Sun, Jan 2, 2022: Feast of the Three Wise Men. 10:30am Mass.
"Jesus bread" party after Mass.
Sun, Jan. 9: Mass, 10:30 (INTERPRETED in the large church). Fr. Joe is at the
NCOD Pastoral week. Deaf center will be open. NO Mass at St. Julie.
Sun, Jan. 16: Mass, 10;30am. 6pm Mass, St. Julie.
Sun, Jan. 23: Mass, 10:30am. FR. BILL KEY. No 4pm mass, St. Mary of Vernon.
Sun, Jan. 30: Mass, 10:30am. 4pm Mass, St. Mary of Vernon.

OUR READERS:
Dec 24 - Betty Mulvey
Dec 25 - Iris Martinez
Dec 26 - Yanelly Martinez

Readings for the week of Dec 26, 2021

Sun Dec 26: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-5; Col 3:12-21; Lk 2:41-52; Ps 84:2-10;
1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52
Mon Dec 27: 1 Jn 1:1-4 ; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 ; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Tues Dec 28: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2; Ps 124:2-8; Mt 2:13-18
Weds Dec 29: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
Thurs Dec 30: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40
Fri Dec 31: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
Sat Jan 1: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

PLEASE CONTINUE TO CHECK OUR
WEBSITE FOR NEW INFORMATION.

WWW.DEAFCHURCHCHICAGO.ORG

Many Catholic Deaf Ministries are posting
Masses on the internet.
Full list available at www.NCOD.org



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Mass Every Sunday 10:30am
At St. Francis Borgia Deaf Center
Mass at 4:00pm:
St. Julie Billiard: 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

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