

Church of the Holy Childhood

1435 Midway Parkway † St. Paul MN 55108

December 27, 2020



THE HOLY FAMILY



The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom;
and the favor of God was upon him. - Lk 2:40



Pastor's Letter

AN ENDING THAT CAN LEAD TO A NEW BEGINNING

One of the traditions I appreciated and picked up as one of my own during my time in Europe (1976-1993) was the celebration of the year-past and the year-ahead. On December 31st Catholics sing a solemn hymn of praise and thanksgiving, usually the traditional Latin hymn, the *Te Deum* (loosely translated in "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"), for the past year's blessings and opportunities. That is followed on January 1st with the singing of the hymn to the Holy Spirit, the *Veni, Creator Spiritus* (loosely translated in "Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest"), asking for God's guidance and blessing in the year to come.

With or without the singing, as a community or privately, this is a time to look at one's life in that perspective: "Where has God been active in my life during the past year?" and "How open am I to that continuing presence and action in the year to come?"

I encourage you to take some time now that the chaos and noise have mostly subsided to quiet your surroundings and *your inner self*, and to examine your life and consider these questions from the perspective of your own faith and where that faith can lead you.

I want to take the opportunity to extend my sincere thanks to everyone who has risen to the occasion to reach out to one another and to strangers during the trying times of this past year. May the Lord bless and reward you for your kindness!

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD:

Numbers 6:22-27 The "Blessing of Aaron" is a fitting opening to the new civil year, to be aware of and receptive to the manifold blessings of God that lay ahead.

Galatians 4:4-7 Mary's Divine Motherhood reminds us of the true humanity of Jesus Christ, through which we have become sharers in His divine life.

St. Luke 2: 16-21 As the shepherds recounted the divine message they had received, and as Mary and Joseph presented Him in the Temple, His mother reflected on these things in her heart, something we also must do throughout this new *Year of Grace* if we are to more fully understand this great work God has accomplished on our behalf.

SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY:

Isaiah 60:1-6 While this prophecy doesn't refer to the three Magi, it fits the feast of the Epiphany, because it speaks of the universality of God's will of salvation for all peoples, represented at the Infant Lord's crib in Bethlehem by these wise seekers of truth from the East.

Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 St. Paul speaks clearly here that none are excluded from becoming "coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Jesus Christ through the Gospel."

St. Matthew 2:1-12 The three wise Visitors from the East have found the one whom they had sought, offering to him as gifts the best their countries had to offer: Gold to the King of Heaven, Frankincense to God now made manifest, and Myrrh to him whose death would gain for us eternal life.

ONLINE STREAMING OF THE SUNDAY MASS

HOLY CHILDHOOD ON ZOOM AT 9:15 am - MATERNITY OF MARY ON YOUTUBE AT 10:30 am

Contact Jim Evanoff to be added to the Zoom email invitation. evanoff.jj@gmail.com or (651) 357-7613

Maternity of Mary - On YouTube through the Maternity of Mary website. Go to www.maternityofmarychurch.org and click on the link: Maternity of Mary YouTube page to watch live Mass. This link is under the Live Stream of Mass information.

ONLINE STREAMING OF THE DAILY MASS

The 7:45 am is now being live streamed on Zoom. Contact Jim Evanoff to be added to the list.

COMMUNION AT HOLY CHILDHOOD

Communion will be available at door # 5 (lower level church entrance off of parking lot) at approximately 8:20 am, Monday - Saturday and 10:00 am, on Sunday for those not attending Mass in the church building.



The Solemnity of Mary

5:00 pm - December 31

9:00 am - January 1

The 9:00 am Mass will be available to watch on Zoom. Please contact Jim Evanoff to be included in the Zoom invitation.

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Communion will be available following the 9:00 am Mass at door # 5 for those not attending Mass in the church building.



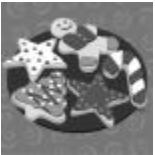
The Parish Office will close at noon on December 31 and reopen on Monday, January 4. A HAPPY AND BLESSED NEW YEAR TO ALL!

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 4

Holy Childhood will have the 7:45 am Mass on Tuesday, Friday and Saturday.

Maternity of Mary will have the 8:00 am Mass on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday.

WHAT A DELIGHTFUL TREAT



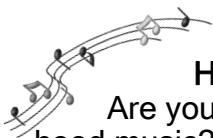
A sincere Thank You to the Women's Club members who provided the treats for the Christmas Bags that were home delivered to the Senior (70 and older) parishioners.

A special Thank You to Joan Connolly and Judy Jacobsen for organizing this.

BLESSING OF RELIGIOUS ARTICLES



Next Sunday, January 3, at the end of Mass Fr. Fink will bless religious articles (rosaries, chaplets, medals, etc.). The article does not need to be in church, but the person desiring the blessing does need to be present. Water is an exception and does need to be present for the blessing.



HC MUSIC ON YOUTUBE

Are you missing the traditional Holy Childhood music? Miss it no longer. Thanks to Doug Schmitz who has posted recordings of our choir on YouTube. Visit www.youtube.com and search for schmitzd04.



ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and desire to receive You in my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and untie myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

HOLY HOUR AND BENEDICTION SUNDAYS AT 2:00 PM

All are welcome to attend and spend some quality time with Our Lord.

JANUARY 2021

HUMAN FRATERNITY



May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

December 28 George Corbey
January 1 Michael Twohy

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

December 29 Doug & Janet Fairbanks (48)



FAIR SHARE PLEDGE DRIVE KEEP THOSE CARDS COMING! KEEP THOSE CARDS COMING!

Five days to go before the New Year begins! It's not too late to turn in your Fair Share Pledge Card. Let us know of your commitment to Holy Childhood.

YEAR END GIFTS

Contributions you wish to be credited to 2020 MUST be received by THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2020 or earlier. A final 2020 statement for tax purposes will be available by mid January 2021.

THANK YOU for your faithful support of Holy Childhood.

FAIR SHARE ENVELOPES

I will be making the Fair Share envelopes for 2021. If your current supply is abundant and you DO NOT need envelopes, please call Mary in the parish office. Thank you.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 26

7:45 am † Rev. William Gamber

5:00 pm Parishioners

Sunday, December 27

9:15 am †† Ron & Lu Finnegan

Monday, December 28

7:45 am † Len Jacobsen

Tuesday, December 29

7:45 am † Mary Hill

Wednesday, December 30

7:45 am † Rosella K. Stelmach

Thursday, December 31

7:45 am † Marie Pekarek

5:00 pm Parishioners

Friday, January 1

9:00 am Parishioners

Saturday, January 2

7:45 am † Carmen Gabrielli

5:00 pm Doug Fairbanks BD

Sunday, January 3

9:15 am Parishioners

Parish Support

Due to the early bulletin deadline, the parish support information was not available.

Parish Information

Pastor, Fr. Timothy Cloutier

Parochial Vicar, Fr. Joseph Fink

Weekend Assistant, Fr. James Reidy, Ph. D.

Parish Office 651-644-7495

Buchanan Hall 651-647-0689

Our Current Services

Confessions - Saturday.....4:00-4:30 pm

Thursday.....7:10-7:25 am

Door #6 - in the bell tower entrance to Buchanan Hall

Saturday Anticipatory Mass..... 5:00 pm

Sunday Mass.....9:15 am

Weekday Masses...Monday - Saturday..7:45 am

Holy Day of Obligation as announced.

Rosary - Thursday 6:00 pm

Prayer Chain.....Peggy - 651-645-4955

Website.....www.holychildhoodparish.org

Email.....contact@holychildhoodparish.org

Victim Assistance Program.....651-291-4497

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP
RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

The Gift of Family

What a year it has been! How will we speak of these times a decade from now? As time goes by, our impressions of this past year will certainly change. How we feel today about dealing with a killer virus and all the chaos surrounding that is still fresh for all. I would assume that most of us right now are also holding those we love a little closer and hugging them a little harder. Hopefully, even if the fears and concerns of 2020 dissipate in the future, the way we feel toward our family should never leave us.

Stewardship is certainly about everything. God has given us so much, great and small, profound and common. One of the greatest gifts that all have received is family. Families take all shapes and sizes and some look very different than others. For some, family is a caretaker or temporary guardian. For others it is a friend when everyone else seems to have vanished. The bottom line is that, to quote a song from many years ago, “people need people.”

When God gave the world His only Son, the Incarnation did not come on a cloud or with a flash of light. He was born into a family. Jesus understood the gift of family all his life. Do you think that if having a family wasn't important God would have still included this in the plan of salvation?

As this year draws to a close, remember your stewardship many days begins and ends with the people closest to you. Don't misuse or take for granted this precious gift. God gives us gifts on purpose, even to His only begotten Son.

– Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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