

# THE HOLY FAMILY

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**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH**

Tragedy and disappointment are inevitable. What sees you through this? There will be challenges, changes, unexpected circumstances, interrupted plans, hurts, and injustices experienced by every human being at some point in their lives. We will be asked to adjust our plans, change course, and even encounter suffering and death. Where do we learn all of the lessons we need to live life well? Some of them we learn along the way but much of what we bring to life, positive and negative, comes from our early beginnings, our families. This is our early world and provides the blueprint for how we see the bigger, more inclusive world, which unfolds before us.

Our families of origin can be sources of grace, heartache or a combination of both. Families are intended to be pivotal in providing us with proper social structure and understanding, a support system, lessons about relationships and communication, and the unconditional acceptance and love we so desperately crave. They can also determine whether we have an accessible and healthy relationship with God. Many of life's challenges can literally bring us to our knees and require that we possess a strength of character that resides well beyond the superficialities of our world. At some point we will all need three coping gifts that can be given to us only by God: faith, hope, and love. Our families help us learn that we are not the ones responsible for their creation, but God!

Our experience of early family life colors all of our relationships and what we expect to achieve from life in general. Resolving conflicts, dealing with difficulty and suffering, celebrating accomplishments, prioritizing our needs, listening to God's call, understanding relationships, understanding disappointment, learning about the virtues and living a centered focused life are all lessons our families either succeed in teaching or do not. To succeed, as God has designed and ordered our world, is to discover his presence and then trust that Presence. The Holy Family can teach even the most dysfunctional family how to best use God's gifts of faith, hope, and love to find him and do his will. Their simple humble example is always before us, showing us the way. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!

**Parish Stewardship "Treasure Report"**

**Due to an early transmittal time, the collection for December 20 will be published in the January 5 Bulletin.**

***Thank you for your continued generosity.***

**HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS**

The Parish Center will be closed on the following days:

Thursday, December 31  
Friday, January 1

**A MESSAGE FROM FR. GABRIEL....**

Normally, we think of the Holy Family as being Jesus, Mary and Joseph, and we rightly look at them as a model for Christian family life. But, Luke tells us that, very early in the life of Jesus, there were some additional people who were included in the Holy Family. The first was Simeon, a man in Jerusalem who was righteous and devout, and "the Holy Spirit rested on him." In addition, it "had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah." Following the guidance of the Holy Spirit, he went to the temple and met Joseph, Mary and Jesus. He took Jesus in his arms and said to God, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for salvation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."

Luke says Joseph and Mary were amazed at what Simeon said. He blessed them, and said to Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too." He preached that Jesus would have a powerful impact on the people around him, revealing the inner thoughts of many. Some would support him and some would oppose him, some would rise and some would fall. Mary herself would suffer, and the Gospel of John reports that she went on to be an eyewitness to the crucifixion of Jesus."

We face challenges as a Holy Family as we soon turn the corner into a new year. We can give of ourselves freely—as individuals and as families—just as Joseph and Mary did. We can join Simeon in following the guidance of the Holy Spirit and seeing Jesus as both a light to the world and a challenger of the status quo. We can return to our homes knowing that the favor of God is on Jesus, and that he will continue to share with us his wisdom and his strength.

After weeks of preparation, Christmas Day has already come upon us—the day may over, but we continue to celebrate the Christmas Season. We celebrate the Holy Family this weekend. After this challenging year, let us all realize how lucky we are to belong—belong to a loving family who supports one another. This does not just apply to the family you live with or are related to, this also includes our parish family.

The pandemic took a toll on all parish families—not being able to celebrate the Eucharist together, not being able to share a handshake during the sign of peace or give a supportive hug. Yet, through our faith and prayer, we have held each other up and have been there for one another in times of need. Let us pray that this new year be one of hope, faith, and the beginning of healing for all inflicted physically and mentally during these trying times.

This Thursday we begin our 24-hour Adoration to celebrate life. Adorers are still needed. Candle orders are due by Monday, December 28. Consider spending an hour with the Blessed Sacrament to reflect on His blessings bestowed on you and for those yet to come. My friends, you are always in my prayers. May God bless us all abundantly in 2021.

God Bless,  
Fr. Gabriel

## HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

### SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, 5:00pm, Sunday, 8:00am, 10:00am & 12:00nn will be held in the **CHAPEL**. The Sunday 6:00pm will be held in the **CHURCH**.

6:30am & 8:00am weekday Mass (Mon-Sat) will be held in the **CHURCH**

### YOU MUST ENTER THROUGH THE MAIN DOORS ONLY

The mandated guidelines/restrictions which MUST be followed are:

- ◆ Facemasks must be worn
- ◆ Maximum capacity of building space will be followed
- ◆ Sit only in designated spots
- ◆ Follow Ushers direction
- ◆ Social distancing of 6ft must be maintained
- ◆ If you have any symptoms of being sick, please stay home
- ◆ Those at high risk may consider staying home

The above guidelines/restrictions will also be enforced for Sunday Masses.

**You must PRE-REGISTER for weekend Mass by calling the Parish Center or you can email the following information to mbvivi-ani@optonline.net**

**Name, Contact Phone Number, Mass Time & Number of Attendees**

**PLEASE PRE-REGISTER DURING THE WEEK**

*Mary, Mother of God*

### MASS SCHEDULE

**5pm (Chapel) Dec. 31**

**9AM & 12NN (Church) Jan. 1**

**Please register for these Masses**

**Face coverings MUST be worn. Please call the Parish Center or email mbvivi-ani@optonline.net. Leave your name, contact phone number, Mass time you want to attend and number of attendees.**

**THANK YOU**  
*for your generosity*

The Rosary Society's Annual Christmas Stocking Project was a tremendous success. Your donations provided a very Merry Christmas to 20 local children from nine families. We extend our sincere thanks to all for your generous support.



### NEW YEAR'S ADORATION

Fr. Gabriel is having 24-hour Adoration from 6am December 31 to 6am on January 1. We need to join together to pray for God's blessings of this year as well as for the gift of life. Please contact the Parish Center if you can spend an hour or half-hour with the Blessed Sacrament.

Candles can be offered for a loved one, living or deceased, that will burn during the 24-hour Adoration. Candle forms are available in the Church and Chapel. Please return them to the Parish Center. The candles will be placed in front of the altar.

### ADORATION RESUMES....

**Adoration will resume on Monday, November 30. Please note the following:**

- ◆ Adoration will be held in the Church
- ◆ Adoration will be held on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1pm to 11pm.
- ◆ Face coverings MUST be worn, and social distancing seating is to be maintained.

If you would like to become an Adorer and spend an hour in prayer, please contact Diane Calabrese at (201) 288-7732.

### PARISH REGISTRATION

Corpus Christi welcomes all those who come and worship with us. If you regularly attend Mass here and are not formally registered, we suggest that you become a registered member. It is the best way to communicate with you. Formal registration is needed if you require proof of being an active parishioner for being a sponsor or godparent. Formal registration also allows for a tuition discount. You may register in person or online at [www.corpuschristihh.org](http://www.corpuschristihh.org). We offer electronic giving as well as the weekly envelopes. We look forward to having you join our parish family. Contact the Parish Center if you have any questions.

### ELECTRONIC GIVING

Our parish offers Electronic Giving instead of using the envelope system. If you would like to use electronic giving, visit our website, [www.corpuschristihh.org](http://www.corpuschristihh.org), select Electronic Giving on the drop-down menu to the left. You create your sign-in information and indicate your donation amount and frequency. **If you switch from envelopes to electronic giving, please contact the Parish Office so the envelopes can be stopped.**



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## New Opportunities to Help This Holiday Season

During this season of giving, Corpus Christi School is happy to announce that we have created two new donation programs for the betterment of the students and school of Corpus Christi:

RISE Tuition Assistance and Building the Building!

### R.I.S.E. (Reward Individual Student's Education) Tuition Assistance

At your own discretion, you now have the ability to make a donation towards the tuition assistance for students. Unfortunately, there are moments throughout the year where unforeseen circumstances arise and tuition can temporarily become a challenge for families. Your anonymous donation(s) will be made exclusive to this program and allow the school the opportunity to select students in need and assist where possible. At your preference, you can make as many donations as you like and any little bit helps. You can also elect to anonymously donate to assist a specific student.

To make a donation, all you have to do is send a check to Corpus Christi School. The check should be made to Corpus Christi School, but please list in the Memo that the check is for "RISE Tuition Assistance". This will ensure that your donation will be used only for this purpose. If the donation is for a specific student, please list the child's name in the memo as well. The donation will be made anonymously unless permitted by the donor to inform the family of who sent the donation.

### Building the Building

At your own discretion, you now have the ability to make a donation towards the enhancement, maintenance and/or restoration of the building. As Corpus Christi School continues to look into innovative ways to improve the building, enhance the safety, and provide exciting opportunities for its students, funding is always a concern. Your anonymous donation(s) will be made exclusive to this program and allow the school the opportunity to complete projects and add exciting new features to both the main and preschool buildings. At your preference, you can also elect to anonymously donate towards assisting a specific building.

To make a donation, all you have to do is send a check to Corpus Christi School. The check should be made to Corpus Christi School, but please list in the Memo that the check is for "Building the Building". This will ensure that your donation will be used only for this purpose. If the donation is for a specific building, please list *Main Building* or *Preschool* in the memo as well. The donation will be made anonymously unless permitted by the donor to inform the school families of who sent the donation.

Thank you and God Bless



# New Year's BLESSINGS



Fr. Gabriel, Deacon Vincent, Deacon Paul, Principal Jason Feliciano, and the entire staff and faculty of Corpus Christi Parish and School, wish everyone a very Happy & Healthy New Year! May 2021 bring peace, happiness & joy to all...

## NEW YEAR'S PRAYER....

○ sacred and adorable Trinity, hear our prayers on behalf of our holy Father the Pope, our Bishops, our clergy, and for all that are in authority over us. Bless, we beseech Thee, during the coming year, the whole Catholic Church; convert heretics and unbelievers; soften the hearts of sinners so that they may return to Thy friendship; give prosperity to our country and peace among the nations of the world; pour down Thy blessings upon our friends, relatives, and acquaintances, and upon our enemies, if we have any; assist the poor and the sick; have pity on the souls of those whom this year has taken from us; and do Thou be merciful to those who during the coming year will be summoned before Thy judgment seat. May all our actions be preceded by Thy inspirations and carried on by Thy assistance, so that all our prayers and works, having been begun in Thee, may likewise be ended through Thee. Amen.



# MASS INTENTIONS

**ANTICIPATED MASS, DECEMBER 26**

5:00 PM Living & Deceased Members of the Evangelista Family

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27**

8:00 AM John E. Smith

10:00 AM Fossa & Passerini Families

12:00 NN Living & Deceased Members of the Sullivan & Rochette Families

6:00 PM People of the Parish

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 28**

6:30 AM Mary Malley

8:00 AM Lorenzo Sista

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29**

6:30 AM Sal Pollaro

8:00 AM Michael Kennedy

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30**

6:30 AM Celia & Louis Garguilo

8:00 AM Diamantina Rodrigues

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31**

8:00 AM Patrick & Norah Keaveny

5:00 PM Edward, Mary & Michael Malley

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 1**

9:00 AM Rosemarie Mullins Baxter

12:00 NN Salem, Nayfe & Juliet Eid

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 2**

8:00 AM Florence Santimauro (Living)

**ANTICIPATED MASS**

5:00 PM Mario Sciancalepore

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 3**

8:00 AM Thomas Miele

10:00 AM Donald Rista

12:00 NN Mary Borelli Fitzgerald

6:00 PM Marian Dafick



May the Holy Spirit sustain those who are poor and oppressed, the sick, suffering, and sorrowing of all ages, especially, Justin Duffy, Margaret Marchetta, Antonio Salcines, Albert DeBenedictis, Mary Nichols, Cosmelina Cammarata, Fred Baxter, Baby Adrian Victor Sanfilippo, Paul Giordano, Debbie Murphy, Gary Ryan, Dee Sullivan, Bonnie Poznar, Danielle Delfino, Patricia Kunzmann, Christine Ryan, Patricia Casey, Noreen Ryan, Joseph Cooney, Mishelle Kittlinger, Raimunda Martins, Joseph Marino, Michael Toscano, Jack Coneys, Josey Munez, Frank Sambucini, Gail Abbate, JoAnne Piccarreto, Dennis Buttacavoli, Natalie Caulfield, Elizabeth Semencz, Nora Lindquist, Catherine Goarke, Barbara D'Amato, Phyllis Mink

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Mary and Joseph went to the temple and presented the baby Jesus to God. Two older people recognized that Jesus was the Messiah. They gave him special blessings. They thanked God for this child. Just like Mary and Joseph, your parents gave thanks to God when you were born. They were very happy God gave you to them. They had you baptized in church, and presented you as a gift to God, too.

**Prayer**

Lord, thank you for bringing the baby Jesus into my life.

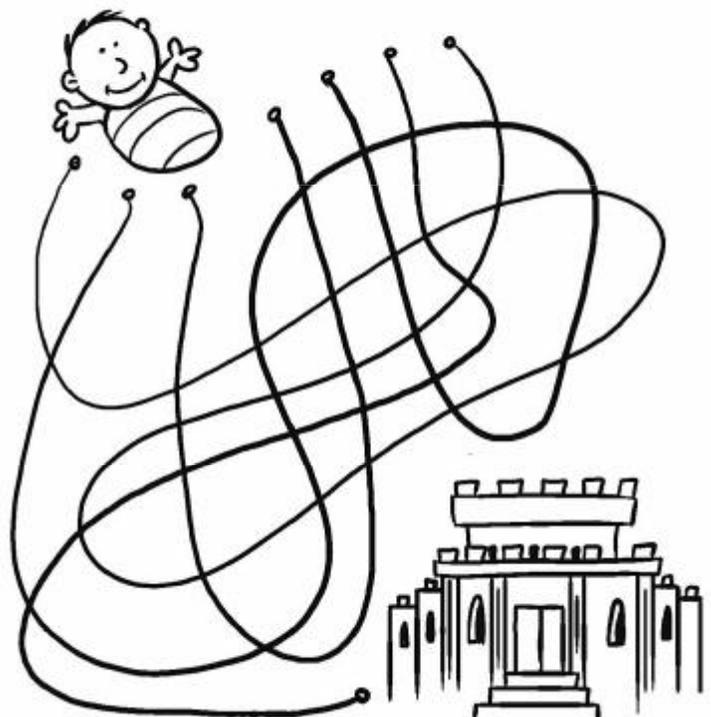
**Something to Draw**

Draw Mary and Joseph carrying the baby Jesus to the altar in the temple.

**Mission for the Week**

I will offer everything I do for you, Lord, Jesus Christ.

Find the path to bring Jesus to the temple.



**HOSTS FOR THE WEEK**

The hosts to be consecrated at all the Masses were donated in loving memory of **John E. Smith** from Rosemary.

**PRAY FOR THE DECEASED**

Please remember the deceased members of our families, friends and community.

*Morning Prayers*

Recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet and the Rosary take place prior to weekday Mass beginning at 7:30am. Come join fellow parishioners. All are welcome!



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