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December
27,
2020

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



MASS SCHEDULES

Reconciliation

Saturday 3-4 PM, Wednesday 6-7 PM

Reconciliación

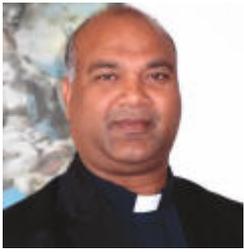
Miércoles 6-7 PM, Sábado 3-4PM

Masses Currently we have outdoor masses in English on Sunday at 9:00 AM and in Spanish on Sunday at 2:00 PM

Mass Schedule

We have livestream Masses Monday—Saturday at 10 AM and Sunday at 10:30 in English and Sunday in Spanish at 12:30 PM Follow mass on Facebook or our webpage live. You can receive communion after the Sunday livestream masses by coming to the placita immediately after mass.

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From the Pastor's Desk:

On what basis the Church began to celebrate Christmas on 25th December. It is based on the assumption that the annunciation of the birth of John the Baptist to Zachariah occurred during the feast of Yom Kippur, around September 25th, placing the birth of John after nine months on June 25th. Since the angel tells Mary that Elizabeth is in the sixth month of her pregnancy, the Annunciation event and the conception of Jesus took place around March 25th leading to Jesus' birth after nine months, around December 25th. Where did the name Christmas originate? In the medieval ages the celebration of Christmas took the form of a special Mass said at midnight on the eve of Christ's birth. Since this was the only time in the Catholic Church year when a Midnight Mass was allowed, it soon became known in the Old English as *Christes Masse* (Christ's Mass), from which is derived Christmas.

The king of Balkh (northern Afghanistan) named Ebrahim ibn Adam was wealthy according to every earthly measure. At the same time, however, he sincerely and restlessly strove to be wealthy spiritually as well. One night the king was roused from sleep by a fearful stumping on the roof above his bed. Alarmed, he shouted: "Who's there?" "A friend," came the reply from the roof. "I've lost my camel." Perturbed by such stupidity, Ebrahim screamed: "You fool! Are you looking for a camel on the roof?" "You fool!" the voice from the roof answered. "Are you looking for God in silk clothing, and lying on a golden bed?" These simple words filled the king with such terror that he arose from his sleep to become a most remarkable saint. Every Christmas Jesus asks the same question to each one of us: "Where are you looking for Me? In the majestically adorned and illuminated cathedrals or in the stables of the poor and the needy?" Tonight's Scripture readings tell us where to look for Christ the Savior.

The Taj Mahal is one of the most beautiful and costly tombs ever built, but there is something fascinating about its beginnings. In 1629, when the favorite wife of Indian ruler Shah Jahan died, he ordered that a magnificent tomb be built as a memorial for her. The shah placed his wife's casket in the middle of a parcel of land, and construction of the temple literally began around it. But several years into the venture, the Shah's grief gave way to a passion for the project. One late evening while he was surveying the site, he reportedly stumbled over a wooden box in the dark, and he had some workers remove it and put it in a common storehouse. It was months before he realized that his wife's casket had been carelessly kept in a common store along with useless articles. The original purpose for the memorial became lost in the details of construction. This seemingly unrealistic ancient legend is a painfully relevant parable of the way some people celebrate Christmas today. Sometimes we become so involved in the tasks and details of Christmas that we forget the One we are honoring. Five little words in the Gospel of Luke say it all: "No Room in the Inn."

Nota de nuestro pastor: Sobre qué base comenzó la Iglesia a celebrar la Navidad el 25 de diciembre. Se basa en el supuesto de que la anunciación del nacimiento de Juan el Bautista a Zacarías ocurrió durante la fiesta de Yom Kippur, alrededor del 25 de septiembre, colocando el nacimiento de Juan después de nueve meses el 25 de junio. Dado que el ángel le dice a María que Isabel está en el sexto mes de su embarazo, el evento de la Anunciación y la concepción de Jesús tuvieron lugar alrededor del 25 de marzo, lo que llevó al nacimiento de Jesús después de nueve meses, alrededor del 25 de diciembre. ¿Dónde se originó el nombre Navidad? En la Edad Media, la celebración de la Navidad tomó la forma de una misa especial que se decía a la medianoche de la víspera del nacimiento de Cristo. Dado que esta fue la única vez en el año de la Iglesia Católica en que se permitió una Misa de Medianoche, pronto se conoció en el Inglés Antiguo como *Christes Masse* (Misa de Cristo), de la cual se deriva la Navidad.

El rey de Balkh (norte de Afganistán) llamado Ebrahim ibn Adam era rico en todos los aspectos terrenales. Al mismo tiempo, sin embargo, se esforzó sincera e incansablemente por ser rico espiritualmente también. Una noche, el rey despertó de su sueño por un terrible golpe en el techo sobre su cama. Alarmado, gritó: "¿Quién está ahí?" "Un amigo", fue la respuesta desde el techo. "He perdido mi camello". Perturbado por tal estupidez, Ebrahim gritó: "¡Necio! ¿Estás buscando un camello en el techo?" "¡Tonto!" respondió la voz desde el techo. "¿Estás buscando a Dios vestido de seda y acostado en una cama de oro?" Estas sencillas palabras llenaron al rey de tal terror que se levantó de su sueño para convertirse en un santo extraordinario. Cada Navidad Jesús nos hace la misma pregunta a cada uno de nosotros: "¿Dónde me buscas? ¿En las catedrales majestuosamente adornadas e iluminadas o en los establos de los pobres y necesitados? Las lecturas de las Escrituras de esta noche nos dicen dónde buscar a Cristo el Salvador.

El Taj Mahal es una de las tumbas más hermosas y costosas jamás construidas, pero hay algo fascinante en sus comienzos. En 1629, cuando murió la esposa favorita del gobernante indio Shah Jahan, ordenó que se construyera una magnífica tumba como un monumento a ella. El shah colocó el ataúd de su esposa en medio de una parcela de tierra y, literalmente, comenzó la construcción del templo a su alrededor. Pero varios años después de iniciada la empresa, el dolor del Sha dio paso a la pasión por el proyecto. Una tarde, mientras inspeccionaba el sitio, se informó que tropezó con una caja de madera en la oscuridad, y algunos trabajadores la sacaron y la pusieron en un almacén común. Pasaron meses antes de que se diera cuenta de que el ataúd de su esposa se había guardado descuidadamente en una tienda común junto con artículos inútiles. El propósito original del monumento se perdió en los detalles de la construcción. Esta antigua leyenda aparentemente poco realista es una parábola dolorosamente relevante de la forma en que algunas personas celebran la Navidad hoy. A veces nos involucramos tanto en las tareas y los detalles de la Navidad que nos olvidamos de Aquel a quien estamos honrando. Cinco palabritas en el Evangelio de Lucas lo dicen todo: "No hay lugar en la posada".

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week
of December 27, 2020

Sun/Dom:

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps
128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1] or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6,
8-9 [7a, 8a]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb
11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

Mon/Lunes:

1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/
Mt 2:13-18

Tues/Martes:

1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/
Lk 2:22-35

Wed/Mier:

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

Thurs/Juev:

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

Fri/Vier:

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

Sat/Sab:

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

Next Sun./Dom:

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

THE WEEK AHEAD

Mass Schedule Our current
schedule for masses is:

Sunday

9:00 English—mass in the parking lot
10:30 English live streamed
12:30 Spanish live streamed
2:00 Spanish—mass in the
parking lot

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASSES

9:00 am English—mass outside
11:00 am Spanish—mass outside
(both masses will be live streamed)

OFFICE INFORMATION

Parish Office

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Parish Fax

783-2760

Parish Email

office@saintjoachim.net

Parish Office Hours

Mon- day-Friday 10 AM-7:30

PM

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7:30 PM

Saturday 10 AM-

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4 PM

Bilingual available 10 AM-4 PM

Sunday 12 PM -4 PM

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Office Closed
till further notice

Rev. Joseph Antony Sebastian, SVD

Pastor

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday
10 AM to 12 PM

5 PM to 8 PM (with appointment)

lunes, martes, miércoles, y viernes
10 AM a 12 PM

5 PM a 8 PM (con cita)

Rev. Ricardo Gonzalez, SVD

Parochial Vicar

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday
10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

5 PM a 8 PM (with appointment)

lunes, miércoles, jueves y viernes
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Mass Times for January 1st

9:00 AM English — in the parking lot and live streamed

11:00 AM—Spanish—in the parking lot and live streamed



PRAY FOR

Ruben & Altagracia Perez
Jerome Aguias
Jennie Harling
Ivan Benin
Melanie Fabio
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DONATIONS

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offering for next week:

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CONTRIBUTIONS CONTRIBUCIONES

COLLECTION FOR WEEK

December 14-20, 2020

The Plate Collection

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EFT Collection

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On Line Giving

\$.00

TOTAL for the WEEK

Donations were not available at press time but will be reported at a later bulletin

VATICAN CORNER

continued ... In his new Apostolic Letter, Pope Francis describes

Saint Joseph as a beloved father, a tender, loving, father, a father obedient to God, an accepting, and creatively courageous father, a working father, and a father in the shadows. The Pope's letter was written during the Covid-19 pandemic, which he said has helped us to see more clearly the importance of "ordinary" people who, though far from the limelight, exercise patience and offer hope every day. In this, they resemble Saint Joseph, "the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence," who nonetheless played "an incomparable role in the history of salvation." Francis explains that St. Joseph was creatively courageous in the way he dealt with difficulties. "The carpenter of Nazareth" was able to turn a problem into a possibility by trusting in divine providence." He had to deal with "the concrete problems" his Family faced, problems faced by other families in the world, and especially those of migrants. In this sense, St. Joseph is "the special patron of all those forced to leave their native lands because of war, hatred, persecution and poverty." As a guardian of Jesus and Mary, Joseph cannot "be other than the guardian of the Church," of her motherhood, and of the Body of Christ. "Consequently, every poor, needy, suffering or dying person, every stranger, every prisoner, every infirm person is 'the child' whom Joseph continues to protect."

In the past Francis has spoken of his habit of putting his concerns on paper and placing them under the statue of the "sleeping Joseph" which he keeps in his study. The Pope also wrote, St. Joseph also teaches us "the value, the dignity and the joy of what it means to eat bread that is the fruit of one's own labor. There is a renewed need to appreciate the importance of dignified work, of which Saint Joseph is an exemplary patron." "Work is a means of participating in the work of salvation, an opportunity to hasten the coming of the Kingdom, to develop our talents and abilities, and to put them at the service of society and fraternal communion." Pope Francis encourages everyone "to discover the value, the importance and the necessity of work for bringing about a new 'normal' from which not one is excluded." Especially in light of rising unemployment due to the Covid-19 pandemic, Francis called everyone to review our priorities" and to express our firm conviction that no young person, no person at all, no family should be without work!" Pope Francis in his letter explained that "Every day, for forty years, following Lauds (Morning Prayer) he has "recited a prayer to Saint Joseph" from a nineteenth-century French prayer book. It "expresses devotion and trust, and even poses a certain challenge to Saint Joseph," when it closes with "My beloved father, all my trust is in you. Let it not be said that I invoked you in vain, and since you can do everything with Jesus and Mary, show me that your goodness is as great as your power."



Sources: vaticannews.va, catholic.org

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MASS INTENTIONS

December 27, 2020— January 2, 2021

Sunday Masses English

Don Pascarella (*birthday*)
John Lee (*thanksgiving*)
Catherine Gochioco (*thanksgiving*)
David A. Tayco †

Sunday Masses Spanish

Paula & David Cruz †
Martin Napoles Zaragoza †
Juana Hernandez Barajas †
Antonio & Godofredo Guevara †

Monday 10:00 AM

Fred (*special intention*)

Tuesday 10:00 AM

Allison Delos Angeles (*birthday*)
Jennelyn Lucas (*birthday*)
L. Dudley Family (*special intention*)

Wednesday 10:00 AM

Justin Gochioco (*special intention*)

Thursday 10:00 AM

Elias Gutierrez Dacir (*birthday*)
Rodriguez Cuayzon family (*thanksgiving*)
Joanne Gochioca (*special intention*)

Friday 9:00 AM

Eufrocina Joyosa (*birthday*)
Eric & Boots Parras & family
(*thanksgiving*)

Friday 11:00 AM

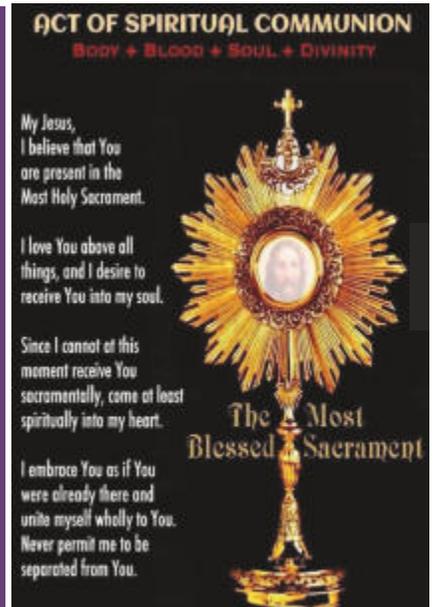
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Saturday 10:00 AM

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Mass Intentions for 2021

- ~~You can now request Mass intentions for the entire year—2021
- ~~You may leave Mass intentions in our mailbox or do them online
- ~~Please include your name and phone number for all masses that you request
- ~~If you are requesting weekend masses please put the “original Mass times”, as we hope that sometime in 2021 we will be back to an indoor mass schedule, we will make the adjustments until then.
- ~~Reminder — Mass intentions are \$10 each name/family at a mass



Did you know that our Priests both say a private mass (just by themselves) everyday while our shelter in place is on and limited Public Masses may be said.

Our Priest mention the names of all of those with Mass intentions on that day at their Mass, so if you have a mass intention on a day that there are no public masses your intention is mentioned at each of their masses.



If you would like to do a mass intention while the office is closed the easiest way is to do it online on our parish website saintjoachim.net / Select the Donate/Pay in the upper right hand corner and then select mass intentions , put all your payment information in and in the comment section please put a date and time of the mass you would like your intention read at. Even though right now those mass times do not exist we would like to know which mass would be your preference. Intentions must be in by noon the day before except for the weekend masses - those must be submitted by noon on Friday. You can still drop mass intentions in the Rectory mail slot or in the mail but these must be a minimum of one week in advance since we are not in the office on a regular basis now. If you have questions about this process, please call the Rectory Office and someone will return your call.



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