

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



Al tercer día lo encontraron en el templo, sentado en medio de los doctores, escuchándolos y haciéndoles preguntas. Todos los que lo oían se admiraban de su inteligencia y de sus respuestas. - Lc 2, 45-47

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THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

MASS INTENTIONS/ INTENCIONES DE LA MISA

December / diciembre 25
 9:00am St. John's.....
 9:00am ABVM.....
 11:00am ABVM.....Humberto Vargas†
 Epifanio Martin Padron†

December / diciembre 26
 8:30am St. John's.....Betty Falsone & Family
 Vicky Gasper
 10:30am St. John's.....
 10:30am ABVM.....Bob Doughert† &
 Joseph Quinn†
 (Requested by: Family)
 Dorothy Pennartz†
 (Requested by: Ethel Pennartz)
 George & David Acosta†
 (Requested by: Greg Acosta)

1:00pm ABVM.....
December / diciembre 27
 8:30am St. John's.....Leo Bomlenty†
 (Requested by: Susan Downey)
 Holy Souls in Purgatory
 6:30pm ABVM.....

December / diciembre 29
 6:00pm ABVM.....Yvonne Franco
 (Requested by: Carmelina Holloway)
 Phillip & Brenda Flusche & Family

December / diciembre 30
 8:30am ABVM...Carmelina Holloway (birthday)
 Pauline Melanson & Karleen Henderson
 6:30pm St. John's.....Asuncion Martinez†
 And for the wellbeing of his children &
 grandchildren

December / diciembre 31
 8:30am St. John's.....Mr. & Mrs. George
 Spencer
 Holy Souls in Purgatory
 6:30pm ABVM.....

Families can be very difficult things to negotiate. This is true not only of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our Church, our society, and our global family as well. Everything human can be found in family stories. Those stories speak of wonderful life-giving successes as well as painful spirit-robbing abuses. Our greatest joys and our greatest wounds are usually connected with the experience of family. Our needs, experiences, and unresolved baggage often color what we bring to our familiar relationships. They contribute to our level of defensiveness, how guarded and protected we become, and what prejudices we believe.

In order to break the cycle of dysfunction we have to remember that it is not only by human effort that we negotiate the difficult and challenging events of our lives. There is a Divine Effort at work as well. For sure, the human effort can create quite a mess and easily destroy lives. This is true of any family with which we are associated. Today's Feast of the Holy Family serves to help us understand that there is a Divine Story being told as well. It is a story of perseverance in the face of hardship, determination in the face of despair, healing when we see nothing but wounds, and light where there is darkness.

Do we believe that God is always working, guiding, restoring, and leading? Unless we do, we will never be free from the imperfections and wounds that bind us and never be able to understand what it really means to forgive. Pope Francis tells us that the "light which comes from the Holy Family encourages us to offer human warmth to other families." While this is most certainly true, we can only really begin to do this when we realize that we are still works in progress, not anchored to the wounds and sins of our past, and still a leading star in God's continually unfolding story of love. The Holy Family persevered and radiated warmth because they knew they were not alone. We can too.

LA SAGRADA FAMILIA DE JESUS, MARIA Y JOSE

Hoy es un día para celebrar a la familia - a la nuestra y a las familias de todo el mundo, de celebrar y gozar a los hijos, nietos y parientes cercanos y lejanos. Dios quiso nacer en una familia y por medio de ella, se nos ofrece una oportunidad para conocerle mejor y amarle más. Recordemos que es en la familia donde se forjan los santos y santas de Dios. Y es también en ella donde están los vicios y malas acciones. ¡Cuidado padres de familia! Aprender de la familia de Nazaret es importante.

Cada día del año es una oportunidad para continuar la búsqueda de Dios, de Jesús, en nuestro hogar. Podemos vislumbrar, en la Liturgia de hoy, a tres figuras importantes del hogar de Nazaret: una mujer con su pequeño y su esposo, listos para hacer la voluntad de Dios, para orar y platicar en familia. El papa Francisco nos dice que: "Realmente, hoy es un día hermoso...hoy celebramos la fiesta de la Sagrada Familia de Nazaret. El término sagrada coloca a esta familia en el ámbito de la santidad, que es un don de Dios, pero, al mismo tiempo, es una adhesión libre y responsable al plan de Dios" (12-29-2019). Sé, y busco cuál es el plan de Dios para mi hogar o ¿ni siquiera me importa ese diálogo entre esposa, esposo e hijos? El tiempo de confinamiento debió ser una oportunidad para crecer en gracia y sabiduría en la familia. ¿Lo ve usted así? Padres de familia, la mejor herencia para sus hijos y nietos es fomentar la fe, la educación, el amor y la unidad en el hogar.

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**New Year Masses, January 1, 2022
Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God**

**Misas de Año Nuevo, 1 de enero del 2022
Solemnidad de Maria, Santa Madre de Dios**



Bilingual Mass / Misa bilingüe at St. John's at 8:30am

Bilingual Mass / Misa bilingüe at Assumption at 10:30am

New year new beginning.....

Can we as a community do this?.....

- Making our homes a place where God dwells...
- Choosing matters of God over the worldly things...
- Giving than receiving...
- Healing than wounding.....
- Build up communities than breaking....
- Committed Catholics than comforted Catholics..

Nuevo año nuevo comenzar.....

- ¿Podemos como comunidad hacer esto?... ..
- Hacer de nuestros hogares un lugar donde Dios habita ...
- Escoger los asuntos de Dios sobre las cosas del mundo ...
- Dar en vez de recibir ...
- Curar en vez de herir
- Construir comunidades en vez de destruirlas....
- Ser Católicos comprometidos en vez de Catolicos comodoss.



	Assumption	St. John's	St. Mary's
Goal	\$16,900	\$15,750	\$1,450
% of goal met % de meta cumplida	125%	103%	58%
% of committed families / % de familias prometidas	17%	20%	11%

On this last Sunday of the year we want to thank you all for your attendance to the Eucharistic celebrations this year. We also thank you for your generosity to the Church either through donations or your volunteer service to our Tri-Parish communities. We hope to have the same support that you always give to the Church in this New Year. May God bless you all abundantly.

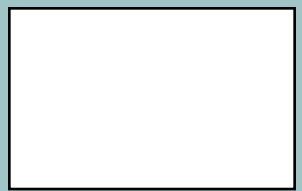
En este ultimo domingo del año les queremos agradecer a todos por su asistencia a las celebraciones eucaristicas durante este año. Tambien les agradecemos su generosidad a la Iglesia ya sea por medio de donaciones o por su servicio voluntario a la Iglesia. Esperamos tener el mismo apoyo que siempre le dan a nuestras tres comunidades en este Nuevo Año. Que Dios los bendiga a todos abundantemente.



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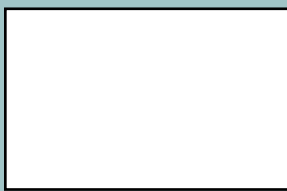
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