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DECEMBER 27, 2020 | THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH



## THE HOLY FAMILY

"For my eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples."  
- Lk 2:30-31

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### Mass Schedule

#### Weekday Mass

Tuesday | 5:45pm

Wednesday - Friday | 8:00am

#### Weekend Mass

Saturday Vigil | 4:00pm

Sunday | 7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am

#### Holy Days As Announced

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# The Solemnity of the Holy Family

## ENTRANCE HYMN - *Hark the Herald Angels Sing*

Glory to the new-born King!  
Peace on earth and mercy mild  
God and sinners reconciled!  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise  
Join the triumph of the skies  
With the angelic host proclaim  
Christ is born in Bethlehem!  
Hark! the herald angels sing  
Glory to the new-born King!  
Christ, by highest heaven adored  
Christ, the everlasting Lord  
Late in time behold him come  
Offspring of the Virgin's womb  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see  
Hail the incarnate Deity  
Pleased as man with man to dwell  
Jesus, our Emmanuel!

## GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise You,  
We bless You,  
We adore You,  
We glorify You,  
We give You thanks for Your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
Son of the Father,  
You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;  
You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father, have  
mercy on us.

For You alone are the Holy One,  
You alone are the Lord,  
You alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
With the Holy Spirit,  
In the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## FIRST READING – A reading from the Book of Sirach ( 3:2-6; 12-14)

God sets a father in honor over his children;  
a mother's authority he confirms over her sons.  
Whoever honors his father atones for sins,  
and preserves himself from them.  
When he prays, he is heard;  
he stores up riches who reveres his mother.  
Whoever honors his father is gladdened by children,  
and, when he prays, is heard.  
Whoever reveres his father will live a long life;  
he who obeys his father brings comfort to his mother.  
My son, take care of your father when he is old;  
grieve him not as long as he lives.  
Even if his mind fail, be considerate of him;  
revile him not all the days of his life;  
kindness to a father will not be forgotten,  
firmly planted against the debt of your sins  
—a house raised in justice to you.

The word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God**

## PSALM 128

R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

Blessed is everyone who fears the LORD,  
who walks in his ways!  
For you shall eat the fruit of your handiwork;  
blessed shall you be, and favored. R.  
Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine  
in the recesses of your home;  
your children like olive plants  
around your table. R.

Behold, thus is the man blessed  
who fears the LORD.

The LORD bless you from Zion:  
may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem  
all the days of your life. R.

**SECOND READING** – The reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Colossians (3: 12-21)

Brothers and sisters:

Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Wives, be subordinate to your husbands, as is proper in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and avoid any bitterness toward them. Children, obey your parents in everything, for this is pleasing to the Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children, so they may not become discouraged.

The word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God**

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Let the peace of Christ control your hearts; let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Gospel—LUK 2:22-40

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, They took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord, and to offer the sacrifice of a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons, in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord.

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon.

This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord.

He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, He took him into his arms and blessed God, saying: "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel."

The child's father and mother were amazed at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted —and you yourself a sword will pierce— so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived seven years with her husband after her marriage, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four.

She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer. And coming forward at that very time, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

**The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## HOMILY

### PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.  
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,  
and became man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.  
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### MASS INTENTIONS & PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR

### SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

### MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Save us Savior of the world  
For by your cross and resurrection  
You have set us free

### GREAT AMEN

### AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
Have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
Have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
Grant us peace.

### COMMUNION SONGS—*Away in a Manger*

Away in a manger, No crib for His bed  
The little Lord Jesus Lay down His sweet head  
The stars in the sky Look down where He lay  
The little Lord Jesus Asleep on the hay

The cattle are lowing The poor Baby wakes  
But little Lord Jesus No crying He makes  
I love Thee, Lord Jesus Look down from the sky  
And stay by my side 'til morning is nigh

### *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

O little town of Bethlehem; How still we see thee lie  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by  
Yet in thy dark streets shining the everlasting Light  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
Are met in thee tonight

For Christ is born of Mary and gathered all above  
While mortals sleep, the angels keep  
Their watch of wondering love  
O morning stars together proclaim the holy birth  
And praises sing to God the King and Peace to men on earth

### FINAL BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

### RECESSATIONAL HYMN – *Joy to the World*

Joy to the world, the Lord is come  
Let earth receive her King  
Let every heart prepare Him room  
And Heaven and nature sing  
And Heaven and nature sing  
And Heaven, and Heaven, and nature sing

Joy to the World, the Savior reigns!  
Let men their songs employ  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy  
Repeat the sounding joy  
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy

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Our thoughts and prayers  
for the family and friends of  
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### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27

- 7:00 AM For the Parish, M/M Val Richard, Larry Richard, J-Boy Lee, Joyce & Reba Ruby Milhous, EA & Anna Keller, TJ & Ida Guitreau
- 9:00 AM Shirley A. Thomassie, Virgen "VJ" Sanchez, Dottie, Clyde, Louis & Ophelia Babin, M/M Emery Lambert, Hazel & Gordon Dardeau, Elric & Germaine Vidrine, Michael Gabilando, Margaret & Clyde Manuel, Sonny & Gelinda White, Donna Philippe
- 11:00 AM James Enloe, Elvest & Rose Trosclair, Garrett Haydel, Julia Villeneuve, Morris & Eva Moran, Joe Gautreau, Lois LeBlanc, Mark LeBlanc, Steve John Lanoux, Gilbert & Eva LeBlanc, John Richardson, Sherman Boriell, Harriet Humphrey, Elmo & Rose Frederic, Curtis & Cecilia Templet, M/M Adam Templet, Michael Frederic

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29

- 5:45 PM For the Parish

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30

- 8:00 AM For the Parish

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31

- 8:00 AM For the Parish

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 1

- 8:00 AM For the Parish

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 2

- 4:00 PM DJ Comeaux

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 3

- 7:00 AM Stacy, Wendi, Stephanie, Jeremiah, Sarah, Stacey, & Elijah Allee, Amanda Templet
- 9:00 AM Joseph A, Moran, Mark, Eunice, & Alfred Dedon, Jr., Larry Espinoza
- 11:00 AM Morris & Eva Moran, James, "Sneaky" Babin, Scotty LeBlanc, M/M Roland Clement, M/M Ralph Glans, Kaylie Letulle

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn before the Blessed Sacrament the week of December 27 for:

Erin Rachel Guillotte  
Thomas Chedville  
Eric & Lottie Bourgeois

## Sunday January 3, 2021

Reading I      Isaiah 60:1-6

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the LORD shines, and over you appears his glory. Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance. Raise your eyes and look about; they all gather and come to you: your sons come from afar, and your daughters in the arms of their nurses. Then you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow, for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you, the wealth of nations shall be brought to you. Caravans of camels shall fill you, dromedaries from Midian and Ephah; all from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the LORD.

Here Isaiah is speaking once again to the Israelites. He starts by telling them to “Rise up in splendor”. He is saying rise up from the depression and prostration in which circumstances have kept them. Rise up to a new life. He is trying to tell them that no matter what circumstances they may find themselves in, if they turn away from their wrong doings God will shine upon them. I once was trying to share the love of God with a woman and before I could get a full sentence out she proclaimed to me, “but you don’t understand.” “You don’t know what I have done! God will never forgive me.” My heart was broken for her. She, like many, put a scale on God’s love for her. Unfortunately many of us base our idea of God’s forgiveness on human feelings, on the scale it takes for us as humans to forgive someone. We can truly thank God that His method of forgiveness is nowhere near ours. In her head she had convinced herself that there was no way God could or would ever forgive her for her past. Has the enemy lied to you and made you believe you will never be forgiven for things of your past? If so I encourage you to reclaim your peace and joy that the Lord has promises you. Allow Him to shine His glory upon you. After all Jesus thought you were worth dying for, the least we can do is live for Him.

Second Reading      Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

**Brothers and sisters: You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for your benefit, namely, that the mystery was made known to me by revelation. It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.**

Ephesians is filled with wisdom, encouragement, and great teachings about what it means to be a Christian. Here Paul is telling the Ephesians that His great grace and mercy is available to everyone. He is explaining that Jesus died for all! Have you ever given that much thought? Over two thousand years ago Jesus died for everyone. Yes, He died for you as well. Take time today and thank God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit for the grace and mercy he offers to all of those who love Him.

Gospel      Matthew 2:1-12

**When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, He inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet: And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel." Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage." After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.**

Have you ever encountered someone who tried to use you for their evil ways under false pretenses? Here we see King Herod trying to use the “magi”, what we know as “The Three Kings,” to complete his evil plan. He even tells them that they are to find Him and bring Him back so that he too can pay Him homage. We all know what King Herod was really after. He wanted baby Jesus dead. The enemy had penetrated so deep into King Herod’s heart that he was afraid of a child. He was willing to kill a baby to gain power. Power can be dangerous if used in the wrong way. At some point the Magi had a dream and were warned not to go back to King Herod. Scripture doesn’t say if all of them had the same dream or if just one had a dream and shared it with the rest. No matter how it took place all of the Magi were in agreement that they would not return to King Herod. This reminds me that we should always take time to pray about what we are being asked or told to do. No matter who is in authority over you, God does not intend for us to do anything out of His will. Don’t get me wrong, being submissive to your authority is important, but not to the point of doing wrong in God’s eyes. His authority trumps any and all authority. I encourage you to take time with any and all decisions you make and bring them to God first. Allow all you do, say and take part in to align with His Word always. Allow the Holy Spirit to guide all of your present and future decisions.



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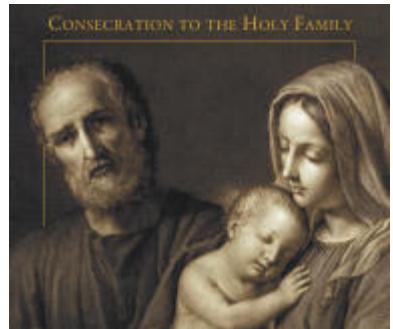
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## Consecration to the Holy Family

The Knights of Columbus will be passing out prayer cards before masses for the Feast of the Holy Family on the weekend of December 27 and would also like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and happy New Year. Vivat Jesus!

This prayer helps to strengthen families and revitalize our parishes. To help families live out the joy of Christ, Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori has composed a prayer through which families will come together to consecrate themselves under the protection of the Holy Family. In this prayer, we ask for the aid or intercession of the perfect son Jesus Christ, Mary the perfect mother, and Joseph who is a model for every father.

Seeking to strengthen families and revitalize our parishes, councils will guide their parishes and community to understand and offer this important and impactful prayer. Preparing for the Consecration to the Holy Family is not a single event, it is choosing a way of life for your family. Through this consecration, each participant is consciously choosing to be a beacon of god's love through his or her Church.



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