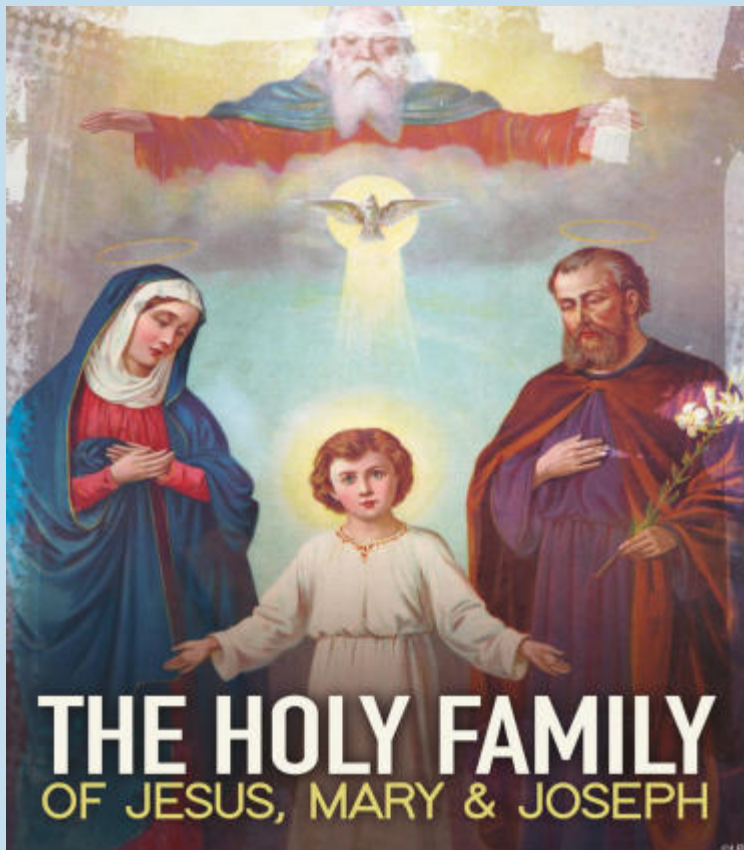


St. Aloysius Gonzaga Catholic Church

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December 30, 2018**



"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." As we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family, this Gospel exposes us to a strange tension. While this family is one we can look to for an example, they are not quite the same family unit as everyone else. There is an otherness to Jesus, something profound. And yet, perhaps on second thought, are our families so different? When Mary and Joseph encountered Jesus in the temple, "they were astonished." But at what? Mary's response is surprised. They're not astonished that Jesus is preaching in a place for respected teachers. They're not astonished that their son has captured the attention of the wisest men of the time period. They're astonished at his seemingly disobedient behavior! "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety." All our children have an "otherness" about them, something that makes them unique and different. They are distinctly not "me." What will our own children become? What temple will they wander off to? Who will they astound?



Ordinary Mass Schedule

Please look inside bulletin for possible seasonal changes.

Daily Mass: Weds., Thurs. Fri. & Saturday 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday at 7:00 pm

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

Holy Hour: Tuesday 5:30 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Tuesday evenings at 5:30 pm.

First Friday and Saturdays of the month following morning Mass.

Every Saturday: 3:30-4:30 pm.

Rosary : Sunday 10:00 am

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Mission Statement

St. Aloysius is a friendly parish with a sense of family. Gathered in the name of Jesus Christ to pray and worship, we serve one another with understanding and compassion. Our mission is to share, live and witness the Gospel, as we celebrate the sacraments and practice the works of Christian service, education, justice and peace. We support a vision for growth rooted in the belief that all things are possible when trusting in God.



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Bergeron, Joyce Frazier, Chuck Shonta, Ge-
rald Wendland, Ron Collins, Sharon Zilka



MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, January 1, 2019

Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

9:00 am For the Parishioners of St. Aloysius
Gonzaga Church

7:00 pm For the Parishioners of St. Aloysius
Gonzaga Church

Wednesday, January 2, 2019

Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen

9:00 am For †Arlene Robson, req. by Susan
Park

Thursday, January 3, 2019

Christmas Weekday

9:00 am For Fr. John Dumas, req. by the
Parishioners

First Friday, January 4, 2019

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

9:00 am For Sharon Zilka, req. by St. Aloysius
Ushers

First Saturday, January 5, 2019

St. John Neumann

9:00 am For Ron Collins, req. by St. Aloysius
Ushers

Vigil: The Epiphany of the Lord

5:00 pm For the Parishioners of St. Aloysius
Gonzaga Church

Sunday, January 6, 2019

The Epiphany of the Lord

9:00 am For †Vince Bartolo, req. by his wife,
Polly

11:00 am For †James Bergeson, req. by
friends of Suzanne Bergeson



Jesus, King of Kings and Lord of Lords,
you hold dominion over
heaven and earth.

Jesus, Prince of Peace, deliver us
from all violent tendencies,
from the temptation to do harm,
from isolation, injustice,
and all that would
divide and lead to destruction.

Jesus our brother, by your
redemptive power
we have been adopted as
sons and daughters
of your Father, the Living God.

May we remember our
common humanity
and labor together to build
a more just world.

Jesus, Lamb of God, who
takes away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.
Amen.

He went down with them and came
to Nazareth, and was obedient to
them; and his mother kept all these
things in her heart. And Jesus ad-
vanced in wisdom and age and favor
before God and man. - Lk 2:51-52



Readings for the Week December 30, 2018

Sunday: 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-
3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-
52

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

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

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

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-
4, 5-6 [3cd]/Jn 1:29-34

Friday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [3cd]/Jn
1:35-42

Saturday: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3,
4, 5 [2a]/Jn 1:43-51

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

Lay Minister Liturgy Schedule

January 1, 5 & 6, 2019

Altar Server

9:00 am Pam

7:00 pm Help Needed

5:00 pm Tony

9:00 am Mike B.

11:00 am Charley

Readers

9:00 am Paul

7:00 pm Help Needed

5:00 pm Liz

9:00 am Donna

11:00 am Lucinda

**Extraordinary Ministers of
Holy Communion**

9:00 am Help Needed

7:00 pm Help Needed

5:00 pm Darryl, Virginia & sub

9:00 am Sr. Ignatia, Peggy & Viviane

11:00 am Irene, Jean & Steve



Everyday Stewardship

Do you practice good stewardship with your family? Stewardship is about more than offerings to a church or charity. It is about continually giving of ourselves in a way that gives glory to God.

Sharing our gifts with those in our immediate family honors God and is evidence of your gratitude for these people in your life.

How can we effectively accomplish this? One way is to reflect on how the 6 characteristics of an Everyday Steward are present in our family relationships. Are we mindful when we are with our family members? Do we focus on them and their needs rather than our phone or TV? Do we hold up our family in prayer? Their concerns should be our concerns. Do we find ways to show how grateful we are for having them in our lives?

When we find ourselves lacking in gratitude, we should reflect on what life would be like without them. Do we help one another without being asked because we have a gracious heart? It is easy to take for granted those we see all the time. Hospitality is not just for the stranger or guest. Are we committed to a life of stewardship that not only serves as a good example, but also helps our relatives thrive? Using our gifts without wisdom might mean we have little to give to those we love. Finally, do we hold each other accountable for our decisions and shortcomings?

We are on the journey of life together, and no one exists in the Body of Christ alone. Stewardship is about the entirety of our lives. Our faith life is not reserved to Mass on a Sunday. It all begins and ends with those we love.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

HOLY FAMILY



The Most Holy Name of Jesus
What is in a name? Why is it so important?

Those of us who are parents know how much time we spend thinking and discussing about what name to give our newborn children. It is the same with the church. Recall the Scripture passage about how the animals were named in Genesis. Changing our name is also a way to mark an important moment in our lives. Think of Saul who persecuted the Christians. His name was changed to Paul when he realized that Jesus was the Son of God. And even our popes change their names and take on a new name; Jorge Mario Bergoglio became Francis.

The entrance antiphon for the feast of the Most Holy Name of Jesus gives us a glimpse into how important Jesus' name is:

At the name of Jesus, every knee should bend,
of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The history of the Holy Name of Jesus goes back to the earliest years of Christianity. How many of you remember the symbol IHS? It is a monogram. It comes from the Greek word for Jesus. This reverence continued into the medieval devotions promoted by St. Anselm of Canterbury.

It was only during the Council of Lyons in 1274 that the Church added the date to our liturgical calendar. There are some writings that call the Holy Name of Jesus a healing ointment for the soul.

So the next time you think of the name of someone, recall the long and important history of Jesus' name and why we hold, with such reverence, Jesus' holy name.



This Coming Week

Tuesday, January 1, 2019

9:00 am Mass

7:00 pm Mass

Wednesday, January 2, 2019

9:00 am Mass

9:30 am Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions

Thursday, January 3, 2019

9:00 am Mass

6:00 pm Legion of Mary

First Friday, January 4, 2019

9:00 am Mass w/Confessions

First Saturday, January 5, 2019

9:00 am Mass w/Confessions

3:30-4:30 pm Confession

5:00 pm Mass

Sunday, January 6, 2019

9:00 am Mass

10:00 am Rosary

11:00 am Mass

Mary, the Holy Mother of God



This solemnity is a rather recent addition to the cycle of seasons, Sundays, and feasts in our liturgical year. We have Pope Paul VI to thank for the 1974 enshrining of the devotion to Mary into our calendar on January 1. It is also a day in our calendar as a World Day for Peace.

Let us pray...

God of heaven and earth,
you came to us and took our earthly flesh through the gift of Mary's yes.
She is our Mother in faith,
as she is your earthly mother.

We are thankful beyond our ability to thank you
for the gift of her Son as our brother and savior.
Through her self-giving,
we have been reconciled to you.

Bless us as we begin this New Year
and endow us with the desire and ability
to create a world of peace.

We ask all this,
through the intercession of Mary to you,
one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Mass will be offered on January 1 at 9:00 a.m.
and 7:00 p.m. This is a Holy Day of Obligation.

The Lord's Prayer

(In Memory of Joseph and Verna Kotlarek)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your Kingdom come, your will be done, on earth
as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin
against us. Lead us not into temptation, but
deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours. Now and forever.
Amen.

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