

# December 29<sup>th</sup> 2019 - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph



## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

### Saturday, December 28

9:00am *St. John Parishioners*  
4:30pm *YMI living & deceased Brothers*

### Sunday, December 29

7:30am † *Jesus Navarro*  
9:30am *St. John Volunteers*  
11:00am † *Maurice Brennan*  
12:30pm

### Monday, December 30

9:00am † *Anians, Primitiva, Benito M. & Soledad Falcon*

### Tuesday, December 31

9:00am † *Michael Kearney*

### Wednesday, January 1

9:00am † *Carmen Tolentino*

### Thursday, January 2

9:00am † *Librado, Isabel, Herberto Valenzuela*

### Friday, January 3

9:00am † *Crisanto O. de la Torre*

### Saturday, January 4

9:00am † *Michael & Albert Gragnani*  
4:30pm *YMI Brothers & Families*

### Parish Office Hours

On **Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>**, and **Thursday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>** the Parish office will be closed. The office will re-open on **Friday January 3<sup>rd</sup>**.



### Second Collection

Today's second collection is for the Ministries of **St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. John the Evangelist**. Thank you for your continued generous support.

### LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

#### COLECTA DE LA SEMANA PASADA

December 16<sup>th</sup> - December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019

Tuesday's Spec coll. ....\$ 131.00

Tues. On-line giving .....\$ 5.00

Weekend Offering.....\$ 2,425.00

Weekend On-line giving...\$ 305.00

### From the Desk of the Pastor ....

The Holy Scriptures today seek to teach behaviors that manifest tenderness, concern, self-giving, sincerity, patience, forgiveness, mercy, kindness, humility, meekness, responsibility and generosity. The first two readings counsel us into cultivating good habits in order to live a virtuous life, grow incrementally holy and faithful.

However, very little is written about the family life of Jesus. Joseph speaks no words, asks no questions, and gives no sage advice. The New Testament identifies St. Joseph as a carpenter. St. Matthew presents him as one attentive to God's will for him. St. Luke tells us that Mary sought and followed God's Will for her. Both of them are dependent on God's providence and protection. The Simple house of Jesus and Mary and Joseph was certainly a household of living, and radiant faith.

Mary and Joseph live out their marriage vows in fidelity to God's will. They travel far into Egypt at the angel's direction; they go to the temple to present Jesus according to the custom of their ancestors in obedience to the Law of Moses. They make the long pilgrimage to Jerusalem for Passover, where they lose and then find the young Jesus discussing with the learned teachers of the law in the Temple.

A faith filled family filled with awe and wonder, ponders at the marvels God has done. The dawning of our salvation has come through Jesus, our God incarnate. This wondrous Hope of Israel's salvation fulfilled in Jesus is entrusted to the loving and tender care of Mary and Joseph for our redemption. He is raised in the household of Joseph and Mary to learn the propensities of human nature and recognize human frailties. He would experience human vulnerabilities and temptations to disobedience and sin. However, at the same time, He would be inspired watching Mary's and Joseph's commitment to their vows and fidelity to God.

## PARISH COMMUNITY NEWS

### THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS

The Parish Pastoral Council thanks you for your overwhelming support and participation in the "Parish Mass Survey" conducted in the last few weekends.

**As per the Parish Survey results, and its recommendation, the Parish Council, the Parishioners and the Pastor will embark upon the new Sunday Mass Schedule beginning from next Sunday, January 5, 2020:**

**The New Sunday Mass schedule: 8:00am (English); 10:00am (English) and 12noon (Spanish) .**

We are grateful to all of you who took time and invested yourselves in this stewardship of the Parish. Your efforts and your hearts say in so many words that you care and are invested in this Parish of St. John the Evangelist. Thank you.

### Christmas Schedule of Services

#### Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph: December 28th and 29th weekend

Mass Schedule: Saturday at 4:30pm

Sunday at 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:00am and 12:30pm in Spanish.

#### Prayers and Rededication of Our Families: at all Masses

At each mass that weekend the Knights of Columbus will sponsor a consecration of all of our families to the Holy Family. This will include a special prayer led by Father Agnel with responses by all in the Congregation. This will be a meaningful way to end 2019 and to begin the next decade in a way that unites ourselves and our families with the Holy Family.

#### Feast of Mary, The Mother of God, January 1, 2019; Holy Day of Obligation

New Year's Day, there will be only one bilingual mass at 9:00 am

On this, the Sunday within the Octave of Christmas, we honor the **Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**. In honoring them, we also honor all families, big or small. And in honoring all families, we honor the family of God, the Church. But most especially, we focus in on the hidden, day-to-day life of the Holy Family of Nazareth.

Of course, the virtues of Jesus and Mary were perfect, and St. Joseph was a truly "just man." Therefore, the overriding characteristic of their home would have been love.

But with that said, their family would not have been exempt from daily toil, hurt and challenges that face most families. They would have lived normal family life in every way.

This is significant because it reveals God's love for family life. The Father allowed His Divine Son to live this life and, as a result, elevated family life to a place within the Trinity. The holiness of the Holy Family reveals to us that every family is invited to share in God's divine life and to encounter ordinary daily life with grace and virtue.

Reflect, today, upon your own family life. Some families are strong in virtue, some struggle with basic communication. Some are faithful day in and day out, some are broken and deeply wounded. No matter the case, know that God wants to enter more deeply into your family life just as it is right now. He desires to give you strength and virtue to live as the Holy Family. Surrender yourself and your family, this day, and invite the Triune God to make your family a holy family.