

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

MASSES & INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2017

4:30 P.M. MASS – Katherine V. Reed, Penny Schneider, Jeremy Rider, Fran meaux, Bernard Aguiard, Keith LeJeune, Etienne Bergerone Fly. Liv. & Dec., Orlene & Wilton Richard, Charles & Elizabeth Klein Liv. & Dec. Casper & Techla Berkin Liv. & Dec. Richard Young, Rudolph Johnson

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2017

7:30 A.M. MASS – *Pro Populo* (For the People)

10:00 A.M. MASS – Taylor & Remy Fly. Liv. & Dec., Marvin Banks, Leonard Beaubouef & Sons, Carol Deshotel, M/M Clegg Chaumont, Dr. Peggy Allemand, Errol Deshotels, Norris Chapman, Jr. & Fly., Duane Chapman & Fly., Keith Chapman & Fly.

MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 2017

9:00 A.M. MASS – Deloise Deville

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2017

NO MASS

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2017

5:30 P.M. MASS – Morris & Rose Mae Ardoin

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 2017

6:30 A.M. MASS – Bertha & Isabella Andrepont

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5, 2017

6:30 A.M. MASS – Togeal & Elizabeth Goodly

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 2017

8:00 A.M. MASS – Sr. Zélie Thérèse of the Redeemer

4:30 P.M. MASS – J.C. & Bertha Smith, Hubert Bertrand, Emily Adams, Keith LeJeune, Evelyn Sandell, Bernice Vidrine, Bergeron Fly. Liv. & Dec., LeJeune Fly. Liv. & Dec., Martin Goodly, Bernard & Felicia Fontenot, For the infirmed, Donald Fontenot, Deloise Deville

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2017

7:30 A.M. MASS – *Pro Populo* (For the People)

10:00 A.M. MASS – Marvin Banks, Carol Deshotel, Richard Young, Wilvan & Thelma Bartlett, Errol Deshotels, Savannah & Curley Gradney, Sr., Doughty, Margaret, Nancy & Peter Broussard, St. Martha's Guild, Juan H. Lucero Castellano, Juan H. Lucero Ruiz, Milagros Castellano Perez, Guihermo Consuegra Garicia, Manuela Travieso Rodriguez

Collections will be announced after the first of the year.

PRAYER LIST

Phil Beard, Charles Beaubouef, Quintan Bell, Joan Bertrand, Alvin & Sonja Billodeaux, Pauline Boudreaux, Bruce & Diana Brakel, Brandon Bridgwel, Douglas Briscoe, Lincoln & Louise Briscoe, Margaret Briscoe, Ambrose Bushnell, Bernice Bushnell, Helen Bushnell, Steve & Roxane Campbell, Kristin Carlton, David & Natalie Carrier, Rosabelle Carrier, Megan Cart, Linda Beaubouef Cazes, Ailene Chapman, Vivian Cole Fly., Florence Comeaux, Richard Cooper, Virginia Cottongin, Jay Crittle, Aiden Darbonne, Rynree Darbonne, Shaun Darbonne, Jackie Deville, Cindy Dowies, Jabe Doyle, Amy Duplechain, Bryker Fontenot, David Fontenot, Mary O. Fontenot, Paul Fontenot, Steven Fontenot, Verlis Fontenot, Zaylen Frank, Tim Germany, Daniel Goodley & Fly., Mary Ann Goodley, Phielomone Goodly, Freddy & Becky Gorman, Bruce Granger, Jr., Jennifer Granger, Linda Green, Victoria Guillory, Bob Haas, Harrison Harmon, Joseph Harmon, Mildred Harmon, Ester Harmon, Sunni

Hurst, Charlene Ireland, John, Shenita & Perella Jackson, Grady Johnson, Joey James, Brayden Johnson, Joyce Johnson, Paul LaFleur, Kristen Labauve, Charles Lacey, Essie Langley, Grayce LaRacca, Dwain LeBleu, Tina Lantier, Lou, Joseph, & Adam LeJeune, Willie Mae LeJeune, Doc Lowe, Benny Manuel, Kevin Manuel, LuLu Manuel & Fly., Pat Manuel & Fly., Reed McIver, Bonnie McNabb, Patricia Mikas, Rita & Billy Miller, Ray Marcantel, Trista Marler, Brandy McCarty, Christina McNutt, Ronald Meaux. Russell Meaux, Clifford Montou, Glen Morgan, Carolyn Morgan, Frank Mougeot, Andrew Norwood, Nicholas Odum, Debbie & Phil Owen & Fly., Joey Owen, Martel & Gabriella Papillion, Howard Patin, Hannah Popillion, Linda & Don Potier, Jimmy Prudhomme, Ena Prudhomme Fly., Erin Ramos, Renaldo & Kathy Ramos, Ashton Read, Reid Redlich, Ann Reed, Cheryl Reed, Dora Reed, Gary Reed, Lynda Reed, Irving Reed, Sandra Reed, Octavia Reeves & Fly., Will Reid, Sharon, Richard, Jonathan, Hayley, Jayden, Ryleigh, Skylie, Jackson, Martha, Rusty, and Patsy Rider, Janice Rider, Salis Rider, Vera Ross, Fr. Fred Russi, Evelyn Sandell, Tina Sapienza, Quentin Savoie, Sister Ann Margaret Savant, Tucker Scimemi, Celeman Thomas, Dollyanna Victorian, Dana Vidrine, Steve Vidrine, Joseph Vizena, Linda Voeller, JoAnn Welch, Odelia & Ernest Wilson, Nicole Young, Theresa Young

Vocations Candle and Cross – Semonia Harmon

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This Week @ SJoA

- ❖ Sunday, December 31st – Solemn Holy Hour at 11:00 P.M. followed by Refreshments and Fireworks at the hall.
- ❖ Tuesday, January 2nd – Ladies Altar Society @ 5:30 P.M.
- ❖ **Wednesday, January 3rd – NO ADORATION, CCD or Youth Group**

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CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

In Memory of Dorothy M. & Briant Montou.

In Memory of Claiborne Durio .

In Memory of Egbert McGee.

In Honor of Ruth Conner.

In Memory of Dick Conner.

In Memory of Billy & betty Hoag.

In Memory of Donald Fontenot.

In Memory of Fran Meaux.

In Memory of Jack Johnson.

In Memory of Angelle L. Durio.

In Memory of Linda LeJeune.

In Memory of the Rozas Family.

In Memory of Carol Deshotel.

In Memory of Douglas R. Daigle.

Names will be added as more Poinsettias are purchased.

FROM FATHER CONNER

It's not too late to join RCIA

We're still at the point where joining RCIA for this year is possible. *Who can/should join?*

1. Anyone (baptized or no) wishing to be Catholic.
2. Any Catholic above the age of reason (i.e., 8 years and older) who has not received *all* of the Sacraments of Initiation (viz., Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Eucharist).
3. Anyone who simply wishes to learn more about the holy Catholic Faith. **(Call Father for more information!)**

Reconciling Marriages

There's much talk about what is or isn't going to happen with Catholics who are divorced, have attempted re-marriage outside of the Church, and their practicing the sacraments. While I must confess occasional exasperation at the confusion surrounding this discussion, especially when the teaching of the Church is already so clear (and **irreformable**), I also see it as an opportunity to assist folks who have experienced a failure of some kind in their marriage. As such, I continue appealing to any and all Catholics who are presently not married in the Church to contact me. If you genuinely search your heart, you know that those (movements) are God guiding you to speak with your Priest about this. The Church is always able to assist us in being reconciled with God. (This is, after all, why Christ established the Catholic Church.) Please contact me, then, and let's get the ball rolling. As the Scripture says, "Come now, let us put things right." Don't delay any longer. Our time here on earth is limited. The manner in which we use this time very much determines how we shall spend eternity.

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Monday, January 1st is not a Day of Precept this year. While Mass attendance is not of obligation this year, I certainly do encourage assistance at the Mass celebrating the Divine Maternity of Our Lady. Confessions will be at 8:30 am. Holy Mass will be at 9:00 am.

CCD - Adoration Reminder

Catechism and Adoration are suspended this Wednesday (Jan. 3rd). Each resumes next Wednesday (Jan. 10). I ask that everyone who has signed up for an hour honor that commitment. I also ask that each parishioner give serious consideration to making a holy hour each Wednesday while we have adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. As St. Francis of Assisi once taught; there is no greater investment of time on earth than to spend time with Our Lord in adoration.

Reflection for the Holy Family, by Blessed Pope Paul VI

Nazareth is a kind of school where we may begin to discover what Christ's life was like and even to understand his Gospel. Here we can observe and ponder the simple appeal of the way God's Son came to be known, profound yet full of hidden meaning. And gradually we may even learn to imitate him.

Here we can learn to realize who Christ really is. And here we can sense and take account of the conditions and circumstances that surrounded and affected his life on earth: the places, the tenor of the times, the culture, the language, religious customs, in brief, everything which Jesus used to make himself known to the world. Here everything speaks to us, everything has meaning. Here we can learn the importance of spiritual discipline for all who wish to follow Christ and to live by the teachings of his Gospel.

How I would like to return to my childhood and attend the simple yet profound school that is Nazareth! How wonderful to be close to Mary, learning again the lesson of the true meaning of life, learning again God's truths. But here we are only on pilgrimage. Time presses and I must set aside my desire to stay and carry on my education in the Gospel, for that education is never finished. But I cannot leave without recalling, briefly and in passing; some thoughts I take with me from Nazareth.

First, we learn from its silence. If only we could once again appreciate its great value. We need this wonderful state of mind, beset as we are by the cacophony of strident protests and conflicting claims so characteristic of these turbulent times. The silence of Nazareth should teach us how to meditate in peace and quiet, to reflect on the deeply spiritual, and to be open to the voice of God's inner wisdom and the counsel of his true teachers. Nazareth can teach us the value of study and preparation, of meditation, of a well-ordered personal spiritual life, and of silent prayer that is known only to God.

Second, we learn about family life. May Nazareth serve as a model of what the family should be. May it show us the family's holy and enduring character and exemplify its basic function in society: a community of love and sharing, beautiful for the problems it poses and the rewards it brings, in sum, the perfect setting for rearing children – and for this there is no substitute.

Finally, in Nazareth, the home of a craftsman's son, we learn about work and the discipline it entails. I would especially like to recognize its value – demanding yet redeeming – and to give it proper respect. I would remind everyone that work has its own dignity. On the other hand, it is not an end in itself. Its value and free character, however, derive not only from its place in the economic system, as they say, but rather from the purpose it serves.

In closing, may I express my deep regard for people everywhere who work for a living. To them I would point out their great model, Christ their brother, our Lord and God, who is their prophet in every cause that promotes their well being.