

## CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOUR

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### CHAPEL OF THE SACRED HEARTS OF JESUS AND MARY

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### THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH – 27 December 2020

#### Sunday Masses

5:00 p.m. (*Our Saviour*) – *Saturday Vigil*  
8:00 a.m. (*Sacred Hearts*)  
10:00 a.m. (*Our Saviour*)  
12:00 Noon (*Sacred Hearts*) – *Live streamed via YouTube*  
3:00 p.m. (*Sacred Hearts*) – *Korean-English bilingual*  
5:00 p.m. (*Our Saviour*)

#### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday following the 7:45 a.m. Mass until Benediction  
at 11:50 a.m. (*Our Saviour*)

#### MASS INTENTIONS

##### Sunday, 27 December – *The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph*

5:00 p.m. Collette Murphy +  
8:00 a.m. Judy Santiago +  
10:00 a.m. Anthony Antonecchia +  
12:00 p.m. The McElduff Family +  
5:00 p.m. *All Parishioners, Living and Deceased*

##### Monday, 28 December – *The Holy Innocents, Martyrs*

7:45 a.m. John Dickerson +  
12:00 p.m. Christopher Coffman +  
5:15 p.m. Sister Jeanne Burns, O.P. +

##### Tuesday, 29 December – *St. Thomas Becket, Bishop, Martyr*

7:45 a.m. Michael Smith +  
12:00 p.m. James & Mary Jane O'Neill +  
5:15 p.m. Gloria Navarro +

##### Wednesday, 30 December – *6<sup>th</sup> Day within the Christmas Octave*

7:45 a.m. Kenneth Schultz +  
12:00 p.m. Mariano Aquino +  
5:15 p.m. Steven Gonzalez (L)

##### Thursday, 31 December – *St. Sylvester I, Pope*

7:45 a.m. Anthony Antonecchia +  
12:00 p.m. The Vargas Family (L)  
5:15 p.m. Esther Pennacchia +

##### Friday, 1 January – *Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God*

7:45 a.m. Children & Youth Served by CCNY  
12:00 p.m. Carol A. Murray +  
5:15 p.m. Lucy Rosario +

##### Saturday, 2 January – *Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops, Doctors of the Church*

5:00 p.m. Francis and Sally Conklin +

*Mass Intentions may be reserved through the Parish Office.*

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#### Daily Masses (Monday-Friday)

7:45 a.m. (*Our Saviour*)  
12:00 Noon (*Our Saviour*)  
5:15 p.m. (*Sacred Hearts*)

#### Confessions

Mon., Wed., Fri.: 11:40–11:55 a.m. (*Our Saviour*)  
Tues. & Thurs.: 7:20–7:40 a.m. (*Our Saviour*)  
Thurs.: 4:45–5:10 p.m. (*Sacred Hearts*)  
Sat.: 4:30–4:50 p.m. (*Our Saviour*)

This Friday, 1 January is the **Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**. It is a holy day of obligation. At this time, Catholics who are concerned about putting themselves at risk of contracting COVID-19 are dispensed from the obligation to attend Mass. We will have a normal weekday Mass schedule on the 1<sup>st</sup>: 7:45 a.m. (*Our Saviour*), 12:00 Noon (*Our Saviour*), and 5:15 p.m. (*Sacred Hearts*).

On behalf of the priests of the parish and the pastoral staff, we wish you and your families continued blessings during the Christmas season and a Happy New Year.

**In your prayers**, please remember all those who are infected with COVID-19, and all those who are hospitalized in the hospitals within our parish, as well as Domenick & Lee Zernone, who are ill.

**The Holy Father's Intention for January 2021: *Human fraternity***. May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

The archdiocesan Family Life Office is seeking entries in its annual **Longest Married Couple Search** for couples living in the Archdiocese of New York and married sacramentally for 65 years or more.

Held in conjunction with World Marriage Day, 14 February, in honor of the vocation of marriage and family life around the world, the longest married couple will be determined by how long a couple is married as of 14 February 2021.

Entries must include the couple's names, address, marriage date (month, day, year), and parish, along with contact information of the person making the submission, to [kathleen.crayne@archny.org](mailto:kathleen.crayne@archny.org) or (646) 794-3182. The deadline for entries is Sunday, Jan. 17.

*Important: Please take this newsletter away with you. Do not leave it in the pew or return it to the literature tables.*

**A Year of St. Joseph:** Pope Francis has proclaimed a “Year of St. Joseph” until 8 December 2021. On this feast of the Holy Family, let us reflect upon the words of the Holy Father concerning St. Joseph:

*With a Father’s Heart:* that is how Joseph loved Jesus, whom all four Gospels refer to as “the son of Joseph”.

Matthew and Luke, the two Evangelists who speak most of Joseph, tell us very little, yet enough for us to appreciate what sort of father he was, and the mission entrusted to him by God’s providence.

We know that Joseph was a lowly carpenter (cf. *Matthew* 13:55), betrothed to Mary (cf. *Matthew* 1:18; *Luke* 1:27). He was a “just man” (*Matthew* 1:19), ever ready to carry out God’s will as revealed to him in the Law (cf. *Luke* 2:22,27,39) and through four dreams (cf. *Matthew* 1:20; 2:13,19,22). After a long and tiring journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem, he beheld the birth of the Messiah in a stable, since “there was no place for them” elsewhere (cf. *Luke* 2:7). He witnessed the adoration of the shepherds (cf. *Luke* 2:8-20) and the Magi (cf. *Matthew* 2:1-12), who represented respectively the people of Israel and the pagan peoples.

Joseph had the courage to become the legal father of Jesus, to whom he gave the name revealed by the angel: “You shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins” (*Mt* 1:21). As we know, for ancient peoples, to give a name to a person or to a thing, as Adam did in the account in the Book of Genesis (cf. 2:19-20), was to establish a relationship.

#### *A beloved father*

The greatness of Saint Joseph is that he was the spouse of Mary and the father of Jesus. In this way, he placed himself, in the words of Saint John Chrysostom, “at the service of the entire plan of salvation”.

Saint Paul VI pointed out that Joseph concretely expressed his fatherhood “by making his life a sacrificial service to the mystery of the incarnation and its redemptive purpose. He employed his legal authority over the Holy Family to devote himself completely to them in his life and work. He turned his human vocation to domestic love into a superhuman oblation of himself, his heart and all his abilities, a love placed at the service of the Messiah who was growing to maturity in his home”.

Thanks to his role in salvation history, Saint Joseph has always been venerated as a father by the Christian people. This is shown by the countless churches dedicated to him worldwide, the numerous religious Institutes, Confraternities and ecclesial groups inspired by his spirituality and bearing his name, and the many traditional expressions of piety in his honor. Innumerable holy men and women were passionately devoted to him. Among them was Teresa of Avila, who chose him as her advocate and intercessor, had frequent recourse to him and received whatever graces she asked of him. Encouraged by her own experience, Teresa persuaded others to cultivate devotion to Joseph.

Every prayer book contains prayers to Saint Joseph. Special prayers are offered to him each Wednesday and especially during the month of March, which is traditionally dedicated to him.

Popular trust in Saint Joseph is seen in the expression “Go to Joseph”, which evokes the famine in Egypt, when the Egyptians

begged Pharaoh for bread. He in turn replied: “Go to Joseph; what he says to you, do” (*Genesis* 41:55). Pharaoh was referring to Joseph the son of Jacob, who was sold into slavery because of the jealousy of his brothers (cf. *Genesis* 37:11-28) and who – according to the biblical account – subsequently became viceroy of Egypt (cf. *Genesis* 41:41-44).

As a descendant of David (cf. *Matthew* 1:16-20), from whose stock Jesus was to spring according to the promise made to David by the prophet Nathan (cf. 2 *Samuel* 7), and as the spouse of Mary of Nazareth, Saint Joseph stands at the crossroads between the Old and New Testaments.

#### *2. A tender and loving father*

Joseph saw Jesus grow daily “in wisdom and in years and in divine and human favor” (*Luke* 2:52). As the Lord had done with Israel, so Joseph did with Jesus: he taught him to walk, taking him by the hand; he was for him like a father who raises an infant to his cheeks, bending down to him and feeding him (cf. *Hosea* 11:3-4).

In Joseph, Jesus saw the tender love of God: “As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him” (*Psalms* 103:13).

In the synagogue, during the praying of the Psalms, Joseph would surely have heard again and again that the God of Israel is a God of tender love, who is good to all, whose “compassion is over all that he has made” (*Psalms* 145:9).

The history of salvation is worked out “in hope against hope” (*Romans* 4:18), through our weaknesses. All too often, we think that God works only through our better parts, yet most of his plans are realized in and despite our frailty. Thus Saint Paul could say: “To keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me: ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness’” (2 *Corinthians* 12:7-9).

Since this is part of the entire economy of salvation, we must learn to look upon our weaknesses with tender mercy.

The evil one makes us see and condemn our frailty, whereas the Spirit brings it to light with tender love. Tenderness is the best way to touch the frailty within us. Pointing fingers and judging others are frequently signs of an inability to accept our own weaknesses, our own frailty. Only tender love will save us from the snares of the accuser (cf. *Revelation* 12:10). That is why it is so important to encounter God’s mercy, especially in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, where we experience his truth and tenderness. Paradoxically, the evil one can also speak the truth to us, yet he does so only to condemn us. We know that God’s truth does not condemn, but instead welcomes, embraces, sustains and forgives us. That truth always presents itself to us like the merciful father in Jesus’ parable (cf. *Luke* 15:11-32). It comes out to meet us, restores our dignity, sets us back on our feet and rejoices for us, for, as the father says: “This my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found” (v. 24).

Even through Joseph’s fears, God’s will, his history and his plan were at work. Joseph, then, teaches us that faith in God includes believing that he can work even through our fears, our frailties and our weaknesses. He also teaches us that amid the tempests of life, we must never be afraid to let the Lord steer our course. At times, we want to be in complete control, yet God always sees the bigger picture.

# THE ORDER OF MASS

The readings and congregational prayers for today's Mass can be viewed on your smart phone at <https://oursaviournyc.org/sunday-mass> or scan the QR code below.



## Introit

Luke 2:16

*The Shepherds went in haste,  
and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in the manger.*

## Hymn at the Procession

Antioch

Joy to the world! The Lord is come;  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room,  
And heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the world! The Saviour reigns;  
Let earth her songs employ;  
While fields and floods,  
Rocks, hills, and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of  
his righteousness,  
And wonders of his love.

"Glory to God," the sounding skies  
With joy their anthems ring:  
"Peace to the earth,  
good will to all,"  
From heav'ns eternal King.

## Penitential Act

Theodore Marier (1912–2001)

## Gloria

Jean-Paul Lécot (b. 1947)

*Sung by all*



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## Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 89(88):2–3, 4–5, 27, 29  
Theodore Marier

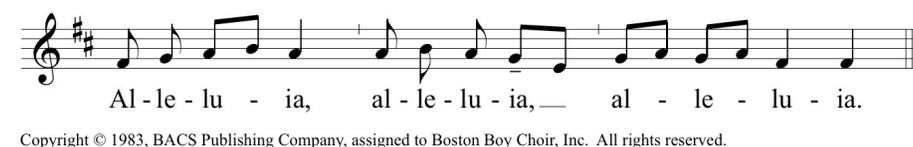


Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

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## Gospel Acclamation

Theodore Marier



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*In you, O Lord, I have placed my hope,  
I said, you are my God, my times are in your hands.*

**Sanctus**

*A Community Mass*

Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.  
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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**Agnus Dei**

Theodore Marier

*Cantor All*  
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us.  
*Cantor All*  
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, grant us peace. —

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**Communion**

Baruch 3:38

*Our God has appeared on earth, and lived among us.*

**Solo at Communion**

arr. John Jacob Niles (1892-1980)

*I wonder as I wander, out under the sky,  
How Jesus the Saviour did come for to die  
For poor ornery people like you and like I.  
I wonder as I wander, out under the sky.*

*When Mary birthed Jesus, 'twas in a cow's stall  
With wise men and farmers and shepherds and all.  
But high from God's heaven a star's light did fall,  
And the promise of the ages it did then recall.*

*If Jesus had wanted any wee thing,  
A star in the sky, or a bird on the wing,  
Or all of God's angels in heaven to sing,  
He surely could have had it, 'cause he was the king.*

**Organ Voluntary**

*Fanfare on "Joy to the World"*

Gerre Hancock (1934-2012)

*Musicians for today's Mass:*

Emily Okaah, *Cantor*

Paul J. Murray, *Director of Music and Organist*