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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2020

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

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PARISH OFFICE

Monday-Friday: 8:30am-5:30pm

**The Catholic Faith Community
of
Our Lady of Victory
and the
Church of St. Andrew
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OUR LADY OF VICTORY

MASSES

Sunday: 10:15, 12:15pm, 5:15pm

Mon. - Fri.: 8:15am, 12:15pm*

*** (All in Upper Church.)

* Following the 12:15, the Novena of the day follows.

Holidays: 8:15am, 12:15

Holy Day Vigil: 5:15pm

Holy Days: 7:15, 8:15, 11:45am

12:15, 1:15, 4:45, & 5:15pm

CONFESSIONS

Mon. - Fri.: 12:45-1:15pm

NOVENAS & DEVOTIONS

Mon.: Miraculous Medal

Sat.: The Rosary

Tues.: St. Anthony

1st Fri.: Sacred Heart

Wed.: St. Jude

Novena

Thurs.: The Holy Spirit

Fridays of Lent:

Fri.: The Rosary

Stations of the Cross

BAPTISMS: Please call the rectory for information.

ST. ANDREW'S

MASSES

No Mass at Saint Andrew Till Further Notice

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Monday: 5:45pm – Legion of Mary (OLV)

4th Friday: 5:45pm – Patrician Catholic
Discussion Group (OLV))

As Announced: FiDi Catholic Young Adults

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WE ARE GOD'S HOLY FAMILY

The scriptures of Israel are filled with many stories of barren couples who were miraculously granted the gift of children by God. Surely the best known among these is the first reading from today, from which Luke took inspiration when he recounted the miraculous birth of John the Baptist to Zechariah and Elizabeth, and the more miraculous birth of Jesus to Mary and Joseph. In each instance, we are given examples or role models of those who trusted in God. More than examples of those who trust, they are models of self-surrender. They abandoned their own presuppositions and prejudices about the workings of the world and turned their lives over to belief in a God who can make life grow where none ought to; a God who can turn death around into a new and unimagined life; a God who can, today, take a tiny child of humble parents in an insignificant town and make him into a light for all the world. This is what we, as God's holy family, are called to do each day: to trust not in ourselves and the way we think things should be, but to open ourselves and surrender ourselves in faith to a God of endless promise.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Those who honor their parents will be greatly blessed and will atone for sins (Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14) or Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3.

Psalm — Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways (Psalm 128) or Psalm 105.

Second Reading — Be thankful; do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus (Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17]) or Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19.

Gospel — The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom (Luke 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt:13-18

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18

Friday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28

Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13;

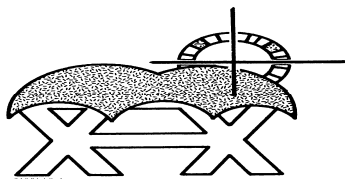
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

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*My eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared
in the sight of all
the peoples.*

— Luke 2:30-31



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In the last century, a few new feasts were blended into the Church year, including today's. After World War I, the chaos of daily life in Europe made its impact felt on the family structure. Partly to offer Christians an image of hope and holiness in married family life, and also to promote the welfare of children, today's feast was "invented" in 1921. In 1969, it became a feast of Christmas.

The prayers today remind us not only of family life, but of life in the community of faith. We ponder the mystery of a God who loves us dearly enough to embrace the struggles, joys, and daily sorrows of family life. The message of Christmas shines through: God-with-us is available to us in the ordinary patterns of our lives and commitments. The lives of people who raise their children in difficult circumstances, and of people who remain faithful to life in the Church in spite of some of their own family struggles, occupy a special place in our hearts today in prayer.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Monday: The Holy Innocents

Tuesday: Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Thomas Becket

Wednesday: Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

Thursday: Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Sylvester I;

New Year's Eve

Friday: The Octave of the Nativity of the Lord;

Mary, the Holy Mother of God;

World Day of Prayer for Peace;

New Year's Day; First Friday

Saturday: Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen; First Saturday

**PRAYER FOR
THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY,
THE MOTHER OF GOD
FRIDAY, JANUARY 1**

O God, who through the fruitful virginity of Blessed Mary bestowed on the human race the grace of eternal salvation, grant, we pray, that we may experience the intercession of her, through whom we were found worthy to receive the author of life, our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. AMEN.



CHILDREN OF ETERNITY

You are children of eternity. Your immortal crown awaits you, to reward your duty and love. You may indeed sow here in tears, but you may be sure there to reap in joy.

—*St. Elizabeth Ann Seton*

PLEASE NOTE:
Beginning November 29th,
the First Sunday of Advent...
Masses will be at 10:15, 12:15 and 5:15

Our Choir will sing on Sunday's at the
12:15 Mass

MARK YOUR CALENDAR
Sunday, December 27th
Solemnity of the Holy Family,
of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
Masses at 10:15, 12:15 Choir & 5:15

Friday, January 1
New Years Day
The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Masses at 10:15 & 12:15



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TIME

Do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of.

—*Benjamin Franklin*

FEAST OF FAITH

Processions

Why does the liturgy begin with a procession? It is not just a practical matter of getting the ministers of the liturgy from the sacristy to the sanctuary. The procession is a powerful sign of who we are as Christian people. We are not static, staying in one place. We are going somewhere. Our procession leads us to the altar, sign of Christ's presence in our midst. We move, we process, because we recognize our need for what Christ is preparing for us at that table. We go forward eagerly, because we are hungry for that heavenly food.

This procession is an orderly one: servers, deacon, priest presider. Each is set apart by distinctive vesture: albs for the altar servers, dalmatic for the deacon, chasuble for the priest. The procession is an image of the hierarchical structure of the Church. On a deeper level it is an image of unity in diversity. We are all on a journey to the heavenly city, but each of us is clothed with different gifts. We all receive the call to service, but not in the same way. Only by coming together in all our wonderful variety can we achieve the work of the kingdom.

—Corinna Laughlin, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

6-DAY CANDLES AVAILABLE

You can now light a candle in the church and have it stay lit for almost a week for your prayer intentions, in thanksgiving to God or in memorial of a loved one!



These special votive candles have clear covers decorated with a cross design and can be placed inside one of the glass holders provided before the statues of Christ the King, Our Lady of Fatima, the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Divine Mercy, Our Lady of Victory or Saint Anne, the Mother of Mary in the Upper Church only. Once lit, the candles will stay burning for your intention for about a week.

They are available for purchase from the parish office downstairs or from Carlos, our Sacristan, if you see him in the Upper Church.

If you wish, you can also purchase the candle and light for your home. The protective glass containers are also available for purchase.

The lighting of candles for your prayer intentions is a time-honored tradition in the Catholic Church that we are happy to provide at Our Lady of Victory and St. Andrew.

COMING OR GOING?

An optimist stays up until midnight to see the new year in. A pessimist stays up to make sure the old year leaves.

- *Bill Vaughan*



**JOIN US IN PRAYING
THE DIVINE MERCY
CHAPLET
MON-FRI
at 3:00 PM
in the Upper Church**

**For the sake of
his Sorrowful Passion
have mercy on us
and the whole world!**

MASS INTENTIONS

*** Indications "for the intentions of"

OUR LADY OF VICTORY ST. ANDREW CHURCH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

10:15am: Nicola Garbo &
Rose Marino

12:15 pm: Gervasio, Felecitation,
Felizardo & Oscar Ganit

5:15 pm: Anthony & Regina
D'Alessandro ***

*No Weekend Mass at
St. Andrew's location*

*No Weekday Masses at
Saint Andrew Till Fur-
ther Notice*

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28

8:15 am: Giovanna, Nicola &
Anna Lucignano

12:15 pm: Eugene J. Clerveaux

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29

8:15 am: Bernadette Horrocks

12:15 pm: Suzanne Carroll
Fariello

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30

8:15 am: Anthony & Regina
D'Alessandro ***

12:15 pm: Frank Chilelli

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31

NEW YEAR'S EVE

8:15am: Doris Bishop

12:15pm: Francis Bongart

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1

NEW YEAR'S DAY

THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

10:15 am: Marion Whiting***

12:15 pm: Stephen Davidson ***

SUNDAY, JANUARY 2

10:15am: Raphael Stephen

12:15 pm: Antonio Higuero

5:15 pm: Anne Brady