

Feast of the Holy Family



When the magi had departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you...Joseph rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed for Egypt....He stayed there until the death of Herod.

Matthew

Rev. Barry Windholtz

Pastor

This Weekend's Hymns

All hymns can be found in the Seasonal Missalette.

Opening Hymn: #200

Offertory Hymn: #310

Communion: #327

Closing Hymn: #210

St. Rose Church

2501 Riverside Drive

Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

(513) 871-1162

strosecin@aol.com

www.strosecincinnati.org

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH 2019

Sunday, December 29 Holy Family of Jesus Mary and Joseph

8:30 BW Special Intentions of the Parishioners & Friends of St. Rose

10:30 BW Carroll McGuire from Tom & Mary Meyer

12:00 BW Barry Savage from Patricia Sayre

Monday, December 30

12:10 Stan Ober from Howard and Elaine

Tuesday, December 31

St. Sylvester I, Pope

12:10 Susan Dawson from Tom

7:00 BW Carol Wessel from Brian and Rose Ann

Wednesday, January 1

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

8:30 Benefactors of St. Rose

10:30 Intentions of the Celebrant

12:10 Deceased Members of St. Rose

Thursday, January 2

Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

12:10 David Evans from Linda Kohlhepp

Friday, January 3

Holy Name of Jesus

12:10 Al Ciani from Mel Kuempel

Saturday, January 4

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

12:10 Bill Earls from the Family

7:00 BW Special Intention for Nancy Klein from Brian and Rose Ann

Sunday, January 5 Epiphany of the Lord

8:30 BW Special Intentions of the Parishioners & Friends of St. Rose

10:30 BW Special Intention of Mary Wright from Tom and George Ann

12:00 BW Barry Savage from Mickie Cowan and her children

From the Pastor's Desk

James Paul Lustenberger was welcomed into the Catholic Church and Christian Community through the sacrament of Baptism on December 22nd here at St. Rose Church.

Our Christmas collection was \$37,018.15. Thank you for your generosity.

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God is a holy day of obligation. Masses are as follows

December 31st 7PM

January 1st 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM and 12PM

Fr. Barry would like to wish all the parishioners and friends of St. Rose Church a very blessed and happy New Year.

Today is our quarterly St. Vincent de Paul collection. The ushers will be at the doors.

CAREGIVING AND THE HOLIDAYS

Holidays can be difficult. If you know of a caregiver who needs encouragement and support, please tell them about our Caregiver Assistance Network and have them call Angie Homoelle at 513.672.3834 or visit www.ccswoh.org/caregivers for our local meetings calendar.

FOOD FOR ALL—Every county in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati is home to people who struggle with food insecurity. Interested in reducing food insecurity, volunteering at a mobile pantry or learning more about hunger in our area? Contact April Hoak, Food for All Coordinator at 513.672.3720 or ahoak@ccswoh.org.

Vocation Night—Mt. St. Mary's Seminary is hosting a Vocation Night on Wednesday, January 29 from 5:00 pm.—9:00 p.m. The night is for men college age and older who are discerning who God wants them to be. For more information or to register, see the website at www.cincinnati vocations.org or call Fr. Dan Schmitmeyer at 513.263.3390.

Lectors/Lay Distributors for January 4th and January 5th

7:00 M. Luehrmann, Mike Gregorio, W. Russ

8:30 Jon Hemmer, Matt Howland, Tom Perrino, Michael Trotta, Lenny Diaspro

10:30 Michael Alfieri, Roland Becker, Timothy McMahon, Bob Sheil, J. Sonnefeld

12:00 Pat Burke, John Flick, Patrick Homan, Shawn Gillete



Opening Prayer

O God, who were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that we may imitate them in practicing the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity, and so, in the joy of your house, delight one day in eternal rewards. Through 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.

Reflecting on Living the Gospel

It's likely that in our own minds we've conflated the nativity stories of Luke and Matthew into one. But reading Matthew on his own terms reveals something fascinating: Joseph and Mary had a home in Bethlehem, where Jesus was born. The magi eventually found their way to the home to find the *child* Jesus (not the infant). Then, Joseph takes the *child* and his mother into Egypt. Only after Herod had died did Joseph have the courage to return. Even then, he was inspired by an angel in a dream! And he did not return to Bethlehem, but instead made his way to Nazareth.

This story is essentially about refugees. Matthew states clearly that Joseph was afraid. He feared the authorities and what might happen if he and his family were apprehended. The fears were real, and the danger proximate. The Holy Family crossed boundaries into Egypt to escape the authorities. Upon Herod's death, the coast was clear enough only to leave Egypt and settle somewhere else. Joseph, Mary, and the child left Egypt. Instead of settling in Bethlehem, their home, they made a home in Nazareth. The shifting, perhaps chaotic early years of Jesus' life speak to a reality that millions face today and throughout human history.

In our modern world, we are witnessing a magnitude of migration of peoples not seen since World War II. Can we see the Holy Family in their plight? Or are they merely scoff-laws, evading the authorities? It can be one thing to look with pity on the Holy Family and their flight into Egypt. But what of the lived reality of this biblical story in the lives of so many in our world today? May we as followers of this child refugee, this migrant Holy Family, recognize that same presence today and, in so doing, act on their behalf.

Closing Prayer

Jesus Christ, Son of God and son of Mary, you were born into a family. By this birth you show us the holiness of family life with its struggles, joys, daily tasks, and bonds of love. Strengthen the relationships we have with our families as they are a source of holiness and spirituality for us. In your name we pray. Amen.



For Reflection

In the gospel reading today Mary, Joseph, and Jesus face extreme peril. What has been the most difficult experience you have encountered as a member of your family? What helped you make it through this time?

Suggestions for group and individual use:

1. Pray aloud the "Opening Prayer" (in *The Roman Missal* called the "collect").
2. One person read aloud the gospel.
3. Each read prayerfully "Reflecting on Living the Gospel" and spend some time in personal prayer.
4. Share together responses to "For Reflection."
5. Pray the "Closing Prayers."

The readings from the *Lectioary for Mass* copyright © 1970, 1997, 1998 Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, Inc., Washington, D.C. All rights reserved.

Excerpts from the English translation of *The Roman Missal* © 2010, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

Living Liturgy™ Sunday Bulletin, Liturgical Press, Collegeville, Minnesota 56321. © 2019 by Order of Saint Benedict. www.litpress.org 1-800-858-5450

Gospel

Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

When the magi had departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you.

Herod is going to search for the child to destroy him."

Joseph rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed for Egypt.

He stayed there until the death of Herod, that what the Lord had said through the prophet might be fulfilled, *Out of Egypt I called my son.*

When Herod had died, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead."

He rose, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel.



But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go back there. And because he had been warned in a dream, he departed for the region of Galilee. He went and dwelt in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, *He shall be called a Nazorean.*

Readings for the week:

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
|--|--|--|--|--|---|--|---|
| Holy Family Sir 32:4, 12-14 Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 Matt 2:13-15, 19-23 | 1 John 2:12-17 Ps 98:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 Luke 2:26-40 | 1 John 2:18-21 Ps 98:1-2, 11-12, 13 John 11:35 | Mary, Mother of God Num 6:22-27 Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 Gal 4:4-7 Luke 2:16-21 | 1 John 2:22-28 Ps 98:1, 2, 3ab, 3cd-4 John 1:19-28 | 1 John 2:29-35 Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6 John 1:29-34 | 1 John 3:7-10 Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 John 1:35-42 | Epiphany Isa 60:1-6 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Matt 2:1-12 |