

# PASTOR'S CORNER

## Merry Christmas & Happy New Years

It is incredible that another year is coming to a close. There seems to be some many great issues and circumstances that either plague us with fear or overcome us with anxiety. These are both the good and the ill present in our world. Yet, God does not overwhelm nor threaten. He simply holds out his mercy and love, longing that we would open our hearts. As we journey through these days, may our eyes be open and hearts ready to encounter Emmanuel, the one who is always waiting to embrace us.

Today we celebrate the solemnity of the Holy Family. From the beginnings of creation God has held the family to be our hope and strength. He instructed us that in the union of man and woman, leaving mothers and fathers, if fundamental in building up the true image of the human family. Leaving father and mother by no means cutting ties with the intimacy of our family history. We see in the wondrous genealogy of Jesus not a concrete list of names but a witness that Jesus intimately ties himself to the whole human family story with all its triumphs and failings. I pray that we come to a greater appreciation of our families, even with its brokenness, and also deeper appreciation and commitment to our parish family. I know that I am truly blessed to have been made a part of it.

Love, Fr. Jimmy



**Holy Family:** Let us imitate the Holy Family in our Christian families, and our family will be a cell and a prefiguration of the heavenly family. Say a prayer dedicating your family to the Holy Family. Also pray for all families and for our country to uphold the sanctity of the marriage bond which is under attack.

## Weekly Collections

Sunday, December 22, 2019

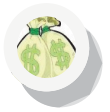
Weekly Collection

Envelopes.....\$,.00

Loose.....\$,.00

Total Collection.....\$,.00

Due to early submission, this report will be listed later



## REFLECTIONS ON TODAY'S READINGS

The author of Sirach wanted people living in an increasingly Hellenistic culture to retain the ancient values and traditions of Judaism. It is our great fortune that he recorded the wisdom that had been passed through many generations, for now many new generations have been enlightened by that same wisdom. For those families that are undergoing hardships, the Holy Family is a wonderful example to follow. From the beginning, they had more than their share of difficulties. Both Mary and Joseph were initially unsettled by the news of her pregnancy. In the days before Jesus' birth, they had to take an arduous journey to Bethlehem. They were refused proper accommodations and Mary had to give birth in a stable. Instead of returning home, they had to take flight at night to a foreign land to keep the baby safe. When they were finally able to return, they had to proceed carefully for fear of the new king. Yet at every step, God watched over them. May we know the same consolation throughout our trials. When we look at people who spend much of their day taking care of babies, young children, elderly parents, or disabled family members, we realize the power of love. Love enables us to dedicate our time and energy to the care of those who need it. Love fosters compassion, kindness, patience, and mercy, as Paul taught. If that love is weakened and dies, the bonds break and all those virtues wither. The world suffers when the one who feels unloved or who refuses love can no longer recognize or accept compassion, kindness, mercy, or forgiveness.

# THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH



**Saturday, December 28th**  
**4:00 p.m.**

Richard Romaire, Sr. and Alexis Vicari Martindele

**Sunday, December 29th**  
**8:00 a.m.**

Laurent & Betty Verdin, Mae Jambon, Gladys Sansoni, Russell Rudolph, Joseph Burleigh, and Clair Kennedy.

**10 a.m.**

Harold and Marie Reiss

**12 Noon**

Por Todos los feligreses

**6:00 p.m.**

Msgr. Albert Bergeron

**Monday, December 30th**

**6:00 p.m.**

Jamie David & Sal Monfra, Sr.

**New Year's Eve—Tuesday, December 31st**

**6:00 p.m. Mass**

Dennis & Dolly Naquin, Sr.

**New Year's Day—Wednesday, January 1st**

**10:00 am**

Jamie David and Sal Monfra

**12 Noon Mass (Spanish)**

**Thursday, January 2nd**

**6:00 p.m.**

**First Friday, January 3rd**

**8:00 a.m. Mass & Adoration**

**6:00 p.m.**



## SANCTUARY CLEANING



**Dec 28**—D. Barrilleaux, L. D'Aquin, V. Davis, D. DiMarco, M. Eiswirth, S. Hymel.

**Jan 4**—Mary Hennigan, Cynthia Lasserre, Doris Michel, Patsy Monfra, Delia Ovalle, Lucy Slocum, Lois Waguespack.

## SCHEDULE: MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

**4:00 PM Mass Dec 28**— Donna & William Bentel, Elaine Klibert, Katie Liljeberg, Kim Ranson, Del Woolsey.

**8:00 AM Mass Dec 29**— E. Cloutet, C. D'Aquin, R. Lamy, C. Lasserre, D. Modenbach and M. Verdin.

**10:00 AM Mass Dec 29** — J. Bellanger, C. Blanchard, D. DiMarco, R. Hebert, R. Rawle, F. Stevenson.

**10:00 AM Mass** — P. Camardelle, L. D'Aquin, J. Mailhos, S. Nguyen

**6:00 PM Mass Dec 29**— F. Lipovsky, G. Smith, S. Verret, D. Guise.

## SCHEDULE: MINISTERS OF THE WORD

**4:00 PM** Dec 28—G. Richard  
Jan 4—

**8:00 AM** Dec 29—D. Rudolph  
Jan 5—

**10:00AM** Dec 29—K. Moser  
Jan 5 —

**6:00 PM** Dec 29—A. Pitre  
Jan 5—

Lectors can pick up their Workbooks in the Sacristy.



## VIGIL LIGHTS

**This week the vigil light at the Blessed Sacrament is in loving memory of Laurent & Betty Verdin.**



**This week the vigil light at the St. Joseph Statue is in loving memory of Laurent & Betty Verdin**



**This week the vigil light at the Blessed Mother Statue is in loving memory of Laurent & Betty Verdin.**



## IN REMEMBRANCE

*Almighty Father, source of forgiveness and salvation, grant that our relatives and friends who have passed from this life, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, come to share your eternal happiness through Christ our Lord. Amen*

# EL RINCÓN DEL PASTOR

## Feliz Navidad y Feliz Año Nuevo

Es increíble que otro año esté llegando a su fin. Parece que hay muchos problemas y circunstancias que nos atormentan o nos superan con ansiedad. Estos son los buenos y los malos presentes en nuestro mundo. Sin embargo, Dios no abrume ni amenaze. Simplemente ofrece su misericordia y amor, anhelando que abramos nuestros corazones. Mientras viajamos por estos días, que nuestros ojos estén abiertos y nuestros corazones listos para encontrarnos con Emmanuel, el que siempre está esperando abrazarnos.

Hoy celebramos la solemnidad de la Sagrada Familia. Desde los inicios de la creación, Dios ha sostenido que la familia es nuestra esperanza y fortaleza. Nos instruyó que en la unión del hombre y la mujer, dejando a las madres y los padres, si es fundamental para construir la verdadera imagen de la familia humana. Dejar a padre y madre de ninguna manera cortando lazos con la intimidad de nuestra historia familiar. Vemos en la maravillosa genealogía de Jesús no una lista concreta de nombres, sino un testigo de que Jesús se relaciona íntimamente con toda la historia de la familia humana con todos sus triunfos y fracasos. Ruego que lleguemos a una mayor apreciación de nuestras familias, incluso con su fragilidad, y también una apreciación y compromiso más profundos con nuestra familia parroquial. Sé que estoy verdaderamente bendecida de haber sido parte de ella.

Con Amor, Padre Jimmy



## Reflexión

El autor de Sirácide quería que la gente que vivía en una cultura cada vez más helenística retuviera los valores y las tradiciones de antaño del judaísmo. Nos es de gran fortuna que él haya puesto por escrito esa sabiduría, que ha sido transmitida de generación en generación, pues ahora esa sabiduría ha servido para iluminar a muchas generaciones nuevas. • La Sagrada Familia es un ejemplo colosal a seguir, para aquellas familias que atraviesan adversidades. Desde el comienzo ellos tuvieron sus manos llenas de dificultades. Tanto María como José se sintieron perturbados al principio con el embarazo de ella. Unos pocos días antes del nacimiento de Jesús tuvieron que emprender un viaje arduo hacia Belén. No se les dio posada y María tuvo que dar a luz en un establo. En vez de regresar a casa tuvieron que huir durante la noche a tierra extranjera para salvar al niño. Cuando por fin pudieron regresar tuvieron que andarse con mucho cuidado por temor al nuevo rey. Sin embargo, Dios cuidó de ellos en cada momento. Que nosotros tengamos la misma consolación al atravesar nuestras pruebas. • Cuando vemos a personas que pasan la mayor parte del día cuidando de bebés, de niños pequeños, de una madre o de un padre enfermo, o de algún familiar discapacitado, nos damos cuenta del poder del amor. El amor nos permite dedicar nuestro tiempo y energía al cuidado de aquellos que lo necesitan. El amor fomenta compasión, bondad, paciencia y misericordia, tal como lo enseñó san Pablo. Si ese amor se debilita y muere se rompen los vínculos y se marchitan todas esas virtudes. El mundo sufre cuando la persona que no se siente amada o que rechaza el amor no puede ya reconocer o aceptar la compasión, la bondad, la misericordia ni el perdón.

Pregunta de la semana ¿Hay alguien que conozco, que está en una condición vulnerable debido a que no tiene una familia en quien apoyarse? ¿Qué puedo hacer por ellos?

### MINISTROS DE LA EUCARISTÍA HORARIO

**Diciembre 29—Nydia Lara**

**Enero 5 —Oscar Estalles**

### MINISTROS DE LA PALABRA HORARIO

**Diciembre 29—Rosa Cortes, Aldo Hernández, Sr., Tirza Huevo, Expedita Reyes, Gladys Reyes, Francisco Peraza**

**Enero 5—Liliana Alegría, Rosa Cortes, Blanca Díaz, Amparo Estalles, Rosa Pina, Rodolfo Pina.**

## THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

### CHRISTMAS FLOWER INTENTIONS:

*Mary Julia, John Bordlee, Sr., Davis & Pitre Families, Dianne Galliano-Bollinham, Don J Galiano, Mr & Mrs Gus Melancon, Mr & Mrs Rosolino Scaccia, Joseph T Simon, Jr., Sarah Burregi, Joseph & Beverly Burregi, Munch & Bellanger Family, Rosa Mae & Jarysch "JL" Sansoni, John P Durel, III, Rampanelli Family, Clarence & Louise Boudreaux, Clair Barrios Kennedy, Lisa Hannan, Charles Barras, Joy Barras, Annie Anne & Albin Simon, Debbie Thiesges, Blanche Gervais, Rodney Martin, Kevin Cooley, Brandt & Romaine Family, Carl J Gonzales Jr, Leonard Hidalgo, Millie Hannakan, Sybil B. Pennino-Loretta Johnson, Shirley-Layton Jr & Eliska Laurent, Willie Farve Jr, Barbara Laurent, George M. Laurent Sr., Alex M Norman, Decan Rodolfo J Martinez, Benjamin C Martinez, Rosario Rodas, America Singuenza, Alite & Wiley McDaniel, Shirley McCall, Mamie & Orlando Parrino, Diehl Family, Pajak Family, Louis Scholl, Jr., Don J Boudreaux, Anna Mae Ricotta, Vickie Scioneaux, Kelly Favalora, Michael & Kelly Guillory, Daniel & Jennifer Hill, Mr & Mrs Marius Rouchon, Edward & Octavia Landry, Forrest Plaisance, Rousell Family, Gladys Sansoni, Morris Blanchard & Family, Bernard P Callegan, Tonsie J Lyle, Kyle A Roberts, U.C. & Maggie Broussard, Katie & Ellis Robeaux, Sr., Davida Maise, Drew Robeaux, Verda & Joseph Babin, Dominick & Louise Gulizo, Lloyd Klibert, Sr., Bordelon & LaJaunie Families, Mr & Mrs Bernard Cambre, Sr. & Family, Enest & Emily Buquet, Henry & Dolores Buquet, Paul Lauland Saucier, Marci Saucier, Jackeline DiBartolo, Anette Saucier, Ramona Cabrera, Dewey Waguespack, Sr., Ricky & Beryl Dantin, Lucas & Gladys Reyes, Philip & Brenda Olivier, Craig Pfister, Alex & Camille Carpenter, Willie & Eunice LeCompte, Suzanne Plaisance, Ledet Family, Marse Family, Joseph Chighizola & Family, Nazie Callegan, Lena Lyle, Fred N Roberts, Lindsay, James and Kenneth Broussard, Bouvier & Stauter Family, Doris Fast, Lucy & Boy Galiano, Patrick Joseph Galiano, Jr., Antoine Ockman, Mr & Mrs Rosolino Montagnino Eugenie S Bourgeois, Vergie & Edward Andrus, Noella Burregi, DiMarco & Plaisance Family, Robert "Bobby" Verrett, Emily & Simon Sansoni, Bernard J Dearstine, Herman & Jenny Boudreaux, Don J Boudreaux, Ayden Riley, Ellis Robeaux, Jr., Patsy Broussard, Caroline Shackelford, James Hennegan, Frank & Rosa Spano, Klibert Families, Adrian Billiot, Mr & Mrs Eustach Simon, Sr. & Family, Mike Woolsey, Alice Lopez, Maluin Borgeron, Paul James Lauland, Jake DiBartolo, Duroc Saucier, Parrino, Rugusa & Cortez Families, Dominga Genao, Ramona Barras, Wayne Barras, Curtis Marc Simon, Jean-Baptiste & Grace St. Pierre, Ameddee Gervais, John Lanier, Maison Martin, Richard Romaine, Sr., Marleen & Henry Najolia, Willie & Beatrice Marque, Ernest, Kelly & Karen Hidalgo, Brad Carmadell, Hicks & Legendre Families, Hayes Breau, Sr & Jessie & Paul, Willie Sr & Edna Farve, Rachel Laurent, Laurent & Betty Verdin, Michael Daigle, Sr, Victoria Casanova, Aida Singuenza, Medardo Singuenza, Bernadette & Vic Cortez, Carroll & Ernest Hymel, Bernadette, Parrino, Norma Rodriguez, Totten Family, Dufrene Family, T H Keller Family, and Naquin Family.*

*Note: We do our best to understand your writing, but we may not have the spellings of names correctly. Please excuse us as we are human with human limits, but know that God knows who you intended for these intentions. Thank you for your understanding. Merry Christmas to all and Happy New Year.*

