

**The Holy Family of  
Jesus, Mary, and Joseph  
December 29, 2019**

Over all [other virtues] put on love,  
that is, the bond of perfection.  
— *Colossians 3:14*

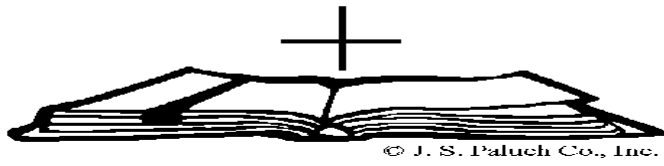
**SALVATION IN DAILY LIFE**

This Sunday is the feast of the Holy Family, which comes on the first Sunday after Christmas Day. Today's feast celebrates how the humanity of Jesus (including his entire family life) has brought saving significance into the daily rhythms of our human family life.

The scriptures offer instruction and encouragement on how to share—within our families, parish families, and the wider human family—the love that God shares with us in Jesus. Selections from Sirach, Psalm 128, and Colossians encourage us to reflect divine love and thus find holiness in all our human relationships. The reading from Matthew's Gospel offers a living example of love in the actions Joseph took to protect his young family from danger and to nurture them within the larger family of faith of their time.

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**Mass Intentions**



**Sat. Dec. 28, 4:30 p.m.** Henry McNamara, Dennis McCloskey,  
Huval Family, Barrilleaux Family, Hotard Family, Louis Perschall Sr., I. Perschall, Karge Family, Special Intention, Nick Sita, Max Jones, Paul Loubre

**Sun., Dec. 29, 7:30 a.m.** Carol Pieri, David Tucker, Larry Kass, Ruth Christie, Sr. Gabriel Mule' DC, Sr. Claire Mule' DC, Nora Hauptmann Paul Loubre, Olga Mathes (L), Robert Carlin (L), Joyce Veuleman (L), Barry Groomer (L), Mrs. Pam Markham Kroeper (L)

**Sun., Dec. 29, 9:15 a.m.** Parishioners

**Sun., Dec. 29, 11:00 a.m.** Leonard Wilfert

**Mon., Dec. 30, 8:00 a.m.** Sr. Gabriel Mule' DC

**Tues., Dec. 31, 4:30 p.m.** St. John's Wednesday Work Crew

**Wed., Jan 01, 9:00 a.m.,** Frederick Addotto Sr.

**Thurs., Jan 02, 8:00 a.m.** Don Abney

**Fri., Jan 01, 8:00 a.m.** Charlie Armstrong

**PRAYER LIST**

James Michael Cole	Korey James Harris
Scott St. Romaine	Freddie Addotto
Fred Kopfler	Louise Cashmere
Florence Hoffman	Sylvia Callahan
Rich Richardson	Nancy Richardson
Randy Cooper	Richard Atkins
Roy M. Piazza	Ruthi Olson



Envelopes	\$ 2,483.00
Loose	\$ 1,483.25
Christmas Offering	\$ 6,406.76

**THE CANDLES BURN IN HONOR OF:**

Sanctuary	Marino Family
Blessed Mother	Santopadre Family
St. Joseph	Michel Family
St. Ann	Carol Pieri

If you would like to honor your intention by burning a 7 day candle please call 796-3806.

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS**

**The flowers on the Altar are in gratitude  
of all Parishioners of St. John's.**

**Solemnity of Mary Mother of God, Jan. 1  
Holy Day Of Obligation**

Dec. 31, Vigil Mass, 4:30 p.m. in Church

Jan. 1st, - 9:00 a.m. in Church

Fr. Vincent will be away after 8 a.m. mass on Friday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> through Friday, January 10<sup>th</sup>. The schedule is as follows. Fr. Peter Hammett will celebrate masses on First Saturday, Monday and Wednesday at 8:00 a.m. and Deacon Jay Zimmer will have communion services on Thursday and Friday at 8 a.m.

**FOOD FOR THE POOR**

Please join us the weekend of January 4, 2020 to hear Fr. Thomas R. Bouterie speak at all masses about a ministry providing direct relief to the poor throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. Fr. Bouterie will share personal witness about Food for the Poor's mission to care for the destitute as a means of living out the Gospel mandate to love one another.

The office will close at noon on Mon., Dec. 30<sup>th</sup> through Wed., Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>. We will reopen on Thurs., Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**We welcome all newcomers to St. John's Church and invite you to register as members of our parish family. Please complete a "Parishioner Form" located in back of church and drop it in the collection basket. A member of St. John's Church will contact you to assist you with registration.**

### **CONSECRATION TO THE HOLY FAMILY**

As part of their new Faith in Action program, the Knights of Columbus Council 10176 are inviting all parishioners, particularly our families with young children, to participate in the Consecration to the Holy Family prayer which will take place following the vigil mass on December 28<sup>th</sup> and the morning masses on Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup>. The prayer will be a simple one, consisting of a community prayer petitioning for the intercession of the Holy Family on behalf of all families to follow their example of faith and devotion to the Father. The literature that will be made available to all parishioners will further explain the meaning of the prayer, and includes suggestions for other activities that may benefit you in your efforts to seek God's grace, as did Jesus, Mary and Joseph, on behalf of our families. You can pick up a flyer and a prayer card in the back of the church. Knights of Columbus members will also be passing out the flyers and cards before and after mass on the Sunday before the event.

### **PRO-LIFE MARCH**

The Knights of Columbus invite everyone to join the inspiring Pro-life March in Downtown Baton Rouge on Saturday, January 25, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. – noon. We will meet at St. John's Church early and drive together. This event is open to everyone, children are welcome.

**Fr. Vincent has scheduled an Appreciation Dinner on Saturday, January 18<sup>th</sup> for any and all volunteers from St. John's. Please be on the lookout for more information.**

### **REMINDERS!**

The next Knights of Columbus monthly meeting is on Thursday, Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. in Odilo Hall.

First Saturday mass at 8:00 a.m. every month

Monday Bible Study, 7:30 p.m. in the Library

Men's group, Thurs., 7:00 p.m. in Library, except second Thurs.

PSR classes grades K – 8<sup>th</sup>, Wednesdays, 6:15 – 7:30 p.m. in JH

9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade PSR classes, Sun., noon – 1:30 p.m. in Library

James Adult Bible Study, Thursdays or Fridays at 9:00 a.m. in the Library in Jonathan Hall

*100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee Meeting, January 13, 6:00 p.m. in office*

### **SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday:	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph
Monday:	Sixth Day -Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
Tuesday:	Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Sylvester I; New Year's Eve
Wednesday:	The Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; Mary, the Holy Mother of God; World Day of Peace; New Year's Day
Thursday:	Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen
Friday:	The Most Holy Name of Jesus; First Fri
Saturday:	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton; First Saturday

*Merry Christmas*

### **SAINT THOMAS BECKET (1118-1170)**

To anyone who imagines conflict between religion and politics to be a modern phenomenon, history witnesses otherwise. Martyred under Henry VIII in 1535, Thomas More declared, "I die the king's good servant, but God's first!" Thomas Becket could have said the same four centuries earlier. As Henry II's closest friend and trusted chancellor, Becket, the king presumed, could be counted on, if made archbishop, to deliver the church to royal control. But Becket experienced a profound conversion, confirmed by the ordination liturgy's rich symbolism of the bishop as Good Shepherd and the church as Bride of Christ. Renouncing secular responsibilities, distributing his wealth to the poor, Thomas became the church's uncompromising champion. Faced with this "new" Becket, the king's previous friendship turned into a ferocious, almost irrational hatred. As eight centuries later, Archbishop Romero would be martyred at the altar of Christ's sacrifice, Becket was slain before the altar of Canterbury Cathedral by royal agents, neither the first nor last good shepherd to lay down his life as the price of freedom for Christ's church and justice for Christ's sheep.