December 30, 2018 – Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Parents wishing to baptize children should call the Parish Office to schedule the baptism and to schedule participation in our Baptismal Preparation Program. Please call two months before you wish the Baptism. The preparation may be done before the birth of the child.

MARRIAGE:
Arrangements must be made six months before the tentative date of the marriage by calling the Parish Office.

ANOINTING THE SICK:
This sacrament is for those who are elderly, seriously ill, or scheduled for surgery. Contact the Parish Office to schedule the anointing in Church or at home. If in hospital, request the Catholic Chaplain or a priest from the Parish in which the hospital is located, through the nursing station.

COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND:
Contact the Parish Office if you or a family member cannot attend Sunday Mass and would like to receive the Eucharist at home during the week.

NEWCOMERS:
Welcome to our community. You are invited to register in the parish on each 2nd Sunday of the month in the vestibule after Mass, by coming to the Parish Office during regular business hours, or by completing a “Welcome Card” found in the pamphlet rack at the entrance of the Church and mailing it to the Parish Office.

R.C.I.A.
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a process by which adults prepare to enter fully into the Catholic Church through Baptism, Confirmation or Eucharist. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

PENANCE:
Saturdays: 4:00-4:45 pm or at other times by appointment.
Right is right even if no one is doing it. Wrong is wrong even if everyone is doing it.

Sunday, December 30, 2018 Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Christmastide is not only a time to reflect on the holy mysteries of our salvation, but a time of renewed relationships with family and friends. For example, I heard of two sisters who gathered in the younger members of their families to bake 1400 Christmas cookies. That would be a truly bonding moment. And there are many other ways families enjoy each other’s company, showing by simple gestures of kindness that their love remains strong and vibrant. To treasure family life is one of the many graces of Christmastide.

Therefore, it makes sense that on the Sunday after Christmas and before the New Year that we celebrate the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Here is another reason to place a manger scene beneath the Christmas tree each year. In the traditional depictions all are kneeling, bending in adoration of the Christ child, lying in the manger. Closest to Jesus is Mary, His Mother, and Joseph, His foster Father. As you know the true Father of Jesus is God Himself. Thus Jesus is the God Man, fully human and fully divine. He did all this for us to draw near to us. He saves us as one like us in all things but sin. The traditional manger scene reminds families to consecrate themselves to Jesus, Mary and Joseph, and beg that the Holy Family bless their own family.

The entire Bible speaks to family life. The first two chapters of the Gospel of St. Luke record for all time how Jesus came into the world and makes clear in the connection with the human and divine the dignity and sanctity of the family and life itself. These teachings cannot be changed by any civil law. They are rooted in our human nature by God’s natural law, and confirmed by the Revelation of Jesus Christ, Lord and Savior. No one on earth has the authority to change what God has revealed. To obey God’s laws on the family is to become truly human, to disobey them is bring about our dehumanization to the detriment of all. This is the current crisis that calls out to heaven for intervention.

The Catholic Family and all families must struggle to keep Christ at the center of their lives day by day. Daily prayers in the home, including the rosary, assistance at Mass on all Sundays and holydays, study of the Faith (Creed, Sacraments, Ten Commandments, Prayer), lived in an atmosphere of love and respect, is to make Christ truly and really incarnate through husband and wife and their children. To enter a Christian home is to enter into the presence of Christ Himself. In the love of faithful couples with their children we meet Jesus Himself. This is the holy vocation of the family made holy and elevated by the Holy Sacrament of Matrimony. May God abundantly bless all our families and loved ones in the coming year!

I also remind you that January 1st, 2019, the Solemnity of Holy Mary, Mother of God is a holyday of obligation. We have scheduled Masses on Monday, December 31st, 2018 at 5pm and on Tuesday, January 1st at 8am and 10am. At the beginning of a New Year it has always been the custom to give thanks for the past year and humbly ask for God’s blessing in the New Year. The greatest title of Mary is “Mother of God.” This was confirmed in the Councils of the Church held in the first centuries of Christianity. This truth remains the same and cannot change. The Greek term is Theotokos, which means the “God Bearer,” always translated as “Mother of God.” Mary has no other privilege greater than this and all her other privileges flow from it. Mary, our dear and Blessed Mother is the model of the Christian Life. In her we witness the power of God’s grace. She enters most perfectly into the joyful, sorrowful, and glorious mysteries of our redemption. With her powerful intercession, we will be able to do the same and one day join her in the glory of heaven. “Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now, and at the hour of our death. Amen.”

Yours in the Immaculate Heart of Mary,
Fr. Mark G. Mazza, pastor
PRAY FOR:

- Those who have died, and especially those who have no one to pray for them. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.
- Those who are newly baptized, Sebastiano Samuel Cava, Chloe Elena Molina & Mia Clara Streeter. May God always be present to them and may they continue to grow in “age, wisdom and grace.”
- Peace in our world, for those who serve our country, at home and overseas; for all who suffer in any way due to war and civil disturbance, that God will assist all people toward reconciliation and peace.
- Those who are sick or who suffer in any way, that God will assist them in their need. Especially, Valerie Abbey, Bob Ahrens, Tom Anderson, Joe Andreano, Fernando Arguello, Ron Barri, Mary Bosque, James Carvalho, Jorge Castillo, Margaret Charlton, Joselina Deladiego, Grace Delagnes, Reese Derryman, John Farberstein, Julie Fletcher, Roy Fong, Dennis Frazier, Manny Galvez, Barbara Gartner, Greta Gipson-Lewis, Queen Gipson, Silva Guerbidjian, Griselida Guevara-MacDonald, Gary Harder, Anna Herdtler, Henry Jacquemet, Leota Jones, Torin Jones, Maria Latham, Patrick Lobo, Jacob Loeffler, Vicki Logan, Rosemarie Maffei, Kevin Mapes, Carol Mateus, Beth McCarthy, John McEvoy, Ken McQueen, Jesse Montalvo, Donna Moynihan, Farz Narcisso, John Nguyen, Pauline & Jerome Oppenheim, Arlene Penn, Betsy H. Pereira, Elizabeth Pugh, James Pugh, Joshua Pugh, Chris Quigg, Joel Rivera, Ron Rosso, Adrian Sanchez, Malu Sanchez, Joseph Sangervasi, Brooke Seim, Bill Selenger, Lisa Stasiak, Ofelia Vallejo, Paulette Volante, Marc Weiss, Mary Ellen Weiss, Justin & Jennifer Wells & Family, Ted Wolfe, Francesca Zuniga, and for those who suffer alone and have no one to pray for them.

READINGS for Jan. 5, 6, 2019
First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6 (20ABC)
Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
Gospel: Matthew 2: 1-12

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Dec 29 Sat.—St. Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr
8:00am–
5:00pm—Irene Stewart
Dec 30 Sun.—The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
7:30am—James Krueger
9:30am—People of the Parish
11:30am—Lucrecia & Ismael Milla
Dec 31 Mon.—St. Sylvester I, Pope
8:00am–
5:00pm—Vigil
Jan 1 Tue.—Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
8:00am–
10:00am–
Jan 2 Wed.—Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen
Bishops and Doctors of the Church
8:00am–
Jan 3 Thu.—The Most Holy Name of Jesus
8:00am–
Jan 4 Fri.—St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
8:00am—Geraldine Morrissey
Jan 5 Sat.—St. John Neumann, Bishop
8:00am–
5:00pm—Ernest Bautista
Jan 6 Sun.—The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
7:30am—John Carroll
9:30am–
11:30am—Raymond Abenilla
5:00pm—Latin Mass

SUNDAY COLLECTION
Collection for weekend of 12-16-18: $5,949.00
Second Collection for weekend of 12-16-18: $1,408.

Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (AAA) 2018
Our Goal for this year 2018 is $89,301
As of this date, we have 153 families and individuals, who contributed $64,048.00 toward this purpose.
We are at approximately 70% of our goal. Please consider making a pledge to support this collection.

IHM SCHOOL INFORMATION
Come visit IHM on Sunday, January 27th, 2019, as we will hold our Open House. We will begin with our Catholic Schools Week Mass at 9:30am followed by an Open House from 10:30am to 12:30pm. This is a great opportunity to see first-hand the quality of our students’ work and the community support. Please join us and follow our journey on our Facebook page, Immaculate Heart of Mary School Belmont.
Immaculate Heart of Mary School is now accepting applications for the 2019-2020 school year. You can download an application from our website at www.ihmschoolbelmont.org or call the school office for an application at 650-593-4265. School tours are available; call the school office to set up a tour. For more information on preschool call Liz Zapien, Preschool Director at 650-593-2344.

Applications for students entering Kindergarten are due January 11, 2019. For the 2019-2020 school year, children entering kindergarten must be five years old on or before September 1, 2019. Kindergarten assessments will take place during January and February. For information please contact the school office at ihmoffice@ihmschoolbelmont.org or call Suzie Smith at 650-593-4265.
TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS

Starting January 2019 the First Sunday of each month there will be a 5:00 pm Latin Mass at IHM Church.

At Midnight on Christmas the Traditional Latin Mass Society of San Francisco sponsored a Latin Mass in our parish. Father Alvin Yu was the celebrant. He is a Parochial Vicar at St. Mathew’s in San Mateo and Director of Liturgy at St. Patrick Seminary in Menlo Park. He was ordained a priest in 2017. The TLM Society of San Francisco works in the Bay Area to sponsor, foster, and encourage celebrations of the Traditional Latin Mass. Recently, these young people have asked me if they could continue to have Latin Masses at IHM. With the approval of Archbishop Cordileone and with my permission, I have agreed that there can be at IHM a regular Latin Mass on the first Sunday of each month at 5pm. The next Mass will be on Sunday, January 6th, The Solemnity of the Epiphany, at 5pm. This will also be a Solemn High Mass. The society will arrange approved priests (with a letter of good standing in the Archdiocese) and with my final invitation and approval, provide altar servers, and cover any added expenses involving music etc. Fr. Alvin Yu will usually be the celebrant, but there will be other approved priests from time to time. The collections will go to support IHM.

Yours in the Immaculate Heart of Mary,
Fr. Mark G. Mazza, pastor
Farewell Gail Tesi  
Sunday Jan 20, 2019, 11:30 am Mass  
honors Gail’s 40 years of IHM service. We are deeply grateful to  
Gail for her faith-filled and joyful service. Gail is retiring on Jan 31, 2019.

CELEBRATE IHM LIFE

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT MAILING

Our 30th annual IHM Gala, May 11, 2019 news will arrive  
in your mail. There are several ways to participate now.  
Auction gifts, Event Sponsors or Underwriting plus  
Event Catalog Ads are deeply appreciated. Your  
charitable tax contributions, which create this event,  
will be acknowledged and accepted through Dec. 31, 2018. Note our new online address:  
ihmbelmont.org/auction

Dear Fellow Parishioners, we  
wish you God’s blessings of  
Faith, Hope and Love this  
Christmas Season. We thank  
you for your special presence  
and participation which create  
and nurture IHM Life.  
The Parish Events Chairman

Parish Signup Weekend  
January 12 and 13 is the  
opportunity to be  
involved in creating our  
30th Annual Auction,  
Dinner and Dance. Event  
Committee chairmen will  
be present after all the  
Masses to meet you and  
describe the various committees. Each committee  
has a signup form with its service hours. Your  
participation creates and celebrates IHM Life.