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To join our parish family, call or visit the Rectory, or complete the Census form found in the Church.

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00pm

Sunday: 8:00 & 11:00am

Holy Days: As Announced

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

(Chapel of Saint Joseph)

Wednesday: 12:10 pm

Thursday: 8:30 am (School Mass)

Friday: 7:00 am

Friday: Adoration and Confession

7:30 am - 8:30 am

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

Saturday, 20 minutes before Masses.

SCHOOL STAFF

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Registration is open for the 2019-20 School Year.

We are a Regional School receiving the support of St Ignatius, Our Lady Queen of Peace, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Church of the Incarnation, Saint Luke and Saint Teresa of Avila.



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Christmas is over! It's time to put the trees on the curb and put away all the decorations, right?

As you may have guessed: wrong, actually! Ordinary Time doesn't begin for another two weeks, until January 13th. We have the day twelve days of Christmas until the Feast of the Epiphany on January 5 th , then another week

celebrating that feast which concludes to the Christmas season, ending with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Only then is Christmas-time officially over! Keep that tree up!

The whole liturgical year is one great prolonged ritual; a way we remember, again and again throughout the course of our lives, that we are really living ONE mystery, fulfilled in Jesus Christ our Savior, who is Lord and Messiah. This whole story is remembered year after year in Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, Pentecost, and through all the Sundays and Holy Days of Ordinary Time, in order to understand how we fit into that story.

The liturgical year begins in Advent, when we most need to hear Christ's call to be alert, to stay awake, to get ready! And then at Christmas we remember, God has not forgotten us! Emmanuel has come!

Next week we'll celebrate Epiphany, when we remember how Christ's identity was revealed to the world: Jesus who is King, Savior, and Bridegroom. In March, on Ash Wednesday, we will begin Lent, as we follow Israel in her Exodus, remembering how Christ has brought us from the slavery of sin to the promised land of the new creation.

And in Holy Week, we will focus on the very mystery by which Christ redeems the world, the exodus by which he passes from death to life – and we remember, that if we too want to pass from death to life, we must make that same journey with him, from Palm Sunday to Holy Thursday to Good Friday to Easter Sunday.

This new year, commit yourself to better living the mystery of the liturgical year. Make sure to grab one of the free Magnificat missals in the

back of the church and look over the readings for Mass ahead of time. Reflect on the prayers and the symbols. Follow the liturgical week. Reflect on the meaning of the season, and try to keep its spirit a daily focus of your life. The more you get into and explore all the features of the liturgical year, of liturgical time and rhythm, you'll find that it's the best way to keep yourself centered on the mystery of salvation, to keep the presence of God and to know what he wants to do in your life.

May you have a Happy New Year!

God bless you,

Fr Matt

Offertory for December 22nd

Offertory Collected - \$7,078.00

Budget Goal - \$5,769.23

Surplus/(Deficit) - \$1,308.77

Next week we welcome Rev. Msgr. David H. Benz of Cross Catholic Outreach who is speaking at all masses that weekend on behalf of the poor developing countries. Cross Catholic Outreach was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priest and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America.

Please be generous with your donations.

Today we Celebrate the Solemnity of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, which is our parish feast day.

Reminder! January 1st, the Solemnity of Blessed Virgin Mary, the Holy Mother of God. This is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will begin at 10:00 am in the main church.

PARISH LIFE

Thanks to all that participated in the **Baby Bottle Campaign for Forestville Pregnancy Center**. This ministry was established to help heal the pain of the individuals that visit the Center for help. This year Holy Family Parish contributed \$994.07 towards their efforts.

The Sodality continues to offer **Pecans for sale** *through January 7, 2020*. Contact Cassandra Butler (301) 423-9157 or Essie Shorter (301) 609-0710.

The Men's Club continues their annual **"Keep Warm this Winter"** coat drive. Please leave your gently used coats, sweaters and other outer garments in the boxes in the rear of the church. These items will be given to the Catholic Charities distribution center at St. Francis Xavier.

The **Women's Ministry** will be on hiatus until the new year. Next meeting will be on *Monday, January 6th at 6:30 pm* in the rectory.

The **Sodality** will meet on the *2nd Sunday of the month after the 8:00 am* Mass in the ADR. Next meeting will be on *January 12th*.

The **Leisure Club** meets on the *2nd and 4th Tuesdays* of the month in the Mother Lange Library. Next meeting, *January 7th*

The **Men's Club** will meet on the *3rd Sunday of the month after the 8:00am* Mass. The next meeting, *January 19th*.

Christmas Flower Offerings—Envelopes will be available starting this week to contribute to the flower fund in honor of your loved ones.

**Rectory office will be closed
December 24th—December 31st**

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WE KNOW AND LOVE:

Our Parishioners	Homebound	Elsewhere
Denise Richards	Mary Byus	Wendell Young
Cynthia Washington	Bennie Hooks Jr.	Dorothy Nelson
William Green	Andre Johnson	Kathleen Guidry
Demetrius Butler	Rose Sparrow	Alpha Banks
Barbara Smith	Alease Terry	Roy Banks
Angela Hewins	Clarence King	Betty Furr
Richard Hewins	Mildred Jones	David M. Smith Sr.
Barbara Price	Marsha Harper	Francis Briscoe
Iris Pierce	Barbara Moore	Barbara Williams
Angela McNair	Margaret Kennerly	Middleton Russell
Michelle Handon	Hilda Reeves	Anne Vaughn
Candace Griffin-Miles	Juanita Presley	
Frances Fisher	Frank Wilson	
	Ethel Handon	

We continue to pray for Healing of Elaine Richardson.

Birthday Blessings to Shirley Paige, Joyce McNeal, Doris Dodson, Dorothy Barnes, Mercy Baiza-Gavidia, Wayne Dorsey, Patricia Brown, Chukuma Iheagwara, Zhane Daniels, Bailey Symone Schlegel, Olivia Stevens, Veronica Bankins, Helen Turner, Margaret Wood, Louise Lee, and Andrea Hooker-Santana.

MASSES FOR WEEK OF DEC 29 — JAN 5

Dec 29th	FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY
Sat. 4:00 pm	The Poor and Homeless
8:00 am	The Messina Family
11:00 am	Holy Family Parishioners
Daily Masses	
Wed. 10:00 am	Paul Collins +
Thurs. 7:00 am	Francis Collins +
Fri. 7:00 am	Walter Vaughn (L)
Jan 5th	EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
Sat. 4:00 pm	Rev. Julio Alvarez-Garcia +
8:00 am	Holy Family Parishioners
11:00 am	Frances Bean (L)

Daily readings can be found at <http://usccb.org/bible/readings/index.cfm>.

Altar Arrangements and Mass Intentions: Offerings (\$5.00) can be made to honor a deceased or living loved one, or other special occasions. These Mass Intentions will be offered on Sundays in the Church and on weekdays in the Chapel of St Joseph. Altar Arrangements in honor of your loved ones start at \$60.00.

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