

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2019

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

Readings: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-5; Col 3:12-21; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

“Out of Egypt I called my Son... He shall be called a Nazorean.”

MASS SCHEDULE				
Sun	Dec	29	9:00AM	Joseph Mascavage + By Parker & Rosemarie Willis
Wed	Jan	1	10:00AM	Lawrence Bremer + By John & Jane Miller
Thur	Jan	2	9:00AM	Rosemarie Thompson (health) By Ted & Carol Johnson
Fri	Jan	3	12:00PM (noon)	Rosemarie Thompson (health) By Ted & Carol Johnson
Sun	Jan	5	9:00AM	Jim Tuite + By St. Jude Prayer Group

**To Schedule a Mass Intension
Please contact the Church Office
828-743-5717**

SAINT JUDE - OFFERTORY

(The Weekend of December 22, 2019)

Offertory: \$2440.00 Attendance: 96

The Ladies of St. Jude

The Ladies of St. Jude meet from March-November on the 2nd Tuesday of the month in the Parish Hall at 10:00am. They support the Parish in their spiritual growth & outreach programs, assist with funerals, care for the sick and organize social and fellowship programs. For more information, please contact Mary Ann Massa at 919-605-4246.

Prayer Blanket Ministry

The Prayer Blanket Ministry's - Winter Schedule (November - May) meets on the 1st Tuesday of the month. They gather at 10:00am for a meeting in the upstairs classroom. You don't have to know how to sew, crochet or knit. If you need a prayer blanket, please contact the Church Office at 828-743-5717.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Jim Barton, Denis Benardello, Patricia Blasi, Lane Bolmer, Tom Borzell, Marian Michel Boyd, J. Randy Brooks, Karen Cameron, Dr. Jay & Jana Carpenter & The Carpenter Family, Tom Carrasquillo, Fr. Hugh Chikawe, Daniel Coffey, Dottie Collier, Sherry Cook, Terese Crawford, Margaret Daniel, Christopher Day, Katherine DeLage, Pat Delaney, Linda Denny, Judi Eisnagle, Mike Ezzell, Sandra Fischel, Gina Galetti, Gretchen Giesey, Jerry Goldberg, Jerry Gordon, Laura Gregory, Walt & Judy Green, Jackson Hall, Donald Haug, Matthew Hite, Amy Hoyle, Jo Hoyle, Katie Hoyle, Daniel Jacobs, Dakota Johnson, Treba Johnson, Bill Keadle, Suzanne Keenan, Cathy Keir, Joe Knauff, George Lee, Trentha Mackey, Marinka, Camerron Martin, Conor McCall, Janet McClory-Presley, Betsy McCloskey, Michael Monti, Ron Nelson, Lyla Ruby Newton & Coen Michael Newton & The Newton Family, Sheila Rinker, Sherman Runions, Russell Sands, Brendan Scallon, Jr., Elaine Schmid, Bonnie Jean Small, Lennis Smith, Ava Snyder, Leonardo Suarez, Rosemarie Thompson, Kim Wagland, Cassie Watts, Meredith Worth.

Military Prayer List

Lt. Col. Fred Dufault (Afghanistan)
Captain Evan Shawler (Air Force Flight Surgeon)

St. Jude Prayer Group

The St. Jude Prayer Group meets on Fridays at 12:30pm following the 12:00(noon) Mass. We pray the Rosary, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, spend some silent time in Adoration, and pray for the needs of our Church and of our world. For more information, please contact Jane Miller at janem@tampabay.rr.com or 813-230-3500.

Emaus Prayer Group

Emaus Prayer is a spiritual movement of faith that is called to prayer, obedience and adoration of the Holy Sacrament. They meet each Wednesday at 6:00pm. For information contact Yuliana Vargas at 828-226-5083 or Efrain Morales at 828-226-1045.

Spanish Prayer & Rosary

The Spanish Prayer & Rosary meets on Friday evenings at 7:00pm. For more information, please contact Isela Vazquez at 828-331-7892.

Today's Readings

First Reading: The book of Sirach was written by a wise teacher who lived 200 years before Christ. Sirach ran a school for young people in Jerusalem. In today's passage, he advises his students on the proper way to honor their parents...(Sir 3:2-6, 12-14)

Second Reading: The letter to the Colossians was written around the year 80 A.D.. A major concern in this letter is how the Christian community appears to outsiders. The author offers guidelines so that Christian families will live in such a way that others will notice the difference....*Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another..... And over all these put on love*(Colossians 3:12-21).

Gospel: The angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph and advised him to take Jesus and Mary to Egypt to avoid Jesus being killed by Herod. When it was safe to return, they went to the region of Galilee to the town of Nazareth. This fulfills what was spoken thru the prophets *Out of Egypt I called my Son.....* and ... *He shall be called a Nazorean.....* (Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23).

New Year's Prayer

Remember us, O God,
From age to age be our comforter.
You have given us the wonder of time,
Blessings in days and nights, seasons and years.
Bless your children at the turning of the year
And fill the months ahead with the bright hope
That is ours in the coming of Christ.
You are our God,
Living and reigning, forever and ever...Amen.

Knights of Columbus

The St. Jude Knights of Columbus meet at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall on the 1st Tuesday of the month. Please contact Joe Vergo (Grand Knight) for information at 239-777-8606.

Ongoing Events - Knights

***Raffle Tickets** -on sale for \$5.00 following Mass. Shared proceeds will support local charities.

Solemnity of Mary - Mother of God

(Feast Day - January 1, 2019)

The Christian year begins with a feast in honor of Mary, the Mother of God. God chose Mary for a special role in history. She was to give birth to the Messiah whom God would send to save all people from sin and to bring joy and peace to the entire world. God prepared Mary for this special role even before her birth by making her holy, full of grace, and free of the stain of original sin. We remember Mary for her special role in the birth of Jesus and her special place in God's plan for redemption when we celebrate The Solemnity of Mary on January 1st. The title "Mother of God" goes back to the 3rd century. The Greek work "Theolokos," meaning "God bearer," became the touchstone of the church's teaching about the incarnation. Devotion to Mary is not limited to one day or one year. Any prayer we say in Mary's honor, such as the rosary, enables us to continually evoke her memory. Mary inspires the church today with her obedience to God and her faithful love for her son, Jesus Christ.

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*Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women,
And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God, Pray for us sinners now,
And at the hour of our death... Amen.*

Hispanic Ministry Calendar

Wed., Jan. 1, **New Year's Day Mass**, 10:00am

Wednesday, Jan. 1, **Emaus**, 6:00pm

Friday, Jan. 3, **Spanish Prayer Group**, 7:00pm

General Church Calendar

Wed., Jan. 1, **New Year's Day Mass**, 10:00am

Friday, Jan. 3, **Prayer Group**, 12:30pm-1:30pm

Tues., Jan. 7, **Prayer Blanket Ministry**, 10:00am

Tues., Jan. 7, **Knights of Columbus**, 7:00pm

Tues., Jan. 14, **Cabin Fever Night**, 5:30pm
(Mica's - Dutch Treat - RSVP...Mary Ann Massa)