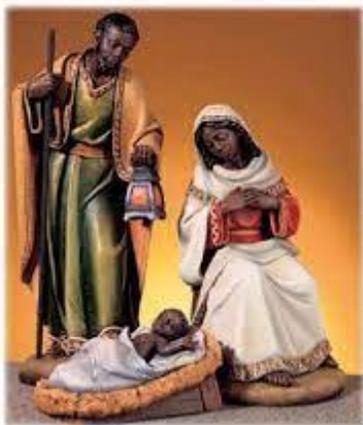


The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

December 26, 2021



My dear Sisters and Brothers in the Lord,

Merry Christmas! Merry Christmas!

Psalm 89:4-5 states; “I have made a covenant with my chosen one... I will make your dynasty stand forever and establish your throne through all ages.” This proclamation comes into real time at the Christmas event! Our Promise of the Ages is born to us on Christmas day! The Nativity of the Lord was celebrated yesterday on December 25th. Our celebration of the Christmas season continues until January, 9, 2022. The Baptism of the Lord culminates the official Christmas observance. Our theme for this Christmas season is: “Celebrating Our Breakthrough!” Today we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family.

The Nativity of the Lord brings an end to the promise of God sending a Savior, but it is also the beginning of Our God’s physical movement into salvation history to keep this Promise. The Promise of Ages comes into our world not in a bombastic stupendous manner. He comes to us inconspicuously. No Chariots of fire. No descending from a cloud. No being escorted on the wings of an angel! He comes to us in a way that is not fitting the King of the Universe or is it?

For four weeks during the Advent season, we as a Faith-family followed the theme of “waiting for the Change.” All the distractions, issues, and tragedies that occurred attempted to inhibit us from properly preparing ourselves to celebrate the Nativity and simultaneously be ready for His return in glory. Social injustice ruling our political world. Racism, Sexism, classism ruling all of our interactions socially. Pandemics of health and wellness affecting our choices, actions, and feelings emotionally. Instead of being in joyful anticipation, we were fighting to refrain from being in fearful desperation! Looking at God’s promise all throughout the Old Testament aka salvation history in our Advent journey, we were reminded that God made a promise from the beginning of human existence that we are in a covenant relationship. Because of this covenant, God Promised to send us a Messiah. We were reminded throughout all the darkness of the past the Light promised would break through the darkness. So we were able to get excited and be in joyful anticipation, because, we know that our God did keep His Promise not only 2000 years ago, but many times in our own journey to give us the Light! We waited for the change in gleeful expectation!

Early Christmas morning a small number of our faith-family began the celebration of the physical birth of Our Salvation. We are renewed, revived, and ready for this awesome gift being born anew in our hearts. We are surrounded by physical darkness, but our breakthrough shines His Light in, for, and through us. Our Light that has come to dispel the darkness in a new way in our Lives, so that we can boldly proclaim; Glory Glory to God in the highest!

Today we see in the newness on “Our Breakthrough” the gift of the Holy Family. Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. The Holy family acts as our intercessors, model, and our guide for us to best utilize our Breakthrough in the season of glad tidings and joy! Just like when Christ was born to us inconspicuously we celebrate our little light that comes about from this night! We joyously continue celebrating and witnessing who we are and whose we are as we emulate the Holy Family by “Celebrating Our Breakthrough!”

Merry CHRISTmas,
Fr. Bozeman, Pastor

Weekly Offering for December 19, 2021

\$4,614.00 Tithe and Offering

Stewardship

“See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.” (1 John 3:1)

During this season of giving, let us remember a beautiful gift that we have received – being children of God! As God’s children, it is in our DNA. We share and express our love for others. Tell your spouse, children, other family members and friends that you love them, every day! Also, pray for those people that are different than you; those that you may not like or those that go out of their way to annoy you. Your prayers may be the start of a new friendship.

Did you know?

Check Christmas presents for button batteries

Many parents will be spending the next few days and weeks assembling (and reassembling) their children’s gifts, and it’s important to be on the lookout for potential hazards, including button batteries. Button batteries are small, round discs used in anything from toys to key fobs to watches. If these batteries end up being swallowed or placed in a child’s nose or ears, they can cause serious damage — from electrical currents to tissue burns. Keep an eye on the power sources for the toys your children get this Christmas, and consider taking extra safety measures for anything with a button battery.

For more information, visit <https://www.nsc.org/home-safety/safety-topics/child-safety/button-batteries>.

RCIA Come, learn or renew your Catholic faith...

Tuesday, January 4, 2022 at 7:00 PM. The topic will be about the **“The Sacrament of Baptism”** by Deacon Greg Patterson at Holy Name of Jesus (*Acacia Center*), 1955 W. Jefferson in Los Angeles.

Pray for the Sick

LaVerne Agnew, Brian Argusta, Helen Argusta, Gloria Bazemore, Victor Bozeman, Vivian Burgess, Brownie Cain, Kathleen Charles, Christopher Chestnut, Sister Ann Paul Clare, Cynthia Cyrus, Juanita Davis, Carolyn Didney, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, Bobby Eason, Mark Eason, Cynthia Fortier, Sherie Frierson-Chenier, Brenda Garibaldi, Avis Gibbs, Barbara Harris, Jennifer Hallman, Barbara J. Jones, Marjorie Jones, Briana Katz, Barbara Lagarde, Irwin Lagarde, Mercedes LeBlanc, Victor Levi, Vylfred Manor, Dorothy Okoye, Tyrone Pitts, Sally Price, Wiley Pugh, Frank Rhodes, Dana Semien, Dudley Semien, Mike Simon, Joan Spencer, Annie Starks, Kay Sterling, Leila Thomas, Iris Turner, Mabel Walton, William Warrior, Alice Williams, Jacqueline Williams, Peggy Wilson and Mechele Yerima.

Daily Scripture Readings

Sunday	Sir 3:2:14, Ps 128: 1-5, Lk 2:41-52
Monday	1 Jn 1:1-4, Jn 20:1a-8
Tuesday	1 Jn 1:5-2:2, Mt 2:13-18
Wednesday	1Jn 2:3-11, Lk 2:22-35
Thursday	1 Jn 2:12-17, Lk 2:36-40
Friday	1 Jn 2:18-21, Jn 1:1-18
Saturday	Nm 6:22-27, Ps 67:2-8, Lk 2:16-21
Sunday	Is 60:1-6, Ps 72:1-13, Mt 2:1-12

NEW YEAR’S MASS SCHEDULE



New Year’s Eve, Friday, December 31st
Vigil at 10:30 PM and bring in the year!

New Year’s Day, Saturday, January 1, 2022
(Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God)
9:00 AM Mass ONLY

RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED

Friday, December 31, 2021 until Tuesday January 4, 2022

SAVE THE DATES

You are invited to the **28th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. PRAYER BREAKFAST 8:00AM Saturday, January, 15, 2022**, at the St. Monica Catholic Church Pavilion, 725 California Avenue, Santa Monica, CA. The Keynote Speaker is Dr. Kim Harris and Drum Major Awardee is Most Reverend Edward Wm. Clark, Auxiliary Bishop, our Lady of the Angels Pastoral Region. This year’s theme is **ADVANCING THE DREAM: Time to Reflect, Imagine and Build the Future.** Reserved Ticket Donation is \$50 and \$300 for a table of 7. You may also purchase tickets online: AACCFE.org-or send checks to the African American Catholic Center for Evangelization, 9505 Hass Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90047. For more information call 323.777.2106.

Mass at the Cathedral

On Monday, **January 17, 2022 at 3:00 PM** in the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels, Most Reverend José H. Gomez will be the celebrant and homilist for the 40th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. **MEMORIAL MASS.** Reverend Jeffery Harvey, Assistant Professor of Homiletics is the Homilist. The African American Catholic Center for Evangelization in Collaboration with the Knights of Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliary invites everyone to attend.

Christmas Flower Offering

We are asking that you be as generous as possible with your giving. Envelopes are at the church exit. We will place the envelopes on the altar for prayer in Memory of, or in Honor of, your love ones.