



The Holy Family of Jesus - Mary and Joseph

December 29, 2019



Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday – December 28

8:00am~Birthday Blessings Narcisa Pons
 5:00pm-† Robert Hetzel
 7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Sunday – December 29

8:30am-† Elizabeth & Stephen Fedorick
 10:00am-† Victoria Crowdell
 11:30am-† Parish Community Intentions
 1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions
 6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Monday – December 30

8:00am-† Benedict Escott
 12:05pm-† Conrado Trinidad

Tuesday –December 31–New Year's Eve

8:00am-† Angelicus Juevoz
 12:05pm-† Ramon Carlos Pons
 7:30pm -† Libby Guardiani

Wednesday–January 1–New Year's Day

10:00am-† Libby Guardiani
 11:30am-† Libby Guardiani
 1:30pm-† Libby Guardiani

Thursday – January 2

8:00am-† Edward Brice
 12:05pm-† Josephine Bruno

Friday – January 3

8:00am-† Rose Hughes
 12:05pm-† Thomas Mormino

Saturday – January 4

8:00am-† Thomas Mormino
 5:00pm-† Nerida Hughes

Sunday – January 5

8:30am-† Elizabeth & Stephen Fedorick
 10:00am- † Victoria Crowdell



Mass Intentions

Offered by: Family

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish
by: daughter, Alexis Crowdell

Offered by: Loyola School

By: Efrain & Wanda Ortiz

Offered by: Bernard Campbell

Offered by: Narcisa Pons

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish

By: daughters, Barbara & Mary

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish

Offered by: Mt. Carmel Parish

Offered by: Sonia & Tito Morales

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Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine

Tabernacle Candle

Memorial Candle



~ † *Libby Guardiani*

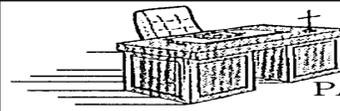
~ *Emmanuel Rafael*

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dignified life. Remember that love makes patience, compassion, goodness and mercy possible as St. Paul teaches us. If family love weakens, we may remain in the loneliness that isolates us. The world suffers from loneliness and abandonment because it has forgotten to love. So be kind and serve as we learned early on in our families. Let us renew our desire to love one another as we learned in our own families.

I wish a **HAPPY NEW YEAR!** to those who cannot come to the masses at the end of this year 2019.

Feliz año nuevo! Fr. Hernan, S.J.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

"Jesus, Joseph and Mary" Feast of the Holy Family

Paraphrasing Martin Fierro we can say "The family must be united, that is the first law; because if they fight in it, the outsiders could devour them." This beautiful phrase comes to mind when we celebrate with joy the Feast of the Holy Family. Just a few days ago we celebrated joyfully the birth of the Son of God. Today Jesus is that gentle blessing for Joseph and Mary that reminds us that God is lived and experienced in a family. Although Jesus, Joseph and Mary lived more than two thousand years ago and for some people, they are too holy an example to imitate, it is not less true that in many things the Holy Family is also a reflection of our own families. Thus, they rejoiced with each other with their own presence. The Holy Family had to suffer poverty, emigration and even banishment. The joy of the birth of their Son was marred by the pain of leaving for distant lands. That is why in this feast in which we honor the Holy Family, we pray that, as an example of their faith, solidarity and love, we can also grow as one family.

God sent us his only Son out of love. Today's celebration of the Holy Family wants to be a reminder of God's love for all mankind since we are united in love. St. Paul in his letter to the Colossians invites us to put "love" above all things." Today's feast is a thermometer of how we treat our parents, children or husbands. This feast is far from being the celebration of an ideal. Jesus lived in a normal family with limitations and greatness, but a real family.

In the first reading, the author of the Book of Sirach wants to motivate his readers to preserve the values and traditions of the chosen people. For Sirach, it was important to pass on the elders' legacy to future generations as times were increasingly influenced by Greco-Roman culture. These warnings are still valid today and with the adaptations of the case, they serve as a guide for the new family models.

The Holy Family did not have it easy from the beginning, nor is it easy for many of our families today. Thus, the relationship between Joseph and Mary was tarnished by doubt as of Mary's pregnancy. When the birth was approaching, Mary and Joseph were looking for a shelter. Jesus was born in absolute poverty. They had to leave in the middle of the night to keep the child safe. When they returned from exile, they had to keep a low profile so as not to attract the attention of the Roman's puppet king.

However, at every step that Jesus took, Joseph and Mary felt God's blessings. The big challenge for us is that in the midst of our joys and pains we may feel God's blessings in our families since Jesus himself wanted to be born in a family.

Let us ask the Holy Family to bless all those people who care for their children, parents and/or husbands. How beautiful it is to feel family of those who do not hesitate to give their time and energy so that others have a more

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

These readings are found complete on our parish web page (www.olmcsi.org). Click on "USCCB Daily Readings."

December 29: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14
Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5
Colossians 3:12-21

January 5: The Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah 60:1-6
Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13
Ephesians 3:2-3A, 5-6



ADORATION SCHEDULE for NEW YEAR 2019/2020

Tuesday, December 31 (**New Year's Eve**) at 8:00AM & 12:05PM (English); 7:30PM (Spanish)

Wednesday, January 1 (**New Year's Day**) at 10:00AM (English); 11:30AM & 1:30PM (Spanish)

Please note: The parish office will be closed on the following dates; December 25, December 26 & January 1. There will be no Masses on Thursday, December 26, 2019.

ADOPT-A-FAMILY GIVING TREE – A Word of Thanks from the Parish of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel – St. Benedicta – St. Mary of the Assumption Parish. We would like to thank everyone for your tremendous support this Christmas Season and throughout the year. Your generosity to the Giving Tree, helps us to help the less fortunate in our parish community. Thank you for your assistance in enabling us to reach this incredible goal! You have made it a brighter Winter for many families. Your care for those in need is heartwarming. May God bless you all abundantly. Have a happy, healthy, New Year!

THANK YOU! - Volunteers are the heart and soul of our parish. The success and very existence of so many of our programs are the direct result of the time and talent donated by our parishioners. **Thank you to ALL our volunteers**, most recently: **THANK YOU** to everyone who helped make the Advent & Christmas liturgies meaningful and beautiful. Our Parishioners who helped decorate and clean. All Liturgical Ministers, All Music Ministers, and The Parish Staff. Last, but not least our parishioners for worshipping with us and making our Christmas at OLMC-SB-SMA a great one

FEAST of the THREE KINGS (The Solemnity of the Epiphany) – On **Sunday, January 5th, 2020**, join your parish family and come celebrate the Epiphany of Jesus on the greatest feast of the church year. There will be a distribution of toys for children 13 years of age and younger in the school gym from 1pm to 3pm that same day. "The gifts we have received will also be our offering to the Redeemer." ~ 1Corinthians

THE SANCTUARY/MEMORIAL CANDLES - are a sign of the Real Presence of Jesus, the Light of the World, in our Parish Church. In accordance with tradition, these candles may be dedicated in honor or in memory of a particular person or persons, or for a special intention. The customary offering for this weekly dedication is \$10. Anyone who would like to plan for dedicating the Sanctuary Lamp should contact the Parish Office.

The Sanctuary Light for this week burns in loving memory of Emmanuel Rafael; requested by Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish.

BREAD AND WINE - We are accepting offerings for the Bread and Wine for the week in memory of your loved ones. The customary offering for this weekly dedication is \$20. To make your request or any questions, please call the Parish office.

The Bread and Wine for this week are donated in loving memory of Libby Guardiani requested by Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish.

COLLECTIONS: December 22: \$3,846; Second Collection: \$1,420. Thank you for your continued generosity to OUR Parish!

THE FEAST of the HOLY FAMILY - It seems appropriate that we celebrate the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph during the Christmas season, just after families have gathered for Christmas, frequently with stress over gift-giving, travel drama, and the intricacies of meal preparation for people with their various dietary needs and preferences. Today's readings ask us to put family and life in their sacred and holy perspective. When we take care of aging parents we care for Christ, who is with all and in all. When we approach one another with compassion, kindness, gentleness, and patience, we communicate Christ's love. Even when the Lord leads in ways we cannot quite appreciate or understand, we must follow God's will, knowing that in doing so, we cooperate with God's grace in our midst. Every family is called to be a holy family.

YOUR HOLY FAMILY - Families come in all shapes and sizes. When asked to describe your family, you might begin by telling people about a parent, sibling, or extended family members. You might even describe what you have learned from a genealogical study. You are unlikely, however, no matter how wonderful your family may be, to describe your family as "holy." And yet, this is our primary call. Each of us as people of God, and each of our families, is called to be holy. We are called to live as God's people in the world, to communicate God's love and presence through the way that we live together and in relationship with others. Every family, no matter what their circumstances, is called to be a holy family. Even Mary, Joseph, and Jesus faced challenges and trials. And yet they rose to the occasion, listened to and followed God's will, and were assured of the love of the Lord through it all.

A NEW YEAR'S PRAYER - May God make your year a happy one! Not by shielding you from all sorrows and pain, but by strengthening you to bear it, as it comes; Not by making your path easy, But by making you sturdy to travel any path; Not by taking hardships from you, but by taking fear from your heart; Not by granting you unbroken sunshine, But by keeping your face bright, even in the shadows; Not by making your life always pleasant, but by showing you when people and their causes need you most, and by making you anxious to be there to help. God's love, peace, hope and joy to you for the year ahead. *Amen*