

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph December 31, 2017

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

The primary purpose of The Feast of the Holy Family is to present the Holy Family as a model for Christian families.

In Italy there is a saying, “*La famiglia é tutto,*” which means, “the family is everything.” Our Holy Father Pope Francis has made families one of the focal points of his papacy. He organized a conference on families in 2015. Speaking to the gathered families, he said, “You cannot have a family without dreams. I am very fond of dreams in families. For nine months, every mother and father dream about their baby. They dream about what kind of child he or she will be... You can’t have a family without dreams. Once a family loses the ability to dream, children do not grow, love does not grow, life shrivels up and dies. So I ask you each evening, when you make your examination of conscience, to also ask yourselves this question: Today did I dream about my children’s future? Today did I dream about the love of my husband, my wife? Did I dream about my parents and grandparents who have gone before me?”

All of today’s readings have to do with families and family life. The reading from Sirach*, our First Reading, emphasized the Fourth Commandment, “Honor thy father and mother.” We are commanded to respect and love our parents. However, it is a two way street. The Gospel Reading speaks of the development of Jesus, and that should inspire parents to understand that our prayers are the same as the prayers of Joseph and Mary — that our children will become strong in spirit and filled with wisdom.

*Alternate readings were used, according to the Missal.



DAILY MASS READINGS

- Monday:** *Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God*
Numbers 6:22-27; Luke 2:16-21
- Tuesday:** *Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church (Memorial)*
1 John 2:22-28; John 1:19-28
- Wednesday:** *Christmas Weekday*
1 John 2:29-3:6; John 1:29-34
- Thursday:** *Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious (Memorial)*
1 John 3:7-10; John 1:35-42
- Friday:** *Saint John Neumann, Bishop (Memorial)*
1 John 3:11-21; John 1:43-51
- Saturday:** *Christmas Weekday*
1 John 5:5-13; Mark 1:7-11
- Sunday:** *The Epiphany of the Lord*
Isaiah 60:1-6; Matthew 2:1-12

This Week’s Program Schedule

Monday, January 1, 2018

~Office Closed~
8:00AM Mass Church
NO Adoration/Reconciliation

Tuesday, January 2

8:00AM Mass Church

Wednesday, January 3

8:00AM Mass Church

Thursday, January 4

Friday, January 5
4:30PM Mass Church

Saturday, January 6

3:30PM Reconciliation Church
5:00PM Mass Church

Sunday, January 7

9:00AM Mass Church
9:00AM Children’s Liturgy Conf. Rm
10:00AM Hospitality Lobby
6:00PM Mass Church

Something for our Children!

Can you unscramble the following words from today’s Gospel?

PIIRTS MLEPET HLIDC
RNTAVES EROHTM DWWIO

Answers on the next page→

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Give back to the Lord a sacrifice, a share of what the Lord has so generously given to you.

Last Sunday’s Offertory: \$ 5,502.58

Christmas Offertory: \$22,946.05

Thank you and God bless you!

*We wish all of our friends and their families
a very Happy and Blessed New Year!*

MASS INTENTIONS

5:00PM Saturday, December 30 Lisa Polito-Baker†
9:00AM Sunday, December 31 All Saints Community
6:00PM Sunday, December 31 Flynn Hillman
8:00AM Monday, January 1 Alice O'Donnell†
8:00AM Tuesday, January 2 Shirley Kramer†
4:30PM Friday, January 5 Marla Marino†

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD:

Monday, January 1st is a holy day. There will be mass at 8:00AM. Start the New Year right! (Note: It is not a holy day of obligation.)

OFFICE CLOSED: The office will be closed on Monday, January 1 in observance of New Year's Day, a national holiday.

SPECIAL THANKS to all our **parishioners**, the **YLI** and the **Knights of Columbus** for all of your generous donations of food, toys and your time for families in need in Turlock. Turlock Together and the United Samaritans were able to help over 2,000 families because of the generosity of our parishioners and others in the Turlock area. Thank you and God bless you!

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to the **Alden Lipata family** and our **Filipino community** for providing special food and dessert dishes from their native country at our 8:30PM Christmas Eve Mass. God bless you all for your unselfish service and generosity!

NEXT WEEKEND'S 2nd COLLECTION will be for the benefit of our **Building Fund**. God bless you for your generosity.

2018 WALL CALENDARS: Please take an All Saints 2018 wall calendar home for your family (one per family, please). We have a *limited number* of bi-lingual calendars for those persons who prefer Spanish. Therefore, if your primary language at home is English, please take an English-only calendar. Thank you!

ONLINE GIVING AT ALL SAINTS: We provide Online Giving – a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or recurring donation for your Regular Offertory, Building Fund and/or your Community Assistance donations. Getting started is easy – just visit our website at www.allsaintscsus.org and click our Online Giving link. When you participate your gift will be securely transferred directly into the parish bank account, and you won't have to remember to write a check or bring cash to mass for your donation! If you need additional assistance or have questions, please contact Tami Harris, our online Giving Administrator at 669-0473. God bless you for your generosity!

This week's helpers include ...

Altar Linens ~ Regina deBos

Thank you and God bless you for your unselfish service!

PUZZLE SOLUTIONS: SPIRIT, TEMPLE, CHILD, SERVANT, MOTHER, WIDOW. How did you do?

TIPS FOR TITHING

What we give to God is God's share of the blessings we have received from Him. They are needed to carry on the work of God in and through the Church. What we give to God is not charity but is that of our Christian obligation. Charity done for individuals or organizations cannot be a substitute for tithing.

SPECIAL PRAYERS

Please pray for our sick community members and friends:

Gustavo Delgadillo	Socorro Aguilar	Ed H
Peggy Howard	Rita Yonan	Andres...
Sarah Anderson	Linda Seymour	Stephen...
Jim Perdomo	Flynn Hillman	Janet Fiorini
Carol Soares	Doree O'Connell	Jack B. Shaw
Cynthia Basco	Jackie Ferreira	Thelma Tamis
Edie Ferrari	David & Linda Back	Sharon...
Patti & Tom Scott	Charlie W.	Ed Rocha
David & Paula Baca	Catherine Harris	William Jackson
Joanne Mattos	Isabel Rodriguez	Edward Lytle
The Merchant Family	Pat B.	Fred Clerici
Brian Diehl	Artie Romero	Earl Campusano
Katarina Renenger	Cecilia Renenger	Kevin Downs
Maritza Dominguez	Josephina Camacho	Shelly...
Bernard & Ann Pannella	Keith Bentley	Karen ...
Taurino & Concepcion Lopez	Infant Rosie	Taylor Holt

Your special prayers for these and others suffering from illness are gratefully appreciated. Thank you and God bless you!

Notify the office if you have anyone you would like to place on our list of persons in need of prayer due to illness. So that space will always be available for your loved ones, names will be kept on our list for three months. (However, your prayer requests can be renewed.)

CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (CRE)

CRE Christmas Holiday Break: There will be no CRE classes on January 3 or January 10. **Classes will resume on Wednesday, January 17.** Have a Happy New Year!

RCIA

Any adult wishing to embrace the Catholic faith or any Catholic wishing to be confirmed should contact Michael Fuller by calling the church office at 669-0473.

ALL SAINTS PRAYER CHAIN

If you would like a particular petition prayed for, please call Elaine Sullivan at 668-1464. Names remain on the list for three months and then are removed. You may let the office know when the health of your loved one has improved, or if a name should be removed from the Prayer Chain.

THANK YOU to **Rich Delgado, Steve Buck and Jeff Lorenzi** and all those volunteers who worked so hard to provide food and toys for needy families in the Turlock area for Christmas. God bless you for your unselfish service!

WALK FOR LIFE WEST COAST 2018: Join fellow Catholics and Pro-Lifers from all over California and beyond as we stand up for the littlest among us at the 14th Annual Walk for Life West Coast in San Francisco on January 27, 2018. There will be Mass at 9:30AM celebrated by Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone at St. Mary's Cathedral. The rally begins at 12:30PM in San Francisco's Civic Center Plaza, and the Walk, down the city's Market Street, begins at 1:30PM. Last year's Walk drew 50,000+ people. For complete information about the Walk, call 415-658-1793 or visit www.walkforlifewc.com

2018 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES are available in the lobby. Please pick up your box of envelopes. The boxes are arranged alphabetically by last name. If you do not see a box with your name, please take an unassigned box, and place your name beside the corresponding number on the sheet provided. If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact the office at 669-0473.