

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

We remember in our prayers all the sick, especially the follow-

ing: John Fabetz. Bill Pritchett. Ryan Madden. Bernardo Garcia. Bill Hoffman, Jr. George Duke. Jane Stone. Eric Hurley. Jim & Joann Rayl. Juan Delgado. Mark Owen. Andrea Easter. Dottie Schuetz. Cathy Ellis. Mary Lou Johnson, Betty Brown, Beth Benoit, Rose Kennedy, Judith Sotomayor, Dennis Rayl, Judy Fazzio, Jim Catalano, Marty Blahitka, Carolyn Edwards, Dominic Sosta, Greg Hass, Joshua Larsson, Avery Boultinghouse, Wanda Stephens, Wanda Thompson, Elleana Fritz, Fr. Nano, Kathryn Allen, Jim & Geri O'Neil. We list the names of our sick Parishioners, Friends and Relatives for one month. **We remember in our prayers all those who have recently died, especially: Betty Pritchett.**

Please pray for the men and women active military service

from our parish community: Lt. Col. William P Shea, (Nephew of Deacon Sam and Nancy Mullen). Colonel John Anthony Fontana, U.S. Army (Son of John & Mary Fontana). Commander Tom Moroney, Navy (Son of Roger & Shirley Moroney). Colonel Sean Corrigan & 2nd Lt. Blake Gaughan & Lpl. Mike Buchanan (Nephews of Jess & Eva Corrigan). Paul Moreno USCG (Grandson of Kathy & Dale Boman). Zachary Stephen York, Specialist 4 U.S. Army (Son of Steve & Julie York). Staff Sergeant Daniel Hodan, U.S. Army (Grandson of Ron & Barbara Eamma.

BEARERS OF THE WORD

The Church has placed a number of notable feast days immediately after Christmas. The feasts of Stephen, John the Evangelist, and the Holy Innocents form a summary of the life lived in Christ, the Word made flesh. What do these have to do with the feast of the Holy Family, which crowns the Octave of Christmas? These feasts remind us that suffering will occur in fulfilling the mission of Christ, and that we are all called to be bearers of this Word whose birth we celebrate.

We also see this manifested in the lives of Joseph and Mary, both of whom took social and religious risks in obedience to the will of God, and both of whom were open to the word of God sent to them from on high. In these ways they prefigured the life of Jesus himself.

Most likely, few of us found ourselves at Mass this past Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday, but the essence of these feasts and the essence of the holiness of Joseph, Mary, and Jesus remain central, a holiness we celebrate today.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Those who honor their parents will be greatly blessed and will atone for sins (Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14) *or* Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3.

Psalm — Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways (Psalm 128) *or* Psalm 105.

Second Reading — Be thankful; do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus (Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17]) *or* Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19.

Gospel — The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom (Luke 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]).

Mass Times & Intentions

Sat 12/30 5:00pm Mass—Fr. Mike's 9th Ordination Anniversary

Sun 12/31 9:30am Mass—Bernardo Garcia (Rocio Bailey)

Mon. 1/01 NO MASS

Tue 1/02 NO MASS & NO ADORATION

Wed 1/03 NO MASS

Thurs 1/04 NO MASS

Fri 1/05 NO MASS

Sat 1/06 5:00pm Mass— Fr. Mike's 9th Ordination Anniversary

Saturday Confessions are from 4:15—4:45pm

Sunday Confessions are from 8:45—9:15am

PARISH SUPPORT	12/16 & 12/17	Attendance	
Required Weekly Funds	\$ 3,961	Sat.	Sun.
Offerings	\$ 5,427	82	86
	12/23 & 12/24		
Offerings	\$ 3,566	76	52
	12/24 & 12/25		
Offerings	\$ 1,180	134	55

One can Give without Loving...But one cannot Love without Giving

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28

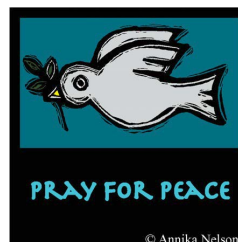
Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34

Thursday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42

Friday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Jn 1:43-51

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Mk 1:7-11 *or* Lk 3:23-28 [23, 31-34, 36, 38]

Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12



EVENTS AND NEWS

January Second Collections:

1/06 & 1/07: "Building & Maintenance."
1/20 & 1/21: " Church In Latin America."
1/27 & 1/28: "Catholic Schools Special Collection."

Exposition is every Tuesday from 9:30am—4:00pm

"I need nothing in this world in order to be happy. I only need to see Jesus in Heaven whom I now see and adore on the altar with the eyes of faith." - St. Dominic Savio

Plan now to attend the celebration of the 15th Anniversary of the Dedication of Holy Spirit (Jan. 12th). Bishop Strickland will be here to celebrate the 9:30am Mass on Sunday, January 14th and we will all join in a potluck brunch following Mass. There will be a slideshow presentation during this gathering highlighting our parish, the transformation over the years as well as events and special times which have been instrumental in our journey of faith and growth. Thank you to everyone who submitted photos for this slideshow. Additional pictures will be taken the day of the event before a final copy of the DVD is made. Parishioners will be able to sign up for copies of the slideshow at the potluck. A \$5 donation is asked for each DVD requested and can be paid during the celebration. We hope to have the disc ready for pick up at the end of January.

Everyone is asked to contribute food/beverage to the brunch for this event. There will be a sign up sheet the next two weekends in the Narthex. Please take a minute to sign up for something that you can bring.

FYI! Barb Sudderth (HLR resident) is making plastic mats for the homeless to put under their blankets or sleeping bags. The mats are 4 feet by 6 feet long. If you have plastic grocery bags you don't want she could use them, Barb is grateful for whatever you can spare. Please drop off at Bridget's (Secretary Church Office) and I will be glad to deliver them to Barb. Questions call Barb Sudderth 903-613-0412.

DECEMBER EVENTS

Sun., Dec. 31st: Bishop Strickland celebrating the 9:30am Mass.

NO NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS

Mon., Jan. 1st: **NO NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS.**
Diocese & Church Office Closed.

Tues., Jan. 2nd—Fri., Jan. 5th: **NO MORNING MASSES OR ADORATION THIS WEEK.**

Wed., Jan. 10th: Pastoral Council Meeting 5:30pm

Thurs., Jan. 11th: K of C Meeting

Sun., Jan. 14th: Bishop Joseph will be celebrating our 15 year Anniversary at the 9:30am Mass.

Family Faith Formation parents brief meeting immediately following Mass to receive packets.

Wed., Jan. 17th: Fundraiser Meeting 6:00pm

Fri., Jan. 19th: K of C Fish Fry

Due to the increase of Flu cases in the state of Texas and in particular, the northeast area. Bishop Strickland wants to begin taking precautions during the reception of the Holy Eucharist. It is important that we safeguard the health of our parishioners as best we can during this flu season.

Bishop Strickland has given temporary suspension of the reception of the Most Precious Blood during Holy Communion.

And, Fr. Mike would like to temporary suspend the Sign of Peace during this time.



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