

# The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

**We remember in our prayers all the sick, especially the following:**

Barbara Quesada. Rev. Michael Snider. Wilburn Roberts. Ryan Melton. Rebecca Niebrugge. George Bruner. Chase Larsson. Jeff Gibbons. Eric Gray. Myles Acosta. Elise Sugg. Jacob Stephens. Fr. John Lydon. Fr. Joseph Nasser. Fr. Christopher Ruggles. Fr. Tim Kelly. Fr. Steven Duyka. Msgr. Gerald Priest. Jim & Joann Rayl. Rose Kennedy. Judy Fazzio. Marty Blahitka. Carolyn Edwards. Dominic Sosta. Joshua Larsson. Avery Boultinghouse. Wanda Stephens. Wanda Thompson. Elleana Fritz. Kathryn Allen. Jim & Geri O'Neil. We list the names of our sick Parishioners. Friends and Relatives for one month.

**Father Peter McGrath has been placed in hospice care.** Please pray for peace and serenity for him and his family as they enter into a very difficult time.

**Please pray for the men and women active military service from our parish community:**

Airman First Class Natalie York (Daughter of Steve & Julie York). Pvt First Class Randall Scheaffer US Army(Grandson of Carlos & Pat Gallardo). Lt. Col. William P Shea. (Nephew of Deacon Sam and Nancy Mullen). Colonel John Anthony Fontana. U.S. Army (Son of John & Mary Fontana). Ensign Gary Buchanan; 2nd Lt. Blake Gaughan & Lcpl Mike Buchanan (Nephews of Jess & Eva Corrigan). Paul Moreno USCG (Grandson of Kathy & Dale Boman). Staff Sergeant Daniel Hodan. U.S. Army (Grandson of Ron & Barbara Emma)

**HOME IS WHERE THE FAMILY IS**

The idea, dream, and reality of family is so strong and durable that we use it to describe all that is best about human gatherings. We speak of the family of nations, of our church and parish families. The greatest compliment we can pay a friend or gracious host is to say that we feel at home with them, we feel part of the family.

Families are the first crucibles in which love is tested and tempered. Jesus himself was one of three people who lived in the shadow of each other. This family, like our own, did not always "get it right," but they always tried to. These three "amateurs" were on holiday, and one of them got lost. Two were worried sick and took great measures to find the third, a boy after all, who was seeking the meaning of his calling. He found his vocation—to do his Father's work—but he also returned home with his parents.

**December Pope's Universal Intention:** Evangelization – In the Service of the Transmission of Faith: That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

**Mass Times & Intentions**

**Sat 12/29 5:00pm Mass—Agnes Laudt Zitnick+ (Bridget Rich)**

**Sun 12/30 9:30am Mass—Parishioners**

**Mon 12/31 5:00pm Mass— First Responders**

**Tue 1/01 9:00am Mass—Holy Day of Obligation– World Day Prayer of Peace**

**Wed 1/02 5:00pm Mass—Our Government Officials**

**Thurs 1/03 9:00am Mass—First Responders**

**Fri 1/04 9:00am Mass—Rosary Group**

**Sat 1/05 5:00pm Mass—Lil Dameron+ (Mary Catalano)**

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

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

**PARISH SUPPORT**

**Attendance**

		Sat.	Sun.
<b>Required Weekly Funds</b>		\$ 3,962	
<b>Offerings 12/22 &amp; 12/23</b>		\$ 3,119	72 120
<b>Offerings 12/24 &amp; 12/25</b>		\$ 2,841	140 55

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

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — Hannah conceived, and at the end of her term bore a son whom she called Samuel (1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28) *or Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14.*

**Psalms** — Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord (Psalm 84) *or Psalm 128.*

**Second Reading** — See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God (1 John 3:1-2, 21-24) *or Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17].*

**Gospel** — The boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. They found him in the temple, in the midst of the teachers (Luke 2:41-52).

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18

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

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

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

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

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

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



Please remember Holy Spirit Parish in your Will.



For free information on making a will, finding a lawyer or making a bequest to our parish, please call Mark Henry at the East Texas Catholic Foundation @ 903-534-1077 X 200 or visit [www.etclegacy.org](http://www.etclegacy.org).

## ***EVENTS AND NEWS***

**January 2019 Second Collections:** 5th & 6th: "Building & Maintenance".  
26th & 27th: "International Church in Need".

### **Religious Education**

**GRADES 1—8**

"Faith and Family Life" NO Class on Wed., Jan. 2nd

**GRADES 9—12**

HSY "Holy Spirit Youth" Group NO Class on Sun., Dec. 31st

**Volunteers needed** for this coming year to purchase the donuts for after Sunday Masses. Preferably on a quarterly basis or annual. **A BIG Thank you to Bill & Barbara Smith** for the past couple of years of purchasing donuts.

We also need volunteers to pick them up at the donut shop on the corner of 2869 and 14 and serve them. On the first Sunday of the month (when the K of C does not have breakfast), or second, third, fourth or fifth Sunday of each month. A sign up sheet is located in the Narthex.

We would like to thank everyone that provided, picked-up and serve the donuts for this year. Holy Spirit has been so generous with the coffee/donut weeks this year. Please notify the church office. Many Blessings!!!

**Jan. 5, 2019 - Day of Life for Teens — Diocese of Tyler**  
**8:30am Mass followed by conference in Cathedral Center ending 5:00pm.**

Speakers include Fr. Lowry & Fr. Bowlin and others covering ProLife topics that will give you the tools to make a difference in the world.

Join us it's free!! No registration is required. Parents are welcome. The day includes snacks & lunch. Please bring donations for Homeless Blessing bags (shampoo, razors, soap, etc) and materials to make Valentines for shut-ins.

### **The Weekend of January 12/13**

**SACRED HEART ENROLLMENT PACKETS** will be distributed to all families who desire to take part in this beautiful practice.

**Your Packet includes:** 1.)A Guide for doing the Enthronement in your Home. 2.)Picture of the Sacred Heart suitable for framing. 3.)Prayers for the Enthronement. 4.)"Daily Offering Prayers" – wallet sized. 5.) An ENTHRONEMENT SCROLL

Devotion to the Sacred Heart began in the Twelfth Century. It was St. Margaret Mary, a sister in France who had visions of the Sacred Heart from 1673 to 1675. Devotion to the Sacred Heart focuses not only on the love and mercy Jesus has for us but on reparation for sin.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place my trust in You!

**Sat., Jan., 5, 2019, 9:30 am – 12:30 pm Wellspring Spirituality Center,**

**Whitehouse:** Each year at Wellspring, a virtue is chosen for study and reflection. It has become a wonderful tradition that helps us grow in virtue and become virtuous people. Fr. Gus Tharappel has chosen the virtue of hospitality as our virtue for study and reflection in 2019. Hospitality has a way of making strangers into friends, moving people to reach out in service, and challenging all to share their possessions and experiences, Join us for our first retreat of 2019 as we strive to become more hospitable.

All are welcome. No registration is necessary. For more information about our programs and retreats, contact us at 903-839-1280 or [retreatsatwellspring@gmail.com](mailto:retreatsatwellspring@gmail.com) or visit our website at [www.retreatsatwellspring.com](http://www.retreatsatwellspring.com)

### **December News/Events**

**Sun., Dec. 30th:** No religious education class Grades 9-12

**Mon., Dec. 31st:** 5:00pm New Year's Eve Mass

### **January News/Events**

**Tues., Jan. 1st:** 9:00 am Mass New Years Day—Holy Day of Obligation. NO ADORATION!

**Wed., Jan. 2nd:** 5:00pm Mass. No religious education class Grades 1-8.

**Sat., Jan. 5th:** After 5:00pm Mass Celebration for Fr. Mike's 10th Ordination Anniversary.

**Sun. Jan. 6th:** No K of C Breakfast. **Christian Initiation** with Deacon Sam begins after 9:30am Mass. **"HSY" 5:00-6:30pm.**

**Wed., Jan. 9th:** Grades 1—8 Class 4:00—4:55pm. Mass at 5:00pm.

**Sun., Jan. 13th:** **Christian Initiation** with Deacon Sam. And **Apologetics** for all parishioners from 14—99 yrs. old interested in the knowledge of our faith, begins after 9:30am Mass. **"HSY" 5:00-6:30pm.**

**Fri., Jan. 18th:** K of C Fish Fry.

**Sun., Jan. 20th:** **Christian Initiation** with Deacon Sam begins after 9:30am Mass. **"HSY" 5:00-6:30pm.**

**Wed., Jan. 23rd:** Grades 1—8 Class 4:00—4:55pm. **5:00pm Mass.**

**Thurs., Jan. 24th:** **No morning Mass.** Fr. Mike attending the Priests Study Day.

**Sun., Jan. 27th:** **Christian Initiation** with Deacon Sam begins after 9:30am Mass. **"HSY" 5:00-6:30pm.**

**Wed., Jan. 30th:** Grades 1—8 Class 4:00—4:55pm. **5:00pm Mass.**

### **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

### **Come celebrate with us!!**

Share in our potluck celebration for the 10th anniversary of Fr. Mike's priestly ordination.

This will be held in our parish hall on Sat. Jan. 5th after the 5:00pm Mass.

Sign-up sheets will be available in our Narthex. Questions call Barbara Eamma 903-725-7691

## ***HAPPY NEW YEAR!***

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