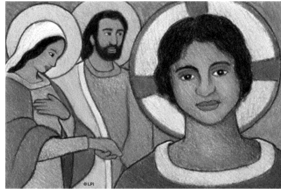


December 28: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him. - Lk 2:39-40



Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass 2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

LITURGY

MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

Sunday, December 28, *The Most Holy Family of Jesus* (Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3 or Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40)

8:00 am- John D. Henneke
10:30 am- Parish Family

Monday, December 29, *Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord—Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr, (1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35)*

7:00 am- Larry Appelt
10:00 am- Terry Lynn Bludau (Hallettsville Rehab)

Tuesday, December 30, *Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord, (1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40)*

7:00 am- Fred Pustejovsky

Wednesday, December 31, *Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord—Saint Sylvester I, Pope, (1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18)*

7:00 am- Henry & Lois Cejka
6:00 pm- Willie Bohac
11:30 pm- Frank N. Rocha

Thursday, January 1, *The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord—Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God: (Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21)*

8:00 am- Pete Steinberg

Friday, January 2, *First Friday, Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors, (1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28)*

7:00 am- Joe, Lillian, Katy & Sophie Muhlstein
8:05 am- Living & Deceased Members of Victor & Leona Buzek Family

Saturday, January 3, *Christmas Weekday, The Most Holy Name of Jesus St. John, (1 Jn 2:29--3:6/Jn 1:29-34)*

5:30 pm- Living & Deceased Members of J.J. & Katherine Haas and Ben & Emilie Bludau Families

Sunday, January 4, *The Epiphany of the Lord, (Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12)*

8:00 am- Chris Jares
10:30 am- Parish Family

Bulletin Sponsor: Allan & Evelyn Lanik

Vigil Light: In Memory of Hilton & Hilda Elstner & Bill Sobotik

Radio Broadcast Sponsor: In Memory of Deceased Members of Adolf Jansky & Frank Holik Families by Charles & Dorothy Jansky

Our Gift to God: Envelopes-\$6,004.50; Loose-\$1,470; Children-\$86; Retired Fund for Religious-\$1,425; Catholic Education - \$3,479

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 29

-No Church Choir Practice.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31

-No CCD

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1

-No RCIA

FRIDAY, JANUARY 2

-First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament ends with Benediction at 6:00 p.m.



Among our sick: Donna Avant, Lorene Christ, Josephine Muniz, Wilbert Kalinec, Barbara Kubena, Kathy Davis, Elrose Ehler, Marilyn Palmquist, Doug Blumberg, Amanda Gutierrez, Becky Pekar, Karen Kahanek, Harvey Drozd, Monte Staha, Marie Hermes, Karen Perez, Georgie Meyer, Doris Anders, Jack Crandall, Gary Trojcek, Jerry Novosad, Brian Wisnoski, Jeanne McClain, Frances Kutach, Henry Konvicka, Sweet Hrcncir, Clorisa Hartensteiner, Betsy Brown, Marcella Henke, Mark Henneke, Kirk Remmers, Leo Haas, Jr., Richard Grahmann, Margie Becker, Anita Pesek, nursing home residents, & the homebound.

Happy Anniversary!

Harvey & Helen Appelt 51 years Dec. 28
Mike & Shirley Johnson 40 years Dec. 28
Roland & Georgia Schaefer 61 years Dec. 28
Winfred & Ida Bludau 45 years Dec. 29

The Rectory will close at noon on Wednesday and all day Thursday for New Years.

Calendar Membership: Dec. 18: Marvin Bohuslav-\$100; Dec. 19: Joe & Karen Blair-- \$100; Dec. 22: Lindy Honish- \$250; Dec.23: Anna Havel- \$250; Dec. 24: Sandra & James Mullen- \$250; Dec. 25: Paul L. Janak- \$250

Perpetual Adoration will continue through the Christmas and New Year's holiday. If unable to fulfill your normal adoration hour, please find a replacement or contact your hourly captain.

New Year's Eve Dance

Come out with your friends and ring in 2015 at the KC Hall. The KC Council will host a New Year's Eve Dance. The band playing for the dance will be the Red Ravens Polka Band. Breakfast will again be served and a good time of dancing and visiting with friends and family will be had by all. Dancing from 8:00 pm to 12:00 am (Midnight). Hope to see you there! Happy New Year!



From the Desk of Msgr. John

On behalf of Father Barnabas, Deacon Linard, Deacon Joey, Deacon Jacob, Sister Emiliana, Sister, Colette and myself, I thank all of you for your kindness and generosity at Christmas.

Thank you for the prayers, the cards, the gifts, the food and the extra good deeds you have done for us. May God bless all of you with a very blessed Christmas season and a blessed and happy New Year.

Mr. David Smolik, our principal for Sacred Heart Catholic School for the past 30 years, will be retiring at the end of this school year. We thank him for the love, support and the great work he has done for Sacred Heart Catholic School. He will still be principal through May.

I will be taking applications for the position of Principal. There is a process we follow through the Catholic Schools' Office. There will be a committee working with me on the selection process. Pray for this selection process.

If you are interested in this position or know of someone who is, please submit your application to me at the rectory.

New Year's Mass Schedule

St. Mary: New Year's Day, 9:15 a.m.
Moravia: New Year's Eve, 5:00 p.m.
St. John: New Year's Day, 10:00 a.m.
Sacred Heart: New Year's Eve: 6:00 p.m. and 11:30 p.m.
New Year's Day: 8:00 a.m.



School News

Classes resume, Monday, January 5, 2015.

Sacred Heart Quilting Circle will not meet until January 6, 2015.

Holy Family Victoria Men's ACTS Retreat—The next Men's ACTS Retreat is January 22 through January 25, 2015. For more information, please contact, Director, Andrew Vasquez 361-575-2804, cell 361-571-6715, Co-Director, Michael Hanes 361-648-5589, or Eddie Longoria 361-648-2602.

Catholic Daughters please join the **JCDA** and their mothers for a Bunco Party on Monday, December 29, at 6:30 in the Family Center.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL SWEEPSTAKES RAFFLE

Once again, Catholic Life Insurance is sponsoring the Catholic School Sweepstakes Raffle that will benefit Sacred Heart Catholic School (SHCS). Tickets are only \$5.00 each and all money collected stays at SHCS.

Tickets are available at the school, the rectory, or any SHCS student. Drawing will be held on January 30, 2015.

SHCS 2015 Extravaganza, "The Orient at Nightfall," Saturday, February 7, 6:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m., K.C. Hall.

Tickets \$125 per couple (includes socials with hors d'oeuvres, refreshments all evening, steak dinner and dance live music by Southern Express.

Purchase tickets at School Office, Sacred Heart Credit Union or the Rectory.



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

"Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, And you yourself a sword will pierce." This old man in the Temple, a man filled with the Holy Spirit, uttered these ominous, prophetic words. Right in the midst of a religious celebration that could be considered a kind of parallel to Christian baptism, Simeon started talking about suffering. Although this might have put a damper on the joy of the occasion, it was nonetheless a precious moment. God was speaking through the mouth of the Spirit-filled Simeon and actually doing Mary a great service. God was helping Mary to prepare herself for what lay ahead. And the truth was, the road in front of her family was destined to be marked by the cross.

Our families also bear this mark. Although in a different way from Mary, we all have our crosses to deal with. Whether it be the sickness or death of a loved one, conflicts among siblings or spouses, or unexpected challenges like infertility or a lost job, no family is without its share of trouble. As we navigate these difficulties, we would do well to remember Simeon's words to Mary: suffering is going to happen, sometimes very painful, heart-piercing suffering. But instead of being shocked or angry at God, we can call to mind the fact that this is part of life in a fallen world. We can also remind ourselves that although Mary suffered when her son suffered, she also rejoiced when he rejoiced. Ultimately, every cross she bore as his mother was trumped in the end by the victory of the Resurrection. We share in this triumph as well. After all, our families are in the loving care of a heavenly Father. We are not just the children of our parents; we are also the children of God.

