Our Parish COMMUNITY

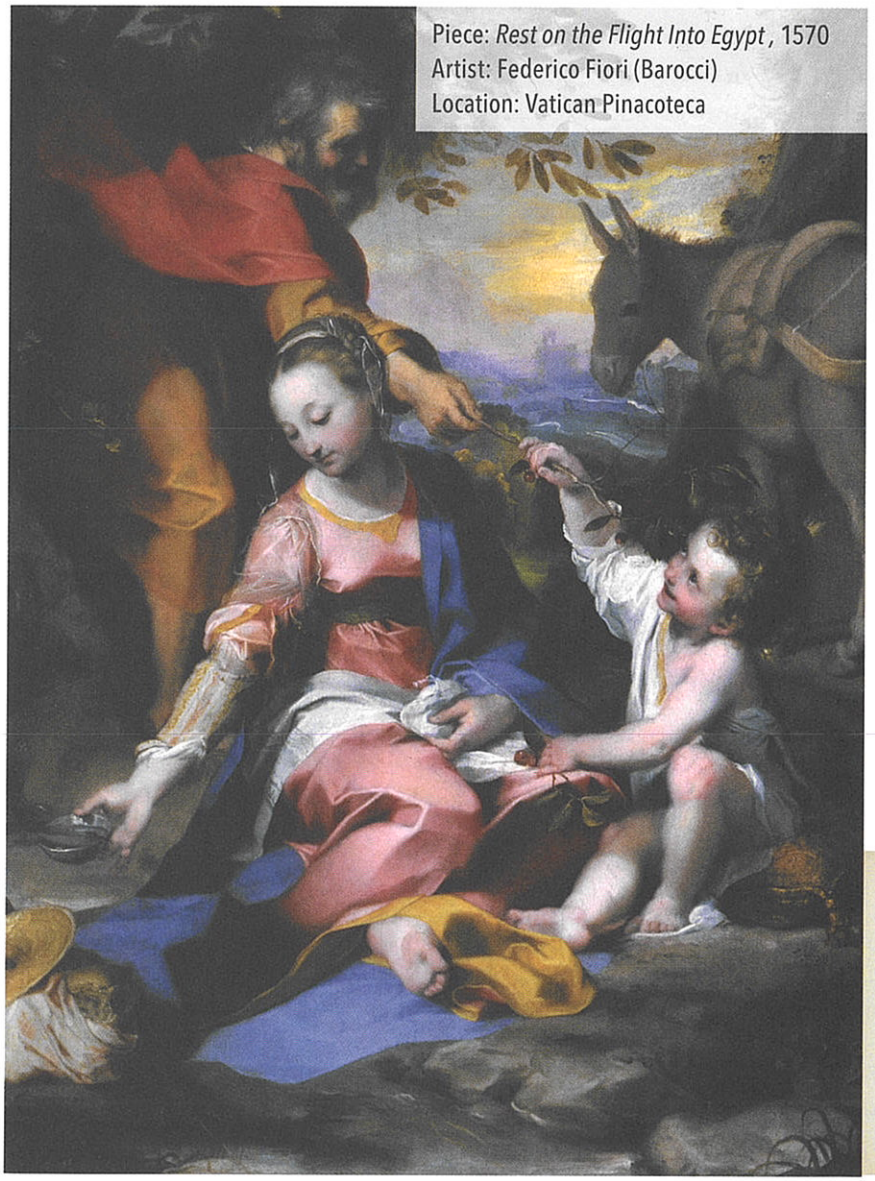
December 31, 2017

The Holy Family (B)

Sir 3:2–6, 12–14 or Gn 15:1–6; 21:1–3
Col 3:12–21 or Col 3:12–17 or
Heb 11:8, 11–12, 17–19
Lk 2:22–40 or Lk 2:22, 39–40

Family Peace

Federico Barocci captured the Holy Family escaping to Egypt. Although they are refugees in a dramatic, stressful situation, he chooses to show the delightful communion among them. Mary sits comfortably in the center of the family, busily collecting water. Perhaps she will wash the cherries or the toddler's dirty hands. Her face, full of serenity and joy, is lost in thoughts that go beyond the work of the present. She is the model of so many mothers who, in spite of challenging circumstances, focus their energy on loving their children and creating an oasis of peace.



Piece: *Rest on the Flight Into Egypt*, 1570
Artist: Federico Fiori (Barocci)
Location: Vatican Pinacoteca

Saint Joseph stands behind the Madonna and reaches up into the tree to pull off a branch for the child Jesus. His strong arm and hand extend straight down toward the child as they both grasp the wood from opposite ends—one giving and the other receiving. This simple domestic gesture of providing for the son is strongly symbolic of what so many husbands and fathers do on a daily basis. Alongside their wives, they care for their families with hard work.

Jesus is next to Mary, and reaches out to Joseph. He receives love from both parents while returning that love with joy and gratitude.

The Holy Family reflects the divine family. One day the heavenly Father will also extend a piece of fruit—this time the bitter passion and the wood of the cross. Although it costs his human nature, Jesus accepts it, thanks in part to the strength he finds in Mary.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

Does my family know how to gracefully encounter trying times? What attitudes or actions allowed the Holy Family to have peace amidst the crosses?

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom.
(Luke 2:40)

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS
Horas De Oficina

Tuesday- Friday 9:00AM -2:00PM
Cyndi in office Tuesday & Friday
10:00am-2:00pm & *by appointments.*
Yolanda in office Tue - Friday
Confessions: Saturday **4:00-4:40 PM** and first Friday at12 noon
Confessions: in GS Lometa
Sunday **7:30-7:55 AM**
Kitchen Hours/ ***Horas de Cocina:***
Tue- Fri 6:00-11:00AM
Food Pantry/*Despensa de Comida:*
Wed & Fri 9:30-11:30AM
Shared Blessing:
Wed & Fri 9:30AM-2:00PM
Baptismal Class
Call the office for date.
Clase de Bautismo
Llamar la oficina para la fecha.
Adoration: Every Wednesday after 8:00am Mass to 5:00pm and Thursday for one hour after the 6pm Spanish Mass.
Adoración: Todos los miércoles después de la Misa de 8:00am hasta las 5:00pm. Y los jueves después de la misa de 6:00pm por una hora

For Those Who Have Died
Jacob Madrid, Mary R. Wilson, Roberta Gonzales, Ricardo Rendon, Avery Phinney Orlando Marez. David Nuñez. Rose Williams, Rudy Rodriguez Sr.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK
New Year's Monday January 1,2018
10:00 AM †Tomasa Massara
Tuesday/Martes, Jan. 2
8:00 AM Corina Menendez *Birthday*
Wednesday /Miércoles, Jan. 3
8:00AM Special Intention of RSC
Thurs/Jueves, Jan. 4
6:00PM Oscar & María de la Paz Hudson
Friday /Viernes, Jan. 5
8:00 AM Respect for Human Life
Saturday /Sábado, Jan. 6
12:00 PM Guadalupanas
5:30 PM Special Intention of CPT
Sunday /Domingo, Jan. 7
8:00AM ***GS*** Special Intention of RSC
10:00 AM For All Newborn Babies
12:15 PM Jaime & Gaby Ventura
Wedding Anniversary 32 years

Weekly Sacrificial Giving
Weekly Collection: $1,937.00
(***Budget Amount:*** *$2,699.00*
Second Collection: $252.23
Children's: $28.00
Christmas Offering: $1,313.26

Good Shepherd
Weekly Collection: $501.00
Christmas Offering: $543.00

READERS Dec 30/31
Sat. 5:30pm: Lisa Carson
Sun. 10:00am: Teresa Swift
Karen DeZarn
Dom12:15pm: Eduardo Arevalo
Rosa Arevalo

Jan 6/7
Sat. 5:30pm: Andrea Cardon
Sun. 10:00am: Simon Valles
Clay Harrington
Dom12:15pm: Gabriela Ventura
Kika Romero

EOMHC Dec 30/31
Sat. 5:30pm: Mary Cisneros
Carmen Coonrod
Sun. 10:00am: Charlie Ybarra
Donna Caughron
Dom12:15pm: Eduardo Arevalo
Rosa Arevalo

Jan 6/7
Sat. 5:30pm: Mary Cisneros
Carmen Coonrod
Sun. 10:00am: Donna Caughron
Jan Millsap
Dom12:15pm: Bernarda Abreu
Gabriela Ventura

For Those Who Serve Our Country
Jose Argo, Colton Currier, Luke Argo, Lawrence Olivarez, Jesus Garcia, Trenton Cavness

For Our Sick/Nuestro Enfermos
Louis Torres, Cheryl Edgar, Bennie & Nancy Hromadka, Luis Lopez, Bill Nors, Robert Vasquez, Terry Clayton, Rafaela Cano, Ernestine Garcia, Adrian Torrez, Solomon Torrez, Chris Longoria, Robert Ramirez, Mike Medina, Mary G Cortez, Donna Walker, Tom Rogers, JoseAngel Torrez, Ann Hughes, Arielle Dayrit, Felix Gonzales, Felipe Rodriguez, Mary Tobin, Madisyn Morua, Adolfo Torrez, Evelyn Ahearn, Ann Wilson, Anita Hyatt, Anna & Daniel Little, Richard Salazar, Melanie Bartek, Barbara Folks, Maggie Lopez, Henry Langford, Sylvia Reber, Truman Crawford, Lilly & Raul Olivarez, Mary S & Jesse Ramirez, Andres Moreno, Diana Harlow, Carlos Jasso, Arturo Aragon, James Fioroni, Ann Gardner, Jesse Moreno, Edward Cuellar, Rosa Rivera, Linda Robison, Alicia Strayley, Chabella Castillo, Annabel Salazar,

Prayer

All praise and glory are yours, Lord our God. You have called us to serve you and one another in love. Bless our sick today so that they may bear their illness in union with Jesus' sufferings and restore them quickly to health. Bless those who have grown old in your service and give them courage and strength in their faith. Lead us all to eternal glory. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives, and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Mother of Perpetual Help pray for us. Three Hail Mary

Preparation for Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary:

In Fatima, Our Lady said, "My Immaculate Heart will be your refuge and the way that will lead you to God." Please join thousands of Faithful throughout our Diocese for 33days of preparation prayer for Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary. The prayers begin on February 20th and are done privately using the preparation book. Please visit www.TexasToJesusThroughMary.org by January 24th to receive your FREE copy of the Montfort preparation prayer book. Your book will be mailed to you.

Preparación para la Total Consagración a Jesús por María:

En Fátima, Nuestra Señora dijo, " Mi Inmaculado Corazón será tu refugio y el camino que te conducirá a Dios". Por favor, únase a miles de Fieles de toda nuestra Diócesis para realizar 33 días de oración para la Total Consagración a Jesús por María. Las oraciones comienzan el 20 de febrero y son hechas de manera privada en nuestro hogar usando un libro de preparación. Por favor visite www.TexasToJesusThroughMary.org antes del 24 de enero para recibir su copia GRATUITA del libro de preparación y oración Montfort. Su libro será enviado por correo.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES

Will start on Monday, January 22, at 6 o'clock in the evening. Children who are in the 2nd grade and are attending CCE classes regularly are eligible. There will be a short orientation meeting with parents and students at the beginning of class. Please come to the cafeteria and **bring a copy of your child's Baptism Certificate.!!!**

CLASES DE PRIMERA COMUNION

comenzará el lunes, 22 de enero, a las 6:00 de la tarde. Los niños que están en el grado segundo y asisten regularmente a las clases de CCE son elegibles. Habrá una reunión corta de orientación con padres y niños al comienzo de la clase. Por favor venga a la cafetería y ***traer una copia del certificado de bautismo de su hijo!***

HELP NEEDED IN THE KITCHEN

Pablo Mendez will be in the kitchen on Wednesdays and Fridays only. We are looking for someone to volunteer for Thursdays. Your help is greatly appreciated!

AYUDA necesarias en la cocina

Pablo Méndez estará en la cocina los miércoles y el viernes solamente. Buscamos voluntario para los Jueves.
¡Su ayuda es muy apreciada!

Counters for this week group 3.

If you have announcements to make on any Sunday after mass, you must notify Fr. Paul about the announcement the Friday before. ***Si usted tiene un anuncio*** *para un domingo después de la misa, debe notificar al Padre Paul sobre el anuncio el viernes antes.*

CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

If you want answers and would like to know more about the Catholic faith for men today, then come to the San Antonio Catholic Men's Conference, Friday & Saturday, March 16-17 in Greehey Arena at St. Mary's University. The Conference offers powerful speakers such as Dr. John Bergsma, Tom Peterson, Capuchin Father John Lager, Mass with Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller, live music, Reconciliation, BBQ lunch, and much more! Register at CMCSanAntonio.com or call Pilgrim Center of Hope for information: 210-521-3377.

Calendar

Monday
January 1
Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
Nm 6:22–27
Gal 4:4–7
Lk 2:16–21

Tuesday
January 2
Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church
1 Jn 2:22–28
Jn 1:19–28

Wednesday
January 3
Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 2:29—3:6
Jn 1:29–34

Thursday
January 4
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
1 Jn 3:7–10
Jn 1:35–42

Friday
January 5
St. John Neumann, Bishop
1 Jn 3:11–21
Jn 1:43–51

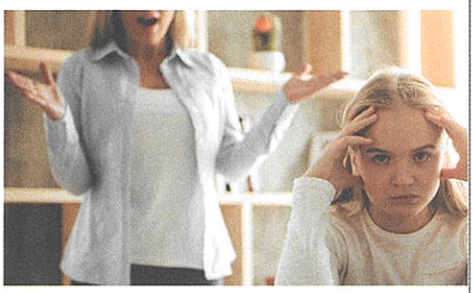
Saturday
January 6
Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 5:5–13
Mk 1:7–11 or Lk 3:23–38
or Lk 3:23, 31–34, 36, 38

Sunday
January 7
Epiphany of the Lord
Is 60:1–6
Eph 3:2–3a, 5–6
Mt 2:1–12

Dear Padre,

I worry that I'm cramming too much of my Catholic devotions down my children's throats. Should they have more freedom to choose the faith on their own?

Many of us can connect our faith to our mothers. It was most likely their constancy, love, and devotion that gave us the first hints that faith is important in one's life. When a woman chooses to be a mother, she commits to handing on to her children that which is most powerful and most profound in her own life. Over the years, the children will take what is given, sift through it, and finally add it in some way to their own personalities. But the gift first has to be given, and the commitment of motherhood is giving that gift.



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Mary, the patron of the Church and of mothers around the world, is first represented in the Gospels as the one "who believed" (Luke 1:45). It was this deep capacity for faith that became the well that cradled and fed Jesus.

"Education in the faith by the parents should begin in the child's earliest years. This already happens when family members help one another to grow in faith by the witness of a Christian life in keeping with the Gospel" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2226).

The sincerity and reverence of a mother's faith can become a fountain of living water that will naturally overflow, and her children can choose to drink of it. Renew your commitment to handing on your faith to your children freely and without limits!

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A Word From Pope Francis

It is necessary to reaffirm the conviction that every family is the principal setting for the growth of each individual, since it is through the family that human beings become open to life and the natural need for relationships with others. Over and over again we see that family bonds are essential for the stability of relationships in society, for the work of education, and for integral human development, for they are inspired by love, responsible intergenerational solidarity, and mutual trust.

—Address, Food and Agricultural Organization, June 20, 2013

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