

Dec 30th — Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph This liturgical feast has been on the Church calendar for about one hundred years, often on different dates. It is a “devotional” or “idea” feast that was inaugurated by Holy Family associations. Everything we know about the Holy Family, which is not much, comes from the Gospel accounts read over the three years. It celebrates the unity and love so evident in the family of Joseph, Mary, and Jesus. The feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph has its origins in North America. The first bishop of Quebec, François-Xavier de Montmorency-Laval (beatified by John Paul II in 1980), promoted devotion to the Holy Family and founded a confraternity dedicated to them. Two centuries later, Pope Leo XIII instituted the feast on the calendar.

Between the Infancy Narratives and the beginning of his public ministry as an adult, Scripture is silent about the life of Jesus, except for today’s Gospel passage about the 12-year-old Jesus who is lost and found in the Temple of Jerusalem. These stories grants us a glimpse into the Holy Family, as Mary and Joseph search frantically for the missing Jesus, are astonished to find him teaching in the Temple and then are puzzled by his justification that he must be in his Father’s house. Yet, like his presentation to Simeon, this story foreshadows Jesus’s ultimate mission and identity as Savior. In a few years’ time, he will again head up to Jerusalem for the Passover and give himself over to his Father’s will and service completely as he takes up the cross. His obedience to his parents prepares his heart for the dark night spent in prayer at Gethsemane, when he gives his will over to his heavenly Father.

WEEK OF DEC 30th – Jan 5th (Year C)

Sanctuary Candle - †In memory of Holly Butler by Dot Alley
(†8 yr anniv 12/12/2010)

12/30	Su	8:00am 10:45am	Rest of the soul of Shirley Weichlein by William Weichlein People of Holy Angels
12/31	M	6:00pm	New Year's Eve Vigil – Mary, the Holy Mother of God Rest of the soul of Mary Jo Sims by Moe Sims
1/1	Tu	9:00am	MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD Holyday of Obligation Rest of the soul of Bernard Carmer
1/2	W		NO Mass ; Fr. Patrick out-of-town
1/3	Th		NO Mass ; Fr. Patrick out-of-town
1/4	F		NO Mass ; Fr. Patrick out-of-town
1/5	Sa	5:00pm	NO First Saturday ; Fr. Patrick out-of-town Rest of the soul of John McGrail by Terry Charest

Readings:

Su	12/30	Holy Family Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sam 20-22, 24-28 • Ps 128:1-5 • Col 3:12-21 or 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24 • Luke 2:41-52
M	12/31	1 John 2:18-21 • Ps 96:1-2, 11-13 • John 1:1-18
Tu	1/1	Holyday/ Mary, Mother of God Num 6:22-27 • Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8 • Gal 4:4-7 • Luke 2:16-21
W	1/2	1 John 2:22-28 • Ps 98:1-4 • John 1:19-28
Th	1/3	1 John 2:29—3:6 • Ps 98:1, 3-6 • John 1:29-34
F	1/4	1 John 3:7-10 • Ps 98:1, 7-9 • John 1:35-42
Sa	1/5	1 John 3:11-21 • Ps 100:1-5 • John 1:43-51

Anniversaries Dec 30th – Jan 5, 2019

12/30 Terrence & Susan West
12/31 Nicolas Bañuelos Cossio & Perla Beltran Arinaga
1/1 Susan & Jerry Charley
1/2 Therese & David Cohen, Sr.

Birthdays Dec 30th – Jan 5, 2019

12/30 Alexis Hurt
12/31 Barbara Johnson, Shannon Lee
1/1 Manuel Echavez
1/2 Aaron Boone, Laura Morgan
1/3 Juan Garzon, Jr., Sindy Martinez, Ashley Piskorski, Cole Piskorski
1/4 Jesus Rubio, Graci Scheaffer

Pope Francis' Monthly Prayer Intention

Each year, the Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month. You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for this intention each month. Only one intention is offered per month, whether universal or related to evangelization.

January Evangelization – Young People

That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.



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My wishes for you, the Parish Family of Holy Angels, your family and our visitors joining us for the Celebration of the Solemnity of the Birth of Christ our Lord that the Peace and Joy of this celebration continue to Bless you every day of the New Year.

In thanksgiving for all that God has blessed our lives in this past year and has sent His Angels to watch over us and guide us. In thanksgiving for the times, He has guided us without our knowledge through the toils and struggles of our lives. In thanksgiving for Jesus Christ who by his birth brought Light to us in darkness, planting the seeds of faith and hope in our lives. I want to thank the Holy Spirit for the out pouring of his gifts and fruits with us this year. And thanks to our Blessed Mother, Mary for guiding us in a closer relationship with Jesus Christ. Where would we be without God, without His Angels, without His Saints?

In the Celebration of Christ coming to live with us, I want to also thank all who came and celebrated my Celebration of Life for 50 years. I am thankful for the generosity shown as we raised \$17,000 for the Pregnancy Resources Centers. As we open our gifts and spend time with family and friends this Christmas, let us discover Christ's gift for us and in thanksgiving offer a gift to Christ.

Fr. Patrick Hirtz

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS 2018 AND A BLESSED NEW YEAR

As we celebrate the Advent and Christmas season, many of us anticipate the arrival of Jesus Christ. We ponder God's will for our lives and how better to serve Him. I look forward to a more productive year and through Jesus Christ become closer to my creator.

As we anxiously await Jesus' presence, we see the radiance of God's glory. We experience the renewing of our minds and the cleansing of our hearts. We realize that Jesus didn't have to leave the friendly confines of His heavenly home, He didn't have to experience the frustrations of this world. But He came to Earth to heal a broken world, He came to shine a radiant light so bright that no amount of darkness can penetrate. He came to lift the poor and He came to give hope to those living on the fringes of our society. Jesus came because He loved us. "God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him will not die but will have everlasting life." (John 3:16)

Jesus is oneness with the Father. "God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. I am in the Father and He is in me. Whatever you ask in my Name, I will do so that the Father may be glorified in the Son." (John 14:7-15)

The Holy Spirit is the Advocate. A person who pleads for or in behalf of another; an intercessor. Prayer is also a very valuable tool. It opens us up to the teachings of the Holy Spirit.

In closing, I ask my fellow Christians to join with me to recognize your dignity. We are called to live a life worthy of Christ. Starting today, let us live as "children of light" through all that is good and right and true.

Deacon "Bill" Winston

The Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord

The solemnities of the Nativity of the Lord include four celebrations: Vigil, Night, Dawn and Day. The Vigil Mass was only recently added. Traditionally, the three different liturgies of Christmas evolved because the Pope traveled to three different churches throughout Rome to celebrate Mass on Christmas and this custom began around the 7th century. The Mass at Night has been called the "Angel Mass," followed by the "Shepherds' Mass" at Dawn and the "Mass of the Divine Word" during the day. The nicknames came from the Gospels proclaimed at each one. The Nativity of the Lord at Dawn, is known as the "Shepherds' Mass" probably because the Gospel tells us about the shepherds making haste to find "Mary and Joseph and the infant lying in the manger" then returning to glorify God for all they have seen and heard.

The Octave of Christmas

Immediately after The Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord, we celebrate the First Martyr, Stephen (December 26th), who stands for all the martyrs (any, by extension, all the saints). Saint Stephen is given the distinction of greatest proximity to the celebration of Christ's birth. From the readings of the day we are made mindful of the risks of discipleship. While we continue to revel in the joy of the Incarnation we also realize allegiance to the Son of God puts us at risk, sometimes even from those closest to us. But the day reminds us that suffering for Christ is not a burden to be feared but a badge to be worn with honor.

Next up we have John (December 27th), who is an apostle and evangelist—and, tradition has it, virgin. That covers wide swaths of the rest of the saints in some way or other. Saint John, the friend and follower of Jesus, we hear of both the privilege and the pain of discipleship. John had the privilege of seeing, hearing and touching the living Lord during his years of ministry; he also endured the pain of seeing him crucified and laid in a tomb. Beloved of Christ, John points to the great truth that each of us is also God's beloved.

After come the Holy Innocents (December 28th) who stand for youth and innocence and represent the sorrows that we all suffer throughout our lives. On the Feast of the Holy Innocents we remember the world's hostility to the light of Christ. The moment he was born, his light was seen as a threat by those who preferred darkness; innocent children's lives were taken in a vain attempt to snuff that light. While in many places still "Rachel weep[s] for her children" whose lives are too soon taken because of selfishness and hatreds, we cling to the word of John who assures that "god is light and in him there is no darkness."

Then, on the Octave Day, the day that's just barely second to the Feast itself, we celebrate Mary, the Holy Mother of God. Who better to finish up the royal train than the Queen Mother? On New Year's Day, start off the year by eating right (partaking in the Eucharist,) and being healthy (honoring relationships which are important), specifically our spiritual Mother, Mary. The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, is a beautiful way to weave together the special moments of Christmas Time. This is Mary's special day. She wants our time spent in prayer learning from her devotion to honor God's will in her life and for us to continue adoring her Son Jesus.

From Christmas Day all through the Christmas season, let peace on earth and goodwill toward all be an "evergreen" sentiment. Jesus is present!

Blessings at Christmas and in the New Year!



Holyday of Obligation

Mary, the Mother of God

New Year's Eve

Monday, December 31st - 6:00pm Vigil

New Year's Day

Tuesday, January 1st - 9:00am Holyday Mass

Mission Statement

Holy Angels is a Catholic community of faith joining past, present, and future members on a journey with Christ to the Father. Through worship, stewardship, evangelization, and works of charity, we strive to more perfectly image God, who is love.

We welcome any visitors, including those who may not be of our Catholic faith. We pray that our celebration of the sacred liturgy today was a meaningful one for you.

If you are a new member in the parish, complete a census form and return it to the church office. Census forms can be found in the foyer. To date we have 226 families and 664 members.

2nd Collections for December

12/25 Villa Vianney

December Special Collections

12/25 Christmas Envelope

Christmas / New Year Office Schedule

The Parish Office will be closed December 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, December 31st, and January 1st.

The Parish Office will reopen January 2, 2019.

The staff of Holy Angels wishes you all a beautiful and blessed Christmas and a New Year filled with peace, love and happiness!



2019 Parish Calendars

The 2019 parish calendars are now available at the main entrance of the church and on the table in the foyer.

Please take one per family.