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**SUNDAY DECEMBER 28, 2025 ~
THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH**

From the Bishop's Pen...

"Take the child and his mother and flee into Egypt."

We know from last Sunday's Gospel that Joseph was open to hearing God and to being obedient to His commands; therefore, it is not surprising that Joseph did exactly what the angel told him to do in a dream, "Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you. Herod is going to search for the child to destroy him." Joseph was intent on providing for and protecting his wife and his foster Son.

In keeping with Jewish custom, Joseph named the boy Jesus (which means Savior), taught Him how to pray, how to work, and how to be a man. When the 12-year-old Jesus stayed behind in the Temple in Jerusalem, Joseph, along with Mary, searched with great anxiety for Him for three days. This is what a parent does for a child.

What is it in a family that a child is supposed to do for his or her parents? Our reading from the Book of Sirach tells us of the graces and benefits that come to children who obey the Fourth Commandment, "Honor your father and mother." Children are called to respect their parents and everyone in their family. It is not difficult to see that this love of parents and family is extended in Christ's Second Great Commandment – "love thy neighbor as thyself."

Sirach tells us what a child who obeys this commandment of love accomplishes in God's eyes. "He who honors his father atones for sins; he stores up riches who reveres his mother. He who honors his father is gladdened by children, and when he prays he is heard. He who reveres his father will live a long life; he obeys the LORD who brings comfort to his mother. He who fears the LORD honors his father, and serves his parents as rulers. My son, take care of your father when he is old; grieve him not as long as he lives. Even if his mind fail, be considerate with him; revile him not in the fullness of your strength. For kindness to a father will not be forgotten, it will serve as a sin offering – it will take lasting root." It is in our family homes that we learn this philosophy of life. It is there that we acquire principles by which we should live and relate to others.

Each of us wrestles with identity issues, while at the same time embracing responsibilities toward our family. Every parent wrestles with freedom issues for their child, while at the same time cooperating with God, trusting that their child is being protected. It is a delicate balance; and one that Mary and Joseph must have learned together with Jesus. Let us pray for all families this weekend that this balance may be found, so that as families, we will always grow spirituality, in our love and trust in God, and in our love and trust in each other.

– Bishop Roy Campbell

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Friday
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MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass 8:30 am
Saturday Vigil Mass - 5:00 pm
Sunday Masses 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm
Tuesday Evening Mass 7:00 pm

ADORATION SCHEDULE

Tuesday
Exposition / Adoration 6:00 pm
Benediction 6:45 pm
Every Friday
Exposition / Adoration after morning Mass
Benediction 10:00 am
First Friday
Exposition / Adoration after morning Mass
Praise and Worship 6:00 pm
Benediction 7:00 pm

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Our Parish Family's Weekly Offering

§ December 21, 2025

Our average weekly parish expenses for November 2025 \$ N/A

Our offertory last week was N/A% of expenses

ParishSoft Giving: November \$N/A

*Last Week's Attendance: N/A
(N/A - DUE TO EARLY
SUBMISSION TO PRINTER)*



To The St Joseph Catholic Church Community

Our desire is that every member of our parish family encounters Jesus Christ in a very personal and life-changing way as they journey through life within our community. That now includes you and we welcome you to this very personal, communal journey of faith as part of our parish family. As you begin the next part of your faith journey with us, we encourage you to check in at the Welcome Table and complete the parish registration form. You may also get the form from a Hospitality minister. Stay connected with the St Joseph Community through our Website and Facebook. God has given you gifts to share in helping the Church build the kingdom and accomplish her mission. Seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit to help you discern where you are meant to serve. Please check out our Ministries and Organizations at the Welcome Table or our Website. Pray, discern, then take that leap of faith and get engaged in the life of the parish.

**LET US KNOW YOU ARE HERE
SO WE CAN PROPERLY WELCOME YOU!**

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MASS SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions are made in the Parish Office during regular business hours or may be given to Hospitality Minister after the Sunday Masses. You will be contacted if the date requested is not available. Bookings for one name for several days in succession will not be accepted. An offering is **\$10.00 CASH** per date / per envelope. Mass intentions are acknowledged at the Sunday and daily Masses.

**Mass intentions must be received in the office by
Monday 9:00 am to be included in the bulletin for the next week.**

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNOUNCEMENTS for the **NEXT** bulletin are due in the Church Office NLT 12:00 noon on Monday. The bulletin is sent to the printer on Tuesday morning.

Late submissions will go into the next bulletin.

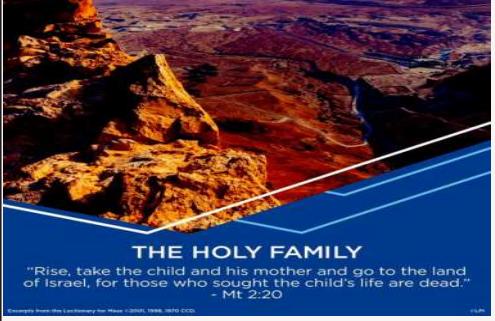
COMMUNION CALLS / HOME VISITS

The Eucharistic Ministry is available for communion calls and home visits. If you or someone you know is homebound but would like to receive communion on a regular basis, contact the parish office on 301-773-4838 to schedule a visit. The office is open Monday through Friday 10:00 am- 6:00 pm

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MASSES / OBSERVANCES

Sunday December 28, 2025
MASSES:
8:00 AM, 10:00 AM & 12:00 PM



Monday December 29, 2025
Mass 8:30 am

Tuesday December 30, 2025
Daily Mass: 8:30 am
Exposition/Adoration: 6:00 pm
Benediction: 6:45 pm
Evening Mass 7:00 pm

Wednesday December 31, 2025
**ST. SYLVESTER I, POPE;
NEW YEAR'S EVE**
New Year's Eve Vigil Mass: 5:00 pm

Thursday January 1, 2026
**MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD,
NEW YEAR'S DAY,
WORLD DAY OF PEACE**
New Year's Day Mass - 10:00 am



Friday January 1, 2026
FIRST FRIDAY
**STS. BASIL THE GREAT AND
GREGORY NAZIANZEN,
BISHOPS AND DOCTORS OF THE
CHURCH**
Mass: 8:30 am
Adoration: IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING MASS
Praise and Worship 6:00 pm
Benediction: 7:00 pm

Saturday January 2, 2026
FIRST SATURDAY
THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS
First Saturday Mass: 8:00 am
CONFESION / RECONCILIATION
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
VIGIL MASS: 5:00 PM

CHURCH CALENDAR / ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Sunday December 28

- **Dr. Clarke** (CLR 2) 9:00 am

Monday December 29

- **No Activities**

Tuesday December 30

- **Beginners Line Dance**
(RR) 10:30 am
- **Dr Clarke Choir Rehearsal** (CLR2) 7:00 pm

Wednesday December 31

- **Dr Clarke Choir Rehearsal** (CLR2)
Time - TBA

**PARISH OFFICE WILL CLOSE
AT 12:00 NOON**

Thursday January 1, 2026

- **New Year's Day**

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Friday January 2

- **No Activities**

Saturday January 3

- **Men's Ministry Meeting**
(CL1) 7:30 am
- **Dr. Clarke - Cantor Rehearsal for Vigil Mass**
(CLR 2) 3:30 pm

Daily Readings for the Week of December 28, 2025

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/
Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Monday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18

Thursday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Friday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/

Mt 2:1-12



Please Pray for the Sick and Shut-in... Cathrine Abrams, Theresa Agore, Gerry Anderson, Carla Amorim, Melody & Carl Atkinson, Shelia Bailey, Randy Belt, Agnes Bell, Veronica Blakeney, Betty Brown, Maxine Brown, Allen Burroughs, Paula Butler, Tanesha Butler, Angela & Wick Cartwright, , Angela Clark, Connie Clark, Chuck Clay, Angella Coker, Herman Davis, James Doe, James Dudley, Martin Ekeh, Verna Etheredge, Tammy Flarisee, Larry & Evelyn Frelow, Adrienne, Fraser-Darling, Rita Gant, Regina Gary, Gina Geron, Maureen Gramby, Patricia Green, Catherine & Jennifer Gresham, Juanita Grillo, Kimberly Grimes, Cecelia Handy, Lawrence Hill, Sheila Hinton, Luis Howell, Mark Humphrey, Gennie Huntley-Lopez, Cathy Jackson, Gwen Jarman, Demetrius Jackson, Katie Jackson, Melvin James, Sebastien Jean-Marie, Wendell John, Donald Johnson, Latashia Johnson, Lyell Johnson, Roland Joyner, Duke Kelly, Fr. Mike King, Mark Sr/ Mark Jr & Gabrielle Landry, Alton Ernest Lewis, Marionetta D Lofton-Sutton, Henrietta Long, Gennie Huntley-Lopez, Edwina Love, Keree Lucas, Sadie Malveaux, Ebony Marble, Barbara Marshall, Marilyn Marshall, Leondre Massey, Anthony Mc Donald, Carlos Menefee, Solomon T. Miles, Jr. Thomasine M. Miles, Cheryl Mills, Kathleen Mitchell, Nancy & William Mooney, Fr. Ray Moore, Loraine Moses, Madga Nelson, Nolan McWilliams, William Musee, Kameron Neal, Paul Newman, Ronald Nickens , Gail Norris, Cynthia Obedike, Earline Parks, James & Stephen Parks, Robin Parsell, LaTanya Pelt, Larry Peters, Barbara Reece-Jones, Danielle Rhodes, Irene Richmond, Miriam Ross, Teresa Ross, Cliff顿 Rush, Sheryl Sanders, Johnnie Scott, Thomas W. Scott, William Scriber, Tyrone Sellers, Dorothy Seth, Dana Chapman-Sewell, Lucille Shaw, Eunice Sparkman, Madeline Stillwell, Gwen Sutton, Percy Swain, Lucille Swann, Candice Taylor, Kenneth Taylor, Richard Taylor, Eileen Thomas, Carolyn Thrash, Erma Torney, Frances Tyler, Eric Walker,

And the Recently Deceased:

Sean Campbell, Stephen Nixon, Jr

ETERNAL REST GRANT TO THEM, O LORD, AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM. MAY THEY REST IN PEACE. AMEN.



Mass Intentions

Sunday

8:00 AM BENEDICTA OKPAH
(BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS)
10:00 AM THE ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY (SI)
12:00 PM Loraine Hayling
(Birthday Blessings)

MONDAY

8:30 AM NDUM FAMILY (SI)

TUESDAY

8:30 AM THE ST JOSEPH COMMUNITY

7:00 PM THANKSGIVING FOR
NWANKWO FAMILY

WEDNESDAY

5:00 PM Vanessa Ford
(Birthday Blessings)

THURSDAY

10:00 AM NDUM FAMILY (SI)

FRIDAY

8:30 AM LORNA HAYLING (SI)

SATURDAY

8:00 AM EMMANUEL O. EZEMOBI
(BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS)

5:00 PM WANDA JOHNSON †

LIVE THE LITURGY:

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

God created the Holy Family with a great sense of purpose, because he knew that Jesus would be defined by the woman and man who raised him. Who is our "Holy Family" — the people who will define us? Who has God placed within our lives for a specific purpose?

Questions of the Week - for Your Reflection

1st Reading Question:

Sirach emphasizes the importance of children honoring and respecting their parents.

What are some of your favorite memories of your parents?

2nd Reading Question:

Paul taught the Colossians that families should show mutual respect and love toward one another.

How do you encourage these virtues in your family?

Gospel Question:

We hear how the Holy Family faced some very dangerous circumstances early on.

Can you think of some challenges your family has had to overcome?

CATHOLIC TRIVIA...

Question:

Which saint is the patron saint of priests?

Answer:

(a) St. John Vianney (b) St Peter (c) St Vincent Pallotti

WHY DO WE DO THAT?

CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Confessing Sins

Question:

If I go to the Sacrament of Penance and end up repeating the same sins, does that mean I do not have a strong enough intention to amend my life?

Answer:

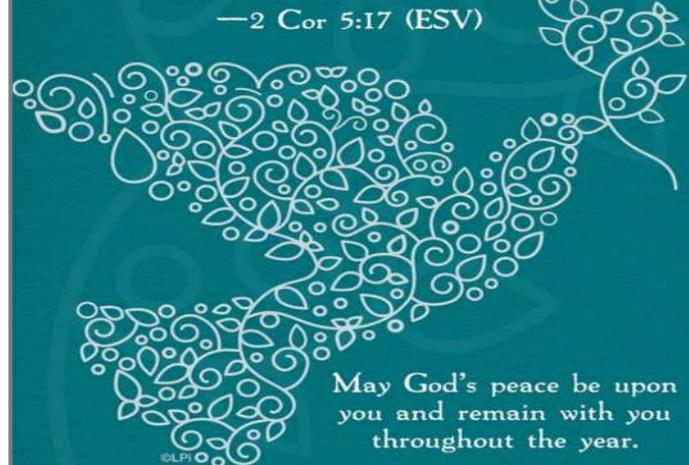
There is a popular expression that says, "Be patient. God isn't finished with me yet!" Growing in faith and holiness is an ongoing, life-long project, and our struggle with sin is at the heart of it. As St. Paul says, the good he intends to do, he does not do. The evil he does not intend, he does! It is not always a lack of intention, but more often the allure of evil that makes it difficult to change.

When we confess our sins, we are to come with a fully contrite heart. You need to reflect on your true feelings toward your actions before approaching the sacrament. After confession, there are strategies you can make to avoid falling into the same traps of sin. First, pray for and seek out strength and perseverance through multiple sacraments, charitable work, and personal sacrifice. Second, avoid occasions of sin when you might fail or be sorely tempted. In doing these things, remind yourself daily that it is a spiritual war we wage, and with God's grace, we will succeed.



Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

—2 Cor 5:17 (ESV)



May God's peace be upon you and remain with you throughout the year.

For Our Young Parishioners

SHARING THE GOSPEL

After King Herod found out that Jesus had been born, little Jesus was no longer safe. Herod did not want any other kings around, even baby kings like Jesus. In a dream, God warned Joseph that their little family needed to move far away from Herod. Joseph took Mary and Jesus and got out of Bethlehem as quickly and as quietly as they could. God protected little Jesus. God wants you to be safe, too.

PRAYER

Dear God, thank you for keeping Jesus safe when he was a little baby.

SOMETHING TO DRAW

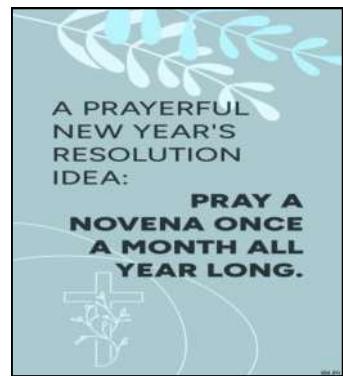
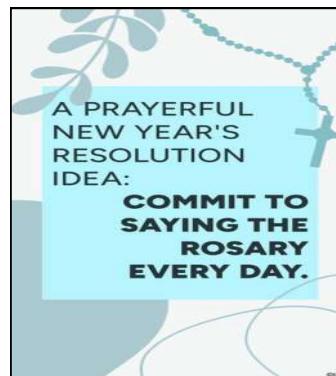
Draw a picture of Joseph, Mary and Jesus moving away in the middle of the night.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

If you were not safe, and if you had to move away in the middle of the night, list three small things you would want to bring along.

JUST A THOUGHT...

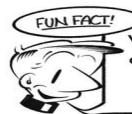
If any four-word sentence encapsulates what we can expect from the Christian life, it is this:
God had other plans.



A LITTLE HOLY HUMOR ...



"Toast!"



We celebrate the Holy Family on the Sunday after Christmas, and then the Mother of God on January 1. Celebrate these special days with intentional festivities.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA...

You are correct if you guessed : (a) St. John Vianney



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