

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

DECEMBER 26, 2021



*Jesus said to his parents,
“Why were you looking for me?
Did you not know that I
must be in my Father’s house?”*

Luke 2:49

St. Cyril of Jerusalem

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From the Desk of Father Mac

Today we celebrate The Feast of the Holy Family, a feast set aside each year on the Sunday after Christmas to honor Mary, Joseph and Jesus. This feast is also an occasion to reflect on how our own families are called to be holy. We can look to the example of the Holy Family to guide us. Pope Paul VI once said that the home of Nazareth is the school where we begin to understand the life of Jesus - the school of the Gospel.

Jesus was born into a family who nurtured, protected, taught, and raised him to adulthood. Mary and Joseph are there to model what it means to live by faith and trust in God through difficult times. They journeyed through rough terrain to avoid the persecution of their baby, Jesus Christ, and protect him. Similarly, we place our faith in God to journey with us as we continue to navigate the rough terrain of this pandemic and nurture our spirituality and well-being.

It has been a difficult couple of years with the pandemic, however, families spent more time together and it has been inspiring for me as a pastor to see and hear of the many acts of kindnesses performed by individuals of all ages and families over these many months. The Spirit has moved people to reach out to others to bring them comfort and joy. And they brought much joy to first responders, health care workers, the homebound, the hungry, and many more.

In Colossians, 3:12-17, an optional second reading for this Feast, we hear Saint Paul describe what family life in the Lord should look like. Paul says families are encouraged to live with "heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another ... And over all these put on LOVE that is the bond of perfection. Let the peace of Christ control your hearts. And be thankful."

Here are ways you can celebrate today's feast as a family.

- Discuss what makes your family "holy" and what you each admire about the Holy Family.
- Look for ways to extend Christmas charity to families in need especially during this time.
- Spend some time with God and tell Him your fears during this pandemic and then ask Him to calm your fears and know he is with you.
- Reflect on today's Scripture readings as a family and how they speak to your heart.

I encourage all of our parish families to take some time for prayer and reflection on the life of the Holy Family. Ask the Holy Family for the strength and courage you need to live the qualities of family and community life as encouraged by St. Paul. What do you most want to "live" as a family during 2022?

In Christ,

REVEREND EBEN MACDONALD, PASTOR

Fr. Mac



Weekly Collection
Sunday, December 12th

Total: \$ 9,657
Weekly Goal: \$15,000
Weekly Deficit: \$5,343

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS: \$375

MAY GOD REWARD YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

**PLEASE REMEMBER, YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS MUST BE RECEIVED
BY OUR OFFICE BY JANUARY
IN ORDER TO BE
COUNTED FOR THE
2021 TAX YEAR.**

**BEGINNING JANUARY 31ST, TAX ACKNOWLEDGEMENT LETTERS
WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM THE PARISH OFFICE.
PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL YOUR REQUEST
PARISH@ST-CRYIL.ORG - 818 986 8234**

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION TO OUR LADY



Candlelight procession and Rosary On Saturday January 1st 2022

*immediately following
the 4:00 p.m. Mass.*

Our Blessed Mother said to Sister Lucia of Fatima:

"I promise to assist at the hour of death, with the graces necessary for salvation, all those who, on the first Saturday of five consecutive months, shall confess; receive Holy Communion; recite five decades of the Rosary; and keep me company for fifteen minutes while meditating on the mysteries of the Rosary, with the intention of making reparation to me."

The aim of the devotion is to unite humankind to God through Mary's heart. The object of the devotion being to love God and Jesus better by uniting one's self to Mary for this purpose and by imitating her virtues.

All are welcome!



THE FIRESIDE FELLOWSHIP Finding a Better, More Meaningful Life

Our parish is pleased to make the ministry called The Fireside Fellowship available to all parishioners!

The Fireside Fellowship is a spiritual supplement to the book *Do You See What I See? Discovering the Obvious*, which has been praised by His Eminence, Timothy Cardinal Dolan, His Eminence, Wilton Cardinal Gregory, Bishop Gerald Wilkerson and major media outlets.



Through the use of anecdotes, short stories and interaction with participants, these Zoom discussion meetings uncover the everyday applicability of a simple perspective that can provide enormous benefits to each of us in our respective journeys through life and faith.

Wednesday's Topic – CHANGE
January 5 — 7:00-8:00 p.m.

For further information

Robert-Hanley.com/TheFiresideFellowship.php

You can call us at (818) 366-7263

SAFEGUARDING THE CHILDREN KNOW? DID YOU KNOW?

CHECK CHRISTMAS PRESENTS FOR BUTTON BATTERIES



Many parents will be spending the next few days and weeks assembling (and reassembling) their children's gifts, and it's important to be on the lookout for potential hazards, including button batteries. Button batteries are small, round discs used in anything from toys to key fobs to watches. If these batteries end up being swallowed or placed in a child's nose or ears, they can cause serious damage – from electrical currents to tissue burns. Keep an eye on the power sources for the toys your children get this Christmas, and consider taking extra safety measures for anything with a button battery. For more information, visit <https://www.nsc.org/home-safety/safety-topics/child-safety/button-batteries>.

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Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25TH

4:00 pm - NO MASS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26TH

8:00 am - People of the Parish, *SPEC. INT.*

10:00 am - Carmine & Ella Marinelli, *RIP*

12:00 pm - Gerard Butitta, *RIP*

MONDAY, DECEMBER 27TH

7:30 am - Edward & Vanessa Prado, *SPEC. INT.*

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28TH

7:30 am - Florence Butitta, *RIP*

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29TH

7:30 am - John & Leona Johnston, *RIP*

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30TH

7:30 am - Sal & Martha Valdez, *SPEC. INT.*

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31ST

7:30 am - Danielle Alcock, *SPEC. INT.*

SATURDAY, JANUARY 1ST

7:30 am - Osiris Orozco, *SPEC. INT.*



Prayer to the Holy Family

HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH,
make our families one with you.
Help us to be instruments of peace.

Grant that love,
strengthened by grace,
may prove mightier than all the
weaknesses and trials
through which our families
sometimes pass.

May we always have You,
at the center of our hearts and
homes until we are all one family,
happy and at peace in our true home
with you. Amen.

Saint Cyril of Jerusalem Church

SUNDAY & WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturdays: 4:00 PM

Sundays: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12 NOON

Sunday 12 Noon Mass LIVESTREAMED ON FACEBOOK

Vigil of Holy Days 7:00 PM

Holy Days 7:30 AM, 12:00 PM, 7:00 PM

Weekdays (MON-SAT) 7:30 AM

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE/RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 8:00-8:30 AM & 3:00-4:00 PM

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS

TUESDAYS FOLLOWING THE 7:30 AM MASS

HOLY ROSARY

DAILY AFTER 7:30 AM MASS & MONDAYS AT 7PM

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

SECOND SUNDAYS, 2PM—PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE

WEDDINGS

MUST CONTACT THE PRIEST AT LEAST 6 MONTHS IN ADVANCE

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL

MONDAY –FRIDAY, 9:00AM -4:30PM

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

8-9 AM FIRST FRIDAYS

Pray For



Regina Hagan
Mickey Pappas
Sheldon Payne
Mary Shartzter
Bob Farina
Maureen O'Connor
Dolores Cardelucci
Valerie Ruelas
Charlene O'Brien
Dorothy Montanio
Joe Casey
Pat Filley

*All doctors, nurses
And health care
workers

* All police, fire-
fighters and first
responders

* Anyone affected by
COVID 19

MARY, HEALTH OF THE SICK, PRAY FOR US

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Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Feast of the Holy Family

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 | Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 | Lk 2:41-52

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Some of my fondest childhood memories are of my dad leading my three sisters and me in song as we made the hour-long drive to visit my grandparents every other weekend. Granted, our silly car songs don't qualify as "singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs," as Paul advised the Colossians, but I do think they reveal that my dad took to heart Paul's advice about family and faith. Paul writes that in putting on holiness, kindness, gentleness, and forgiving one another, we "put on love, that is, the bond of perfection." Whatever we do, in word or deed, we ought to do in the name of the Lord Jesus. Fathers, mothers, and children are to love one another, seeking and choosing the good for one another, and helping each other along life's journey - on long car trips as well as in a lifetime of situations. On this feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, we honor their perfect holiness and love, and pray that God may continue to perfect us in holiness and love within our own families, that we may bear good fruit for the Kingdom.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Three Days? Mary and Joseph couldn't find Jesus for three days! Any parent who has had a child missing for a few seconds understands the anxiety Mary and Joseph experienced in three long days of searching for Jesus. In the end, though, all is well - they find him, and the peace of Christ casts out their fears. It is a remarkable scene: Jesus' parents are *astonished* to see him teaching in the temple, and Jesus is curious as to why they were looking for him - did they not know where he would be? This event marks a sort of milestone in their lives together, as Jesus has hinted at his future public ministry, and his parents have experienced that first bit of soul-piercing that Mary will later fully undergo. For each of them, love is what directed their actions. Joseph and Mary put aside everything to search for their son; Jesus put aside everything to serve his Father; and they joined together in humble obedience to God's will for them. The Holy Family models a way of living for us to imitate, and to witness to others in that imitation.

SERVE/STUDY Perhaps you have some down time in this coming week between Christmas and New Year's. As a family, choose an activity that allows you to think outside yourselves and serve others. Or make a plan to read the Scripture for each day of the upcoming week; everyone can choose a favorite verse to memorize each day. You may be surprised how often these verses enter your mind throughout the week.