



*May the Blessing
of the
Holy Family
be with you
always.*

Feast of the Solemnity of Mary



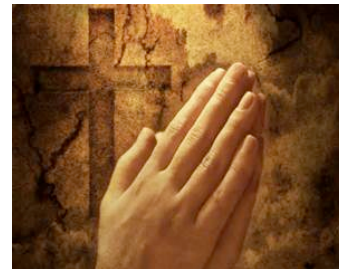
*The Feast of the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God is Friday, January 1, 2016. **This is a holy day of obligation for all Catholics.** Masses are as follows:*

Thursday, December 31st (Vigil Mass): 4:00 PM (English)
Friday, January 1st: 8:00 AM (English)
10:30 AM (English)



The Church offices will be closed Thursday, December 31st and Friday, January 1st in observance of New Year's.

New Year's Prayer



O God we thank you for a new year. May everyone in our family be willing to begin anew with a clean slate. We know that you are always ready to forgive us. Help us to be willing to forgive ourselves and to forgive one another.

As we begin a new year, remind us of our truest values and our deepest desires. Help us to live in the goodness that comes from doing what you want us to do. Help us to put aside anxiety about the future and the past, so that we might live in peace with you now, one day at a time. AMEN.

Blessing for Expectant Mothers



Next weekend we will have our monthly blessing for expectant mothers of our parish after all the Masses.

just to let you know

We will not have daily Mass on **Monday, December 28th**,



The Week Ahead

Monday, December 28

1:00 PM Crochet meeting

Thursday, December 31 (New Year's Eve)

4:00 PM Mass (English)

Friday, January 1 (New Year's Day)

8:00 AM Mass (English)

10:30 AM Mass (English)

12:15 PM Misa en Español

Ministry Schedule for the Weekend of January 2/3

Lectors:

Sat. 4:00pm James Langdon/Karen Mathers

Sun. 8:00am Marianne Marsden/Gerald Garcia

Sun. 10:30am Karie Hammond/Bud McClure

Ushers:

Sat. 4:00pm Michael Gumler*/Debbie P./Paul M./Sherry G.

Sun. 8:00am Wayne Meshell*/Robert B./David B./Rachel H.

Sun. 10:30am Steve Hernandez*/Richard J./Dennis C./Calvin H.

Extraordinary Ministers

Sat. 4:00pm Karen Mathers/Gary Whalin/Linda Whalin

Sun. 8:00am Marianne Marsden/Mary Pat Samuels

Sun. 10:30am Martha Aranda/Bill Bedrick/Argie Benavidez
Shelilah Dean/Tammy Guerra/Bud McClure

NOTE:

Child Care is not be available during the holidays. The child Care team will be back on January 3rd to care for children up to age 4 during the 10:30am Mass. The Child Care room is on the main floor of the Parish Center.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL



Mass Intentions For the Week

Saturday, December 26

4:00 PM †Adelle & †Henry Snapka by David & Dolores Nemec & Frank Nemec

Sunday, December 27

8:00 AM †Angela McBride by Theresa & Libby Lyon

10:30 AM Pro Populo

12:15 PM †Alberta Contreras – En Memorial de su Undecimo año de su fallecimiento (12-21-04) Int. de la Familia Guel

Thursday, December 31 (New Year's Eve)

4:00 PM In Thanksgiving for God's Blessings during this past year

Friday, January 1 (New Year's Day)

8:00 AM In Honor of Mary, the Mother of God

10:30 AM For God's Blessing's in 2015

12:15 PM En Honor de la Virgen Maria

Saturday, January 2

4:00 PM Pro Populo

Sunday, January 3

8:00 AM †Jane Ann Steffes by Jolene Rohe

10:30 AM †Sylvia Lozano by Parents

12:15 PM Yamileth Martinez Int. de su Familia

Sound Catholic practice encourages us to offer the Mass for the departed and for those in any need. To request a Mass to be offered, please visit the parish office or return to the office a completed Mass intention card. Available cards are located in the foyer of the church.

Anointing of the Sick



Because of the Privacy Act, hospitals and nursing homes are no longer able to provide a list of the Catholic patients/residents for the Churches use in order to visit and administer the Sacraments of Holy Communion or Anointing of the Sick. Therefore, I need your assistance when you have a family member who is hospitalized or in a nursing home. Please call Fr. Orosco at the Church Office at (972) 563-3643 so that I may be of assistance.



Happy New Year to all the students and everyone on the Religious Education team. The Religious Education classes are on Christmas break until January. Sunday classes resume January 3rd, Tuesday classes, January 5th, and Wednesday classes, January 6th.

Children's Christmas Eve Mass and Pageant

The annual Children's Christmas Pageant, "*O' Come Let Us Adore Him*," was performed on Christmas Eve just prior to the Children's Christmas Eve Mass, December 24, 2015 at 4:00pm. Due to the early deadlines for submitting bulletin news for the Christmas season, a written account of the pageant, complete with thanks to all who helped, will appear in the January 10th bulletin.

Coffee and Catechism

You are invited to coffee in the Religious Education office on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings from 6pm to 6:25pm followed by an hour helping in one of the Religious Education classrooms or monitoring a hallway during class time.

This is a great way to learn more about the Catholic Faith or refresh some things you may have forgotten. We have excellent Catechists, but we are often short of the required 2nd screened adult in the classroom. This is not difficult work and most of the adults comment that they really learn a lot and enjoy helping.

At this time there are no inside hall monitors or outdoor monitors on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Perhaps you are a parent with children in the Religious Education program or your children did attend at one time. If you have never helped with this program, perhaps now is the time to "pay it forward". We really need your help so that all of our children can have a memorable and safe experience as they study the Catholic faith.

If you have a little free time to help, please contact Susan Warner in the Religious Education office, send an e-mail to

susanwarner0309@sbcglobal.net, or text 469-471-4395 for details. Thank you.

First Week of Christmas

Pope Francis Message on the World Day of Peace: Jan 1

The Sunday that follows Christmas is always the celebration of the **Holy Family**. There are wonderful readings from the Book of Sirach, the First Book of Samuel, and Paul's letter to the Colossians or the First Letter of John. The gospel is the story of the teen aged Jesus teaching in the temple while his parents could not find him. Jesus goes back home with his family. "He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man."



Continuing our special feasts in the days after Christmas, Monday is the moving **Feast of the Holy Innocents**, remembering the infant martyrs of Herod's jealous rage.

Tuesday is the **Fifth Day in the Octave of Christmas**. We have the story of the Purification in the temple and the powerful words of Simeon about Jesus and about Mary.

Wednesday, the **Sixth Day in the Octave of Christmas**, is the story from Luke's Gospel of Joseph and Mary meeting the prophetess, Anna in the Temple who gives thanks to God for the child, Jesus "to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem."

Thursday is the **Seventh Day in the Octave of Christmas**. The Gospel is the beginning of **John's Gospel**.

Friday, New Year's Day is the **Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God**. In addition, it is a celebration of **World Day of Prayer for Peace**.

Saturday is the **Memorial of Saint Basil the Great and Saint Gregory Nazianzen, bishops and doctors of the Church.**



***Que la Bendición
de la
Sagrada Familia
les acompañe siempre.***

La Fiesta de la Solemnidad de María



La Solemnidad de Santa María, Madre de Dios es el viernes, 1 de enero, 2016. **Este día es día obligatorio de asistir a Misa para todos los católicos.** Las Misas son las siguientes:

Jueves, 31 de diciembre (Misa de Vigilia): 4:00 PM (Ingles)
Viernes, 1 de enero: 8:00 AM (Ingles)
10:30 AM (Ingles)
12:15 PM (Español)

Las oficinas de la Iglesia estarán cerradas el jueves, 31 de diciembre y el viernes, 1 de enero en observación del Año Nuevo.



Oración de Año Nuevo

Señor Dios, dueño del tiempo y de la eternidad. Tuyo es el hoy y el mañana, el pasado y el futuro.

Al empezar un año más, detengo mi vida ante el nuevo calendario, aun sin estrenar, y te presento estos días que solo Tu sabes si llegare a vivirlos.

Hoy te pido para mí y los míos la paz y la alegría, la fuerza y la prudencia, la claridad y la sabiduría.

Quiero vivir cada día con optimismo y bondad, llevando a todas partes un corazón lleno de compresión y paz.

Cierra tus oídos a toda falsedad; mis labios o palabras mentirosas, egoístas, mordaces o hirientes.

Abre, en cambio, mi ser a todo lo que es bueno. Que mi espíritu se llene solo de bendiciones y las derrame a mi paso.

Cólmame de bondad y de alegría para que cuantos conviven conmigo o se acerquen a mí, encuentren en mi vida un

poquito de Ti. Dame un año feliz, y enséñame a repartir felicidad. Amen.

Autor: padres columbanos

Platicas Pre-Bautismales

AVISO DE LA OFICINA



Vamos a ofrecer pláticas Pre-Bautismales el sábado, 2 de enero de 2016 en el Salón Parroquial a las 6:00pm. Favor de llamar a la oficina (972-563-3643) para más información.
