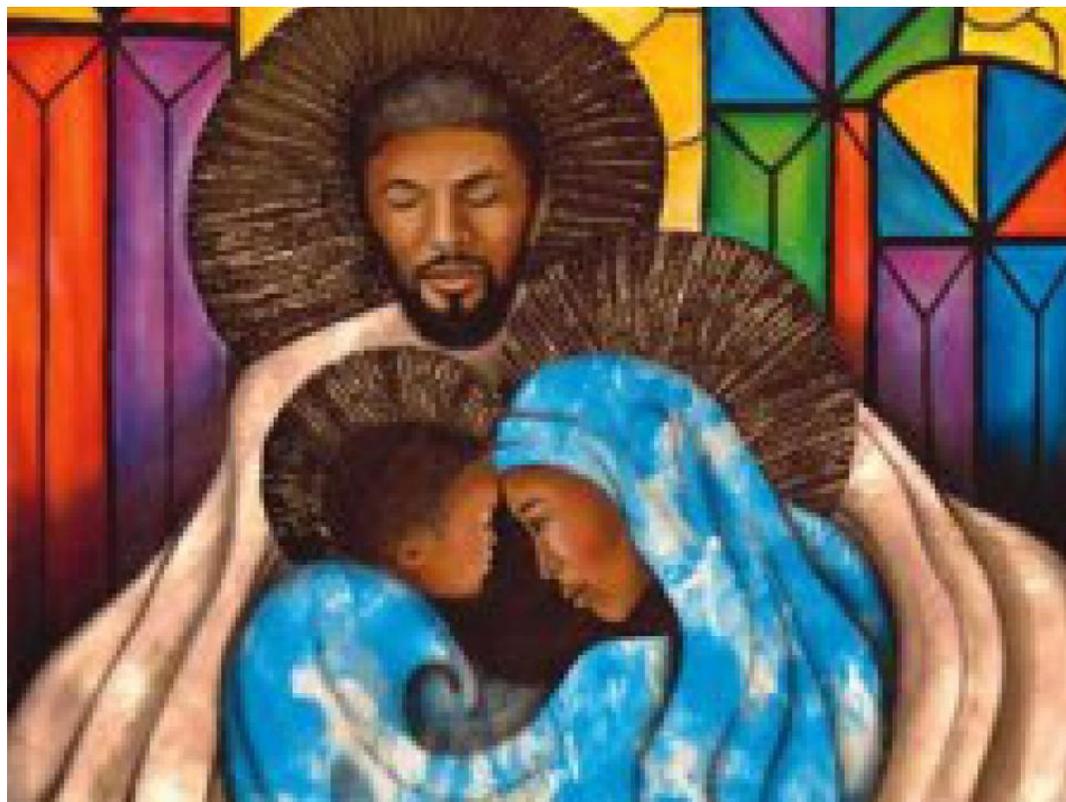


DECEMBER 26, 2021

Feast of the Holy Family



The Visitation (La visitation), James Tissot. *Courtesy of the Brooklyn Museum of Art*

LITURGY AND WORSHIP

Daily Mass

Monday–Saturday | 9:00 am

Weekend Mass

Saturday Vigil | 5:00 pm

Sunday | 8:00 am, 10:00 am (+Livestream), 5:00 pm

Reconciliation

Saturday | 3:45 pm and by appointment

Download Order of Worship



Office Hours

Monday–Friday | 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

In All Things Bookstore

Monday–Friday | 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Sunday | 11:00 am – 5:00 pm

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READINGS

Friday, December 24 (all Masses)

Reading I Is 62:11-12

Reading II Ti 3:4-7

Gospel Lk 2:15-20

Saturday, December 25 (Midnight)

Reading I Is 9:1-6

Reading II Ti 2:11-14

Gospel Lk 2:1-14

Saturday, December 25 (all other Masses)

Reading I Is 62:11-12

Reading II Ti 3:4-7

Gospel Lk 2:15-2

Sunday, December 26

Reading I Sir 3:2-6, 12-14

Reading II Col 3:12-21

Gospel Lk 2:41-52

Saturday, January 1

Reading I Nm 6:22-27

Reading II Gal 4:4-7

Gospel Lk 2:16-2

Sunday, January 2

Reading I Is 60:1-6

Reading II Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6

Gospel Mt 2:1-12

PRESIDER SCHEDULE

Friday December 24

4:00 pm | Fr. Greg Bonfiglio, S.J.

6:00 pm | Fr. Joe Spieler, S.J.

Saturday December 25

Midnight | Fr. John Whitney, S.J.

8:00 am | Fr. Paul Devot, S.J.

10:00 am | Fr. John Coleman, S.J.

5:00 pm | No 5:00 pm Mass

Sunday, December 26

8:00 am | Fr. John Coleman, S.J.

10:00 am | Fr. Greg Bonfiglio, S.J.

5:00 pm | Fr. Paul Devot, S.J.

Saturday January 1

10:00 am | Fr. John Whitney, S.J.

5:00 pm | No 5:00 pm Mass

Sunday January 2

8:00 am | Fr. Paul Devot, S.J.

10:00 am | Fr. John Whitney, S.J.

5:00 pm | Fr. Greg Bonfiglio, S.J.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 26

8:00 am | Evelyn & George Connell (D)

10:00 am | For the Parishioners of St. Ignatius

5:00 pm | David Scott (D)

Monday, December 27

9:00 am | Michael Hynes (D)

Tuesday, December 28

9:00 am | Tim Riehl (D)

Wednesday, December 29

9:00 am | Tony Setuna (D)

Thursday, December 30

9:00 am | Ferdinand Tiu (D)

Friday, December 31

9:00 am | Caterina Dreon De Bernardo (D)

Saturday, January 1

10:00 am | Sisters of the Holy Family (D)

Audio devices for the hard of hearing and gluten-free Eucharist available upon request.

PASTORAL LETTER

A Christmas Message from Fr. Greg

Dear Sisters and Brothers –

Merry Christmas! On behalf of the lay leadership and staff of St. Ignatius Parish, I wish each and all of you a joyous and warm celebration of the Nativity of the Lord!

I was telling a friend recently that one of my favorite things to do at this time every year has been to stand at the church doors at the end of Mass and wish everyone a Merry Christmas. With the greeting go my wishes for a warm celebration with loved ones that cheers the heart and nurtures the soul. Also go wishes for the year to come to be filled with the graces of peace and joy, health and goodness. After a two-year hiatus, I'm eager to do this again because it never disappoints. Ever.

I am aware, however, as I imagine doing so, that it will feel different, that it will be tempered by what we have lived through since we last met at the church doors on Christmas – pandemic, politics, and church, in particular. And it seems all of them will be with us going forward, and they might tempt us away from the promises we have heard throughout Advent, conveyed with images of lions lying down with lambs, deserts blooming into lush gardens, the blind regaining their sight and the lame made whole in limb and body. But we are called to hold onto what we believe, that the Christ Child we celebrate will lead us to the fulfillment of those promises. Indeed, he himself is the Promise, of whom we and our world remain so in need.

Thomas Merton captures this beautifully.

Christ is born. He is born to us. And he is born today. For Christmas is not merely a day like every other day. It is a day made holy and special by a sacred mystery. It is not merely another day in the weary round of time. Today, eternity enters into time, and time, sanctified, is caught up into eternity. Today, Christ, the eternal Word of the Father, who was in the beginning with the Father, in whom all things were made, by whom all things consist, enters into the world which he created in order to reclaim souls who had forgotten their identity. Therefore, the church exults, as the angels come down to announce not merely an old thing which happened long ago, but a new thing which happens today. For today, God the Father makes all things new, in his divine Son, our redeemer, according to his words: *ecce nova facio omnia*. (Behold, I make all things new.)

The promise fulfilled by the Promise. Glory to God in the highest, indeed.

God bless you abundantly these days and in 2022.

Fr. Greg

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS INFORMATION

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Friday, December 24 (Christmas Eve)

4:00 pm | Family Vigil Mass with Children's Chorus
(Livestream)

6:00 pm | Vigil Mass with Choir

Midnight | Solemn Vigil with Choir
(Prelude Begins at 11:20)

Saturday, December 25 (Christmas Day)

8:00 am | Mass with Organ and Cantor

10:00 am | Mass with Choir (Livestream)

5:00 pm | No Vigil Mass will be celebrated

Sunday, December 26 (Feast of the Holy Family)

8:00 am | Mass

10:00 am | Mass (Livestream)

5:00 pm | Mass

Saturday, January 1 (Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God)

10:00 am | Mass

5:00 pm | No Vigil Mass will be celebrated



CHURCH AND PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

Friday, December 24 and Friday, December 31

The Parish offices will be closed.

Saturday, December 25 (Christmas Day)

The Church will close after the 10:00 am Mass. There will be no celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation or 5:00 pm Vigil Mass

Monday, December 27 to Thursday, December 30

The Church will close at noon. On Friday, December 31, the Church will close after the 9:00 am Mass.

Saturday, December 25 to Saturday, January 1

In All Things Bookstore will be closed

Saturday, January 1, 2022 (New Year's Day)

The Church will close after the 10:00 am Mass. There will be no celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation or 5:00 pm Vigil Mass

What is a Holy Family?

Hint: It's not about Perfection

Growing up in an imperfect human family, I've always found it difficult to relate to a perfect divine family. Joseph, the strong silent type. Mary, the sinless Virgin. And Jesus, adored only child. These were not people I could relate to, let alone love. Where were the slammed doors, the hurt feelings, the misunderstandings that were a part of my family's everyday life?

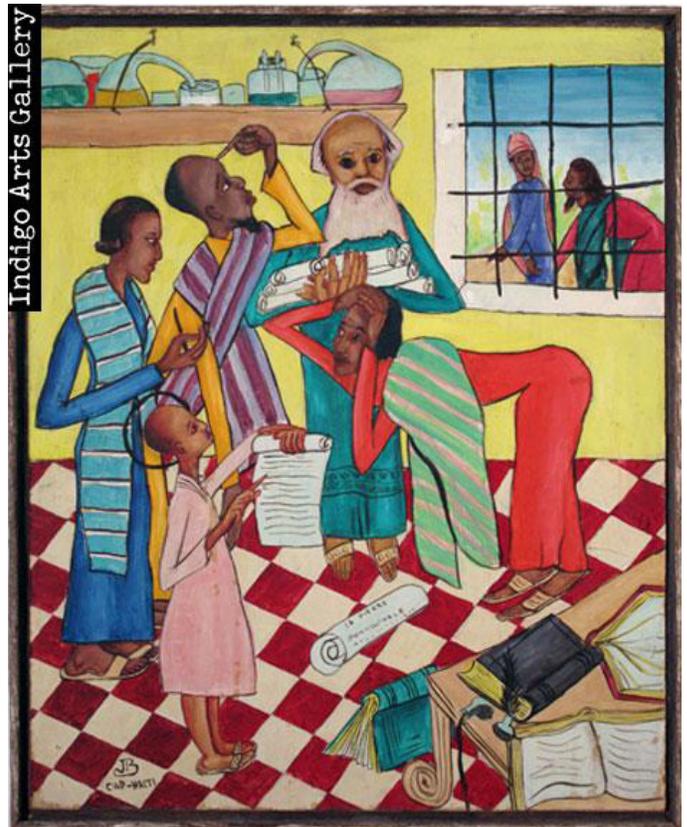
In adulthood, I began to appreciate what Mary and Joseph might have been going through. Facing my own unexpected pregnancy, I turned to Mary for solace, knowing she understood. Remembering my desperate search for my toddler who had hidden herself under the produce display at Costco, I find consolation reading today's Gospel describing Mary and Joseph's search for their Son. Reading between the lines of the Gospels, Joseph didn't seem quite so fuddy-duddy. Mary's blue mantle had a little mud on it. And Jesus was a kid who ran off and hid himself from his parents. Just like mine.

The holiness of the Holy Family is not about being perfect. It's not really about the externals at all. Instead it's about love. Love without conditions. Love without fear. By freeing ourselves to love the real people God has placed here with us in this time and place, we share that holiness which is not perfect but is instead good. By God's grace, we are all God's children. Forever and always, the Holy Family is our family.

Lisa Freese

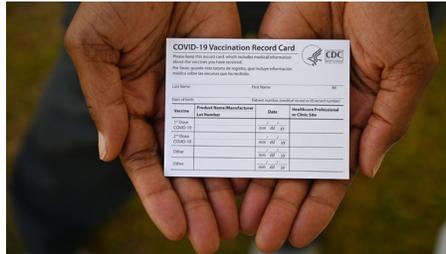
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("In the Margins" is inspired by the Ignatian practice of finding God in all things, especially in the margins of society and in those most in need.)



WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sign up for our newsletter to stay up to date on all events, programs and activities at www.StIgnatiusSF.org/newsletter



Gifts from the Magi: Families of Epiphany Center

Epiphany Center provides holistic, client-centered care to a diverse population of families who are the most vulnerable in our society. Bring your wrapped gifts to the 4:00 pm Family Mass on Christmas Eve. Suggested items are diapers (newborn to size 5), baby wipes (fragrance free/hypoallergenic), layette sets for newborns, and gender-neutral jackets (12 mos-4T), or Target gift cards. Thank you for your generosity.

Christmas Eve Family Mass COVID Protocols

Due to the City of San Francisco's strict COVID protocols for large indoor crowds, proof of full vaccination for all attendees over the age of 12 at the 4:00 pm Family Mass on December 24th will be required. Children under 12 are not required to be vaccinated to attend the Mass. Face coverings for all will be required to enter the church.

Brown Bag Sunday

Pick up a bag this weekend for our monthly collection of Brown Bag lunches to benefit the residents of the St. Vincent DePaul Shelter downtown. Bags can be found at the table at the Parker Avenue Door of the church, and should be returned with a sandwich, cookies and a snack on Sunday, December 26.

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