

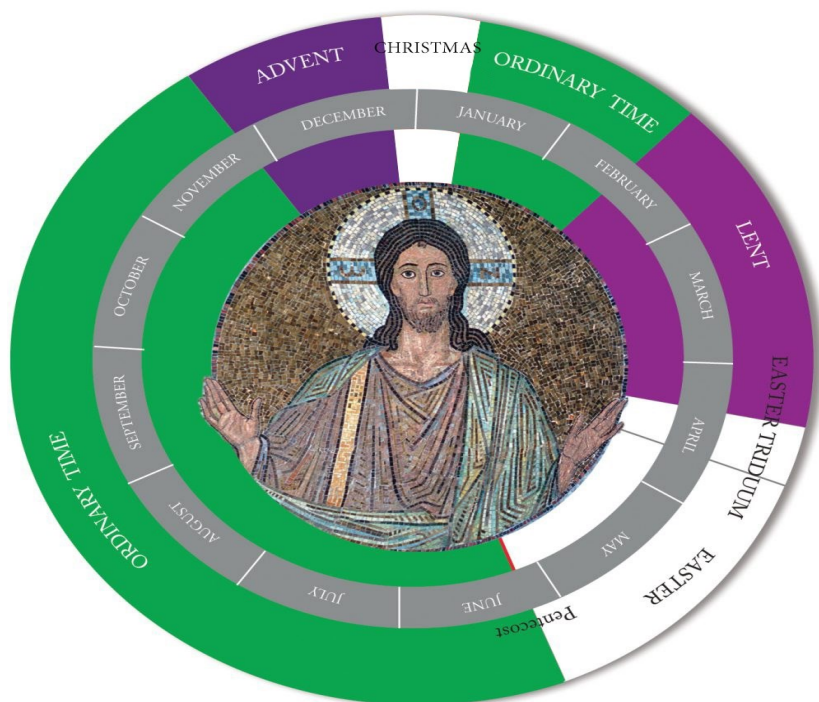
The Parish of the Holy Family

ALL ARE WELCOME
Growing in Faith Together

Mary Mother of God

January 1, 2023

Church Liturgical Year



Eucharistic Revival: Spiritual New Year's Resolutions—by Fr. Steve Lape

As our Church's 3-year Eucharistic Revival in the U.S. heads into 2023 (and we're now about 6 months into the 1st year of that 3-year revival), it's good to consider new ways to grow in our faith—how we can make Jesus Christ more central in our daily living. As the Eucharist is central to our worship in the Catholic Church, here are a few suggestions on how to utilize more readily the graces that flow from that centrality of the Eucharist. It's arranged like a checklist, so you can gauge your progress in these spiritual resolutions:

__1) Strive to compliment people each day (especially your spouse, kids, & parents) for something good they did, or a good quality they have. Strive especially to do this with people you find a bit difficult to like, for there's good to be found in everyone, and compliments can help enrich or heal relationships.

__2) Read at least 1 Catholic book or magazine in the next couple of months, feeding your soul with new insights to strengthen your faith relationship with God and others. If you need an idea for reading, ask someone.

__3) Read one Bible chapter a day, starting with a Gospel. (2023 is the Year of Matthew's Gospel in the Church, so maybe start with that.) Use a Bible with good notes to understand it better. Also, make a more conscious effort to prepare for Mass each weekend by reading in advance and reflecting a bit on that Sunday's Mass readings. You can look at them online at the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops website (usccb.org/bible/readings).

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Mission Statement:

The Parish of the Holy Family is devoted to sharing the kingdom of God: making disciples through word, worship, fellowship, service, and love.

Weekday Mass Times:

Monday thru Friday 9:00AM

Vietnamese Mass Times:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
6:00PM

Weekend Mass Times:

Saturday 8:00AM Vietnamese
4:00PM
Sunday 9:00AM
11:30AM Vietnamese
5:00PM

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(585) 247-4322
(585) 429-5111 (fax)

Office Hours:

Monday—Friday 9AM-3PM
(or by appointment)

Website:

www.theparishoftheholymfamily.org

Confession— Saturday 9-10AM
or BY APPOINTMENT: 247-4322

If you are seeking the following
Sacraments, please call the office.

Baptism
Marriage
RCIA
Reconciliation

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MASS INTENTIONS



In Loving Memory of:
The Belli Family
by Granddaughter

Sanctuary Lamp

Saturday/Sunday, December 31/January 1

Mary Mother of God

4:00PM +Bernie Heckle by Jean Black
+Deceased Members of Abiuso & Martino Families
by Gae Abiuso
+Maria Fargo by Daughter Diane & Family
9:00AM +Our Parishioners
11:30AM-FM +Vietnamese Mass
5:00PM +Our Parishioners

Preacher: 4PM, 9AM, 5PM-Deacon Pat

Monday, January 2- Office Closed Saint Basil

9:00AM +Anniversary, Deacon Jay Brown
by Wife & Family
+Antonio Cifarelli by Wife & Children
+Anniversary, Frank Ioannone by Brother Don
6:00PM-FM +Vietnamese Mass



Tuesday, January 3

9:00AM + For those Buried at Holy Ghost Cemetery
by Elaine Sullivan
6:00PM-FM +Vietnamese Mass

Wednesday, January 4 Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

9:00AM +Birthday, Anna Maria Pietropaolo
+by Church Friends
+Anniversary Sam Grasso by Fred & Sally Cardella



Thursday, January 5 Saint John Neumann

9:00AM +Paul Cucchiara by Cifarelli Family
6:00PM-FM +Vietnamese Mass



Friday, January 6 Saint Andre Bessette

9:00AM +Charles Adams by Family
+Salvatore Cordaro by Family
+Jeanette Yeckel by Joann & Tim Verna
6:00PM-FM +Vietnamese Mass



Saturday/Sunday, January 7/8 -Baptism of the Lord

8:00AM-FM +Vietnamese Mass
4:00PM +A.Richard Koetzle by Dorothy & Jim Gallo
+Onorato Fallone by Ronald & Mary Buttarazi
+Giacomo Coppola by Wife, Maria & Family
9:00AM +Joseph Callari by Harold & Carol Kaza
11:30AM-FM +Vietnamese Mass
5:00PM +Our Parishioners

Preacher: TBD

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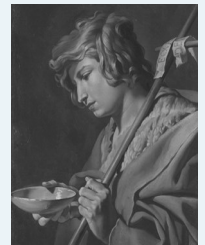
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- ___ 4) Celebrate God's forgiveness in your life by going to Confession at least twice in 2023.
- ___ 5) Get involved in a church service project or church activity you haven't done before.
- ___ 6) Start each day with prayer, thanking God for the new day and asking for the Spirit's guidance throughout the day's journey in your decision-making. End each day reflecting on the blessings you received for that day and ask forgiveness for any failings.
- ___ 7) Pick a day each month to refrain from watching TV, using your cell phone, or using the computer, choosing to spend that extra time saved for strengthening personal relationships with family, friends, neighbors, or others through in-person visits, phone calls, or letters.
- ___ 8) Once a month, give your money you'd usually use for something fun for yourself to a needy cause. Make it a true sacrifice, giving according to your means, but a little beyond. (As the saying goes, "Give till it hurts a bit.")
- ___ 9) Take time to reflect on someone whom you have negative feelings towards, and try to either reconcile with the person, or treat the person with greater loving kindness and patience. Praying for this person by asking God to bless him/her and thinking of some positive qualities about this person (since every person has something good about them) is a great way to start the process.
- ___ 10) If you're not already doing so, attend Mass every weekend & Holy Days of Obligation to celebrate and give thanks for God's love for you within the community. In addition, try to attend a daily Mass at least twice a month at a church and a time that fits your schedule.

WHAT IS FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION?

The First Friday devotion is a reparatory devotion in the Catholic Church that arose from a revelation. The First Friday devotion is associated with the Sacred Heart of Jesus.



We would like to encourage anyone who would like to find out to join us and spend some extra time in prayer in the presence of our Lord. The next first Friday devotion will be on **January 6, starting with 9AM Mass**. After Mass, there is Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and First Friday prayers. Private prayer and exposition **continue until 3PM**. At 3PM, there is the recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Benediction is at 3PM, then the Blessed Sacrament is Reposed.

ROSARY AFTER MORNING MASS

When we pray the Rosary, we approach Christ through Mary – His Mother and our Mother because of her special connection with Him and with us. The rosary is just one of the beautiful devotions to Mary that we as Catholics practice. We will pray the Rosary **after our 9:00 Morning Mass**. Please join us. All are welcome!



SATURDAY BEFORE MASS

We will also be praying the Rosary to prepare our spirit and mind for **Mass on Saturdays before the 4PM Mass**. We start promptly at 3:15PM. We will meet in the Chapel. If the Chapel cannot accommodate us, due to overcrowding, we will move to a section of the Church. All are welcome to come and pray.

PRO-LIFE REFLECTION

I am the Alpha and the Omega,
the beginning and the End.

—Rev 21:6



Reflection.

God gives us the gift of life, in units of years and months and days, and we likewise give it back to Him, in days and months and years of faithful service.

In the New Year, let us put the defense of the unborn at the top of our priority list.

Prayer.

Lord, enable me to devote more time, energy, and resources to the greatest human rights movement of our day, the pro-life movement.

Christmas Flower Donations



Additional donations received from;

John & Jan Huether and Charles Adams from Rosalie Adams;

Jack L. Smith from Audrey E. Smith;

Members of Vetri Family from Fiorentino & Tanina Vetri

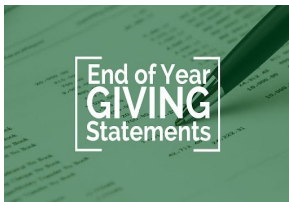
Gift of: Madonna dei Miracoli Society

A special thank you to all those who helped to decorate the Church for our Christmas Mass Celebrations



Looking for Altar Servers

We are hoping to build up once again our list of altar servers to assist at weekend Masses. Those baptized Catholics who are in 4th grade or older and have received 1st Communion are invited to serve in this role. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Fr. Steve.



END-OF-YEAR DONATIONS

Contribution Statements for 2022 will be available Wednesday, January 11th. To help defray cost of mailing, if you would like to have your statement emailed to you, please email Peggy Brown at: Peggy.Brown@dor.org. Statements will also be available for pick-up in the Parish Office during office hours beginning Wednesday, January 12th. Statements **not emailed or picked up**, will be mailed January 31st.



Do you or someone you know have difficulty walking up to receive Communion? Please let an usher know when you come into church and a Communion Minister will be glad to bring it to you after everyone is served.

Also, it would be helpful if you were to raise your hand towards the end of Communion so we can locate you in the church.



PLEASE REMEMBER . . .

HIPAA and Privacy and Security Rules have been in place since 1996 to protect your private healthcare data. As technology changes and information becomes more accessible these regulations have been put in place to help keep your private information secure. Because of this rule we are not able to get information if you are admitted to the hospital. Therefore, if you would like a phone visit from our staff person while you are in the hospital, or would like to be anointed or prayed for by the Prayer Tree Ministry, please have a family member contact the parish office.



ROMAN CATHOLIC
DIOCESE OF ROCHESTER

Victims of sexual abuse should always report to the civil authorities.
To receive help and guidance from the Roman Catholic Diocese of Rochester, contact our
Victim Assistance Coordinator:

Deborah A. House
585-328-3228, ext. 1555
Toll-free:

1-800-388-7177, ext. 1555
or by e-mail to victimassistance@dor.org

Baptism

*Welcomed into our community
through the waters of Baptism*

Marianna Octavia Zona, daughter of Patricia & Philip Zona

Godfather: Michael Evancho

Christian Witness: Jean Harrington



Everyone can use more prayer. Anyone, regardless of age, can request a prayer for any purpose - spiritual, physical, emotional health, loss of a loved one, or family problems. **To activate the Prayer Tree, call the parish office at 247-4322** with the person's first name and a brief description of their need. Soon, many people will be praying for your concern.

*Prayer Shawl
Ministry*



**Saturday, January 7
at 10AM-Main Hall**

Prayer Shawl Ministry gathers on the first Saturday of the month. We will meet on **January 7th**. Our ministry knits and crochets prayer shawls and lap blankets for our sick and homebound parishioners. They are lovingly created to serve as reminders of our prayers and God's love for those who are suffering and lonely.

The Prayer Shawl ministry also knits blankets as a gift for the babies in our community who are newly baptized. Questions? Contact Sue Corner - scorner@frontiernet.net

Lord, hold our troops in Your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Amen.

Aiden Bertino, Army	James Calamita, Army
Anthony Calamita, Army	Daniel Davis, Army
Martin DeBock, Army	Antonio Garbanzo, Marines
Russell Montante Jr., Air Force	Aimee Muscato-Bateman, Army
Michael Rigoni, Navy	Michael Shott, Army
Ethan Stott, Army	Evan Stott, Navy
Jason Bosch, Navy	Andrew Zani, Army
Christopher Decker, Navy	Anthony Gionta, Army
Quinn Calder, Army	Ryan Principi, Air Force
Jason Mickelson, Navy	



If you have someone in the Military, please send their name to Paul Lobene at: Paul.Lobene@dor.org and they will be added to our list.



WEEKLY EVENTS

January 1, - January 8, 2023

SUNDAY 1- Mary the Mother of God

MONDAY 2- Office Closed

TUESDAY 3

7PM Bible Study-LIB

WEDNESDAY 4

THURSDAY 5

7PM PM Blue Army-CH

FRIDAY 6

9AM First Friday Devotion-PLC

SATURDAY 7

9AM First Saturday Devotion-CH

SUNDAY 8 - Baptism of the Lord

3PM Madonna Rosay-Italian-CH

Church-CH

Parish Life Center-PLC

Parish Life Center/Library-LIB

Office Building-Upper Level

Conference Room-ULCR

Office Building-Lower Level

Main Hall-MH

Office Building-Lower Level

North Room-LLNR

Office Building-Lower Level

South Room-LLSR



Food Cupboard
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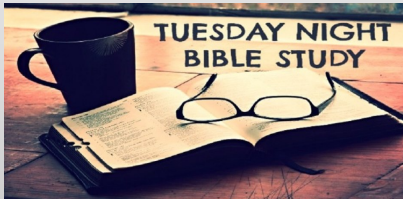
Tuna Fish
Coffee
Shampoo



Food Cupboard hours:

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
from 10 a.m. to Noon

or by appointment



EVERY TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY will meet at 7PM in person in the Library . No previous Bible Study experience is required. Feel free to join us any evening and see if it meets your needs.



If you give some of your own food to [feed] those who are hungry and to satisfy [the needs of] those who are humble, then your light will rise in the dark, and your darkness will become as bright as the noonday sun.

~ Isaiah 58:10

Youth Page

NEWS YOU CAN USE



Happy New Year

I just wanted to take the time to wish everyone a very Happy New Year and share some highlights of 2022.

- July 8th -19th: We held our Summer Religious Education program. K-6 grades learned about their faith. Some of our teens helped in the classrooms and shared their faith with the students.
- August saw spent planning for Junior and Senior High School
- September kicked off our Junior and Senior High program. We did apple picking to make applesauce for the thanksgiving basket. The youth picked 40 pounds of apples and made 36 pints of applesauce!
- At our October Family Enrichment events, families learned about saints, as presented by our Junior and Senior high schoolers
- In the New Year I am looking forward to preparing our children for First Eucharist, First Penance and Confirmation. We continue with families for family enrichment sessions and meeting with our Junior and Senior high Group on Sundays. Watch the bulletin for updates on events in Faith Formation and Sacramental Preparations.

Blessing for a Happy & Healthy New Year to all!
Rose Dunning
Director of Faith Formation /Youth Ministry

January

Junior and Senior High

January 8th [10:00 am.-11:30 am Parish Life center](#)

January 15th [10:00 am.-11:30 am Parish Life center](#)

January 22nd NO CLASS

January 29th [10:00 am.-11:30 am Parish Life center](#)



February

February 5th [10:00 am.-11:30 am Parish Life center](#)

February 12th [10:00 am.-11:30 am Parish Life center](#)

February 19th NO CLASS

February 26th [10:00 am.-11:30 am Parish Life center](#)





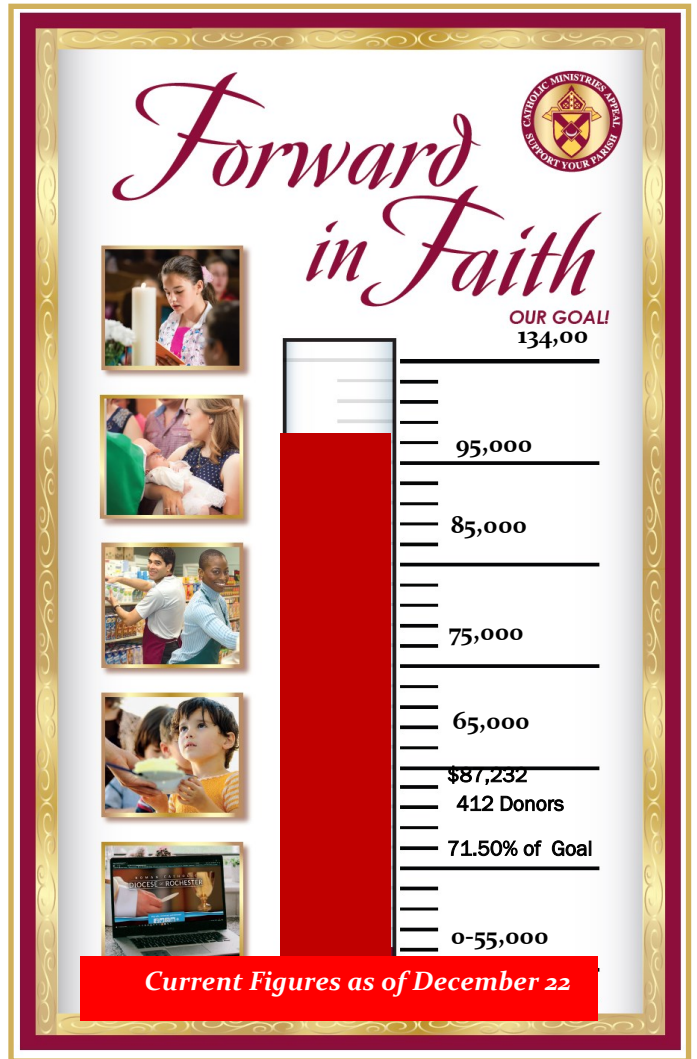
Attendance/Financial

Budget: \$12,000
 Collection for December 17/18, 2022
 Total: \$ 11,450
 Variance: \$ (550)
 YTD Actual: \$ 952,458
 YTD Budget: \$ 924,000
 YTD Variance : \$ 28,458
 Attendance:929



BLUE ARMY PRAYER GROUP

The Blue Army Prayer Group meets at 7PM in Church every Thursday. All are welcome to attend.



Our SEMINARIANS Need Your PRAYERS

"They left everything and followed Him." -Lk 5:11

James Muscatella
Holy Family
Gates, NY

David Cataline
Our Lady of Peace
Geneva, NY

George Bastido IV
Saint Thomas the Worker
Clyde, NY

Joseph Maurer
Saint Thomas the Apostle
Bronxville, NY

Giáng Sinh

Lễ Giáng Sinh nhiều khi được gọi là Noel với từ gốc Em-manu-el, nghĩa là Thiên Chúa ở cùng chúng ta. Còn chữ Christmas trong tiếng Anh bao gồm chữ 'Christ' và 'Mas'. 'Christ' nghĩa là 'Đấng chịu sức đau', là tước vị của Đức Giêsu. Chữ 'Mas' là Mass, Thánh Lễ. 'Christ' và 'Mas' viết liền thành ra chữ Christmas. Christmas có nghĩa là ngày lễ Giáng sinh của Chúa Giêsu.

Thỉnh thoảng chúng ta thấy chữ 'Xmas' Trong Hy ngữ, Christ là 'Christos' hay 'Xristos'. Người ta X để tượng trưng cho nguyên chữ Xristos, rồi thêm chữ Mas để thành chữ Xmas. Xmas cũng có nghĩa là ngày lễ Giáng Sinh của Chúa Giêsu.

Một câu hỏi được nêu lên là: Tại sao Đức Giêsu lại giáng sinh. Ngài là Đấng Toàn Năng, Ngài có nhiều cách để cứu chuộc chúng ta, tại sao lại xuống thế? Câu chuyện sau đây một phần nào giúp chúng ta hiểu được câu trả lời cho câu hỏi trên.

Câu chuyện kể rằng: Có một người kia không tin vào việc Ngôi Hai Thiên Chúa cao sang mà lại xuống thế mang lấy thân phận con người hèn hạ. Vì thế, đêm Giáng Sinh ông không tới nhà thờ dự lễ, mà ở lại nhà.

Sau khi vợ con rời khỏi nhà thì trời bắt đầu đổ tuyết. Một lúc sau, ông nghe một tiếng lạo xạo, rồi tiếp theo là một tiếng nữa, và nhiều tiếng nữa, giống như có ai đó đang ném những nắm tuyết vào cửa sổ. Ông mở cửa bước ra xem. Thì ra là một đàn chim đang lao đao trong mưa tuyết muốn bay vào cửa sổ nhà ông để tìm chỗ trú chân.

Ông thâm nhủ: “Tội nghiệp những chú chim bé nhỏ. Mình phải tìm cách giúp chúng mới được”. Ông chợt nghĩ đến cái nhà kho của mình. Ông mặc áo ấm vào, đi ra cái kho sau nhà, mở cửa và gọi chúng vào. Nhưng lạ thật, bầy chim vẫn đứng im. Ông nghĩ: “Hay là chúng không thấy lối vào”. Ông bật đèn nhà kho lên. Rồi trở ra gọi chúng. Chúng vẫn đứng im. Ông suy nghĩ: “Lạ nhỉ! Hay mình phải đi lừa chúng vào”. Thế là ông đi đến chỗ cửa sổ, đưa tay lừa đàn chim. Lũ chim chẳng những không vào theo hướng ông muốn, mà còn bay chạy tán loạn tứ phía. Cuối cùng ông mới hiểu ra rằng: “Chúng sợ mình là phải, vì mình không phải là chim. Phải chỉ mình giống như chúng thì khi mình đến gần chúng, chúng sẽ không còn sợ hãi nữa.”

Điều ước mơ mà người đàn ông trong câu chuyện không làm được thì chính Đức Giêsu đã thực hiện nơi chúng ta. Ngài đã nhập thế để nên giống chúng ta và Ngài đã nhập thế để ở với chúng ta. Ngày Giáng Sinh của Đấng là Emmanuel không ngừng nhắc nhở chúng ta về sự trao tặng và nhận lãnh trong cuộc sống, không ai nghèo nàn đến độ không có gì để trao tặng, hãy trao cho nhau một nụ cười thân thiện, một ánh mắt cảm thông, một lời nói ủi an, một bàn tay vỗ về. Đó là một món quà vô giá mà biết bao người đang chờ đợi chúng ta.



January 8, 2023- The Epiphany of the Lord

1st Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6/2nd Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6 Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

During these past several weeks of Advent, we have been conscious of Christ's light penetrating our darkened world. We have celebrated God's grace manifested through his Son, Jesus, and gloried in this heavenly visitation. In the book *On Being Human*, Bishop Fulton J. Sheen explains, "But Christmas is not a man making himself a god, but God becoming a man, without ever ceasing to be God. In the first instance, there is exaltation or self-inflation by which man makes himself what he is not. In the second instance, there is humiliation, for God takes on the form and habit of man." What a glorious truth!



During Epiphany, we celebrate the manifestation of Jesus the Christ to the Magi, which in turn represents the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles. About these Gentiles, Paul later says "you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world." No wonder the Magi fell down in praise and worship. Paul later explains, "Now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near in the blood of Christ." No wonder they felt such joy.

For many of us who have not experienced ostracism because of our race or social standing, it is difficult to fathom the importance of this early and inclusive manifestation. Perhaps only a country like India, where the caste system is so pronounced between the "untouchables" and the elite can we find a modern day parallel. Throughout the Old Testament, though God chose and blessed the nation Israel, he always maintained the witness that the salvation of ALL MANKIND was at the heart of God's concern and plan. Consequently, right from the beginning of Jesus' earthly existence God chose to manifest the Savior to both Jew and Gentile. He was to be, and is, the Light of the World for all people for all time.

In the midst of our rejoicing at the significance of this wonderful truth, we must recognize that it also calls forth a gift response from us as it did the Magi. Not merely a gift of gold, frankincense and myrrh, but one of cooperation and participation in God's concern and plan that all mankind might be united in Christ. "This is a task I wish to invite all local churches to undertake," writes Pope John Paul II in *At the Beginning of the New Millennium*. "In each of them, gathered around their Bishop, as they listen to the word and 'break bread' in brotherhood, the 'one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church of Christ is truly present and operative.' It is above all in the actual situation of each local church that the mystery of the one People of God takes the particular form that fits it to each individual context and culture.

"In the final analysis, this rooting of the Church in time and space mirrors the movement of the Incarnation itself. Now is the time for each local Church [and each individual] to assess its fervor and find fresh enthusiasm for its spiritual and pastoral responsibilities, by reflecting on what the Spirit has been saying to the People of God ..."

The Epiphany of the Lord, falling as it does at the beginning of a new year, provides an ideal reminder and opportunity to reassess our commitment to our Lord's concerns and plans, and to align our lives and gifts with His. Begin this process by making a gift to Christ of a block of your time, where you can sit and allow the Holy Spirit to lead you through this realignment process. Every child adopted into a family receives not only the privileges and joys of belonging, but also the responsibilities. As Gentiles, we should rejoice that we have been adopted into God's family, and we also should rejoice that we can affirm our significance by sharing in its responsibilities and purposes.

REGISTRATION REQUEST FORM

It is always a great joy to welcome new members to our Community.

Are you interested in becoming a member of the Parish of the Holy Family Community or would you like further information on our parish? Please cut out this coupon and put it in the collection basket.

We will then have a member of our Welcoming Committee contact you to complete the Registration Form and/or share information with you.

Name _____ Address: _____

Phone _____