



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

December 31, 2017

My eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all the peoples.

-- Luke 2:30-31



Daily Mass

Week of January 1st – 6th

- Monday: **New Year's Day!**
Intentions: Carlotta Tormey
- Tuesday: 8:00 John Ryan+
- Wednesday: 8:00 Intentions: Samantha Winterer
- Thursday: 8:00 Evelyn & Artie Baker+
- Friday: 8:00 Special Intentions
- Saturday: 8:00 Marcy Fletcher+



Please remember the sick in our Parish, especially Hether Ludwick, Carlotta Tormey, Samantha Winterer, Carol Cullinane, Doris Brusasco, Donald Mulvey, John Miller, Thomas Lee, Michael Kluziski, Dennis Reeve, Sebastian Romeo, Louise Ahern, Bonnie Danielson, Owen Burns, Bernice De Vries, Michael Vasquez, Paul Cummings, Patricia Dombrink, Laura Pierce, Marvin Johnson, Cora Rose, Tom Reid, Henry Souza, Rosa Santos and Juanita Estrelles.



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Our Christmas celebration continues this week with the Feast of the Holy Family. The Gospel of Luke recounts their journey to Jerusalem to commemorate the Passover when Jesus was twelve years old. After the feast, thinking that their son was with relatives, Mary and Joseph began the return trip home. When they realized that Jesus was not travelling with their extended family, they backtracked to Jerusalem and found him in the Temple discussing Mosaic law with the religious leaders of the community. Luke goes on to describe Mary and Joseph's astonishment and anxiety over Jesus' behavior and his nonchalant response to their concern. It is a perfect snapshot of the relationships that exist within a family.

Concern, anxiety, misunderstanding and hurt are some of the emotional responses that we feel when we interact with members of our family. But it is also from our families that we learn how to practice the virtues of compassion, humility, gentleness, kindness, patience and forgiveness.

Like Jesus, Mary and Joseph, we sometimes experience difficulties within our families. But, these troubles are outweighed by the virtue that bonds all the above virtues together, **Love!**

As we enter into the New Year, let us pray that God will strengthen us in our love for our families, both at home and in our faith community.

Love, Fr. Leo

Holiday Services

Feast of the Holy Family – December 30th
5:00 p.m. – Mass

Sunday, December 31st
8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

New Year's Day – January 1, 2018
9:00 a.m. – Mass



The Parish Family of Corpus Christi has been increased and enriched through the recent baptisms of:

- Lucca Nola Giordano**, son of Lauren Abrahamzadeh and Paul Giordano.
- Ziva Nashima Jaffar**, daughter of Melissa Riel and Shahnawaz Jarrar.

Congratulations to the proud parents from all of us!

Parish Office Holiday Hours!

The Parish Office will be closed on Friday, December 29th and Monday, New Year's Day, January 1, 2018. We will be back on Tuesday, January 2nd. Have a happy and safe New Year!

Special Donations!

Please Note: Any donations that require special attention, i.e., matching funds, etc. should be sent to Judy at her email address: judyhilgert@yahoo.com. Thank You for your help.

2018 Young Adult Retreat!

Do you want to make a commitment in the new year to bolster your spiritual life? If so, consider attending the weekend young adult retreat, *Discerning Our Call to Discipleship*, at the Jesuit Retreat Center in Los Altos, from February 16 - 18, 2018. It will be led by Corpus Christi Staff member, Ann Naffziger, and others. For more information, visit: <http://www.jrclosaltos.org>.

Screenagers Free Documentary!

Screenagers: Growing Up in the Digital Age, a free documentary showing the biggest parenting issue of our time, will be shown on Wednesday, February 21, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. in the School Auditorium. Physician and filmmaker, Delaney Ruston, explores the struggles over social media, video games, academics and internet addiction. Screenagers empowers kids and parents to best navigate the digital world and provides practical resources to help. Appropriate for adults and children in grades 5 and above. For more information, go to: <https://tinyurl.com/ybygscbo>.

Corpus Christi's 2018 Crab Feed & Auction!

Planning for the Annual Crab Feed & Auction is well underway. We appreciate all that you do to support the Auction. As this is the biggest fundraiser of the year, we need everyone's participation to make it a success! **What to do next:** Buy your tickets for the event on January 27, 2018 at: www.ccfed.org. By now, you should have submitted your donations. But if you haven't, it's not too late. Go to: www.ccfed.org/donations to complete your registration ASAP. Once you have submitted your donations, please deliver the items to the School Office. Happy Holidays from the Crab Feed & Auction Team!

Blessing for the New Year!



*Let us bless the Lord, now
and for ever.*

*God of time and of eternity, you sent
us your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to announce a
year of your favor, a year of grace, when glad
tidings are preached to the poor, when liberty is
proclaimed to all who are held captive.*

*Bless, O Lord, this new year.
Grant us and all the world a year of peace.
With care we will keep count of the days
and weeks,
the months and seasons,
and all the years of our lives,
until at last we shall pass from time into the
glorious and timeless dominion of
Christ your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit, ever and ever.*

Amen.

Today's Readings!

First Reading -- Those who honor their parents will be greatly blessed and will atone for sins (Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14).

Psalm -- Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways (Psalm 128).

Second Reading -- Be thankful; do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus (Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17]).

Gospel -- The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom (Luke 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]).



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Did you know that if you miss a Mass you can go to our website and listen to that Sunday's homily. Go to: www.corpuschristipiedmont.org.



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Christmas Decorations

This is your invitation to become part of a beautiful tradition by giving toward the Christmas decorations for our church. It is also a loving way to remember or honor someone for whom you care.

Enclosed is \$ _____

From: _____

In honor/memory of: (Circle One)

