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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

December 30, 2018

Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed.

-- 1 John 3:2a



Daily Mass

Week of December 31st – January 5th

Monday: 8:00 Intentions: Michael Echaniz
 Tuesday: **New Year's Day!**
 Wednesday: 8:00 Dennis Murphy+
 Thursday: 8:00 Peg Morgan+
 Friday: 8:00 Elizabeth Murphy+
 Saturday: 8:00 Parish Family



Please remember the sick in our Parish, especially Michael Echaniz, Tina Chaix, Fr. Dan, Samantha Winterer, Carol Cullinane, Thomas Lee, Michael Kluziski, Sebastian Romeo, Louise Ahern, Owen Burns, Bernice De Vries, Paul Cummings, Patricia Dombrink, Laura Pierce, Marvin Johnson, Cora Rose, Tom Reid, Henry Souza, Alexis Walker, Michael Bozman and Dori McGee-Lundy.

Weekly Collection	December 16, 2018
Plate	\$10,130.00
School Support	\$415.00

New Year's Services

Feast of the Holy Family – December 29th

5:00 p.m. – Family Mass

Sunday, December 30th

8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

New Year's Day – January 1, 2019

9:00 a.m.

Parish Office Holiday Hours!



In celebration of the New Year, the Parish Office will be closed on New Year's Eve, December 31st; and New Year's Day, January 1, 2019. We will be back on Wednesday, January 2nd.

Throughout this Happy New Year, let us glorify and praise the Lord, like the shepherds of Bethlehem, for all we have heard and seen. The Clergy and Staff of Corpus Christi wish you a very Happy New Year!



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

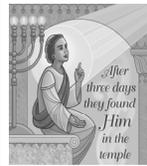
Our Christmas celebration continues this week with the Feast of the Holy Family. The Gospel of Luke recounts their journey to Jerusalem to commemorate the Passover when Jesus was twelve years old. After the feast, thinking that their son was with relatives, Mary and Joseph began the return trip home. 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 binds 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



Home Is Where The Family Is!

The idea, dream and reality of family is so strong and durable that we use it to describe all that is best about human gatherings. We speak of the family of nations, of our church and parish families. The greatest compliment we can pay a friend or gracious host is to say that we feel at home with them, we feel part of the family. Families are the first crucibles in which love is tested and tempered. Jesus himself was one of three people who lived in the shadow of each other. This family, like our own, did not always "get it right," but they always tried to. These three "amateurs" were on holiday, and one of them got lost. Two were worried sick and took great measures to find the third, a boy after all, who was seeking the meaning of his calling. He found his vocation -- to do his Father's work -- but he also returned home with his parents.

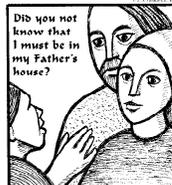
Prayer Adventure!

Deepen your spiritual life, grow in your relationship with God and Jesus, and learn new prayer methods in a small group setting. St. Theresa Parish, 30 Mandalay Road in Oakland will be hosting a ten-week "retreat in daily life" experience from Tuesday, February 5th to Tuesday, April 16th. Material will be based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. Gatherings will be held from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. The cost of the exercises is \$150.00 per person which includes all materials and four one-on-one meetings with a spiritual director. (Financial support is available.) Space is limited. Sign up now! If you are interested, please call Bob Hernandez at (415) 516-0440 or email to: bhernandez@carmelpartners.com; Sharon Chipman at (510) 207-3713 or email to: sharonchipman@gmail.com.



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Treasures From Our Tradition!



Today's feast is new as feasts go and it sets us this year in a very modern crisis. Amid conflicting schedules and commitments, a young man, testing the limits, has strayed from his parents and gone off to the big city. Mary and Joseph search frantically, only to find the child Jesus in the temple, conversing with the elders and scholars of the law, who are amazed at his wisdom.

In the time of Jesus, the temple was the religious center of Jewish ritual. Outside of Jerusalem, people gathered in the synagogues, centers of learning, for daily prayer and study. Still, everyone longed to journey to the temple to participate in the offerings, and to fulfill certain obligations of the law that could only be done there. On this feast, we catch a glimpse of the family of Jesus: parents dealing with the normal stresses of raising a child, and yet completely grounded in the ways of faith and tradition.

There has always been an appreciation in Christianity for the value of pilgrimage -- the journey to holy places that is a symbol of our life's journey to God, and a sense of connection to important events in our family history. During the Christmas season, many of us undertake pilgrimages to the family homestead for festival meals, to the parishes where we were formed in the faith, or perhaps even to a beautiful manger scene or festival of lights. There are few better days than this in our calendar for spending time with the family, especially on a short pilgrimage to a favorite place. Just make sure that no one gets left behind!

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.

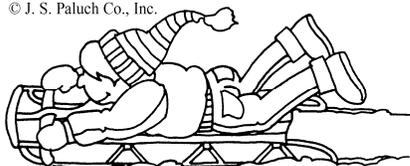
*Bless, O Lord, this new year.
Grant us and all the world a year of peace.
With care we will keep count of the days
and weeks,
the months and seasons,
and all the years of our lives,
until at last we shall pass from time into the
glorious and timeless dominion of
Christ your Son,
who lives and reigns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

Amen.

Fr. Leo's Birthday Celebration!

Please join us as we celebrate Fr. Leo's 70th Birthday on Sunday, January 13th, from Noon until 2:00 p.m. The festivities will take place in the School Auditorium. For more information, please contact Pam Krawiec at 339-9451 or Debra Kalmon at 529-1014. Hope to see everyone there!

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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)

