



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

December 29, 2019

Over all [other virtues] put on love,
that is, the bond of perfection.

-- Colossians 3:14



Daily Mass

Week of December 30th– January 4th

Monday: 8:00 Rev. Albano G. Oliveira+
 Tuesday: 8:00 Intentions: Daniela/Ricardo Gonzalez
 Wednesday: 9:00 **New Year's Day!**
 Thursday: 8:00 Intentions: Daniela/Ricardo Gonzalez
 Friday: 8:00 Peg Morgan+
 Saturday: 8:00 Elizabeth Murphy+



Please remember the sick in our Parish, especially Maradee Davis, Jim Faison, Rita Jackson, Julia, Helen Roberts, Michael Echaniz, Tina Chaix, Samantha Winterer, Michael Kluziski, Sebastian Romeo, Louise Ahern, Owen Burns, Bernice De Vries, Paul Cummings, Patricia Dombrink, Laura Pierce, Marvin Johnson, Cora Rose, Tom Reid, Alexis Walker, Michael Bozman and Dori McGee-Lundy.

New Year's Services

Feast of the Holy Family — December 28th

5:00 p.m. — Family Mass

Sunday, December 29th

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

New Year's Day — January 1, 2020

9:00 a.m.



Today's Readings!



First Reading -- Those who honor and comfort their parents shall never be forgotten (Sirach 3:2-7, 12-14).

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

Second Reading -- You are called into one body: Bear with one another; forgive one another; let Christ's peace control you (Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17]).

Gospel -- Joseph rose, took the child and his mother, and fled to Egypt (Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23).

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We are all very familiar with the accounts of the Holy Family's flight into Egypt as shared with us in the Gospel of Matthew. King Herod had hoped to have Jesus killed, but an angel warned Joseph in a dream about the planned assassination; and so they escaped.

I have two thoughts to share with you about this reading. First: every family, even the Holy Family, experiences unexpected difficulties and trying situations. As someone once said, "Life ain't no bowl of cherries." The crisis that confronted Mary and Joseph soon after the birth of Jesus shows us that even a close relationship with God will not protect us from the vicissitudes of life.

Second: the example of the Holy Family shows us that when we face trying times and trying situations, we must trust in our God. Mary and Joseph did not know what awaited them and their son in Egypt, but they believed that God would sustain them and he did. God never promised us a life free of troubles or tragedies, but he did assure us that we would never face them alone. The Holy Family models for us what it means to trust in God; they never doubted his presence in their lives. The God that cared for Mary, Joseph and Jesus is watching over our families. He will never abandon us; we will never be alone.

With confident assurance in the compassion of our God, we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family

Love, Fr. Leo



Parish Office Holiday Hours!

In celebration of the New Year, the Parish Office will be closed on December 31st, New Year's Eve, and New Year's Day, January 1st. We will be back on Thursday, 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!



January

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.

Warm Winter Coat Collection!

During December and January, the coldest time of the year, the Outreach Committee is sponsoring a warm, winter coat collection for men, women and children. They are needed so much and appreciated by our less fortunate neighbors. Your clean, gently-used coats will benefit those served by the St. Vincent de Paul's Visitation Center in downtown Oakland. There are marked containers in the Gibson Center for your contributions. If you have any questions, contact Madeline Briar at 530-6316 or Lenore McCracken at 530-7304. Many thanks to everyone for your generosity!

Volunteer Opportunity!

Oakland Elizabeth House is a residential home for women and children who need help in rebuilding their lives. To volunteer for this important work, contact Andrea Steward, Volunteer Coordinator, at: andi@oakhouse.org or call (510) 735-9587; email: ariana@oakhouse.org or call (510) 735-9774. Oakland Elizabeth House needs your. Many thanks for however you can help!

Alameda County Food Drive!

Corpus Christi's Outreach Committee asks everyone to remember those in need, especially at this time of year. The non-perishable food collection basket is in the Gibson Center. We ask that you be as generous as possible. Thank You for all your help!

Potluck!

Come to the next Hospitality Committee's Potluck on Saturday, January 11th after the 5:00 p.m. Mass. The theme will be Asian/Fillipino Food. Come join in the festivities!



Admissions Open House!

On Tuesday, January 7th, from 8:15 to 10:00 a.m., Corpus Christi School will hold their Open House for prospective families to visit classrooms, talk with parents, meet the principal and learn more about our fabulous School. Please spread the word! All are welcome. For more details or to volunteer at the event, please contact Evelien Verpeet, Heidi Catapusan or call the School Office at 530-4056, ext. 200.

Annual Crab Feed & Auction!

Mark your calendars! The 2020 Crab Feed & Auction will take place on Saturday, January 25th. This event is the biggest fundraiser of the year for our Parish and School. It's a great opportunity to enjoy fabulous food and the company of our Parish Family while raising money to help the School and Parish. Tickets are now on sale on the Crab Feed & Auction website at: ccfeed.org/tickets. Tickets cost \$75.00 each and include all-you-can-eat Dungeness crab, access to the Silent and Live Auction; and a night full of friends, fun and dancing. For those who want to be part of the excitement of the main event, select the Crab Feed Dinner to be seated in the School Auditorium. And if you're a Corpus Christi School alumni or Parish member looking for a more relaxed atmosphere, you're invited to select the Candlelight Dinner which offers a fine dining experience in the Gibson Center.

Advertise or Sponsor the Crab Feed & Auction!

Do you have a local business? We invite you to advertise or be a sponsor for the Crab Feed. It's a great way to market your services while supporting the School. If you don't have a business but have contacts with local merchants, please let us know. To advertise or sponsor the event, please contact John Batcheller at: jwbatcheller@yahoo.com.

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)

