

THE CHILD GREW
AND BECAME STRONG,
FILLED WITH WISDOM;
AND THE FAVOR OF GOD
WAS UPON HIM.

LUKE 2:40



THE HOLY FAMILY

OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

DECEMBER 27, 2020

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The Holy Family of Jesus Mary & Joseph

WE ARE GOD'S HOLY FAMILY

The scriptures of Israel are filled with many stories of barren couples who were miraculously granted the gift of children by God. Surely the best known among these is the first reading from today, from which Luke took inspiration when he recounted the miraculous birth of John the Baptist to Zechariah and Elizabeth, and the more miraculous birth of Jesus to Mary and Joseph. In each instance, we are given examples or role models of those who trusted in God. More than examples of those who trust, they are models of self-surrender. They abandoned their own presuppositions and prejudices about the workings of the world and turned their lives over to belief in a God who can make life grow where none ought to; a God who can turn death around into a new and unimagined life; a God who can, today, take a tiny child of humble parents in an insignificant town and make him into a light for all the world. This is what we, as God's holy family, are called to do each day: to trust not in ourselves and the way we think things should be, but to open ourselves and surrender ourselves in faith to a God of endless promise.

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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) *or* *Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3*.

Psalm — Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways (Psalm 128) *or* *Psalm 105*.

Second Reading — Be thankful; do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus (Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17]) *or* *Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19*.

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

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 13:1-18
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40
 Thursday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
 Friday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
 Saturday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
 Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
 Monday: The Holy Innocents
 Tuesday: Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Thomas Becket
 Wednesday: Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
 Thursday: Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Sylvester I; New Year's Eve
 Friday: The Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; Mary, the Holy Mother of God; World Day of Prayer for Peace; New Year's Day; First Friday
 Saturday: Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen; First Saturday

FEAST OF FAITH

Processions

Why does the liturgy begin with a procession? It is not just a practical matter of getting the ministers of the liturgy from the sacristy to the sanctuary. The procession is a powerful sign of who we are as Christian people. We are not static, staying in one place. We are going somewhere. Our procession leads us to the altar, sign of Christ's presence in our midst. We move, we process, because we recognize our need for what Christ is preparing for us at that table. We go forward eagerly, because we are hungry for that heavenly food.

This procession is an orderly one: servers, deacon, priest presider. Each is set apart by distinctive vesture: albs for the altar servers, dalmatic for the deacon, chasuble for the priest. The procession is an image of the hierarchical structure of the Church. On a deeper level it is an image of unity in diversity. We are all on a journey to the heavenly city, but each of us is clothed with different gifts. We all receive the call to service, but not in the same way. Only by coming together in all our wonderful variety can we achieve the work of the kingdom.

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CHILDREN OF ETERNITY

You are children of eternity. Your immortal crown awaits you, to reward your duty and love. You may indeed sow here in tears, but you may be sure there to reap in joy.

—St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

TIME

Do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of.

—Benjamin Franklin

BORN INTO ETERNAL LIFE

Please pray for the joyful rebirth into the eternal celebration of God's love for the departed

Lorraine King

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

August Budget: \$82,500

Actual: \$62,655

Shortfall: \$19,845

September Budget: \$66,000

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Actual: \$61,717

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK



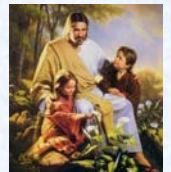
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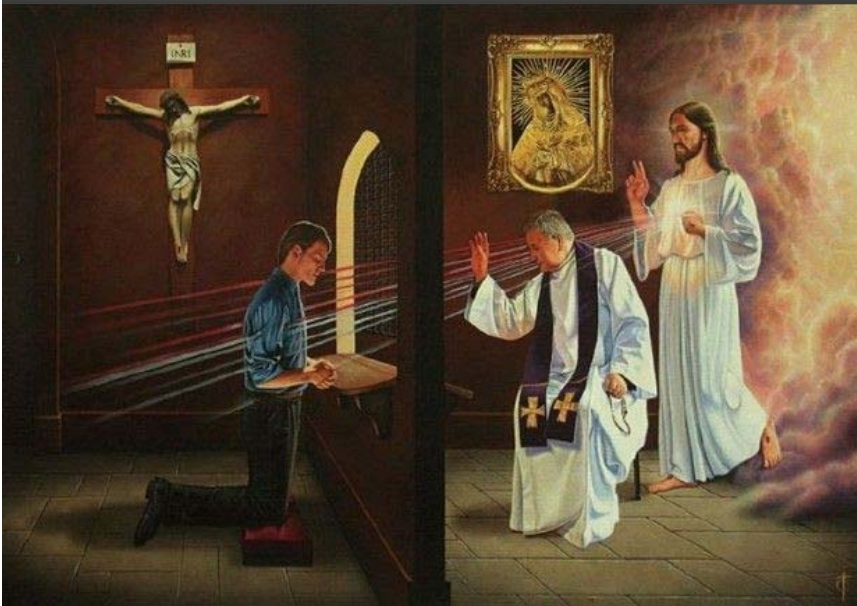
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Please Pray for the Servicemen and Women of our Parish



Sean Sebastian
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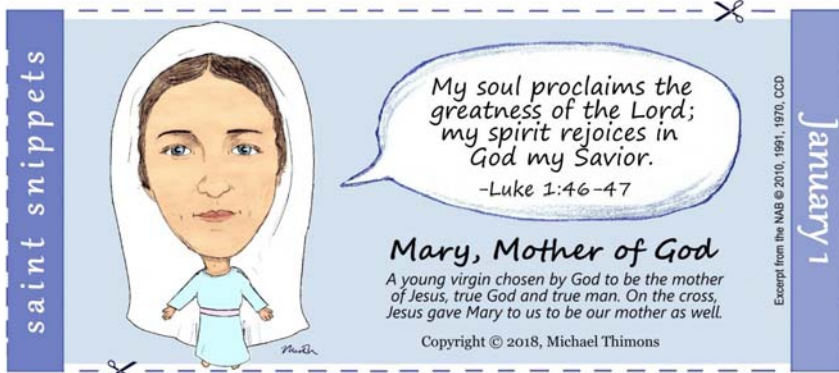


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The Women's Center Bulletin Announcement for December 2020

Christmas is about love and family and that is what we strive to be for the women in difficult pregnancies who come to us for help. After their babies are born, they thank us for all of our help, love and concern for them.

Our Client Christmas Parties will be on Saturday, December 19th. About 650 people will attend the parties. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to give a present to the babies and families who our counselors have saved from the pain of abortion. We are asking for virtual giving tree donations to be given to them at the parties. We must receive the donations by December 13th. These will allow the parents to purchase both a Christmas meal and gifts for their children. These may be the only presents they will receive for Christmas. May God bless you for supporting the work of The Women's Center.

For information or to donate online go to gotwc.org/giving-tree-tags or call 773-794-1313.

VOUNTEERS NEEDED: A volunteer is needed Saturdays at our Evergreen Park office for light office work. For more info call us at 708-320-4066.

SEEKING FAMILY ROOM DONATIONS: We need infant car seat/carriers (by law all car seats must be less than 7 years old), highchairs, toddler beds, exersaucers and baby swings. *We have a great need for all brands of baby formula (especially Enfamil Formula-the yellow box).* All baby food must be in date. Also needed are diapers in sizes 4, 5, and 6, pull ups, sizes 4, 5, and 6, sleepers sizes 9 to 12 months, receiving blankets, new pacifiers, **baby wipes, baby shampoo, lotion**, and breast pumps. We also need boys gently used winter clothes sizes 5, 6, 14 and 16. The families who receive these items are grateful for your generosity.

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Please contact **Deacon Larry Fudacz at 630-323-4333 Ext. 104.**

BAPTISM:

Baptisms are celebrated on the second and on the fourth Sunday of each month immediately following the 12 Noon Mass.

We ask that the parents be registered members of the parish. First time parents must attend one hour (plus) of Pre-Baptismal instruction held on 2nd or 3rd Tuesdays of February, April, June, August, October and December at 7p.m. in the School Library. The Pre-Baptismal class may be taken before the birth of the child.

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