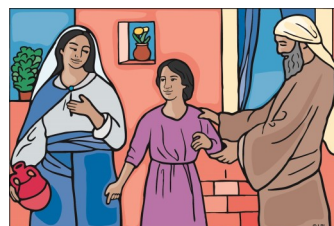
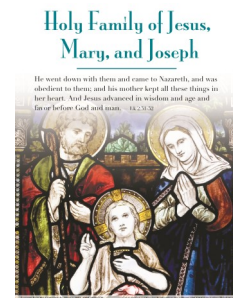


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### The Holy Family

"After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers." As we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family, this Gospel exposes us to a strange tension. While this family is one we can look to for an example, they are not quite the same family unit as everyone else. There is an otherness to Jesus, something profound. And yet, perhaps on second thought, are our families so different?

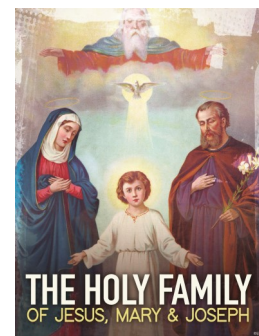


When Mary and Joseph encountered Jesus in the temple, "they were astonished." But at what? Mary's response is surprised. They're not astonished that Jesus is preaching in a place for respected teachers. They're not astonished that their son has captured the attention of the wisest men of the time period. They're astonished at his seemingly disobedient behavior! "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety." All our children have an "otherness" about them, something that makes them unique and different. They are distinctly not "me." What will our own children become? What temple will they wander off to? Who will they astound?

#### Pope's Prayer Intention for month Of January:

Evangelization: That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.

#### Everyday Stewardship



Do you practice good stewardship with your family? Stewardship is about more than offerings to a church or charity. It is about continually giving of ourselves in a way that gives Glory to God.

Sharing our gifts with those in our immediate family honors God and is evidence of your gratitude for these people in your life. How can we effectively accomplish this? One way is to reflect on how the 6 characteristics of an Everyday Steward are present in our family relationships. Are we mindful when we are with our family members? Do we focus on them and their needs rather than our phone or TV? Do we hold up our family in prayer? Their concerns should be our concerns. Do we find ways to show how grateful we are for having them in our lives.

When we find ourselves lacking in gratitude, we should reflect on what life would be like without them. Do we help one another without being asked because we have a gracious heart? It is easy to take for granted those we see all the time. Hospitality is not just for the stranger or guest. Are we committed to a life of stewardship that not only serves as a good example, but also helps our relatives thrive? Using our gifts without wisdom might mean we have little to give to those we love. Finally, do we hold each other accountable for our decisions and shortcomings? We are on the journey of life together, and no one exists in the Body of Christ alone. Stewardship is about the entirety of our lives. Our faith life is not reserved to Mass on a Sunday. It all begins and ends with those we love.

**Office Closure :** Regular office hours will resume on Wednesday, January 2nd, 2019.

## Tuesday, January 1st, 2019



### Mary, the Holy Mother of God

When eight days were completed for his circumcision, he was named Jesus, the name given him by the angel before he was conceived in the womb. Lk 2:21

#### Mary, the Holy Mother of God

This solemnity is a rather recent addition to the cycle of seasons, Sundays, and feasts in our liturgical year. We have Pope Paul VI to thank for the 1974 enshrining of the devotion to Mary into our calendar on January 1. It is also a day in our calendar as a World Day of Peace.



Let us pray...God of heaven and earth, you came to us and took our earthly flesh through the gift of Mary's yes. She is our Mother in faith, as she is your earthly mother. We are thankful beyond our ability to thank you for the gift of her Son as our brother and saviour. Through her self-giving, we have been reconciled to you.

Bless us as we begin this New Year and endow us with the desire and ability to create a world of peace. We all this through the intercession of Mary to you, one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.



#### World Day of Peace January 1st, 2019

Jesus, King of Kings and Lord of Lords, you hold dominion over heaven and earth. Jesus, Prince of Peace, deliver us from all violent tendencies, from the temptation to do harm, from isolation, injustice, and all that would divide and lead to destruction. May we remember our common humanity and labor together to build a more just world. Jesus, Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace. Amen.

**Pope's World Day of Peace Message:** The theme of Pope Francis' Message for the 52nd World Day of Peace, marked on 1 January 2019, is: **Politics must be at the service of peace.** His message highlights that "Political responsibility belongs to every citizen, and in particular to those who have been given the mandate to protect and govern". There is no peace without mutual trust. "This mission consists in safeguarding the law and encouraging dialogue between all actors of society, between generations, and between cultures". The first condition for trust, is respect for the given word. It adds that "political commitment - which is one of the highest expressions of charity - implies concern for the future of life and of the planet, of the youngest and of the smallest, in their thirst for fulfillment". When people's rights are respected, then they will start to feel their own "duty to respect the rights of others," the Vatican note said. The rights and responsibilities of each person help foster people's awareness of belonging to the same community with others and with God, it added. "We are thus called to bring and proclaim peace as the good news of a future where every living being will be respected in its dignity and rights."

### Parish Calendar

#### January

- Jan 4th..... First Friday Holy Communion to the sick and homebound. Phone the office to arrange a visit.
- Jan 9th..... Youth Ministry resumes 6:30-8:30pm
- Jan 10th.... Bingo resumes, 7pm
- Jan 18-25.... Week of prayer for Christian unity.
- Jan 22nd..... Finance meeting 6:30pm

#### January 3<sup>rd</sup>: The Most Holy Name of Jesus



What is in a name? Why is it so important? Those of us who are parents know how much time we spend thinking and discussing about what name to give our newborn children. It is the same with the Church. Recall the Scripture passage

about how the animals were named in Genesis. Changing our name is also a way to mark an important moment in our lives. Think of Saul who persecuted the Christians. His name was changed to Paul when he realized that Jesus was the Son of God. And even our popes change their names and take on a new name; Jorge Mario Bergoglio became Francis. The entrance antiphon for the feast of the Most Holy Name of Jesus gives us a glimpse into how important Jesus' name is: At the name of Jesus, every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. The history of the Holy Name of Jesus goes back to the earliest years of Christianity. How many of you remember the symbol IHS? It is a monogram. It comes from the Greek word for Jesus. This reverence continued into the medieval devotions promoted by St. Anselm of Canterbury. It was only during the Council of Lyons in 1274 that the Church added the date to our liturgical calendar. There are some writings that call the Holy Name of Jesus a healing ointment for the soul. So the next time you think of the name of someone, recall the long and important history of Jesus' name and why we hold, with such reverence, Jesus' holy name.

#### 2019 Offertory Envelopes: FOR THE YEAR 2019, PLEASE USE ONLY THE ENVELOPES ASSIGNED TO YOU FOR THAT YEAR.

Some numbers are re-assigned every year and if you use old envelopes someone else may get credit for your contribution. **It is best to destroy all old envelopes.** A reminder that if you forget your envelope at home, there are visitor envelopes at the church entrance you can use - don't forget to include your name and address on them.

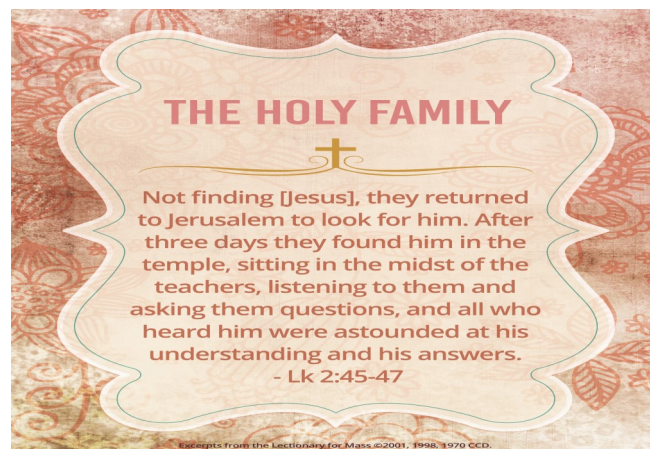
- If you are making up for a missed week, it is **not necessary** to use more than one envelope. Use the envelope for the week you are attending.
- It is always helpful for us if you mark the amount of your donation on the envelope, however this is not required.
- If you are using a lot of coins for your contribution, we suggest that you tape the envelope well as loose change falls out easily.
- For any donations by cheque, please make payable to St. Ann Parish, **including all special collections. Take extra care with the date for the new year.**
- **PLEASE ADVISE THE OFFICE IF YOUR ADDRESS OR OTHER CONTACT INFORMATION HAS CHANGED.**

If you do not use envelopes but would like to, contact the office and we will prepare a box for you.



**A New Year's Prayer:** Lord, Thank you for this new year, for all the potential it holds. Come and kindle in us a mighty flame so that in our time, many will see the wonders of God and live forever to praise your glorious name. Amen

## Sunday, December 30th, 2018



Sat. Dec 29	9-10am	<b>Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary &amp; Joseph</b>
	4 -4:45pm	Reconciliation Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation
	5:00pm	Missa Pro Populo
Sun. Dec 30	9:30am	<b>Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary &amp; Joseph</b>
	11:00am	John & Frances Blazic (Blazic Family)
	11:00am	Tara Hilton (Karen & Michael)
Mon. Dec 31	5:00pm	<b>Solemnity of Mary the Mother Of God</b> Karen Kennedy (Michael Wilson)
	7-8pm	<b>Holy Hour Cancelled</b>
Tues. Jan 1	10:00am	<b>Solemnity of Mary the Mother Of God</b> Missa Pro Populo
Wed. Jan 2	9:30am	Donna Masi (Helen Stanclik)
Thurs. Jan 3	9:30am	Intentions of Stephen & Kimberly Walters (Walters Family)
Fri. Jan 4	9:30am	Andy Jankovich (Jankovich Family)
Sat. Jan 5	9-10am	<b>Epiphany of the Lord</b>
	4 -4:45pm	Reconciliation Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation
	5:00pm	Missa Pro Populo
Sun. Jan 6	9:30am	<b>Epiphany of the Lord</b> Charlotte Czychun (Jean & Donna Larocque)
	11:00am	Philip Martens (Elsie & John Blaszyński)

**Reconciliation from 9-9:20am before all weekday Masses. Thank you** to all members of the parish committees, groups and ministries who have given selflessly of their time and talents for the benefit of our parish family throughout this past year. Your dedication and commitment is so much appreciated!



