

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

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December 29, 2019
Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Over all [other virtues] put on love, that is, the bond of perfection.
— Colossians 3:14

Our Lady of Fatima
Pleaded that we pray the Holy Rosary before Sunday Mass and privately from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm daily.



Our Lady of Fatima Parish
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Monday – Friday 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM
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Our Lady of Fatima Mass Schedule
Sunday: 10:30 AM - Holy Days: 6:00 PM
Rosary: 10:05 AM - Rosary: 5:40 PM

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Confirmation
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Marriage Prep
Christian Initiation
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Eucharist for the home bound - weekly:
Patty Flanagan 942-0371 for arrangements.

Our Lady of Fatima Church is open
Monday through Friday: 9AM - 5PM
for visits before the Blessed Sacrament.

Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals will be held at Our Lady of Fatima.

Preparation for Baptism, and Weddings will be held at the Cathedral. 944-4603

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Cathedral Eucharist:

Sunday: 5:00 PM (Vigil)	Holy Days: 5:30 PM (Vigil)	Weekdays: 6:45 AM
8:00 AM	8:00 AM	12:00 Noon
10:00 AM	12:00 Noon	
12:00 Noon	5:30 PM	Saturday : 8:00 AM
5:00 PM		12:00 Noon

December 29, 2019

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

SALVATION IN DAILY LIFE

This Sunday is the feast of the Holy Family, which comes on the first Sunday after Christmas Day. Today's feast celebrates how the humanity of Jesus (including his entire family life) has brought saving significance into the daily rhythms of our human family life.

The scriptures offer instruction and encouragement on how to share—within our families, parish families, and the wider human family—the love that God shares with us in Jesus. Selections from Sirach, Psalm 128, and Colossians encourage us to reflect divine love and thus find holiness in all our human relationships. The reading from Matthew's Gospel offers a living example of love in the actions Joseph took to protect his young family from danger and to nurture them within the larger family of faith of their time.

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SAINT THOMAS BECKET (1118-1170)

To anyone who imagines conflict between religion and politics to be a modern phenomenon, history witnesses otherwise. Martyred under Henry VIII in 1535, Thomas More declared, "I die the king's good servant, but God's first!" Thomas Becket could have said the same four centuries earlier. As Henry II's closest friend and trusted chancellor, Becket, the king presumed, could be counted on, if made archbishop, to deliver the church to royal control. But Becket experienced a profound conversion, confirmed by the ordination liturgy's rich symbolism of the bishop as Good Shepherd and the church as Bride of Christ. Renouncing secular responsibilities, distributing his wealth to the poor, Thomas became the church's uncompromising champion. Faced with this "new" Becket, the king's previous friendship turned into a ferocious, almost irrational hatred. As eight centuries later, Archbishop Romero would be martyred at the altar of Christ's sacrifice, Becket was slain before the altar of Canterbury Cathedral by royal agents, neither the first nor last good shepherd to lay down his life as the price of freedom for Christ's church and justice for Christ's sheep.

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WINTER WILD

It was winter wild While the Heav'n-born child All meanly wrapt in the rude manger lies.

—John Milton, On the Morning of Christ's Nativity

NEW YEAR

The object of a new year is not that we should have a new year, but rather that we should have a new soul.

—G. K. Chesterton

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

*Creator God,
Life is your gift to me,
Through Baptism you invite me to share
the gift of my life in service to others.
Be with me as I choose each day to show
Your presence in our world.
Give me the courage and generosity to
respond to Your love, to Your call.
I pray especially for those who serve you as
Priests, Brothers, Sisters, Deacons and Lay Ministers.
Open the minds and hearts of many other
men and women that they may accept
Your challenge to build the Kingdom.
Loving God, you have made me in Your image and like-
ness,
and for this I shall praise You forever.
Through baptism You invite me to serve as Your son*

*Jesus served.
I offer You this day all that I have and all that I am
in union with His saving cross.*

*Father, in the power of the Spirit,
You send us forth to build up Your kingdom.
I pray especially for those whom You are calling
to serve the church as priests, deacons, sisters and brothers.
Help them to hear and answer Your call to discipleship.*

*The harvest is plenty, but laborers are few.
Please provide for us men and women
who will help to gather in a great harvest of souls.
I make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH
DECEMBER 29, 2019
10:30 AM

DECEMBER 29, 2019
Scripture Reflections

OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS

December 29, 2019

Readings: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-21; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Today's Intention: **Vanessa Burr, (Patty and Joe Pufka)**

January 1, 2019, No Mass at OLOF (See Cathedral Schedule)

January 5, 2020, EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Readings: Is 60: 1-6; Eph 3: 2-3, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Intention: **Charlotte McCall, (Theresa Heasley)**

Cathedral Mass Intention

December 30, Mon: Sixth Day w/in the Octave of Nativity

Readings: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40

6:45 AM + Robert Wojcik (Barbara Fraundorfer)

12:00 PM Annie Bauer (Son Daniel)

December 31, Tuesday: Saint Sylvester I, Pope

Readings: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18

6:45 AM + Elizabeth Smith (Mary Lysinger)

12:00 PM + Irma Scheffer (Mickey & Karen Fields)

Vigil 5:30 PM + John and Joy Dennis (Tom & Pat Forr)

Readings: Nm 6:22-27/GAI 4: 4-7; Lk 2: 16-21

January 1, Wed: SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER GOD

Readings: Nm 6:22-27/GAI 4: 4-7; Lk 2: 16-21

8:00 AM All Priests

12:00 PM + Beverly Woodring (Kevin & Jane Byrne)

NO 5:00 PM MASS ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1.

January 2, Thurs: Sts. Basil the Great/Gregory Nazianzen

Readings: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Jn 1:29-34

6:45 AM + Murphy Montler (Jennifer & Cliff Plank)

12:00 PM + Sister Beverly Hmel, IHM (Bart & Eileen Hmel)

January 3, Friday: Holy Name of Jesus

Readings: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1, 2-8

6:45 AM + Shanna Carlson

12:00 PM + Patricia Koeck (Stanley Krish Family)

January 4, Saturday: Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

Readings: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42

8:00 AM + Charles Craig (Tom Foor Family)

12:00 PM + Ida Davis (Swires Family)

Vigil: EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Readings: Is 60: 1-6; Eph 3: 2-3, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

5:00 PM + Marti Stefanon (Butch Winkler)

*Jesus, Son of the Living Father,
Have Mercy on Me a Sinner.*

Our reading from the Book of Sirach sets the tone for the Feast of the Holy Family by drawing attention to the loving relationships that should permeate every family. The commandment "Honor your father and your mother" is the foundation for this reflection. Love for your parents continues throughout life and brings with it rewards of many blessings.

Paul's letter to the Colossians focuses on family life. Paul reminds us of our identity as "God's chosen ones, holy and beloved." We are called to live out our identity in all relationships especially within the family. Paul uses a better analogy: just as we consciously select our clothes every day, so we should consciously clothe ourselves daily with the virtues inspired by Jesus: "compassion, kindness, humility."

On this first Sunday of Christmas Time, our minds turn to the heart of the message of the Incarnation. The Gospel offers a beautiful narrative that reflects the life of the Holy Family. The Son of God entered the human family as a helpless child, cared for by a loving family. Joseph and Mary immediately exercise their role as protectors of their child amid dire circumstances. They become refugees, escaping the tyranny of King Herod, who had ordered the death of their child. Just as the Joseph in the Old Testament went to Egypt to save his family from starvation, so Joseph in the New Testament takes his family to Egypt under God's inspiration to save them. Once King Herod had died, God brings the Holy Family back from Egypt to safety in Nazareth. Joseph and Mary illustrate the primary role of every parent: to trust in God's guidance as they care and witness to the faith in all they say and do.

- **What good news does this Feast of the Holy Family convey to your family?**

AT HOME with the WORD 2020, Archdiocese of Chicago: Liturgy Training Publications, pg. 31

Please pray for all of our parishioners, especially for those who have illnesses great and small and our seniors who are lonely and need comfort and care.

Prayer of Blessing - Feast of the Holy Family

O God,
you have created us in love and saved us in mercy,
and through the bond of marriage
you have established the family
and willed that it should become a sign of
Christ's love for his Church.
Shower your blessings on these families
gathered here in your name.
Enable those who are joined by one love
to support one another
by their fervor of spirit and devotion to prayer.
Make them responsive to the needs of others
and witnesses to the faith in all they say and do.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

On January 1st the Local Church will observe
a Day of Prayer for world peace. Please pray
the following prayer for peace:

O God, who have revealed that
peacemakers are to be called your children,
grant, we pray, that we may work without
ceasing to establish that justice which alone
ensures true and lasting peace. Through
our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives
and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy
Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

December 29 Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23
Today's gospel says Joseph "made his home in
Nazareth." A "home" is built on the foundation of love,
commitment and a shared history and is decorated
with forgiveness, acceptance, rituals, discipline and
mutual support. The Holy Family challenges us
today: Don't live 'anyplace', live at HOME!

Stewardship Reflections

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
Jesus, the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Joseph are the
best examples for good stewards.
They give without measure. Good Stewards see the
evidence of God in all things, small and large. This
leads to fruits of love, trust, accountability, and
generosity. May we use our time and talent to foster
compassion, forgiveness, patience and love in the
spiritual family we know as our parish faith
communities, and diocese.

Confirmation Prep

Sunday January 5th, 6:15-7:30 PM. 11th Grade
Confirmation Prep Session II Candidate/Parent/
Sponsor, must be present.

Catholic Ministry Drive Goal = \$9,271.00

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time gifts and pledges. Still owing -\$3,016.00
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CMD office, 2713 W. Chestnut Ave., Altoona, PA, 16601

Weekly Collection - December 15, 2019 - \$2009.00

Eucharistic Adoration

There will be adoration before the Blessed Sacrament
in exposition on Wednesday, January 8th from
12:30PM until 8:00PM. The Monstrance is located in
front of the tabernacle in the Blessed Sacrament
Chapel. All are invited to make time in our schedules to
spend quality prayer time before the Blessed
Sacrament. Eucharistic Adoration has seemed to
enhance vocations to the priesthood and religious life.
As you pray before the Sacrament, remember to ask
God to bless our Diocese with vocations.

Nocturnal Adoration

Will be held at St. Rose of Lima, 5514- Roselawn
Avenue, Altoona, on Friday January 3rd from 8:00 PM
to 11:00 PM. They are the host church for this event.
Please try to visit for an hour. You may attend anytime.

BIRTHDAYS: 1/3, Piper Durgin; 1/3, Louise Marshman;
1/6, Paul Kowalski;

Holy Day of Obligation

This Wednesday, January 1, is a Holy Day of Obligation. It is
the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. As the early
ecumenical councils of the church defined, Mary is more
than just the mother of the human Jesus of Nazareth. She is
much more; she is the Mother of God. Mary bore in her
womb the Eternal Word of God. Check the time for Mass
this Tuesday (Cathedral) as the Church celebrates with the
Mother of God.

Our Lady of Fatima Treasures!

Our able parishioners have given their all this Advent
and Christmas season in the repairing, cleaning, and
decorating of Our Lady of Fatima Parish. To many to
name in this small space. Please know that everyone in
the parish thanks and prays for those who are able.



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

—Colossians 3:14

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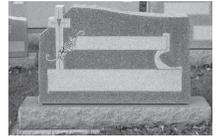
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