

December 26 • Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Holy Family

1080 W. Roosevelt
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Parish

A Word from Father Jerry

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Holy Family,

We did it! 20 years ago things looked bleak as the money needed to be raised was so significant and the hours were running short. Through the perseverance, courage and resolve of many, the money was raised; the demolition of the Church thwarted and Holy Family was reborn again. "Thank-you Jesus", in the words of a famous Jesuit, Fr. George Lane, is in all of our hearts today.



Many of you here on this Feast of the Holy Family, have played an important role, not only in saving Holy Family, but assisting the ongoing development of this historic parish community. God Bless You!

Thank-you to Fr. Lane, Dick and Mary Jo Barry, the BVM's, the Preservation Society, parishioners of the Parish, Ellen Skerrett, the Gospel Choir and countless benefactors who have given so much to insure that not only this beautiful Church but the spirit of faith be renewed as we face the future. Literally thousands of people from all over the world responded to the plea, "say prayers and send money".

As you look around this beautiful Church today, how blessed we are! Holy Family is beaming this Christmas Season as we acknowledge the 20th anniversary of the saving of our Church. Please take a moment to view the Hidden Treasures of Holy Family and join us for refreshments in Damen Hall after Mass.

This coming year we hope to restore the doors that have invited in thousands of people in the 153 years we have been a parish. We need your help to accomplish this project. They are in desperate need of attention. We also will be dedicating the Archdiocesan Healing Garden for survivors of sexual abuse around Easter time. The Garden will be along the west wall of the church.

The Christmas Season is all about hope. Many Chicagoans have come to see Holy Family as an icon of hope. May "our doors be open wide" for many generations yet to come!
Happy New Year!

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Masses

Monday-Friday..... 7:30 am
(St. Ignatius Chapel)
Sunday..... 9:45 am & 5:00 pm

Confessions

Sunday mornings from
8:45 - 9:15

Weddings

Arrangements must be
made at least six
months in advance.



Focus on the Word

The Sunday readings are placed in this bulletin for the benefit of those who might have a hearing impairment, and for your reflection before Mass and during the week. Since an important part of our Sunday worship is hearing the scripture proclaimed, we urge you to LISTEN to the readings as they are proclaimed. Thank you.



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Fearful things can sometimes happen in family life. The local evening news often has stories about the struggles a family may be facing. Maybe it's a fire that drove a family from its home. Or it may be an illness that strikes a child and severely affects the entire family. Or the news story may be about an accident that incapacitates the wage-earner in the household. These kinds of problems seem even more tragic at this time of year, when families gather together and often feel a certain security and warmth in being united.

The Gospel today certainly reminds us that family tragedy can strike anywhere, even the family of Mary and Joseph and Jesus. Living in Bethlehem, and having just received visitors from afar, the family is suddenly uprooted and forced to flee from the wrath of Herod who is out to destroy the newborn child. Mary and Joseph become political refugees, forced to live in a foreign land and dependent on the kindness of strangers because they feared for their lives and the life of their child. This is not the picture we usually paint when we imagine the Holy Family.

For some families today, the flight from persecution is just as real as the flight into Egypt was for the Holy Family. Others seek to flee hardship of a different kind: illness, job loss, despair, fractured relationships. When the evening news presents stories about families with problems there is often a suggestion of a way to help, such as a place to make a donation. When families in the Christian community are hurting, it is an invitation from God for the rest of us to reach out with our love and care. Sometimes that is through a listening ear, at other times through a donation to an organization that can help, such as Catholic Charities or the local St. Vincent de Paul conference. In the end, we are all one family in the faith.

Reading 1

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14

God sets a father in honor over his children; a mother's authority he confirms over her sons. Whoever honors his father atones for sins, and preserves himself from them. When he prays, he is heard; he stores up riches who reveres his mother. Whoever honors his father is gladdened by children, and, when he prays, is heard. Whoever reveres his father will live a long life; he who obeys his father brings comfort to his mother. My son, take care of your father when he is old; grieve him not as long as he lives. Even if his mind fail, be considerate of him; revile him not all the days of his life; kindness to a father will not be forgotten, firmly planted against the debt of your sins—a house raised in justice to you.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

Reading 2

Col 3:12-17

Brothers and sisters:

Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel

Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

When the magi had departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you. Herod is going to search for the child to destroy him." Joseph rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed for Egypt. He stayed there until the death of Herod, that what the Lord had said through the prophet might be fulfilled, Out of Egypt I called my son. When Herod had died, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." He rose, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go back there. And because he had been warned in a dream, he departed for the region of Galilee. He went and dwelt in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, He shall be called a Nazorean.

The Gospel of the Lord

Liturgy

Dec. 26, at 9:45 am

Presider Reverend Jeremiah Boland
Cross Bearer.....Virginia Clayton
Candle Bearers.....Tom O'Malley
& Katie Terone
Banner Carrier.....Willie Ramsey
Lectors.....Francine Godwin
& Jim Sweeney
Responsorial Psalm.....Marilyn Reidy
Communion Ministers.....Jerry Hossli,
Diane Allen, Rita Gardner, Debra
Higgins, Betty Ferguson, Donna Raclaw,
Sr. Mary Therese Freymann
Altar Servers..... Angel Gandy
& Amare Wilson

Next Sunday, Jan. 2 at 9:45am

Lectors.....Jerry Walton
& Kathy Walton
Altar Servers.....Marlayna Gandy
& Amare Wilson

December Greeters

Matthew May and Ruthie Jones Clay

December Collection Ministers

Eastside.....Felix Rubin
East Center.....Julia Haynes
Westside.....Vincent Giampa
West Center.....Sol Giampa

January Collection Ministers

Eastside.....Miguel Rios
East Center.....Tom McElligott
Westside.....Richard Gardner
West Center.....Gregory Wolf

January Entrance Procession

Cross Bearer.....Caretha Carroll
Candle Bearers.....Julia Haynes
& Vincent Giampa
Banner Carrier.....Tom McElligott
Responsorial Psalm.....Dan O'Holleran

Sunday Collection

Goal: \$3,000.00

December 12.....\$1,699.80
Difference: -\$1,300.20
December 19.....\$3,522.75
Difference: +\$522.75
Hospitality.....\$347.61

Mass Intentions

Dennis J. Ford Sr.

Please Remember in your Prayers:

Kerry Crowe, Denny Flerlage, Fr. Jim Hasse, Jesse Hernandez, James Patrick Higgins, Lucas & Keira Hilker, Mildred Jackson, Lettece Lee, Philip Mendoza, Phillip Miller, Valerie Parks, Bob Rice, Carol Roman, Patti Tierney, Lupe Torres, Jerry Walton, Christine Watson, Sr. Caritas Wehrman, SSND, and Thomas Williams

Called to Reconciliation

Tuesday, January 4

Are you a Single Young Adult Catholic wondering how your life can respond to God's call to be transformative love in our world? You are invited to an evening of input, prayer & discussion on being Called to Reconciliation, Tuesday, January 4th, 7:30-9:30 p.m. at the Cenacle Retreat Center, 513 West Fullerton Ave., Chicago, IL 60614. Please register online at www.VocationsCAVA.org or e-mail cava@archchicago.org. Contact Sr. Elyse at 312-534-5240 for more details and future dates.



World Day of Peace

In December of 1967, Pope Paul VI invited people of good will throughout the world to begin 1968 with a "Day of Peace." It was his intention that the first day of the civil New Year begin with a consideration of the need to preserve peace and to work assiduously for the promotion of peace through various cultural, social, and political institutions. Pope Paul made it clear in his first message for the Day of Peace, that his concern was not exclusively religious. In choosing to call it a "Day of Peace" rather than a day of prayer for peace, the pope wanted to highlight the importance of the duty of all men and women (even unbelievers) to work for peace that leads to human development and the advancement of civilization. To this day, January 1 remains dedicated as a Day of Peace

Office for the Protection of Children & Youth

Blessed Christmas Season!

The holidays are filled with pageants, concerts and group events...including shopping. Adults and children gleefully play secret Santa searching in malls for the perfect gift for a parent, teacher or child; families pile into the car in search of the perfect Christmas tree; children and parents marvel at the beautiful decorations of the downtown area; groups gather in song and prayer. The Christmas Spirit is out in full force with greetings and good cheer. As we enjoy this special time of year, let us also be mindful of keeping our children safe during these outings and keeping vigilant in protecting all children.



Have a blessed and safe Christmas and New Year!

Saturday, January 15, 5 p.m.

ARCHDIOCESAN MASS FOR LIFE

Cardinal George will be the main celebrant during the annual Archdiocesan Mass for Life at St. Albert the Great Parish, 5555 West State Road in Burbank. A reception will follow.

CONTACT: Margie Manczko Breen, Respect Life Office, 312-534-5335.



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

PRAY FOR PEACE

BULLETIN NEWS

The deadlines for the bulletin during the holidays are as follows:
Tues. Dec. 28 for Jan. 2
Please have your articles submitted **IN WRITING** to the parish office by noon of the due date. Thank you.

Calendar

- Today - The Feast of the Holy Family 9:45 am mass and celebration of the 20th Anniversary of the saving of the Church 5 pm Mass for the Feast of the Holy Family.
- Dec. 31 - New Year's Eve 5 pm Mass
- Jan. 1 - New Year's Day 9:45 am Mass
- Jan. 2 - The Feast of the Epiphany 9:45 am and 5pm Mass