



Sunday, December 31st, 2023

Holy Family Church

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Sunday Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10 a.m. & 12 Noon

Weekday Masses

Monday –Saturday: 8:30 a.m.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena: Wednesdays 8:15a.m

Anointing of the Sick Sacrament: Saturdays at 8:30 a.m. Mass

Bible Study: 1st and 3rd Monday of the Month 12:30 p.m.

Confessions

Saturdays: 9:00am-9:30am / First Fridays 9:00am-9:30am

Our Parish Feast Day is Today!

The Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph is normally celebrated on the Sunday after Christmas. This feast developed at the beginning of the 19th century in Canada and then spread to the entire Church in 1920. At first, it was celebrated on the Sunday after Epiphany. It is a Feast that seeks to portray the Holy Family of Nazareth as the “true model of life” (cf. Opening Prayer) from which our families can draw inspiration and know where to find help and comfort.

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration

The Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be on **Friday, January 5th**, 8:30 a.m. Mass, concluding with Holy Hour and Benediction at 4 p.m. In order that the Holy Family community provides for continuous Adoration, please sign-up for the available hours in the vestibule of the Church. First Friday confessions are at 9:15 a.m.



Your Contributions- Thank you

Sunday, Dec. 24, 2023: \$5,712

Christmas: \$14,072 Christmas Flowers: \$3,096

Thank you for your generosity!

Prayer

Jesus, Mary and Joseph
to you, the Holy Family of Nazareth,
today, we turn our gaze
with admiration and confidence.

In you, we contemplate
the beauty of communion in true love.
To you, we recommend all our families,
so they might be renewed in this wonder of grace.

Holy Family of Nazareth,
attractive school of the holy Gospel:
teach us to imitate your virtues
with a wise spiritual discipline.

Grant us a pure vision
that knows how to recognize the work of
Providence

in the everyday happenings of life.

Holy Family of Nazareth,
faithful guardian of the mystery of salvation:
grant us a renewed esteem for silence,
make our families cenacles of prayer
and transform them into small domestic churches.

Renew our desire for holiness,
Sustain the noble fatigue of labor, of education,
of listening, of reciprocal understanding and
forgiveness.

Holy Family of Nazareth,
reawaken in our society the awareness
of the sacred and inviolable character of the
family,

a priceless and irreplaceable good.
May every family be a welcoming abode of
goodness and peace
for children and the elderly,
for those who are sick and alone,
for those who are poor and in need.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
we pray to you with confidence,
we entrust ourselves to you with joy.
(Pope Francis, Prayer recited in front of the Icon of the Holy
Family on the World Day of Families, 27 October 2013)

The Family as a Communion of Love (Catholic Reflections)

When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him. Luke 2:39–40

Today we honor family life in general by pausing to ponder the particular and beautiful hidden life within the home of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. In many ways, their daily life together would have been very similar to other families at that time. But in other ways, their life together is entirely unique and provides us with a perfect model for all families.

By God's providence and design, the family life of Jesus, Mary and Joseph was spoken of in the Scripture very little. We read of the birth of Jesus, the presentation in the Temple, the flight into Egypt and the finding of Jesus in the Temple at age twelve. But other than these stories of their life together, we know very little.

The line from today's Gospel quoted above does, however, give us some insight worth pondering. First, we see that this family "fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord..." Though this is in reference to Jesus being presented in the Temple, it should also be understood to apply to all aspects of their life together. Family life, just like our individual lives, must be ordered by the laws of our Lord.

The primary law of the Lord regarding family life is that it must share in the very unity and "communion of love" found in the life of the Most Holy Trinity. Each person of the Holy Trinity has perfect respect for the other, gives selflessly to each other without reserve, and receives each person in their totality. It is their love that makes them one and enables them to act together in perfect harmony as a communion of divine Persons. Though Saint Joseph was not immaculate in his nature, the perfection of love did live in his divine Son and in his immaculate wife. This overwhelming gift of their perfect love would have daily drawn him into the perfection of their lives.

Ponder your own closest relationships today. If you are blessed with a close family, ponder them. If not, ponder the persons put into your life who you are called to love with familial love. Who are you to be there for in good times and in bad? Who are you to sacrifice your life for without reserve? Who are you to offer respect, compassion, time, energy, mercy, generosity and every other virtue? And how well do you fulfill this duty of love?

Reflect, today, upon the fact that God wants you to share in a communion of life, not only with the Most Holy Trinity but also with those around you, especially your family. Try to ponder the hidden life of Jesus, Mary and Joseph and seek to make their family relationship the model for how you love others. May their perfect communion of love be a model for us all.

Lord, draw me into the life, love, and communion that You lived with Your Immaculate Mother and Saint Joseph. I offer You myself, my family and all those to whom I am called to love with a special love. May I imitate Your family love and life in all my relationships. Help me to know how to change and grow so that I may more fully share in Your family life. Jesus, I trust in You.



Special Parish Announcement

It is with great joy to announce that our dear parishioner, **Becky Maffucci**, has been chosen to represent the Diocese of Orange at the upcoming National Eucharistic Congress, scheduled to take place from July 17-21, 2024, in Indianapolis. Additionally, she will be part of the Diocesan Liturgical Commission, Eucharistic Committee, committing to a three-year term. We thank God for these great news since we know Becky will do an amazing job on this important national initiative that will benefit us and our future generations.

Congratulations Becky!

Our prayers and support are with you.



Thank you so Much

Our parish clergy and staff have received an outpouring of generosity this Christmas season. We have received so many gifts to spend, to consume, and to use. It is impossible to thank all of you personally because we are likely to miss some of you. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your generous gifts. Our Christmas and Sunday collections are reflecting the same generosity, also. May the Lord keep you prosperous and healthy in the New Year.

Prayer Intentions for the Week

Monday 8:30 a.m. January 1st

Leticia Intac, RIP

Jonas Kim, Sp. Int.

Tot Phan, Sp. Int. (Bday)

The Bui Family, Sp. Int.

Tuesday 8:30 a.m. January 2

Rush Charles Ramelot, RIP

Matthew Yi, RIP

Marie Ann, Sp. Int.

Nguyen Family, Sp. Int.

Wednesday 8:30 a.m. January 3

Msgr. Justin McCarthy, Sp. Int.

Marie Christine, Sp. Int.

Thursday 8:30 a.m. January 4

Sang Nguyen & Khuyen Hoang, RIP

Friday 8:30 a.m. January 5

Magdalena & Gerald DeGraaf, RIP

Saturday 8:30 a.m. January 6

Mary Nguyen, Sp. Int.

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Msgr. Justin McCarthy, Sp. Int.

Allison, Jeff and Ava, Sp. Int.

Sunday 8:00 a.m. January 7

Thuy Do and family, Sp. Int.

Khoi Nguyen, Sp. Int.

Sunday 10:00 a.m. January 7

Steven Klemin, RIP

Priscilla Biller, Sp. Int. (Bday)

Sunday 12 Noon January 7

All Souls

Magda Palomino de Venegas, RIP

Ken Vanzo, Sp. Int.

Larry Tanguay, Sp. Int.