

From the Desk of the Pastor

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THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

The Holy Scriptures today seek to teach behaviors that manifest tenderness, concern, self-giving, sincerity, patience, forgiveness, mercy, kindness, humility, meekness, responsibility and generosity. The first two readings counsel us into cultivating good habits in order to live a virtuous life, grow incrementally holy and faithful.

However, very little is written about the family life of Jesus. Joseph speaks no words, asks no questions, and gives no sage advice. The New Testament identifies St. Joseph as a carpenter. St. Matthew presents him as one attentive to God's will for him. St. Luke tells us that Mary sought and followed God's Will for her. Both of them are dependent on God's providence and protection. The Simple house of Jesus and Mary and Joseph was certainly a household of living, and radiant faith.

Mary and Joseph live out their marriage vows in fidelity to God's will. They travel far into Egypt at the angel's direction; they go to the temple to present Jesus according to the custom of their ancestors in obedience to the Law of Moses. They make the long pilgrimage to Jerusalem for Passover, where they lose and then find the young Jesus discussing with the learned teachers of the law in the Temple.

A faith filled family filled with awe and wonder, ponders at the marvels God has done. The dawning of our salvation has come through Jesus, our God incarnate. This wondrous Hope of Israel's salvation fulfilled in Jesus is entrusted to the loving and tender care of Mary and Joseph for our redemption. He is raised in the household of Joseph and Mary to learn the propensities of human nature and recognize human frailties. He would experience human vulnerabilities and temptations to disobedience and sin. However, at the same time, He would be inspired watching Mary's and Joseph's commitment to their vows and fidelity to God.

LA SAGRADA FAMILIA DE JESÚS, MARÍA Y JOSÉ

Las Sagradas Escrituras de hoy pretenden enseñar comportamientos que manifiestan ternura, preocupación, entrega, sinceridad, paciencia, perdón, misericordia, bondad, humildad, mansedumbre, responsabilidad y generosidad. Las primeras dos lecturas nos aconsejan cultivar buenos hábitos para vivir una vida virtuosa, crecer incrementalmente sagrado y fiel.

Sin embargo, muy poco está escrito sobre la vida familiar de Jesús. José no habla palabras, ni hace preguntas y no da ningún consejo sabio. El Nuevo Testamento identifica a San José como un carpintero. San Mateo lo presenta como uno atento a la voluntad de Dios para él. San Lucas nos dice que María buscó y siguió la voluntad de Dios para ella. Ambos dependen de la Providencia de Dios y Su protección. La Sencilla casa de Jesús, María y José fue sin duda un hogar de la fe viviente y radiante.

María y José viven sus votos matrimoniales en fidelidad a la voluntad de Dios. Viajan lejos a Egipto por la dirección del ángel; van al templo a presentar a Jesús según la costumbre de sus antepasados en obediencia a la ley de Moisés. Hacen el largo peregrinaje a Jerusalén para la Pascua, donde pierden y luego encuentran al joven Jesús discutiendo con los maestros de la ley en el Templo.

Una familia llena de fe, asombro y maravilla, medita sobre las maravillas que Dios ha hecho. El albor de nuestra salvación ha llegado a través de Jesús, nuestro Dios encarnado. Esta maravillosa Esperanza de la salvación de Israel realizada en Jesús es confiada al cuidado amoroso y tierno de María y José por nuestra redención. Es criado en la casa de José y María para aprender las propensiones de la naturaleza humana y reconocer las flaquezas humanas. Él experimentaría vulnerabilidades humanas y tentaciones de desobediencia y pecado. Sin embargo, al mismo tiempo, sería inspirado viendo el compromiso de María y José con sus votos y fidelidad a Dios.



LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

COLECTA DE LA SEMANA PASADA

December 20 – 21, 2025

|                               |            |
|-------------------------------|------------|
| Weekday Masses Offerings..... | \$ 257.00  |
| Christmas Flowers.....        | \$ 150.00  |
| Simbang Gabi Novena.....      | \$ 635.00  |
| Weekend Mass Offerings.....   | \$2,243.60 |
| Retirement for Religious..... | \$ 878.84  |

UPCOMING 2<sup>nd</sup> COLLECTIONS

January 4: Reserve Fund

January 11: Archdiocesan Annual Appeal

January 25: Music Ministry

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Archdiocesan Annual Appeal

We urge you to help us meet our goal:

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| Parish Assessment: | \$31,021.00 |
| YTD we paid:       | \$25,123.82 |
| Balance we owe:    | \$ 5,897.18 |
| Pledges Balance    | \$ 75.00    |

Thank you for your generosity!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 27 TO JANUARY 3

| SATURDAY                              | SUNDAY                                                                                                                                                   | MONDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | TUESDAY                                                                        | WEDNESDAY                                                                                                                   |
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| December 27, 2025                     | December 28, 2025                                                                                                                                        | December 29, 2025                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | December 30, 2025                                                              | December 31, 2025                                                                                                           |
| <b>9:00am</b><br>Young Men's Insitute | <b>8:00m</b><br>Parish of St. John                                                                                                                       | <b>9:00am</b><br>Parish of St. John                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>9:00am</b><br>Young Men's Institute                                         | <b>9:00am</b><br>† Pedro Mendoza, Sr.<br>Carol Balig                                                                        |
| <b>4:30pm</b><br>† Grace Ann Knopp    | <b>10:00am</b><br>† Guadalupe C. Parayo<br>† Eufrone Tobes<br>† Robin Vogan<br>† Virgilio Pastor<br>† Perfector Hierro, Jr.<br>Pacífico Cecilio Sandro 🕊 | <b>THURSDAY</b><br><b>HAPPY NEW YEAR</b><br><b>January 1, 2026</b><br><br><i>The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God</i><br><b>9:00am</b><br>The Rabara & Berry Family | <b>FRIDAY</b><br><b>January 2, 2026</b><br><b>9:00am</b><br>Parish of St. John | <b>SATURDAY</b><br><b>January 3, 2026</b><br><b>9:00am</b><br>† Henry & Teresa Thran<br><br><b>4:30pm</b><br>† Delia Medina |

