

DECEMBER 27, 2020

THE HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH

DAILY EVENTS AND MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 26th

4:15 p.m. Confessions
5:00 p.m. Mass: + Mary Beckman

Sunday, December 27th

8:15 a.m. Confessions
9:00 a.m. Mass: David Prieur
10:45 a.m. Confessions
11:30 a.m. Mass: People of OLP

Monday December 28th

8:30 a.m. Mass: + Nick Fahey
7:00 p.m. IN IPSO talk: Peter Stur

Tuesday, December 29th

8:30 a.m. Mass: + Tim Lukassen

Wednesday, December 30th

8:30 a.m. Mass: OPEN

Thursday, December 31st

8:30 a.m. Mass: + Marin Velez

Friday, January 1st (Holy Mother of God)

8:30 a.m. Mass: + Bob Liljander
7:00 p.m. Mass (Bilingual): Rob Chase

Saturday, January 2nd

2:00 p.m. Three Kings Visit
4:15 p.m. Confessions
5:00 p.m. Mass: + Mary Lukkassen

Sunday, January 3rd (Epiphany)

8:15 a.m. Confessions
9:00 a.m. Mass: People of OLP
10:45 a.m. Confessions
11:30 a.m. Mass: + Marin Velez

Please pray for those who are ill & in need of our continued prayer:

Terence Sewald, David Prieur, Bob Yoder, Kaylee Remmich, Joe Kranz, Brian & Crissy Cobain, Christopher Endicott, Eddy Messer, Erin Palmer, Scott Weaver & Luke Barden, Foster Sauter, and Steve Wilmes

QUESTION OF THE WEEK/REFLECTION

The Holy Family: Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

The Popes have, for a long time prayed the *Angelus* prayer on Sundays, which is a devotion commemorating the Incarnation. Before this prayer the pope usually gives a message about the readings of that Sunday. The following is from an *Angelus* message given by St. John Paul II. I chose this as I believe it is very helpful and relevant for the Church today.

The Redeemer of the world chose the family as the place for his birth and growth, thereby sanctifying this fundamental institution of every society. The time he spent in Nazareth, the greater part of his life, continues to be shrouded in deep silence. Very little information about it has been passed on to us by the Evangelists. However, if we aspire to a deeper understanding of Jesus' life and mission, we must draw close to the mystery of the Holy Family of Nazareth to observe and listen.

The humble dwelling place in Nazareth is *an authentic school of the Gospel*. Here we admire, put into practice, the divine plan to make the family an *intimate community of life and love*; here we learn that every Christian family is called to be a small "*domestic church*" that must shine with the Gospel virtues. Recollection and prayer, mutual understanding and respect, personal discipline and community asceticism and a spirit of sacrifice, work and solidarity are typical features that make the family of Nazareth a model for every home.

The future of humanity passes through the family which in our time has been more marked than any other institution by the profound and rapid changes in culture and society. However, the Church has never ceased "to speak and offer her help to those who are already aware of the value of marriage and the family and seek to live it faithfully, to those who are uncertain and anxious and searching for the truth, and to those who are unjustly impeded from living freely their family lives" (Familiaris consortio, n. 1). She is aware of her responsibility and today too intends to continue "to offer her services to every person who wonders about the destiny of marriage and the family" (ibid.).

The Church relies especially on the witness and contribution of Christian families to fulfil her urgent mission. Indeed, in the face of the dangers and difficulties that beset the family institution, she invites families to have greater spiritual and apostolic boldness, knowing that the family is called to be "a sign of unity for the world" and thus to bear witness to "the Kingdom and peace of Christ, towards which the whole world is Journeying."

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December 20th, 2020

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PARISH UPDATES

- ❖ **There will be mass Mass Every Day this week:** There will be mass on Wednesday this week.
- ❖ **A reminder that Friday is a holy day of obligation:** We begin the new year with the Solemnity of The Holy Mother of God. It is a Holy Day that we celebrate; as Christians we don't party in the new year, we pray in the New Year. Please see the DAILY EVENTS... box above for the mass times.
- ❖ **The Three Kings will be visiting our Parish on January 2nd:** Parents and children are invited to come and greet the Three Kings as they will be stopping briefly on their way to Bethlehem. We invite all the children of our parish to write a letter to the Three Kings asking for some gifts. The celebration will be from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- ❖ **Fr. John will be on Vacation** from December 26th to January 1st.
- ❖ **Please Welcome Fr. Bob (Robert) Nee** of Cross Catholic Outreach who is speaking this weekend at all Masses on behalf of the poor in developing countries. Cross Catholic Outreach was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priest and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America.
- ❖ **Please also welcome Fr. John Shedlock** who will be staying in the rectory and celebrating masses from December 28th to January 1st.
- ❖ ****NEW** Child Care/Kid's Ministry:** There will be childcare available this weekend during the 9:00 a.m. mass. The room to drop off your children will be the quiet room.
- ❖ **Food donations:** Please bring your non-perishable food items and place them in the black bins in the parish hall. The Knights of Columbus bring those donations to the Strasburg Food Bank throughout the year.

Formed Pick of the week:

<https://watch.formed.org/why-doesn-t-god-just-show-himself>

**WHY DOESN'T GOD
JUST SHOW
HIMSELF?**

YOUTH EVENTS & UPDATES

- ❖ **SUNDAY Religious Education:** Classes will resume on: **January 10, 2021.**
- ❖ **NEXT RCIA & RCIC class:** January 7th: 7:00 - 8:30 pm
- ❖ **SOPHIA INSTITUTE:** Our next meeting: Jan. 4th, 2021: 6:30-7:30 pm
- ❖ **ACTIVITY OF THE WEEK FOR KIDS!!!** (for K- 2nd grade)
This week ≈ Christmas: [https://watch.formed.org/kristoph-the-first-christmas-tree-a-legend-of-st-boniface](https://watch.formed.org/kristoph-the-first-christmas-tree-a-legend-of-st-boniface/videos/kristoph-the-first-christmas-tree-a-legend-of-st-boniface)
Next week: Brother Francis: A Lesson on Prayer

ALTAR & ROSARY

- ❖ **Silent Auction:** Thank you to all who have helped and supported the Altar & Rosary in the silent auction. God bless you.



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What was family life in Nazareth like? In the home of the Holy Family in Nazareth, Jesus, Mary and Joseph sanctified their ordinary life, without doing anything spectacular or newsworthy. They led a life that was to all appearances, the same as that of their neighbours, a life that was important, not because of the material things they did but because of the love that they put into these things, in perfect union with the Will of God the Father.

St Josemaria Escrivá (1902-1975) (Christ is Passing By - no 22)