

Feast Of The Holy Family Of Jesus, Mary, And Joseph (December 30, 2018)

Reflection on Today's Readings

HOME IS WHERE THE FAMILY IS

The idea, dream, and reality of family is so strong and durable that we use it to describe all that is best about human gatherings. We speak of the family of nations, of our church and parish families. The greatest compliment we can pay a friend or gracious host is to say that we feel at home with them, we feel part of the family.

Families are the first crucibles in which love is tested and tempered. Jesus himself was one of three people who lived in the shadow of each other. This family, like our own, did not always "get it right," but they always tried to. These three "amateurs" were on holiday, and one of them got lost. Two were worried sick and took great measures to find the third, a boy after all, who was seeking the meaning of his calling. He found his vocation—to do his Father's work—but he also returned home with his parents.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
Tuesday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34
Friday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42
Saturday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Jn 1:43-51
Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Help for Parishioners!

The Hope Fund provides assistance to parishioners in need. If you would like to make a donation to this fund, please make checks payable to St. Charles and mark HOPE FUND on the check.

A GENTLE REMINDER

We still have a pledge balance of \$4,350.00 for the 2018 DSA Appeal. All unpaid pledges must be paid by Dec. 31, 2018 or the unpaid balance will come out of our budget. Thank you for your generosity.

Welcome new members and visitors

Please come by the office to register or for information.

We strongly encourage you to patronize our advertisers on the back of the bulletin.

Weekly Schedule

Monday, December 31

Noon Mass-Ian Herzer (I) B-day
5:00 PM Mass-English
8:00 PM Mass-Spanish
11:30 PM Mass

Tuesday, January 1 Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Noon Mass

Wednesday, January 2

Noon Mass-Irene Martino (+)
Citizenship Class is Cancelled
7:00 PM –Father Ken's Class

***The Black Death
The World's Most Devastating Plague
The Black Death's Ports of Entry***

Thursday, January 3

12:00 Noon Mass-Irene Martino (+)
5:30 PM-Meditation Group
7:00 PM-Adult Choir

Friday, January 4

Noon Mass-Latin-Irene Martino (+)
6:30 PM-Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, January 5

9:00 AM Mass
4:00 PM-Confession
5:00 PM Mass-English-Andrew Walko (+)

Sunday, January 6

9:00 AM Mass-English-José Sic (+)
Noon Mass-Hmong
5:00 PM Mass-Spanish-*Pro Populo*
(+) Deceased (I) Intentions

Weekly Collections

2018-2019 Fiscal Year

Weekly Amt. Needed for Budget	\$ 8,461.54
Offertory Week of 12/16/18	\$ 9,437.50
Online Giving week of 12/16/2018	\$ 480.00
Holy Day Offertory	\$
Total Offertory for week	\$ 9,917.50
Fiscal Year (Under)/Over Budget	\$ (252.70)

2018 Diocesan Support Appeal (DSA)

Goal: \$50,138.00

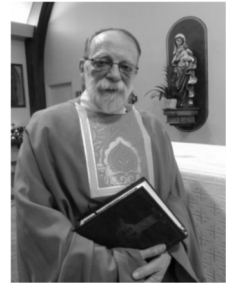
Paid \$ 47,923.50 Pledge balance \$ 4,350.00
Amt. Paid Over Pledge Goal \$ 2,135.50 Donors 160
To donate on line, go to:
<http://www.charlottediocese.org/donations>



The Pastor's Corner

I am finally moving into the new rectory a little at a time.

I will be collecting my artwork and furniture from those who have so graciously stored it for me. Thank you.



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today's feast is new as feasts go, and it sets us this year in a very modern crisis. Amid conflicting schedules and commitments, a young man, testing the limits, has strayed from his parents and gone off to the big city. Mary and Joseph search frantically, only to find the child Jesus in the temple, conversing with the elders and scholars of the law, who are amazed at his wisdom.

In the time of Jesus, the temple was the religious center of Jewish ritual. Outside of Jerusalem, people gathered in the synagogues, centers of learning, for daily prayer and study. Still, everyone longed to journey to the temple to participate in the offerings, and to fulfill certain obligations of the law that could only be done there. On this feast, we catch a glimpse of the family of Jesus: parents dealing with the normal stresses of raising a child, and yet completely grounded in the ways of faith and tradition.

There has always been an appreciation in Christianity for the value of pilgrimage—the journey to holy places that is a symbol of our life's journey to God, and a sense of connection to important events in our family history. During the Christmas season, many of us undertake pilgrimages to the family homestead for festival meals, to the parishes where we were formed in the faith, or perhaps even to a beautiful manger scene or festival of lights. There are few better days than this in our calendar for spending time with the family,

Gifts for Epiphany, January 6, 2019

The Liturgy and Worship Commission members are asking for donations to the food pantry which will be presented at Mass on Sunday, January 6, The Feast of the Three Kings. Please bring any of the following items; soup, rice, boxed mashed potatoes, rice-a-roni and any other non-perishables. Let us share our gifts with the hungry in our community. Thank you for your generosity.

TOP 10 NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS (2018)

- 1) Eat Healthier 37%
- 2) Get more exercise 37%
- 3) Save (more) money 37%
- 4) Focus on self-care (get more sleep, etc.) 24%
- 5) Read more 18%
- 6) Make New Friends 15%
- 7) Learn a New Skill 15%
- 8) Get a (new) Job 14%
- 9) Take up a New Hobby 13%
- 10) Do Not Make New Year's Resolutions 32%

According to this report, 80% of the resolutions made fail by February. Only 8% of the resolutions made are achieved.

So, perhaps we should instead focus on resolutions of deepening our relationship with God through prayer and study; and showing kindness, forgiveness, tolerance, and understanding towards other people.

Church Meetings

- LADIES GUILD**
Monday, Jan. 7 at 10:30 AM in library
LADIES BIBLE STUDY
Tuesdays, Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29 in library
FINANCE COUNCIL
Wednesday, Jan. 15 at 5 PM
PRAYING HANDS KNIT & CROCHET GROUP
Sundays, Jan. 13 and 27 from 2-4 PM in library
UNITED IN FAITH & PEACE
Tuesday, Jan. 8 at 7 PM in basement
LITURGY AND WORSHIP
Monday, Jan. 21 at 5:45 PM

Abbreviated Directory

Faith Formation—10:30 AM Sunday

Anglo FF Coordinator: *Gail Watson* 437-3108
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