
St Patrick's Parish Bulletin



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**Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
December 28th & December 29th, 2019**

“For a child has been born for us, a son given to us,
authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named
Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting
Father, Prince of Peace.”

(Isaiah 9:6)



“To you is born a savior, who is the Christ”
(Luke 2: 1-16)

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Ministers and servers	Saturday December 28 th 16:00	Sunday December 29 th 10:00	Saturday January 4 th 16:00	Sunday January 5 th 10:00
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OFFERTORY COLLECTION	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed
COFFEE ASSISTANCE	N/A	Volunteers Needed	N/A	Volunteers Needed



The collection total for the weekend of December 14th and December 15th, including the collection from St. Brigid's Home, was \$942.30. We thank you for your continuing generosity.

Mass			Mass Intentions	
Day	Date	Liturgy	For	From
Saturday	December 28 th (16:00)	Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	Irène Halessey (1 st A.) Denis Vandry (1 st A.)	
Sunday	December 29 th (10:00)	Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	Maureen Rooney Laviolette Family & Relatives Living and Deceased	Catherine McKenna & Dale F. Thistle Kim & Ben
Monday	December 30 th (11h30)		O'Donnell & McCauley Families	Constance O'Donnell
Tuesday	December 31 st (16h00)		Alfred Pichard (1 st A.)	
Wednesday	January 1 st (10h00)		Gilbert & Mary Nellis & Velson Sexton	Michael & Sheila Nellis
Thursday	January 2 nd		No Mass	No Mass
Friday	January 3 rd (11:30)		No Mass	
Saturday	January 4 th (16:00)	Epiphany of the Lord		
Sunday	January 5 th (10:00)	Epiphany of the Lord	O'Donnell McCauley Families	Constance O'Donnell



Date	Time	Liturgy
December 31 st	16:00	Holy Mother of God
January 1 st	10:00	Holy Mother of God



We have the **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** before the Saturday Mass. Between 14:30 and 15:30, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed and Father Lussier will be available to hear **Confessions** or for private consultations. **Confessions** are also heard before each Mass upon request. Our families and our Congregation are in great need of prayer; please come and join our Pastor for Adoration.



«Get up, take the child and his mother and go back to the land of Israel»

Today, we contemplate the mystery of the Holy Family. The Son of God begins his path through men in the midst of a plain family. It is the Father's design. The family will always be the irreplaceable human habitat. Jesus has a legal father that “carries” him and a Mother that is always by his side. God always used St. Joseph, a just man, faithful husband and responsible father, to protect the Family of Nazareth: «An angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph and said, ‘Get up, take the child and his mother and flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you’» (Mt 2:13).

Today, more than ever before, the Church is expected to proclaim the good news of the Gospel of the Family and of life. Today, more than ever before, a deep inhuman culture trumpets, while trying to inflict it upon us, their anti-gospel of confusion and death. In John Paul II's postsynodal apostolic exhortation, *Ecclesia in Europa*, he reminds us: «The Church (...) must faithfully proclaim anew the truth about marriage and the family. She sees this as burning need, for she knows that this task is integral to the mission of evangelization entrusted to her by her Bridegroom and Lord, and imposes itself today with unusual force. Many cultural, social and political factors are in fact conspiring to create an increasingly evident crisis of the family. In varying ways they jeopardize the truth and dignity of the human person, and call into question, often misrepresenting it, the notion of the family itself. The value of marital indissolubility is increasingly denied; demands are made for the legal recognition of de facto relationships as if they were comparable to legitimate marriages...!».

«Herod will soon be looking for the child in order to kill him» (Mt 2:13). Once again, Herod is striking, but we are not to be afraid, for God's help is not lacking in our life. Let us go to Nazareth. Let us rediscover the truth about the family and about life. Let us live it up joyfully and let us proclaim it to our brothers thirsty for light and hope. The Pope invites us to: «It is necessary to reaffirm that these institutions [marriage and family] are realities grounded in the will of God. Furthermore, it is necessary to serve the Gospel of life».

And, again, «an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph and said: ‘Get up, take the child and his mother and go back to the land of Israel’» (Mt 2:19-20). The return from Egypt is imminent!

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