

DECEMBER 30, 2018

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
READINGS: 1 Samuel 1.20-22,24-28 Psalm 84
1 John 3.1-2, 21-24 Luke 2.41-52

SATURDAY DECEMBER 29, 2018 4:00 PM

Offered for: Jane Tarbell, Memorial Mass,
requested by: Dr. Dubuc and Staff
Altar Servers: Megan, Phillip and Morgan
Lectors: Elizabeth Sunday and Nicky King

SATURDAY DECEMBER 29, 2018 6:30 PM
TRI DISTRICT ELDERS LODGE

Offered for: Christie Thompson, Memorial Mass,
from the Funeral Collection

SUNDAY DECEMBER 30, 10:00 AM

Offered for: Ida Thomas, Birthday Memorial Mass,
requested by the Thomas family
Altar Servers: Kenia, Reagan, Analeyna & Rylee
Lectors: Rosemary Bonaparte and Phil Tarbell

MONDAY DECEMBER 31, 2019 10:00 AM

Offered for: Margaret Lazore, Memorial Mass
requested by Dorothy Lazore
Altar Servers: Megan, Phillip and Morgan
Lectors: Nicky King and Norman Tarbell

TUESDAY JANUARY 1, 2019 10:00 AM

Offered for: Jerome Seymour, 15th Memorial
Anniversary Mass, Anna Thompson, 10th
Memorial Anniversary, requested by Inez
Seymour
Altar Servers: Kenia, Reagan, Analeyna & Rylee
Lectors: Brian Thomas and Jamie Ross

WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY
JANUARY 2ND, 3RD AND 4TH, 2019
THE RECTORY OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
THERE WILL BE NO MASSES

SATURDAY JANUARY 5, 2019 4:00 PM

Offered for: Bertha Lazore, Memorial Mass,
Requested by Elaine Lazore and family
Altar Servers: Megan, Phillip and Morgan
Lectors: Caroline Peters and Elizabeth Sunday

SUNDAY JANUARY 6, 2019 10:00 AM

Offered for: Nancy Phillips, Memorial Mass,
Requested by Shirley Arquette
Altar Servers: Kenia, Reagan, Analeyna & Rylee
Lectors: Lori Thompson and Dorothy Lazore

SUNDAYS: AT THE 10 AM MASSES IN THE
CHURCH: CHILDREN'S - Liturgy of the Word (in
the Sacristy)

COLLECTIONS

DEC 22-23: Reg. Mass \$ 265.05 CDN \$ 805.03 US

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH –
DECEMBER 30, 2018

Whoever honors their father atones for sins. . .when they pray, they will be heard. Whoever respects their mother is like one who lays up treasure. (Sirach: 3) As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony."Col.3)

On this feast of the Holy Family, we recall that Jesus, Son of God, assumed human flesh and was born into a real family. Mary and Joseph experienced the trials and joys of any other family. When Jesus was lost for three days in Jerusalem, they suffered real anxiety and complained, "Why have you treated us like this?" Although the learned rabbis who listened to Jesus in the Temple, were astounded at the twelve-year old's wisdom, Mary and Joseph were astonished that he should cause them the grief of separation. His disappearance must have been totally out of character for Him. Jesus's answer, "Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" left Mary pondering the mystery in her heart.

We see in this slice of life of the Holy Family many of the emotions, expectations, and actions any ordinary family might experience. We see love and accountability. We see pain and uncertainty. We see parents confront the real mystery that accompanies the raising of a child of distinct and unique personality whose life is truly in God's hands. Jesus knows this part of our lives, because He lived it Himself. He engaged in the give-and-take of the community created by a family. His own formation and maturity took place within a family. **"And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in favor with God and human beings."(Luke2:52)**

It is good for us to ponder this Feast of the Holy Family because it can strengthen us in our resolve to live our family life well, even with all its challenges - a mission from God that is within reach of every one of us if we live in His grace. Family life teaches us how to love - the lesson that accompanies us into eternity. Only the God Who is Love can unite the members of our family. The family that prays together stays together. Come together as family each weekend to offer Holy Mass, the greatest act of love.

A SPECIAL BLESSING ON YOUR FAMILY

Please sit together as FAMILY at Mass this weekend because Father Jerome will come to each family in the congregation to give them a blessing with holy water. May your family grow in unity, peace, love!

A BLESSING OF THE PAST YEAR OF 2018

O God, the beginning and the end of all things, Who are always the same and Whose years fail not, we now at the close of another year, kneel in adoration before You, and offer You our deepest thanks for the fatherly care with which You have watched over us during the past year, for the many times You have protected us from evils of soul and body, and for the numberless blessings, both temporal and spiritual, which You have showered upon us. May it please You to accept the homage of our grateful hearts which we offer You, in union with the infinite thanksgiving of Your Divine Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit forever and ever. AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in Mohawk)

Ta kwa ien ha, ne, ka ron hia ke, te si te ron, a ie sa sen na ien, a ie sa wen ni ios ta ke, a ie sa wen na ra kwa ke, non wen tsia ke, tsi ni iot, ne, ka ron hia ke, kie sa wen na rak wa. Ta kwa nont, ne, ken wen te, ia kion he kon, nia te wen ni se ra ke, sa sa ni konr hen, ne ion kwa ri wa ne ren, tsi ni iot, ni, i, tsi on kwa ni konr hens. O the non, ion ki ni konh rak sa ton, non kwe; to sa, a ion kwa sen ni, ne ka ri wa ne ren, ak we kon, e ren, sa wit, nio tak sens.
NE NE KA NA KE RAH TSHE RA, NE NE KA SATS TENH SE RA, KA IA TA NE HRA KWAH TSHE RA, SA WEN'K NON:WA NOK TSI NEN:WE – E THO E THO NA IA WEN.

JANUARY 1 – SOLEMNITY: MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

The Solemnity of Mary is a liturgical feast day honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary's motherhood in the wake of the birth of the Baby, Jesus Christ. This holyday of obligation is also the Octave of Christmas or the 8th day of Christmas. Mary's humble "Fiat" reminds us: "Be it done unto me according to Thy word." We pray to be able to imitate her humility and obedience to God's Holy Will. Do you want to mark your calendar ahead? The other Holy Days of Obligation in 2019 besides January 1st are: May 30: The Ascension of Our Lord; August 15: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary; November 1: All Saints Day; December 8: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Patronal Feast of the U.S.A.

32ND ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY OF FATHER JEROME PASTORES

On December 31, 1986, Father Jerome Pastores was ordained a priest in the Philippines. We thank God for his holy priesthood and for sending him to St. Regis to bring from Jesus the graces of the Sacraments and Holy Mass. We pray the Lord to strengthen him as he visits the sick, ministers to the dying, teaches the Gospel, assists the poor, counsels the weak, comforts the sorrowful, and cares for our parish community.

Since Father was ordained on the Vigil of the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we offer for him the Prayer to Our Blessed Mother for Priests, composed by St. Mother Teresa of Kolkata, Mary, Mother of Jesus, throw your mantle of purity over our priests. Protect them, guide them, and keep them in your heart. Be a Mother to them, especially in times of discouragement and loneliness. Love them and keep them belonging completely to Jesus. Like Jesus, they, too, are your sons, so keep their hearts pure and virginal. Keep their minds filled with Jesus, and put Jesus always on their lips, so that He is the one they offer to sinners and to all they meet.

Mary, Mother of Jesus, be their Mother, loving them and bringing them joy. Take special care of sick and dying priests, and the ones most tempted. Remember how they spent their youth and old age, their entire lives serving and giving all to Jesus.

Mary, bless them and keep a special place for them in your heart. Give them a piece of your heart, so beautiful and pure and immaculate, so full of love and humility, that they, too, can grow in the likeness of Christ. Dear Mary, make them humble like you, and holy like Jesus. Amen. **CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR ANNIVERSARY, FATHER JEROME!**

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK MEMBERS OF OUR FAMILIES

Jesus, Mary, Joseph, we commend to you all the sick members of our parish families, especially, Eddie Terrance, Clyde Cree, Francis Cree, Martha Mitchell, Hubert Jock, Leonard and Isabel Garrow, Angus Lazore, Isabelle McDonald, Louise Jacobs, Teddy Thompson, Marita and Dickie Francis, Marjorie Lazore, Alexina Auger, Phillip Francis, Harriet Jackson Lazore, Jack Angus, Joyce Kelso, Marcia Barnes, Jimmy Bero, Louis Garrow, Maggie Terrance, Rosalie Peters, Laurie Connors, and all in the hospitals, nursing homes, and rehabilitation centers. **Grant eternal rest to the recently deceased: Beatrice Bero, Andrew Mitchell, Nancy Phillips, Colleen T. Bero, Richard Tarbell, Edith (Trombley) McDonald and Most Reverend Eugene LaRocque (Bishop of Alexandria-Cornwall, 1974-2002). Lord, grant peace and consolation to the members of all families who mourn the loss of loved ones. Amen.**

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER JEROME

My Dear Friends,
As we move into the New Year of 2019, let us learn from the lessons of the past. One lesson that stands before us at Christmas is that of forgiveness. To seek and to extend forgiveness is what Our Lord has invited each of us to live. If this lesson is learned well and practiced, we will realize the Peace, the Joy, the Love that is sung during this Christmas Season. Thanks to all who have humbled themselves to seek forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for the Coming of Christ.

I am especially grateful to all who came to Christmas Mass to adore Jesus on this holy anniversary of His birth. I thank all who made this Christmas Season so special to our St. Regis Mission Parish family –the Parish Council and Parish Staff; the Altar and Rosary Society and the Maintenance Committee for decorating the church so beautifully; the Liturgy Committee for planning the services; the organists and choirs who praised God in song; the catechists and parents who prepared the children for the pageant at the Children's Mass; the altar servers, lectors, and ushers who helped at the three Masses; all who donated food for the Food Pantry and helped deliver it to the needy.

I also thank each of you who sent me gifts and personal notes of prayer and blessings during this Christmas Season. Your support means much to me and encourages me to move forward in my faith and in spreading the Good News of God's Love. May He bless your families each day!

FATHER JEROME B. PASTORES, PASTOR

INTENTION OF POPE FRANCIS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2019

Dear Heavenly Father, during this month of January, we pray that young people, especially our younger sisters and brothers in Latin America, would follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the whole world.