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December
31,
2017

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph



MASS SCHEDULES



Sunday Mass in English

Saturday 4:30 PM

Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM & 12:15 PM

Daily Mass

7 & 8:30 AM (Saturday 8:30 AM)

Reconciliation

Saturday 3-4:00 PM

Misas Dominicales en Español

Sábado 6 PM, Domingo 2 & 6 PM

Misas en Español

Miércoles 7 PM

Reconciliación

Miércoles 6-7 PM, Sábado 3-4:00 PM



From the Pastor's Desk:

Pope Francis said that as a child, he heard a story of a family with a mother, father, many children and a grandfather. The grandfather, suffering from Parkinson's illness, would drop food on the dining table, and smear it all over his face when he ate. His son considered it disgusting.

Hence, one day he bought a small table and set it off to the side of the dining hall so the grandfather would eat, make a mess and not disturb the rest of the family. One day, the Pope said, the grandfather's son came home and found one of his sons playing with a piece of wood. "What are you making?" he asked his son. "A table," the son replies. "Why?" the father asks. "It's for you, Dad, when you get old like grandpa, I am going to give you this table." Ever since that day, the grandpa was given a prominent seat at the dining table and all the help he needed in eating by his son and daughter-in-law. "This story has done me such good throughout my life," said the Pope. "Grandparents are a treasure," he said. "Often old age isn't pretty, right? There is sickness and all that, but the wisdom our grandparents have is something we must welcome as an inheritance." A society or community that does not value, respect and care for its elderly members "doesn't have a future because it has no memory, it's lost its memory," Pope Francis added.

A few years ago, a study was undertaken to find the U.S. city with the lowest incidence of cancer and heart disease. The winner was Rosetto, Pennsylvania. Soon experts descended upon the city expecting to see a town populated by non-smokers, people who ate the correct food, took regular exercise and kept close track of their cholesterol. To their great surprise, however, the researchers discovered that none of the above was true. They found instead that the city's good health was tied to the close family bonds that prevailed within the community. This suggests that there is much to be said for a close and loving family relationship. (Robert Duggan & Richard Jajac).

In an audience Pope Paul VI told how one day, when he was Archbishop of Milan, he went out on parish visitation. During the course of the visitation he found an old woman living alone. 'How are you?' he asked her. 'Not bad,' she answered. 'I have enough food, and I'm not suffering from the cold.' 'You must be reasonably happy then?' he said. 'No, I'm not,' she said as she started to cry. 'You see, my son and daughter-in-law never come to see me. I'm dying of loneliness.' Afterwards he was haunted by the phrase 'I'm dying of loneliness'. And the Pope concluded: 'Food and warmth are not enough in themselves. People need something more. They need our presence, our time, our love. They need to be touched, to be reassured that they are not forgotten' (Flor McCarthy in *New Sunday and Holy Day Liturgies*).

A man left work on Friday afternoon, but instead of going home, he went partying with the boys and didn't return till Sunday night. His wife was furious, and after a lengthy tirade finally said, "How would you like it, if you didn't see me for two or three days?" "I'd like it just fine!" he slurred. And that's what happened. All day Monday, he didn't see her even once. Tuesday and Wednesday passed without his seeing her. Finally, on Thursday afternoon, he caught just a glimpse of her as the swelling of his eyes started to go down.

Nota de nuestro pastor:

El Papa Francisco dijo que cuando era un niño, escuchó la historia de una familia con una madre, un padre, muchos niños y un abuelo. El abuelo, sufriendo de la enfermedad de Parkinson, botaba la comida de la mesa del comedor y untaba todo su rostro cuando él comía. Su hijo lo consideraba repugnante. Por lo tanto, un día compró una mesa pequeña y la puso al lado del comedor para que el abuelo comiera, hiciera su tiradero y no molestará al resto de la familia. Un día, dijo el Papa, el hijo vino a su hogar y encontró a uno de sus hijos jugando con un pedazo de madera. "¿Qué estás haciendo?" le preguntó a su hijo. "Una mesa", respondió el hijo. "¿Por qué?" le preguntó el padre. "Es para ti, papá, cuando llegues a viejo como el abuelo, voy a darte esta mesa." Desde ese día, al abuelo se le dio un puesto prominente en la mesa del comedor y toda la ayuda que necesitaba para comer con su hijo y su nuera. "Esta historia me ha hecho tan bien a lo largo de mi vida," dijo el Papa. "Los abuelos son un tesoro", dijo. ¿"A menudo la edad avanzada no es bonita, correcto? Hay enfermedad y todo eso, pero la sabiduría de nuestros abuelos es algo que debemos acoger como herencia." Una sociedad o comunidad que no valora, respeta y cuida a sus miembros ancianos "no tiene un futuro porque no tiene memoria, ha perdido su memoria," agregó el Papa Francisco.

Hace unos años se realizó un estudio para encontrar la ciudad de los Estados Unidos con la menor incidencia de cáncer y enfermedades del corazón. El ganador fue Rossetto, Pennsylvania. Pronto expertos descendieron sobre la ciudad esperando ver a una ciudad poblada sin fumadores, personas que comían alimento correcto, haciendo ejercicio regularmente y manteniendo un estrecho cuidado sobre su colesterol. Para su gran sorpresa, sin embargo, los investigadores descubrieron que ninguno de lo anterior era verdad. En su lugar encontraron que la buena salud de la ciudad se debía a los estrechos vínculos familiares imperantes dentro de la comunidad. Esto sugiere que hay mucho que decir sobre una relación cercana y amorosa de familia. (Robert Duggan y Richard Jajac).

En una audiencia el Papa Pablo VI contó cómo un día, cuando era Arzobispo de Milán, salió en visitas de la parroquia. En el transcurso de la visita encontró a una anciana que vivía sola. '¿Cómo estás?' le preguntó. 'No estoy mal,' ella contestó. 'Tengo suficiente comida, y no estoy sufriendo por el frío.' 'Debes ser razonablemente feliz entonces?', dijo. 'No, no soy', ella dijo y empezó a llorar. 'Ves, mi hijo y nuera nunca vienen a verme. Me estoy muriendo de soledad.' Luego fue embargado por la frase 'Me estoy muriendo de soledad'. Y el Papa concluyó: 'comida y calor no son suficientes en sí mismos. Las personas necesitan algo más. Necesitan nuestra presencia, nuestro tiempo, nuestro amor. Necesitan ser tocados, para estar seguros de que no han sido olvidados' (Flor McCarthy en *Nuevo Domingo y Liturgias de Día Santo*).

Un hombre dejó el trabajo en la tarde del Viernes, pero en lugar de ir a casa, se fue de fiesta con los amigos y no volvió hasta el Domingo por la noche. Su esposa estaba furiosa, y después de una larga reprobación, finalmente dijo, "¿cómo te gustaría, si no me vieras dos o tres días?" "Estaría bien!" dijo inteligiblemente. Y eso es lo que sucedió. Todo el día del Lunes, él no la vio ni una sola vez. El Martes y el Miércoles pasaron sin verla. Finalmente, el Jueves por la tarde, vio sólo una visión de ella cuando la hinchaón de sus ojos comenzó a bajar.

WEEKLY READINGS

**Readings for the Week
of December 31, 2017**

Sun/Dom:

Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3 or Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/
Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9, [7a, 8a] or
Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Heb 11:8, 11-12,
17-19 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:22-40
or 2:22, 39-40

Mon/Lunes:

Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/
Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Tues/Martes:

1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/
Jn 1:19-28

Wed/Mier:

1 Jn 2:29--3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6 [3cd]/Jn
1:29-34

Thurs/Juev:

1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [3cd]/Jn 1:35-42

Fri/Vier:

1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2a]/
Jn 1:43-51

Sat/Sab:

1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20
[12a]/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or 3:23,
31-34, 36, 38

Next Sun/Dom:

Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13
[cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday December 31st

New Years Eve Party ~

After the 6 PM Mass in the Hall

Sunday December 31st

Adoration after the 6 PM Mass

~ Benediction at Midnight in the Church

New Years Day Masses

January 1st ~7:00 AM & 8:30 AM Mass in
English (this is not a Holy day of obligation
this year, as it falls on a Monday.)

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Bilingual available 10 AM-4 PM

Sunday 10 AM-4 PM

Bilingual available 12 PM-4 PM

Rev. Joseph Antony Sebastian, SVD

Pastor

Monday,Tuesday,Wednesday,&Friday

10 AM to 12 PM

5 PM to 8 PM (*with appointment*)

lunes, martes, miércoles, y Viernes

10 AM a 12 PM

5 PM a 8 PM (*con cita*)

Rev. Stephen Ayisu, SVD

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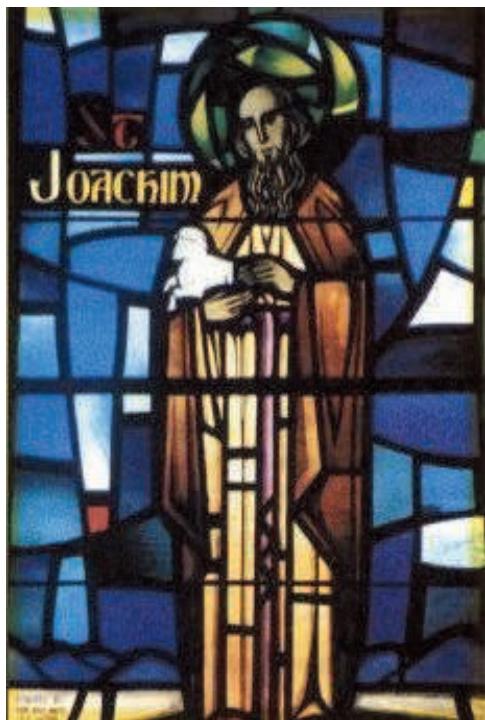
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Come CELEBRATE New Year's Eve at St. Joachim !!

The Guadalupano group invite you to spend a FUN New Year's Eve, at 7:00 PM in the Hall!!! We will be sharing dinner and free music, in an all family atmosphere. This is a FREE event as we gather to thank God for all the gifts received from his great Mercy. We hope to see you there.

Este 31 de Diciembre El grupo Guadalupano les invita a pasar una agradable velada en la noche de fin de año, después de la misa de 6:00 pm., estaremos compartiendo rica cena y música gratis, y sobre todo ambiente familiar. Agradeciendo a Dios todos los dones recibidos de su gran Misericordia compartiendo en el salón Social de la Iglesia de San Joaquín . Te esperamos no faltes.

We will end the year with Benediction in the Church at Midnight!



PRAY FOR

Bill & Ana Spreitzer
Thelma West
Jim Smith
Minda Bermudez
Francis Roque
Carollynn Cosico-Ramirez
Mary Grace Dela Cruz
Russnell Dela Cruz
Eduardo S. Reyes
Nenita Ordóñez-Reblando
Melane Fabio-Inducil
Fides Castaneda
Amelia Mamaril
Bernadino Orquiz
Ruth Suratos
Pete Suratos

DONATIONS

St Vincent de Paul
offering for next week:

Canned Meats or Tuna

Carne enlatada o atun

Donations are very much appreciated—but please no expired food. ~ Thank You

CONTRIBUTIONS CONTRIBUCIONES

COLLECTION FOR WEEK

December 17th

The Plate Collection /Simbang Gabi

\$ 8,543.00 / \$ 682.00

EFT Collection

\$ 105.00

On Line Giving

\$ 251.00

TOTAL for the WEEK

\$ 9,581.00

Dec 24th Collection amount was not available at press time - will be reported in a later bulletin.

VATICAN CORNER

Christmas 2017 is being celebrated with a new postage stamp series jointly created by the Vatican and the principality of Monaco. The stamps feature the artwork of Stefano Morri, and show the Annunciation of Our Lady, and the Virgin & Child, while the buildings in the background are of Monaco and the Vatican. The Vatican has a reputation for producing handsome and attractive stamps in limited quantities between 300,000 and 500,000, and releasing them several times a year. Usually stamps



commemorate some religious event. Last month, a new stamp was for the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation – the second major split in Christianity. Another stamp was for the 450th anniversary of the birth of Saint Francis de Sales. Special Vatican stamps are produced for special occasions. One such example was the stamp to mark the end of Pope Benedict's papacy in 2013. During the short periods of time when there is no Pope "Sede Vacante", the Vatican produces special stamps and envelopes issued and valid only during that time. They are designed soon after the new Pope takes office and are kept and used only after his death or leave. In most cases those special items are very high in value and purchased in bulk by stamp collectors who want them because they are rare and because they represent a very crucial period for the Roman Catholic Church. The Vatican Philatelic (stamp) Society is based in the United States, and is the only organization in the world devoted exclusively to the collection and study of Vatican stamps and postal history. The Vatican has maintained its own post office since the 14 century. It is estimated that the Vatican Post Office handles about two million letters a year, more than six million post cards, and over 15,000 packages. There is about 800 pounds of mail a day (25 bags). The Vatican Post Office even reports an annual profit, but mostly attributed to the sale of commemorative items, such as stamps, coins and medals. The sale of limited edition special papal stamps was used to help raise money when the restoration of the colonnades in St. Peter's Square ran into financial problems. There are four post offices open to everyone who wishes to send mail both within and outside Vatican City, the largest office being just inside St. Anne's Gate. Italian stamps may not be used on Vatican mail, nor vice versa, and letters and packages originating in Vatican City do not generally enter the Italian mail system at all, unless they are address to an Italian destination.

Much of Vatican mail is from tourists or residents, but oddly enough, in Italy, many Romans travel to the Vatican City Post Office to send their important letters because of their distrust of the Italian postal system. They find the Vatican City Post Office more reliable than their own, being fast and safe, with letters on the plane that very night, and where they need to be the next day. From nuns to businessmen to writers, secretaries and mail deliverers, many say the mail sent from the Holy City will reach its destination safely without the need of a Hail Mary, and the Universal Postal Union says it is one of the best postal systems in the world.

Sources: Catholic News Service, Vatican.com, nytimes.com, huffingtonpost.com, arago.si.edu



ALTAR SERVERS

ATTENTION ALL ALTAR SERVERS!!

Happy New Year!

Our first altar server meeting for the 2018 year will be on:

Saturday, January 13, 2018.

We will start by attending mass at 8:30am and meeting will follow.

Agenda

2018 schedules ; Ash Wednesday - February 14th;

Triduum Schedule (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil)

All altar servers and parents are encouraged to attend. Please bring something small to share with our ministry group. Hope to see everyone there. ~~~ Fides, Selena and Gabby



MASS INTENTIONS

December 30, 2017-January 6, 2018

Saturday 4:30 PM

The Community of St. Joachim

Saturday 6:00 PM

Fidel Ortiz † (*9th aniversario*)

Sunday 7:30 AM

Ordonez & Marquez Families

(*thanksgiving*)

Ronwald Temporosa †

Sunday 9:00 AM

Vicenta Hibaya (*65th birthday*)

Ligoria Fernandez †

Sunday 10:30 AM

Jocelyn A. Alcantara †

Remedios Yap Doria †

Sunday 12:15 PM

The Community of St. Joachim

Sunday 2:00 PM

Paula & David Cruz †

Sunday 6:00 PM

The Community of St. Joachim

Monday 7:00 AM

The Community of St. Joachim

Monday 8:30 AM

Nuevo Talaue (*birthday*)

Glenn Enriquez †

Ricky Soto †

Tuesday 7:00 AM

The Community of St. Joachim

Tuesday 8:30 AM

The Community of St. Joachim

Wednesday 7:00 AM

The Community of St. Joachim

Wednesday 8:30 AM

Cecilia Talaue (*birthday*)

Wednesday 7:00 PM

Paula & David Cruz †

Thursday 7:00 AM

The Community of St. Joachim

Thursday 8:30 AM

The Community of St. Joachim

Friday 7:00

The Community of St. Joachim

Friday 8:30 AM

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Saturday 8:30 AM

The Community of St. Joachim

St. Vincent de Paul's Year End Report to St. Joachim's Parish



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul would like to thank you all for your donations to help those in need throughout this year. With your help we have served over 1,941 families consisting of 2,137 adults, and 612 Children, and we handed out over 3,231 bags of food. We helped three people with furnishings totaling 667 dollars, Two people with motel Lodging and four people with rent assistance for 3,908 dollars. Domestic Twinning with other Churches 750 dollars. Disaster Contributions for Texas, and Florida flood victims, and the fire Victims in Napa County. Dues to the District Council and the add in the bulletin. This, is just a sample of what St. Vincent de Paul has been able to do through your generosity, helping us, help others in need...with Friendship, Compassion, and Spirituality.

San Vicente de Paúl el informe de fin de año en la Parroquia de San Joaquín:

La Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl, quisiera darles las gracias a todos por sus donaciones para ayudar a los necesitados a lo largo de este año. Con su ayuda hemos servido a 1.941 familias compuestas por 2.137 adultos y 612 niños, con más de 3,231 bolsas de alimentos. Hemos ayudado a tres personas, con un mobiliario que totalizan 667 dólares. dos personas con noche en un motel, y cuatro personas con asistencia para el pago del alquiler por 3,908 dólares. El hermanamiento con otras iglesias domésticas por 750 dólares. Contribuciones de desastres para Texas y Florida para las víctimas de las inundaciones, y las víctimas de incendios del condado de Napa. Junto con las cuotas del consejo de distrito y el complemento en el boletín. Esto es sólo una muestra de lo que San Vicente de Paúl ha sido capaz de hacer a través de su generosidad. ayudarnos a ayudar a otros en necesidad ...Con la amistad, la compasión y la espiritualidad.



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