

December 31, The Holy Family (Pg 60 in the red missal). Sunday in the Octave of Christmas (pg 212 in the black Latin Missal).



The Christmas Octave The liturgical calendar used to have many “octaves,” which were eight-day periods of special rejoicing after a great feast. Each day within the octave would be celebrated as a first-class feast, with Gloria and Creed, so that the

solemn joy of that feast would be kept for an entire week. The three greatest feasts of the year (Christmas, Easter, and Pentecost) each had its octave, as well as other feasts such as the Sacred Heart, the Assumption of Mary, St. Joseph, and All Saints. Today only the octaves of Christmas and Easter remain. I think it was wise to trim down the number of octaves, but I certainly think we should have kept the Octave of Pentecost. In any case, we rejoice to celebrate the Octave of Christmas, both on Sunday this year (feast of the Holy Family) and the Eighth Day itself on Monday, January 1st. The eighth day of Christmas is the feast of the Mother of God, on the day she and Joseph brought their child to the temple for his circumcision and naming. Jesus became of “Son of the Covenant” on that day, and so “fulfilled all righteousness.”

The Holy Family Today we praise God for the gift of the Holy Family. The evil one hates families with a particular ferocity because every family is made in the image of the Triune God. A man and a woman are initially attracted to each other by some powerful forces, such as sexuality, companionship, offspring, and economic support. As times goes on, however, the marriage becomes less “what can I get out of this” to “what can I give to my beloved.” Sexual powers diminish, support is less needed, and children grow up. Spouses become less

co-dependent, and more self-giving, and that is the perfection (over time) of family life. The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, we suppose, was almost entirely self-giving from the beginning, and so is the perennial inspiration for our families as we grow towards perfection.

Attractions Outside of Marriage Last week Archbishop Cordileone wrote a short commentary on the recent document from the Vatican on blessing people in same-sex unions. He pointed out that the sacrament of marriage is the only safe and holy place for sexual intimacy. Sexual acts in anything less than a lifelong covenant between a man and a woman harms people, and that’s why God forbids it. At times, all of us have attractions toward people we can never marry. We simply must discipline ourselves to choose the long-term good for ourselves and those around us. To trust God’s law in the sexual sphere, when almost every voice in our culture opposes God’s law, requires both clear thinking and great courage. Let us pray to St. Joseph, especially, who is the guardian of chastity. Let us strive to be as pure, and therefore as intelligent, as Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.



My family in 1989 (with grandchildren) and the Netniss family at Baker Beach in 2018



Christmas Gifts I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude for the many cards, gifts, wine, cakes, pies, cookies, and chocolates you have showered upon us priests this Christmas. This abundant expression of your love is most touching, and seems to grow each year. Unworthy as we are, I thank you for putting up with your priests’ human limitations, and any failures to serve you in this past year. Your affection for us, and trust in the priesthood, spurs us on to be holy and self-sacrificing disciples of Christ. *Fr. Joseph Illo*



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Daily Mass: M-F, 7am Latin, 12noon, 6pm. Saturday 8:30am, 12noon Latin.
Sat.Vigil Mass 4:30pm. Sunday, 8am, 9:30am, 11:30am Latin, 7:30pm. Holy
Day Mass, 7am Latin, 12noon, 6pm Sung Latin Mass. Confessions, 20 min.
before Mass; Sat, 3:15-4:15pm.

Eucharistic Adoration 24/7. Lauds, Mon-Fri 6:45am. Vespers, Mon-Fri
5:45pm . Holy Hour & Confessions, Tuesday 7pm-8pm. Devotions: Sacred
Heart First Friday 12noon, 6pm Latin. Divine Mercy, Saturday 3pm.
Lady of Perpetual Help, Wed. 12noon. Lady of Fatima First Saturday,
8:30am. Communal Rosary prayer after all daily Masses.

The Sunday Scriptures

By Fr. Joseph Illo (Gen 15: 1-6; 21: 1-3; Heb 11: 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2: 22-40) After Eight Days St. Joseph and Our Lady bring their first-born son to the temple to be circumcised. As a young boy I thought this was unfair and cruel to the baby Jesus, but in time I learned that He had come to earth precisely to shed His blood, and to suffer cruelty in humility. By the suffering of the boy Jesus, may we gain the courage to suffer patiently.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

St. Genevieve's feast day is January 3rd. She is known to have averted a deadly battle in Paris by gathering the women to pray and fast. She is also known for her devout and austere life, and her many miracles.

Pray: *St. Genevieve, pray for us that we may follow your example of love and charity to others and live our lives centered on the Lord. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.*

One way to center your life on the Lord is a weekly Holy Hour commitment. Sign up at www.adorationpro.org/star

Mass Intentions

Sat 12/30	8:30am	+ Gloria Agero (anniv)
	12noon	Int. of Jordi Cortez (bday)
	4:30pm	Int. of Celso and Sonia Calupad (56 yrs wedding anniv)
Sun 12/31	8:00am	+ Parker H. Moriwaki
	9:30am	+ Ryan Anthony Furtado
	11:30am	+ Pope Benedict XVI (anniv) + Michael Joseph Barber
	7:30pm	People of the Parish
Mon 01/01	7am	Int. of Fr. Joseph Illo
	12noon	Int. of Marilou Ibaseta Int. of Deacon Albert Nimri and Family + Pope Benedict XVI + Federico Gonzales + Murphy Lee Thomas, Jr. + Jack Hansen, Sr.
	6pm	Int. of Fr. Joseph Illo Int. of Christopher Hernandez + Pope Benedict XVI + Souls in Purgatory + Pedro, Jean and Jerry Martin
Tue 01/02	7:00am	+ Madeline Koch (bday)
	12noon	Int. of Fr. Sony Joseph
	6:00pm	+ Judith Cassidy
Wed 01/03	7:00am	+ All souls
	12noon	Int. of The Holy Name Society of Star
	6:00pm	Int. of Aida Nicolas
Thu 01/04	7:00am	+ Josephine Norcia
	12noon	Int. of Joan Spaargaren
	6:00pm	+ Eduardo Ros Abinsay
Fri 01/05	7:00am	+ For the souls of those who have jumped to their deaths from the Golden Gate Bridge
	12noon	+ Charles Kelly
	6:00pm	+ Eurico Rocha Dias
Sat 01/06	8:30am	+ Rene Ing
	12noon	Int. of Fannie Lardizabal (bday)
	4:30pm	Int. of Mario Bruno and Family

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FORMED RECOMMENDATIONS

(Formed.org Free to all Parishioners)

Find the titles below at: <http://watch.formed.org>

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God | FORMED in the Word

Dr. James Prothro and Dr. Israel McGrew as they reflect on the Sunday readings for the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God. This beautiful feast of Mary leads us to more deeply understanding the union of Jesus' divine and human natures.

The Epiphany of the Lord | FORMED in the Word

Dr. Prothro and Dr. McGrew reflect on the lectionary Mass readings for The Epiphany of Our Lord. On this day, we ponder the mystery that God has revealed Himself to all nations in Christ, His gift of salvation, and the gift of ourselves back to Jesus.

Follow along with your Bible: First Reading: Is 60:1-6; Psalm 72; Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Prayer for the Sick



Anne Kavanagh, Maria Jessue, Il'eana Rozario, Susan Lewitt, Paula Click, Brian Walsh, Mary Ann Eiler, Oonough and all sick parishioners.

Communal prayers


Saturdays, Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3pm in the church.

Sundays, Latin Rosary. You are invited to pray the rosary at 11am. Pamphlets with the Latin words will be provided.

Sundays, Rosary Walk 2:30pm at St. Mary's Cathedral. For updates: <https://star.flocknote.com/Rosary Walk>

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Confessions are available during the Holy Hour.

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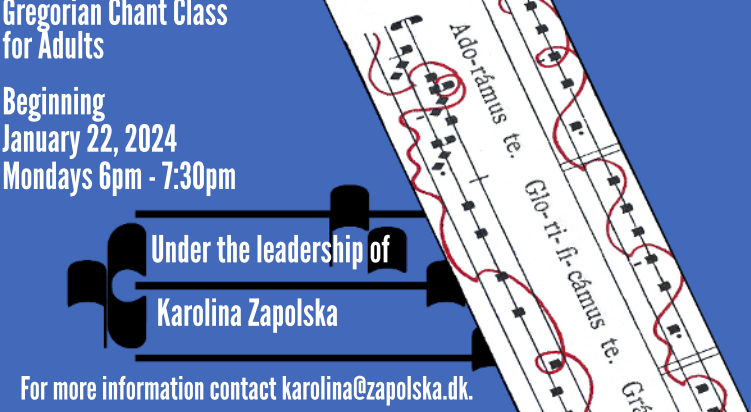
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