

Dear Padre,

Why does the Church celebrate the Holy Family? Jesus doesn't seem to be much of a family person. Scripture show him ignoring—even rejecting—Mary and Joseph.

As Jesus grows in age and wisdom, it becomes clear that he hasn't come to build up his own little family but to create a worldwide family of disciples. This family would claim God as the father of everyone in the family, with Jesus and all others as brothers and sisters. All who followed him would be as dear to Jesus as his mother or his foster father. As Jesus said: "As the Father loves me, so I also love you" (John 15:9).

The roles of Mary and Joseph in this new family of Jesus were not to be only earthbound parents but, more importantly, to be examples of how to follow God's purpose. Both Mary and Joseph accepted God's path for them, even though they didn't know where the path would take them.

In the new family of God, we are people who seek out and follow God's purpose in our lives. We are to say yes with Mary; we are to imitate Joseph in following God's direction. Jesus said this quite plainly: "Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother" (Mark 3:35). The will of God becomes the cornerstone of Jesus' new, universal family of humankind. Every Christian family, then, has a double task in raising their children: teaching and inspiring them to love and believe in Jesus and to always seek God's will.

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HOLY FAMILY / IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHEDRAL, EAST TINDOR / WIKICOMMONS

A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Instead of returning home with his family, he stayed in Jerusalem, in the Temple, causing great distress to Mary and Joseph who were unable to find him....Returning home, Jesus surely remained close to them, as a sign of his complete affection and obedience. Moments like these become part of the pilgrimage of each family.

—FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY, DECEMBER 27, 2015

Calendar

Monday

DECEMBER 28

Holy Innocents,
Martyrs

1 Jn 1:5—2:2

Mt 2:13—18

Tuesday

DECEMBER 29

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 2:3—11

Lk 2:22—35

Wednesday

DECEMBER 30

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 2:12—17

Lk 2:36—40

Thursday

DECEMBER 31

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 2:18—21

Jn 1:1—18

Friday

JANUARY 1

Solemnity of Mary,
Holy Mother of God

Nm 6:22—27

Gal 4:4—7

Lk 2:16—21

Saturday

JANUARY 2

Sts. Basil the Great and
Gregory Nazianzen,
Bishops and Doctors
of the Church

1 Jn 2:22—28

Jn 1:19—28

Sunday

JANUARY 3

Epiphany of the Lord
Is 60:1—6

Eph 3:2—3a, 5—6

Mt 2:1—12





**THE HOLY FAMILY OF
JESUS, MARY AND
JOSEPH
DECE 27, 2020**



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St. Ann Mass Schedule & Intentions

Dec 26th Sat 4 pm Ex S

Dec 27th Sunday 9 am

Dec 27th 6:00 pm Paul Irby

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Both before Mass and by Appointment.

Mon 8am Ex S

Wed 6pm Ex S

Thurs New Year's Eve 7pm

Fri New Year's Day 9 am

Jan 2nd Sat 4 pm Ex S

Jan 3rd Sunday 9 am

Jan 3rd 6:00 pm

Our Lady of Chartres Mass Schedule.

Sun 7:30 am Parish family

From Father David's Desk...

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Do You See What I See?

Today's Gospel answers this question quite definitively: No! Not everyone saw the guiding star in the sky. Not even those who, presumably, knew the prophecy found in the reading from Isaiah. That ancient prophet announced to the people of Jerusalem: "Your light has come" (Isaiah 60:1). In fact, he promised them they would be so embraced by that light, they themselves would shine brightly with its radiance. But when the time came, not everyone saw it. Or, having seen it, they did not recognize it.

The people of Jesus' time were not ignorant of these prophecies. They knew what they meant and to whom they referred. Consequently, when the stargazers who saw the light inquired about it, those to whom they inquired knew where to send them. So what was the problem? Why were those men in Jerusalem not excited about the star? Very simply, a new king meant a rival king, and those who had power weren't eager to relinquish it.

We know that not everyone in Israel rejected Jesus. Shepherds had already thrilled at this birth. Someone in Bethlehem had opened his home to this child and his parents. Now we add to them the stargazers from another country. It seems the invitation to come to him is extended to all: political and religious leaders, the unsophisticated and marginalized, the

established homeowner, and the foreigners in their midst. They are all asked: "Did you see what I saw? What do you think of him?"

Reflection

- ★ *How open are you to new thinking?*
- ★ *God's invitation is offered to all. Is there any group of people you might have marginalized?*

With prayers and blessings
Fr. David

ST. ANN STEWARDSHIP: *55,

Identifiable: 2,965.00; Loose: \$151.00
Total: \$3,116.00; ACH: \$105.00.

**OLC STEWARDSHIP: Identifiable
\$30.00 Loose: \$16.00 Total: \$46.00**

RCIA: Thursday at 6pm. Any Question Please contact Sherrie Demello.

Updating Envelops: I plan to update the weekly envelope numbers. Anyone who wants envelopes for 2021, please meet Fr. David to get them. Thanks.

Search Retreat: Jan 9, 2021, St. Mary Gautier. If anyone would like to go, let me know.

Thanks and Appreciation: all those decorated the church and its surroundings and those who donated the Christmas flowers. Thanks

Church Cleaning: Please call Ellen at 341-0279 to sign up. Thanks for sharing your time and talent.

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God:

Dec 31st, vigil at 7:00pm,
New Year's Day: 9:00am

MASS	LECTOR	SERVERS	USHERS
Sat Dec 26 th 4pm	Mike West	Austin s	Mike West
Sun Dec 27 th OLC 7:30am	Sandra Ammons		Terry Mitchel
Sun Dec 27 th 9 am	Eddie Duran	Black and Haize	Shorty William
Sun Dec 27 th 6pm	Kathleen Cuveas		Jodi T
New Year's Eve 7pm	Beverly Saucier		Shorty
New Year's Day 9 am	Kim Wood	Page and Sa mantha	William
Sat Jan 2 nd 4pm	Mike West	Austin s	Mike West
Sun Jan 3 rd OLC 7:30 am	Sandra Ammons		Terry Mitchel
Jan 3 rd 9 am	John Davis	Page and Samantha	William and Demelo
Jan 3 rd 6pm	Judith Martinez		Jodi T

2021 The Year of the Eucharist and the Parish: from February on we will have adoration on first Friday from 8:30am to 12pm and 5pm to 9pm. Come and spend an hour with Jesus. There should be one or more in each hour. Please sign up on the sheet.

Christmas Flowers in memory of:

Holden Barraza, Betty Howard, Dantzler & Lee Ladner, Chester & Geneve King, Bill and Eileen, Becki, Barbara Moran, Anonymous, Dorothy Gaither, John Martinez, Jr., Christians & Jews in the USA, Rosa & Walter Moss, Mary Jo Nunez, Phyllis Breaux, Merle & Helen West, Greg West, James Erpenboch, Cecil Dean Ladner, Louis Cross, Anonymous, George Brignac, Jr., Marie & A.J. Robeclaux, George & Edna Brignac, Jr., Pat Dorsey, Janet Raims, Lois & William Burke, Sr., Laura and Auther Pine, Etta Dubuisson, Francis & Elvera Ladner, Kathy Squillante, Beauregard Favre, Carla Thomas, Charles & Kathryn VanPelt, Herman & Nora Muetting, Anonymous, Jerry Rutland, Frances & Hertis Moran, Frank Lee & Norine Moran, Linda Corvant, Timothy Moran, Sr., Krystal Lizana, Jack & Isabell Steller, Oscar Williams Schoneurtz, Shaw,

Anonymous, Candice Lizana, Angie Lizana, Stephen Wood, William DeMello, Elizabeth Boudreaux, Vermon Saucier, Paul & Marcie Irby, Wallace & Maggie Saucier, Joseph & Lizzie Bourque, Rene Waller, Vilden Saucier, Darnell & Peggy Lander, Patricia Lizana,

PRAYER REQUESTS Those who are ill

Leslie Cuevas, Lee James, Jerry Malley, Ezekiel Rutherford, Dalwin Cuevas, Colby Cagle, Andrew Fillengame; Breanna Ladner, Andrew, Sharon Somora, Nancy Ladner, Chris (Dube) McGill, Paul Ladner, Dianne Dearman, Marie Cuevas, Sharon Smith, Kathy, Marlene Moran, Teresa McAllister, Kendra Necaize, John &, Susan Parish, Courtney Stewart, Kathy Robison, and, Joseph and Megan Colbi Capuano, Bill & Brenda Peterson, Christine Constantine, Anthony Moran, Jill Ladner, Stephany Bass, and Brandi Moran, Verda Crabtree, Lynn & Linda Bangs, John O'Neal, Terri, Loretta Ladner and Matt Dubission; Addie Threadgill; Cindy Ladner; Amanda Mayberry; Robin Quevas Emmie Tubbs, Wally Clifford, T.J Moran , Robin Shampo.