

## Calendar

### Monday

January 1  
Solemnity of Mary,  
the Holy Mother of God  
Nm 6:22–27  
Gal 4:4–7  
Lk 2:16–21

### Tuesday

January 2  
Sts. Basil the Great and  
Gregory Nazianzen,  
Bishops and Doctors of the  
Church  
1 Jn 2:22–28  
Jn 1:19–28

### Wednesday

January 3  
Christmas Weekday  
1 Jn 2:29–3:6  
Jn 1:29–34

### Thursday

January 4  
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton,  
Religious  
1 Jn 3:7–10  
Jn 1:35–42

### Friday

January 5  
St. John Neumann,  
Bishop  
1 Jn 3:11–21  
Jn 1:43–51

### Saturday

January 6  
Christmas Weekday  
1 Jn 5:5–13  
Mk 1:7–11 or Lk 3:23–38  
or Lk 5:23, 31–34, 36, 38

### Sunday

January 7  
Epiphany of the Lord  
Is 60:1–6  
Eph 3:2–3a, 5–6  
Mt 2:1–12

# Dear Padre,

## I worry that I'm cramming too much of my Catholic devotions down my children's throats. Should they have more freedom to choose the faith on their own?

Many of us can connect our faith to our mothers. It was most likely their constancy, love, and devotion that gave us the first hints that faith is important in one's life. When a woman chooses to be a mother, she commits to handing on to her children that which is most powerful and most profound in her own life. Over the years, the children will take what is given, sift through it, and finally add it in some way to their own personalities. But the gift first has to be given, and the commitment of motherhood is giving that gift.

Mary, the patron of the Church and of mothers around the world, is first represented in the Gospels as the one “who believed” (Luke 1:45). It was this deep capacity for faith that became the well that cradled and fed Jesus.

“Education in the faith by the parents should begin in the child's earliest years. This already happens when family members help one another to grow in faith by the witness of a Christian life in keeping with the Gospel” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2226).

The sincerity and reverence of a mother's faith can become a fountain of living water that will naturally overflow, and her children can choose to drink of it. Renew your commitment to handing on your faith to your children freely and without limits!

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## A Word From Pope Francis

*It is necessary to reaffirm the conviction that every family is the principal setting for the growth of each individual, since it is through the family that human beings become open to life and the natural need for relationships with others. Over and over again we see that family bonds are essential for the stability of relationships in society, for the work of education, and for integral human development, for they are inspired by love, responsible intergenerational solidarity, and mutual trust.*

—Address, Food and Agricultural Organization, June 20, 2013



# The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph



*December 31, 2017*

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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION  
Every Friday Adoration from 8:30 a.m.  
to 9:30 a.m  
SACRAMENT OF  
RECONCILIATION  
Both Before Mass and by Appointment.

*Mass Schedule for this Week*  
Our Lady of Chartres Mass Schedule  
Sun 7:30 am Our Parish Family  
St. Ann Mass Schedule & Intentions  
Sat 4:00 pm Our Parish Family  
Sun 9:00am Our Parish Family  
Sun 6pm +Hollis Moran

Mon 9:00am New Year Our Parish  
Tues 8:00 am Benefactors  
Wed 8:00 am Benefactors  
Thu 4:00 pm Benefactors  
Fri 9:00 am Benefactors

## **From Father Khoa's Desk...**

***Dear Parishioners and Friends, Jesus likes you. Jesus loves you. Jesus longs for you!***

"When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned ... to their own town of Nazareth." Mary and Joseph were faithful Jews who followed the norms of their religion. Today's Gospel describes the event we call "The Presentation." Jesus' parents, like every Jewish family, presented their infant son to the Lord in a formal ceremony at the temple in Jerusalem. Having done what their religious rites required (and having heard the prophetic words of Simeon and Anna), Mary and Joseph returned home. It was back in their native region of Galilee, amidst the daily routine of domestic life, that Jesus "grew and became strong, filled with wisdom."

As Christians, we too consecrate our children to the Lord when we have them baptized in the Church. Seeing our children receive this sacrament of initiation is always a moment of great joy and hope as we anticipate the life that lies ahead for them, both on earth and in eternity. But the baptism of a baby is only the beginning of this journey towards heaven. In truth, the little daily details, the simple living of family life in our own home paves the way for our children to reach their eternal home.

And so it was with the Holy Family. Jesus' childhood, his formation and development took place not primarily amidst the public drama of the temple, but in the quiet privacy of his home. How important this home was, where his parents raised him in their faith and helped him live in such a way that "the favor of God was upon him." May we too, in our homes and our families, remember that

although our mission may be lived out in very small moments, taken together they have an eternal significance.

— *THANK YOU* —

To all those who sent many cards, gifts and goodies to me over the holidays;

*May God bless all of us!  
A very Happy, Safe, and Blessed New Year  
...Fr. Khoa*

**A Holy Day of Obligation January 1, 2016  
Solemnity of Mary The Holy Mother of  
God Mass Monday Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> 9:00 am**

### ***First Friday Adoration***

Please join us at St. Ann this *Friday, January 5<sup>th</sup>* for *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*. *Adoration* will begin after the 9:00am Mass and end about 9:30am. Please come as "*Jesus longs for your visit*".

### **ST. ANN STEWARDSHIP:\*\***

**Identifiable: \$1,036.00; Loose: \$1,331.00;  
Total: \$2,367.00; Children: \$14.00;  
Christmas: \$1,768.84; Christmas Children:  
\$19.84.**

### **OL OF CHARTRES STEWARDSHIP:**

**Identifiable: \$200.00; Loose: \$192.00; Total:  
\$392.00. Christmas: \$399.00.**

**\*\*Amount needed weekly \$2,908.84.**

**Thank you for your generosity.**

***Church Cleaning:*** Thank you Jackie Franklin for cleaning up the church on Dec 23 and 30. Marie Chasse will clean the church on Jan 5 and 12. Thank you

<b>MASS</b>	<b>LECTOR</b>	<b>EUCCHARISTIC MIN.</b>	<b>SERVERS</b>	<b>USHERS</b>	<b>GIFT B.</b>
Sat Dec 23 4pm	Mike West	WC King, Lennell King, Ellen West.	Austin	Dale August	Helen Ladner
Sun 7:30am	Sandra Ammons	Daniel Squillante	(OLC)	Tery Mitchell	(OLC)
Sun Dec 24 9am	Sharon Leimer	Robin Peterson, Lester Palmer, Lisa Cuevas	Will Keegan	Garland Pat	James and Nicki Quintini
Sat Jan 06 5pm	Lanny Acosta	Kay Van Pelt, Rita Acosta, Richard Dunlap	Austin Scarengoas	Mike Dale	Ira Necaise
Sun 7:30am	Sandra Ammons	Daniel Squillante	(OLC)	Tery Mitchell	(OLC)
Sun Jan 07 9am	Christina Bondi	Susan Peleaz, James Quintini, Will Burke	Nick Jaseigh	Pat Garland	Jason Necaise Family
Sun Jan 07 6pm	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA

### **ST. ANN ACTIVITIES.**

**Altar Society:** meet on second Sundays.

**Lizana Light:** For more information, please contact Doris. Thank you.

**Bereavement Committee:** Please contact **Sharon Leimer** at 539-9928. Lasagna, green salad, rolls, and deserts will be provided for the funeral reception upon request. Thank you.

**Knights of Columbus:** Meet **next Sunday.** For more info, contact Garland M. 697-1266.

**VISITATION OF THE SICK:** Please keep the parish office informed so we may minister to those who are ill at home, in the hospital, or in a nursing facility. For those wishing to receive the Eucharist contact the parish office, 832-2560.

**The Word Among Us** Reflections for January is available at the Church entrance.

**MASS FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS:** You can have Masses offered for the deceased as well as for living family and friends. Mass cards are available at the office.

### **SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION MARRIAGE**

***Church regulations require at least six months of preparation for a wedding.*** Please contact us well in advance of that time if you wish to reserve a wedding date and receive info: one's own parish clergy are expected to supervise your Catholic prenuptial preparation and to officiate at the wedding.

**Bible Study:** We study **St James on Jan 8.** Please join us. Classes are on **Mon at 6pm.** For more information, please contact **Ruth.**

### **PRAYER REQUESTS Those who are ill:**

Leslie Cuevas, Dcn Jack Hunter, Lee James, Darlene Billingsley, Victoria Moran, Jerry Malley, Vivian Clifford, Ezekiel Rutherford, John Moran, Jerry Rutland, Dalwin Cuevas, Colby Cagle, Debbie Bowen, Andrew Fillengame, Melissa Peterson, Breanna Ladner, Gerald Barrilleaux, Margaret Northrop, Andrew, James Moran, Sharon Somora, and Marie Nance, Patricia Lizana, August Schonewitz, William Shaw, Robert Necaise, Nancy Ladner, Loretta Ladner, Matt Bryant, Paul Ladner, Dianne Dearman, and Emmie Tubbs.