

Greetings.

We are so glad that you chose to join us today to worship our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We hope that you will enjoy the service and be encouraged by your worship experience.



He went down with them ... and was obedient to them. (Luke 2:51)

Today is not a national celebration like France's Bastille Day. It's not a military holiday like Anzac Day in New Zealand and Australia. It's not a labor holiday like the ones celebrated in the United States, Canada, or Egypt. But it ought to be. Today is the feast of the Holy Family.

We like to think of the Holy Family as "perfect," full of joy and problem free, but that's not really the case. Theirs is the story of a woman suspected of adultery, a man anxiously planning a divorce, and a family forced to emigrate to a foreign land. It's the story of a couple learning how to cope with their son's unconventional behavior—something we read about in today's Gospel. It's also the sad story of a woman who first loses her husband and then watches as her only child is unjustly executed by the state.

Yes, this family was holy, but it was also very human—dealing with human issues on a daily basis, just like us. That means they know our family's ups and downs as well.

St. Ignatius of Loyola used to pray before a painting of the Holy Family. He liked to imagine himself joining them for dinner or working with Joseph and Jesus in the carpentry shop, asking the Holy Spirit to give him new insights as he did. Isn't this something each of us can do—especially as we think about their very human life together?

Here are some things to think about as you gaze at the Holy Family: first, your family is not ordinary in God's eyes. Every family is special to him. Every family receives his favor. Second, your family can make a difference in this world. Dream big, then try to do good for God. Third, it really is possible for your family to be a holy family. Just try to live in God's love, and it will happen.

"Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, please pray for all families. Let us become more and more like you."

~Deacon Mark Race, Administrator

Line Dancing Christmas Holiday Vacation

We will break for the Christmas holiday on Wednesday, December 30. The return date is Wednesday, January 6, 2016.

Christmas Flower Offering

We are asking that you be as generous as possible with your giving. Envelopes are at the church exit. We will place the envelopes on the altar for prayer in Memory of, or in Honor of, your love ones.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT:

Parents who practice good stewardship draw upon their time and talents to pass on their gift of faith, to educate, to nurture, and to protect their children.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

WHEN GOD COMES

My God, what joy is when you come to us in daily visitation; what peace is ours when by your coming we find life anew. Come, O come to live with us and reign within, now and forever. Amen.

Saturday	Acts 6:8-10, Mt 10:17-22
Sunday	Sir 3:2-14, Ps 128:1-5, Lk 2:41-52
Monday	1 Jn 1:5-2:2, Mt 2:13-18
Tuesday	1 Jn 2:3-11, Lk 2:22-35
Wednesday	1 Jn 2:12-17, Lk 2:36-40
Thursday	1 Jn 2:18-21, Jn 1:1-18
Friday	Nm 6:22-27, Lk 2:16-21
Saturday	1 Jn 2:22-28, Jn 1:19-28
Sunday	Is 60:1-6, Ps 72:1-13, Mt 2:1-12

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	December 26
5:15 PM	Soul of Lillian White
Sunday	December 27
8:00 AM	Soul of Gwen Harmon
10:00 AM	Intention of all Parishioners
12:15 PM	Soul of Angela Dupré
Tuesday	December 29
8:00 AM	Soul of Briana Katz
Thursday	December 31
8:00 AM	Soul of Bernard Brule

WEEKLY OFFERING

December 20, 2015

\$3,663.30 Tithe and Offering
365.00 Building Fund
20.00 "We Care"



Men, Mark your Calendars

Transfiguration Annual Retreat for men will be held at Mater Dolorosa Retreat Center on the weekend of January 22, 23, and 24, 2016. Join your fellow parishioners for this weekend of spiritual enrichment and growth. The Passionist retreat team offer inspirational talks on the theme, as well as time for quiet prayer, Mass, Confession and Stations of the Cross. You may arrive as early as 3:00 PM. Friday. Our retreat opens at 6:15 PM with a buffet supper and closes Sunday after lunch about 1:00 PM. **A \$50.00 non-refundable deposit is required to reserve your weekend Retreat, this is reserved for you.**

This year's Retreat theme: **"No Greater Love"**

For more information or to make your reservation please call Greg Warner your parish retreat Captain at 323.974.7405 or 310.538.2214 or Maurice Simon at 323.296.1501.

DID YOU KNOW?

Help kids understand boundaries during the holidays

Christmas is a time for families, and extended aunts, uncles, and cousins gather to celebrate the season together. Your children should be comfortable around their family members, but they should also know the limits of their comfort zones, and what to do if someone crosses a line – too many hugs and kisses, or inappropriate tickling. Your children should be comfortable saying "NO" whenever things cross their lines, and they should know that you'll back them up. For a copy of the VIRTUS® article "Know the Warning Signs: Just Where Is the Boundary Line?" email: jvienna@la-archdiocese.org.

2016 Calendars are available in the church sacristy for a donation of \$2. Thank you for your support.



PRAY FOR THE SICK

Hold my hand in weakness Lord God, you are my strength. Hold my hand in my weakness and teach my heart to fly. With you, there's nothing to fear, nothing to worry about. Hold me tight in your embrace, so that I can be stronger than the challenges in my life. Amen.



Virgie Aguilar, LaVern Agnew, Brian Argusta, Joyce Barnett, Rose Ball, Veronica Bearce, Fr. Emile Belletty, Sister Juliet Berber, Daniel Boone, Glenda Brown, Andrei Briggs, Vivian Burgess, Barbara Butler, Brownie Cain, Sister Cecilia Calva, Mary Captain, Alberto Casanova, Harry Charles, Katherine Clark, Agnes Cooper, Rita Cormire, Edward Cousin, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, Nigel Dunn, Connie Farlice, Dwight Fauria, Ferdinand Foye, Betty Flowers, Teresa Franklin, Stacy Franklin, Marian Fussey, Sister Mary Michaeline Gahwolf, Judy Felton-Gardner, Mavis Gibbs, Refugio Godinez, Nancy Goosby, Mary Hall, Barbara Harris, Jacqueline Holman, Mattie Hilburn, Janie Jackson, Mary Jené, Aaron Jittu, Joan Johnson, Robert Jordan, Briana Katz, Leah Kelley, Walita Keyes, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Barbara Lindsey, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Vyldred Manor, Sister Marianna, Dorothy Okoye, Martina Peters, Daisy Pratt, Wiley R. Pugh, Andrea Raggette, Michelle Raines, Emma Rausch, Dottie Rodriguez, Dana Semien, Dudley Semien, Reanna Semien, George Simon, Sr., Jeremiah Skyes, Lionel Smith, Sr., Darnell Stang, Michele Starks, Annie Starks, Wilbur Starks, Alice Tenette, Tinkerbelle, Leila Thomas, Stephanie Thompson, Emma Thornton, Iris Turner, Patricia Williams, Peggy Wright and Ralph Wright.