

# The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

28 December 2014

*My son, take care of your father.* (Sirach 3:12)

Have you heard of the “sandwich generation?” It doesn’t have to do with food; it’s the situation many adults find themselves in, sandwiched between children and aging parents who need their care. In fact, a 2013 study found that in the United States, one in seven middle-aged adults provide financial support to their parents and their children, and their children, and almost three times that amount provide emotional support. So how does God make us holy in the midst of these pressures? Don’t forget, our relationship with God, though personal, is meant to be lived out in community and not just individually. And the first and most important community is the family! It’s precisely through the ups and downs of family life that God forms his character in us. It’s a give-and-take; sometimes it’s our turn to give, and other times to receive. If you’re on the receiving end, let people care for you! Chances are you’ve given much to your family over the years. Remember: as you receive, you are also giving a gift. You are giving them the chance to show their gratitude and to grow in becoming more like Christ. Taking care of your needs could be a pivotal experience in their relationship with God. It’s also a great way for you to grow in detachment and humility! If you’re being called to give more, try to see in each needy family member the Christ child himself. How would you love him? What would you give to him? Believe that in loving and serving your family, you are loving and serving Jesus—and that he will bless you deeply for it. On this feast day, God wants us to know that we can all become holy families. Through his grace, your family can become more of a living reflection of his love and life. Your actions in caring for each other and receiving that care will actually enfold his love in the world.



*“Father, pour out your grace and make every family a living icon of your love.”*

Called to Serve,  
~ Deacon Mark Race

## Men, Mark Your Calendars

Transfiguration Annual Retreat for men will be held at Mater Dolorosa Retreat Center on the weekend of **January 23, 24, and 25, 2015**. 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, and 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: ***“Holy waiting... In a World that can’t wait.”*** 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.

# HAPPY NEW YEAR

## Mass Intentions

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>December 27</b>
5:15 PM	Soul of Gloria Robottom
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 28</b>
8:00 AM	Soul of Sam Richardson
10:00 AM	Soul of Patricia Riley
12:15 PM	Intention of all Parishioners
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>December 31</b>
5:15 PM	Soul of Bernard Brule
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>January 1</b>
10:00 AM	Intention of all Parishioners
<b>Friday</b>	<b>January 2</b>
8:00 AM	Soul of Anthony Middleton

## Readings for the week

<b>Sunday</b>	Sir 3:2-14, Ps 128:1-5, Lk 2:22-40
<b>Monday</b>	1 Jn 2:3-11, Lk 2:22-35
<b>Tuesday</b>	1 Jn 2:12-17, Lk 2:36-40
<b>Wednesday</b>	1 Jn 2:18-21, Jn 1:1-18
<b>Thursday</b>	Nm 6:22-27, Lk 2:16-21
<b>Friday</b>	1 Jn 2:22-28, Jn 1:19-28
<b>Saturday</b>	1 Jn 2:29—3:6, Jn 1:29-34
<b>Sunday</b>	Is 60:1-6, Ps 72:1-13, Mt 2:1-12

## December 21, 2014 Weekly Collection

\$3,639.00	Tithe and Offering
110.00	Building Fund
60.00	“We Care”

Please remember your  
**“Together in Mission” 2014**  
Pledge commitment... Thanks to all!

## St. Vincent dePaul Bundle Sunday

On **Sunday, January 18** our Parish is having a Bundle Sunday for the Society of St. Vincent dePaul Thrift Stores. Please bring your usable clothing and usable household items on this day. Their truck will be at our church parking lot. Please help in their endless efforts to assist the needy. They are in great need of furniture and large appliances. Call them for pick-up of any heavy items at 323.224.6280 or 800/97-HELP-1.

## Home-Visit the Sick

During Advent until New Year, Fr. Bernard would be happy to **home-visit the sick** with the statue of Child Jesus, to offer communion, anointing, and a special Christmas blessing to the family. Please call Fr. Bernard or the rectory to set up an appointment at 323.291.1136.

The **Designated Smoking Area** is in the Patio... Ashtrays are provided there for your **Cigarette Butts**. Please refrain from smoking in the parking lot of the school area as the cigarette butts are a health and safety issue for our children.

## New Year's Mass Schedule

*The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God*  
Thursday, January 1, 2015 at 10:00 AM



## 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.

## Altar Servers Schedule January 3 & 4, 2015

<b>5:15PM</b>	Ruben Martinez, Marc Anthony
<b>8AM</b>	Mekhai Ray, Esteban Marquez, Delisa Madere, Cori Chapman
<b>10AM</b>	Martin Hill, Dillon Rickenbacker, Alonzo Ramos, Lanigi Chinilio, Jeremiah Sykes
<b>12:15PM</b>	Gilberto Gonzales, Samia Marine, Kniya Addy, Kenya Mayers, Destiny Mayers

## Martin Luther King Jr. Prayer Breakfast on January 17, 2015 at 8:00 AM

at the Proud Bird, 11022 Aviation Blvd., Los Angeles, CA.

Tickets \$35.00. See Mable Simon and Thelma Foye.

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## Petition of the Sick

Virgie Aguilar, LaVern Agnew, Brian Argusta, Joyce Barnett, Rose Ball, Veronica Bearce, Sister Juliet Berber, Glenda Brown, Andrei Briggs, Vivian Burgess, Barbara Butler, Brownie Cain, Sister Cecilia Calva, Alberto Casanova, Harry Charles, Katherine Clark, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, Beryl Davidson, Nigel Dunn, Ethel Earley, Robert Evans, Connie Farlice, Dwight Fauria, Gwen Files, Teresa Franklin, Stacy Franklin, Marian Fussey, Sister Mary Michaeline Gahwolf, Judy Felton-Gardner, Mavis Gibbs, Nancy Goosby, Jane Grover, Jacqueline Holman, Msgr. Robert Howard, Mattie Hilburn, Janie Jackson, Aaron Jittu, Robert Jordan, Walita Keyes, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Barbara Lindsey, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Vylfred Manor, Sister Marianna, Mary Ann Mayer, Muriel Meyers, Dorothy Okoye, Martina Peters, Daisy Pratt, Wiley R. Pugh, Michelle Raines, Emma Rausch, Cynthia Richardson, Dottie Rodriguez, Lolita Rodriguez, Dana Semien, Dudley Semien, Reanna Semien, George Simon, Sr., Lionel Smith, Sr., Darnell Stang, Barbara Starks, Michele Starks, Wilbur Starks, Alice Tenette, Leila Thomas, Stephanie Thompson, Emma Thornton, Iris Turner, and Patricia Williams.