

# THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

December 30, 2018

*Dear Parishioners,*



Take care of your father when he is old. (Sirach 3:12)

Many of us are already living out Sirach's exhortation. In fact, statistics show that in many developed countries, 20 percent of the population is caring for ill, disabled, or aged family members. And they are spending an average of 20 hours per week doing it.

We read this passage from Sirach on the feast of the Holy Family because it speaks to all of our families in a surprising way. It tells us that caring for an elderly family member brings unexpected blessings: forgiveness of sins, spiritual treasures, joy, answered prayers, even long life. Yes, it can be a burden at times, but the blessings far outweigh the burden.

Taking care of our parents does a lot for us spiritually. We see God's self-giving love growing in us. As we walk with them in their later years, we find that we are also walking closer to the Lord. Our perspective on what's important shifts, and we, too, begin thinking more about our heavenly home.

Blessing might not be the first thing you think of though. The idea of being a caregiver can be scary. Financial concerns, emotional strain, and burnout are real issues. You might struggle to find time to recharge yourself, or have trouble avoiding sibling resentments.

But the same study referred to previously also shows that more than 80 percent of caregivers report that the experience is rewarding. They feel satisfaction from giving back to someone who sacrificed for them, they know they're providing quality care, and they feel increased meaning and purpose in life.

If you are currently caring for an elderly loved one, take heart! God is pleased by your efforts and is pouring out grace on you. If you are on the receiving end, know that you are a blessing to your loved ones. If you anticipate a time when you will need to do more for your parents, don't worry. Everything you do to honor and care for them will bless you.

"Lord, help me to honor and love my family."

*Deacon Mark Race, Administrator*

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>December 29</b>
5:15 PM	Soul of Basil Raymond
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 30</b>
8:00 AM	Soul of Paul Moore
10:00 AM	Intention of the Knights of Peter Claver & Ladies Auxiliary
12:15 PM	Intention of all Parishioners
<b>Monday</b>	<b>December 31</b>
8:00 AM	Soul of Marrie Casseus

## DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday	Sir 3:2-14, Ps 128:1-5, Lk 2:41-52
Monday	1 Jn 2:18-21, Jn 1:1-18
Tuesday	Nm 6:22-27, Lk 2:16-21
Wednesday	1 Jn 2:22-28, Jn 1:19-28
Thursday	1 Jn 2:29-3:6, Jn 1:29-34
Friday	1 Jn 3:7-10, Jn 1:35-42
Saturday	1 Jn 3: 11-21, Jn 1:43-51
Sunday	Is 60:1-6, Ps 72:1-13, Mt 2:1-12

## WEEKLY OFFERING

**December 23, 2018**

\$12,516.00 Tithe and Offering  
80.00 Building Fund  
1.00 We Care"



## Men, Mark Your Calendars

Transfiguration Annual Retreat for men will be held at Mater Dolorosa Retreat Center on the weekend of January 18, 19, and 20 2019. 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 on Friday. Our retreat opens at 5:45 PM with a buffet supper and closes Sunday after lunch about 12:30 PM. **A \$50.00 non-refundable deposit is required to reserve your weekend Retreat, this time is reserved for you.**

This year's Retreat theme:

***"Be Not Anxious! Living in the Peace of Christ"***

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

## Virtus Certification Training

To comply with the Archdiocese's Safeguard the Children Program, "All parish and school staff/volunteers who are alone with a child or young person or who have supervisory control over a child or young person" is required to attend a Virtus Training session. St. Augustine, 3850 Jasmine Ave, Culver City will hold a Certification training on Thursday, January 17 from 6:30-9:30PM. The session lasts 3 hours. Latecomers to the trainings will not be admitted. No one under 18 years old will be admitted Please call the 310.838.3144 reserve a place.

## CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

### NEW YEARS EVE MASS

Monday, December 31<sup>st</sup> at 8:00 AM

### NEW YEARS DAY MASS

*The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God*  
Tuesday, January 1, 2019 at 8:00 AM

## Stewardship Thought

"See what love the Father has given us,

that we should be called children of God; and so we are." (1 JOHN 3:1)  
During this season of giving, let us remember the most important gift we have received – being children of God. As God's children, it's important that we express our love for others as well. Tell your spouse, children and other family members and friends that you love them, frequently.

## ACCW

The Central District of the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women Transfiguration will host the ACCW meeting here at Transfiguration on Friday, January 18, 2019. Registration is at 9:30 AM. All Catholic Women are members. Please join us in the parish hall our speaker will be Ambassador Diane Watson. Fr. Mike McCullough, LAPD Chaplain will be our Celebrant at Mass. There is no charge. For more information please call Helen Argusta at 323.295.9024.

## Rosary Procession January 5th

You are invited to participate in the monthly Rosary Procession in Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary, on **Saturday, January 5, 2019** at 4:30 PM at Transfiguration. The Rosary is one of the most powerful prayers on earth. The 5:15 PM Mass will follow.

## Pray for our sick...

LaVerne Agnew, Cyd Michelle Anderson, Sidney Anderson, Brian Argusta, Rose Ball, Percenia Beasley, Fr. Emile Belletty, Sister Juliet Berber, Glenda Brown, Vivian Burgess, Barbara Butler, Brownie Cain, Sister Cecilia Calva, Alberto Casanova, Christopher Chestnut, Sister Ann Paul Clare, Katherine Clark, Ramona Clark, Agnes Cooper, Edward Cousin, Juanita Davis, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, Jayden Dunn, Nigel Dunn, Alton Duhon, Gwen Files, Cynthia Fortier, Teresa Franklin, Judy Felton-Gardner, Avis Gibbs, Barbara Harris, Darren Harris, Jacqueline Holman, Janie Jackson, Aaron Katz, Briana Katz, Barbara Lagarde, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Mercedes LeBlanc, Barbara Lindsey, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Vylfred Manor, Sister Marianna, Dorothy Okoye, Aliyah Patterson, Wiley R. Pugh, Vickie Race, Andrea Raggette, Doris Rogers, Dana Semien, Dudley Semien, Chris Simon, Joan Spencer, Dorothy Stanley, Annie Starks, Leila Thomas, Emma Thornton, Iris Turner, Mabel Walton, Johnnye Washington, and Alice Williams.