

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

December 31, 2017

Dear Parishioners,

The child's father and mother were amazed. (Luke 2:33)

So here we are, on the cusp of a new year. It's the perfect day to reflect on the past year's blessings and to set our hopes on those yet to come. Imagine all the families that are doing this very thing today—engaging in this “dual vision” of the past and the future.

It's not hard to imagine the Holy Family doing the same thing as well. They, too, had much to look back on and much to anticipate! Perhaps Mary recalled the angel's words about Jesus at the Annunciation, “He will be . . . called Son of the Most High” (Luke 1:32). Joseph must have remembered his dream, when the angel told him to name Mary's son Jesus, “because he will save his people from their sins” (Matthew 1:21). Remembering these dramatic interventions must have helped this couple to trust in God's faithfulness and to know that their future was safe in his hands.

Joseph and Mary weren't the only ones to engage in this dual vision. Simeon shared his vision with them as well. Holding the infant Jesus, he saw the fulfillment of all God's promises and the hope for the future salvation of Israel. No wonder they were amazed! Surely his words rang in their ears as they looked back and looked ahead.

What about you? How was God with your “holy family” this year? Maybe you can ask everyone this question at dinner tonight. Were there times of rejoicing, like a new grandchild? Were there moments of sickness or strained relationships? Try to identify how God has been with you through it all. But don't only look back—look forward too. How has the past year prepared you for the blessings to come? Maybe God is just beginning to unfold something new in your life. How can you embrace it?

This is a day to be amazed at God's blessings—and to know that even better things have yet to come!

“Thank you, Lord, for being with us this year. Help us stay close to you in the New Year as well.”

Deacon Mark Race, Administrator

ACCW

The Central District of the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women invites all women of the parish to a day of prayer and fellowship with other Catholic women of the area. The next gathering will be **Friday, January 19, 2018** at Holy Name of Jesus Parish located at 1955 West Jefferson Blvd., in L.A., in the Acacia Room next to church. The day begins at 9:30 AM with registration and includes a speaker, Mass, lunch and ends at 1:30 PM. For more information call your parish representative Helen Argusta at 323.295.9024.

Mass & Healing Service

St. Bernadette Catholic Church is hosting a Mass & Healing Service on **Friday, January 26, 2018** with Father Jim Clarke presiding. The celebration will begin with Praise and Worship at 6:30 PM and Mass at 7:00 PM. Please call 323.293.4877 for more information.

Stewardship Thought

*“...as the Lord has forgiven you,
so you must forgive.”*

Colossians 3:13

Forgiveness – one of the hardest things for people to do. It's amazing how long we can hold a grudge or be angry with someone. As we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family, take this opportunity to give the gift of forgiveness to someone - maybe someone in your family, maybe a friend, maybe a co-worker or neighbor or, maybe yourself. Pick up the phone or text someone right now.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday	2 Sm 7:1-16, Ps 89:2-29, Lk 1:26-38
Monday	Is 52:7-10, Ps 98:1-6, Jn 1:1-18
Tuesday	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59, Mt 10:17-22
Wednesday	1 Jn 1:1-4, Jn 20:1-8
Thursday	1 Jn 1:5-2:2, Mt 2:13-18
Friday	1 Jn 2:3-11, Lk 2:22-35
Saturday	1 Jn 2:12-17, Lk 2:36-40
Sunday	Sir 3:2-14, Ps 128:1-5, Lk 2:22-40

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	December 30
5:15 PM	Intention of all Parishioners
Sunday	December 31
8:00 AM	Soul of Gwen Harmon
10:00 AM	Soul of Sam Richardson
12:15 PM	Soul of Barbara Starks
Tuesday	January 4
8:00 AM	Soul of Anthony E. Middleton



WEEKLY OFFERING

December 24, 2017

\$4,815.42 Tithes and Offering
80.00 Building Fund
25.00 "We Care"

Christmas Offering December 25, 2017 was \$6,383.23.

NO COFFEE & DONUTS TODAY...

**Return Sunday, January 7, 2018
for a delicious Chicken & Waffle Breakfast
hosted by Transfiguration School.**

PRAY FOR THE SICK

LaVerne Agnew, Brian Argusta, Joyce Barnett, Rose Ball, Percenia Beasley, Veronica Bearce, Fr. Emile Belletty, Sister Juliet Berber, Glenda Brown, Andrei Briggs, Vivian Burgess, Barbara Butler, Brownie Cain, Sister Cecilia Calva, Mary Captain, Alberto Casanova, Jeannie Chapron, Katherine Clark, Sister Ann Paul Clare, Agnes Cooper, Rita Cormire, Edward Cousin, Juanita Davis, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, Jayden Dunn, Nigel Dunn, Gwen Files, Ferdinand Foye, Betty Flowers, Teresa Franklin, Judy Felton-Gardner, Mavis Gibbs, Refugio Godinez, Nancy Goosby, Barbara Harris, Jacqueline Holman, Mattie Hilburn, Janie Jackson, Aaron Jittu, Aaron Katz, Briana Katz, Barbara Lagarde, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Barbara Lindsey, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Gloria McClaurin, Vydred Manor, Sister Marianna, Sabrina Markos, Dorothy Okoye, Martina Peters, Daisy Pratt, Wiley R. Pugh, Dorothy Pulliam, Vickie Race, Andrea Raggette, Dottie Rodriguez, Doris Rogers, Dana Semien, Dudley Semien, Chris Simon, George Simon, Sr., Maurice Simon, Jeremiah Skyes, Darnell Stang, Michele Starks, Annie Starks, Leila Thomas, Stephanie Thompson, Emma Thornton, Iris Turner, Johnny Washington, Cassandra Williams, Thomas Williams, Peggy Wright and Emmerson Young.

Annual Men's Retreat

Transfiguration Annual Retreat for men will be held at Mater Dolorosa Retreat Center on the weekend of January 19, 20, and 21, 2018. 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 time is reserved for you.** This year's Retreat theme: **"Going without knowing... pitching our Tent in Faith"** For more information or to make your reservation please call Greg Warner at 323.974.7405/310.538.2214 or Maurice Simon at 323.296.1501.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Mass

You are invited to the Los Angeles Archdiocese Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Mass at Our Lady of the Angels Cathedral, on **Monday, January 15, 2018** at 2:30 PM. This Mass is hosted by the African American Community for the city of Los Angeles. The Celebrant will be Most Reverend José Gomez, Archbishop of Los Angeles. The Homilist will be Most Reverend J. Terry Steib, SVD, Retired Bishop; Diocese of Memphis, TN. The Knights of Peter Claver, Coordinating Councils & Courts, (CCC) will offer travel assistance by bus for those who may want to attend.

THE LOCATIONS FOR BUS PICK UP WILL BE AT:

St. Grigid Catholic Church at 12:30 PM

St. Eugene Catholic Church at 12:30 PM

Holy Name Catholic Church at 1:00 PM

Buses will return passengers to their parish pickup location immediately after Mass. The cost for the first 80 passengers to sign-up will be by love offering only! After 80 passengers, a donation of \$10.00 is requested. **All are welcome to ride!** Sign up will be after mass or call Sharon Agnew at 310.538.2214 or 323.974.7405 to reserve your seat.

Rosary Procession January 6th

You are invited to participate in the monthly Rosary Procession in Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary, on **Saturday, January 6, 2018** at 4:30 PM at Transfiguration. The Rosary is one of the most powerful prayers on earth. The 5:15 PM Mass will follow. On this day Confession will be at 4 PM.

Did you know?

The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children, through its initiative Kid Smartz, provides age-appropriate videos for children on how to put safety rules into action. This video series teaches children to always "check first" with a parent, guardian, or other trusted adult before going anywhere, helping anyone, accepting anything, or getting into a car. Visit <http://www.kidsmartz.org/Videos> to view the video.