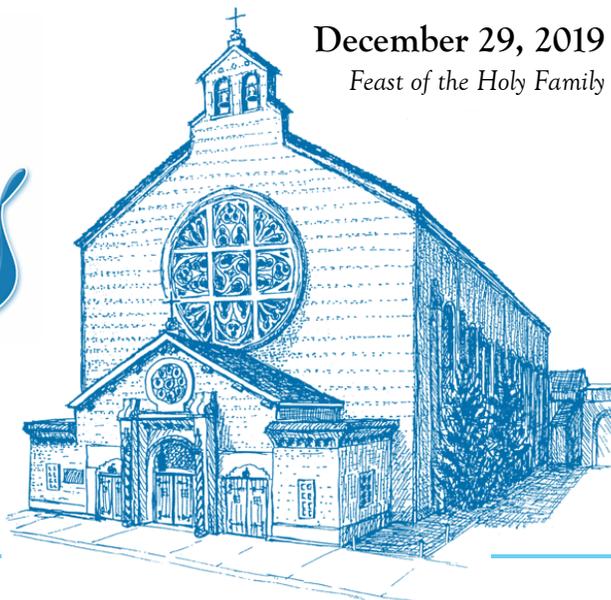


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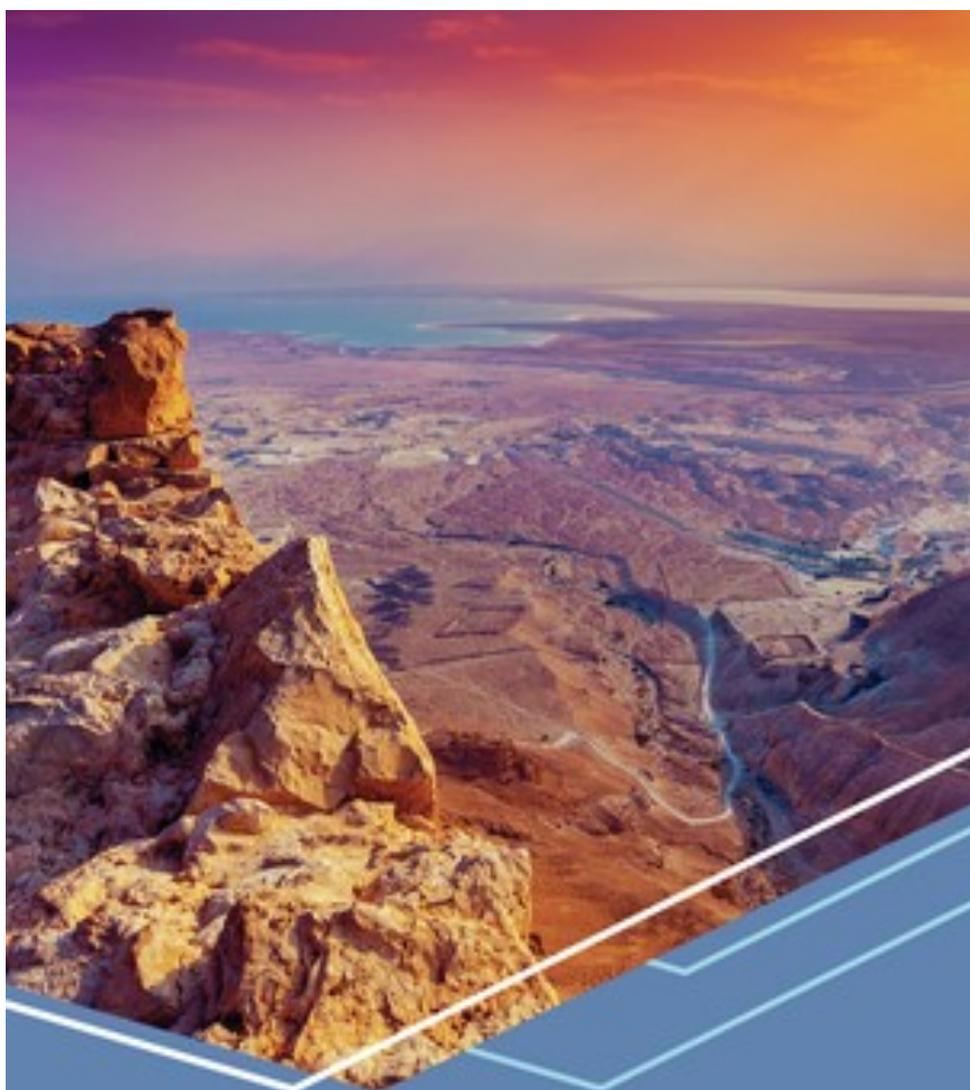
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December 29, 2019

Feast of the Holy Family



THE HOLY FAMILY

"Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead."
- Mt 2:20

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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend

Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 8:30 am & 10:30 am

Weekday

Monday-Saturday 8:00 am

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays from 3:00-3:30 pm.
An appointment can also be made
by calling one of the priests.

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The days immediately after Christmas Day are dedicated feast days to several martyrs and other saints. For example, the day after Christmas is the feast day of St. Stephen, the First Martyr. He was stoned to death in plain sight of the man who would later be known as St. Paul.

On December 27th, the Church celebrated the feast of St. John the Evangelist. One of the symbols of this gospel is the eagle because just as the eagle flies high into the sky, the gospel of John has a lofty nature to it.

Likewise, December 28th is the feast of the Holy Innocents. King insatiable thirst for power and great fear of losing that power drove him to order the despicable act of having infant and toddler boys brutally murdered.

Then, we have the date of December 29th. This year because it falls on a Sunday, the Church celebrates the feast of the Holy Family. But, December 29th is usually the feast day of St. Thomas of Canterbury—someone I remember fondly for the mere fact that immediately prior to coming to this parish I had been pastor of the parish of St. Thomas of Canterbury in the Uptown area of Chicago. St. Thomas of Canterbury, in some ways, is a neglected hero of the Catholic faith but one who remains a model of courage.

Also known as St. Thomas Becket, St. Thomas lived in 12th century England and was made Archbishop of Canterbury during the time of King Henry II. Before this appointment, Thomas and Henry had been close friends. When offered the position of archbishop of a very important diocese in England, Thomas warned the king that he might not accept all of Henry's intrusions into Church affairs.

As Thomas had predicted, conflict arose between friends when Thomas would not accept Henry's constant attempts to usurp church rights. One such interference would have taken away rights from priests that was granted to them by Church Law. St. Thomas came to refuse cooperation with actions born out of sinfulness and evil. He opposed the king's decrees that made it difficult for the Catholic Church in England to remain true to its teaching, autonomy, and practice.

After fleeing England and living exiled in France for seven years, Thomas returned to Canterbury knowing that it would mean his death. True to his conviction, St. Thomas of Canterbury continued to resist the king's involvement in Church affairs. In a fit of rage, King Henry II cried out, "Will no one rid me of this troublesome priest?" Four knights took it upon themselves to kill Thomas in his own cathedral in Canterbury.

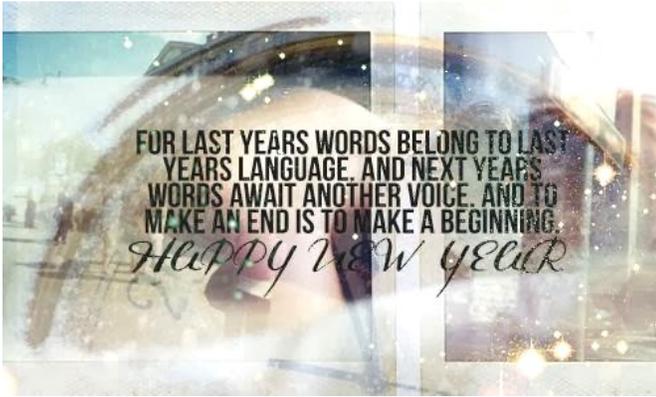
It was on December 29th, 1170 that the four knights forced their way into the cathedral at Canterbury. The monks who resided there tried to bolt the doors to keep themselves safe. But, St. Thomas ordered them to open the doors because it was not right to make that house of prayer into a fortress. The four knights attempted to force St. Thomas to recant his refusal to follow the king's orders. When the saintly bishop was adamant in his resolve, each of the four knights delivered several blows that eventually led to St. Thomas' death. The first knight scalped St. Thomas with his sword. With his brain exposed by the severe wound, the second knight struck a second blow to the saint's head. At the strike of the third knight, St. Thomas fell to his knees. There were so many strikes to the saint's head that he died from severe trauma to his brain.

It might seem odd to celebrate the feasts of martyrs and other saints immediately after the celebration of the Savior's birth. But, if we think about it, it makes perfect sense. The feast days of the martyrs and saints remind us that the birth of Jesus is not meant to be simply a "cute" celebration. Rather, the birth of Jesus calls for a response on our part. Jesus' birth reaches its full meaning and significance for us as Catholic Christians when we are able to offer our lives in witness to the Savior and to do all we can to spread the Word of God to all the four corners of the world.

Today, St. Thomas of Canterbury remains a reminder that loyalty to Christ will come at a great price. Still, our vocation, like his, is to maintain fidelity to the practice of our Christian faith. His life, like all the other saints we have celebrated since Christmas Day makes it very clear that Jesus remains the reason for the season.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR
GENEROSITY



COLLECTION REPORT

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS FOR DECEMBER 22ND, 29TH AND JANUARY 5TH WILL BE REPORTED IN THE JANUARY 12TH ISSUE OF THE CHIMES.

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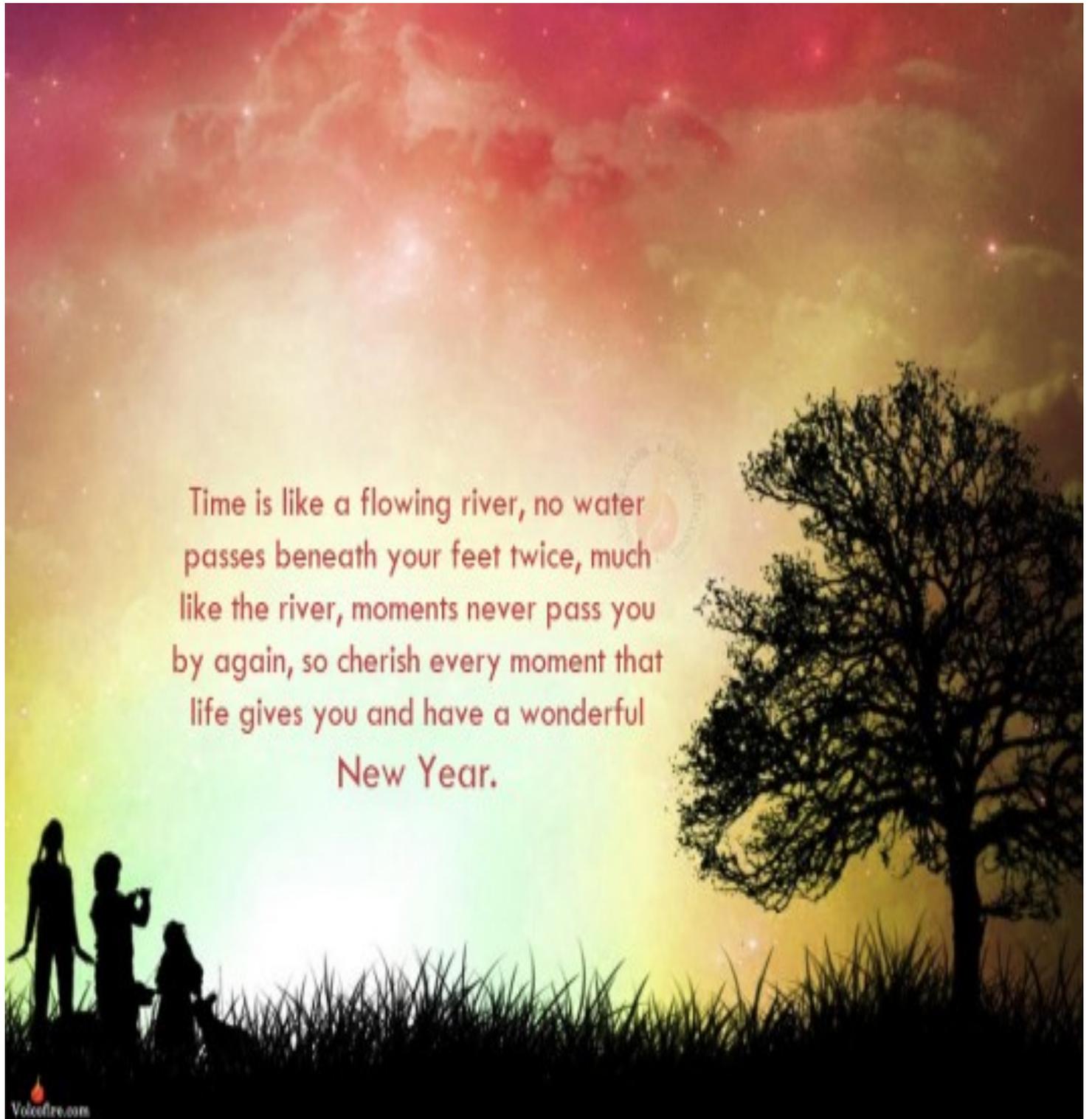
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EXERCISE CLASS meets in the Activity Center on Tuesdays & Fridays from 9:30am to 10:30am. For more information, call Bernadette Dunne, 773-764-9422

BOY SCOUT TROOP 923

Come join the fun! Boys aged 11 and up are welcome to join Troop 923. We meet every Tuesday from 7:00 to 9 pm in the Rectory Hall. Contact us by email at HaveFun@BoyScoutTroop923.org or by voicemail at 312-772-4923.



Time is like a flowing river, no water
passes beneath your feet twice, much
like the river, moments never pass you
by again, so cherish every moment that
life gives you and have a wonderful
New Year.

CYCLES OF FAITH

Feast of the Holy Family

“Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you.” 725 kilometers. That’s the distance on modern roads from Bethlehem to Cairo. Assuming one covered 40km a day on foot – ambitious for two young parents and their infant son – the journey would take well over two weeks. Of course, the Holy Family didn’t have modern roads. They would travel through wilderness, fear bandits, run low on water, and cross the vast Sinai Peninsula in a reverse of their forefathers in Exodus. Here, in struggle and sacrifice, are the beginnings of the forging of the Holy Family.

“Joseph rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed for Egypt. He stayed there until the death of Herod.” Large Jewish communities existed in most major cities of the ancient Mediterranean world, after the collapse of their kingdoms chronicled in the Old Testament, and Joseph could likely find work as a carpenter. All the same, today’s Gospel reminds us that the first formational years of Jesus as a babe-in-arms were spent in a strange land. The members of the Holy Family were foreigners, outsiders, immigrants.

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us. God took on our humanity. He is in solidarity with our own trials and difficulties. On the feast of the Holy Family, we honor the special place of the family within society. We are invited, too, to recall those families who share in the struggles of the Holy Family in a particular way. We pray for immigrants, asylum seekers, and refugees. We pray for all parents who sacrifice their own well-being and comfort so their children may have a better life.

New Years is all about getting another chance. A chance to forgive, to do better, to do more, to give more, to love more. And stop worrying about ‘what if’ and start embracing what would be.

+PARISH DEVOTIONS+

OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA
Every Wednesday at 8:30 am.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
Every Friday following 8:00 am Mass until 7:00 pm.
Please enter the middle door, school side.
(Become a regular, call
Mila Cobarrubias at 773-814-4282 or
Judith Seruelo at 773-764-0247.)
Mass at 7:00 pm on First Fridays;
Vespers and Benediction at 7:00 pm
on all other Fridays.

HEART OF THE SPIRIT PRAYER MEETING
Every Friday at 7:30 pm in Rectory Hall.

DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS
Every 1st Friday of the month
beginning with Mass at 7:00 pm.
Fellowship follows after Mass.
Contact person: Terry Luciano, 773-677-7347

FATIMA ROSARY
First Saturday of the month
immediately following 4 pm Mass.

SACRAMENTS

Marriage: Arrangements should be made at least three months in advance.

Baptisms: On the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month immediately following the 10:30 am mass. Please make arrangements at least one month in advance. Preparation class held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm in the rectory

R.C.I.A

Program/Process for adults interested in the Catholic Faith (Sept.-April). Call the Rectory for information.

NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome our new parishioners and invite them to register at the rectory.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 29 **Feast of the Holy Family**

8:30 am George Meyers
 Mary Hardy
 Eduardo Leyva
 10:30 am Rafael Zavala
 Julita Trovela
 Mrs. Amodo Nwanah
 Nwanah Family

Monday, December 30

8:00 am Deceased members of SMM

Tuesday, December 31

8:00 am Deceased members of SMM
 4:00 pm Deceased members of SMM

Wednesday, January 1, 2020 **Mary, Mother of God**

10:30 am In Thanksgiving

Thursday, January 2 **Ss. Basil the Great & Gregory**

8:00 am Deceased members of SMM

Friday, January 3 **Holy Name of Jesus**

8:00 am Deceased members of SMM

Saturday, January 4 **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**

8:00am Deceased members of SMM
 4:00 pm Ricker Family
 Ann Donohue

Sunday, January 5 **Epiphany of the Lord**

8:30 am Chris Murtaugh
 10:30 am Rafael Zavala
 Living members of Nwanah Family
 Richard Sharp
 Intentions of an SMM Donor
 Ricker Family
 In Thanksgiving: Luciano Family
 Julita Trovela

Readings for the week of December 29, 2019

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/ Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5
 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/
 Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Monday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/
 Lk 2:36-40

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/
 Jn 1:1-18

Wednesday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/
 Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/
 Jn 1:19-28

Friday: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6 [3cd]/
 Jn 1:29-34

Saturday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [3cd]/
 Jn 1:35-42

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13
 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

LITURGICAL ROLES

SMM serves, prays and celebrates.

Sacristans**Monday, December 30**

Judith Seruelo

Wednesday, January 1

A Volunteer Is Needed

Saturday, January 4

Elsie Heyler

Lectors**Saturday, December 28**

4:00 pm Arthur Blumberg & Judy Moylan

Sunday, December 29

8:30 am Janet & Tim Murtaugh

10:30 am Ryan Madayag & Leonard Kohl

Eucharistic Ministers**Saturday, December 28**

4:00 pm M. Neba, G. Lindor, D. Cole,
 M. Varallo, M. Fallon & J. Ashbach

Sunday, December 29

8:30 am B. Russell, L. Igboanugo, R. Hardy &
 P. & R. Mackin

10:30 am V. Malicay, V. Onyeaghala,
 G. Potucek, K. Conoquie,
 J. Seruelo & A. Baldonado

Lectors**Saturday, January 4**

4:00 pm Art Blumberg & Julie Ashbach

Sunday, January 5

8:30 am Reid Mackin & Richard Schaefer

10:30 am Analee De Ramos & Jan Stoner

Eucharistic Ministers**Saturday, January 4**

4:00 pm B. Alban, A. Alban, D. Cole,
 J. Ashbach, M. Fallon, M. Varallo &
 J. Moylan

Sunday, January 5

8:30 am M. Neba, L. Honda, P. & R. Mackin,
 R. Hardy, B. Russell & L. Igboanugo

10:30 am M. Grigsby, A. Baldonado,
 L. Ibekwem, T. Linwood, B. David &
 B. Bingham