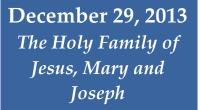
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# The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

When Herod had died, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." He rose, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. Mt 2:19-21

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### **Worship Schedule**

Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:30 p.m.

Sunday 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

**Weekday Schedule** 

Mon., Tues., Wed., and Thurs.: Mass Fri.: Communion Service First Friday of the month: Mass All at 8:30 a.m.

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Rosary Devotion
Monday through Friday: 8:00 AM

**Sacraments** 

Reconciliation - Saturday 3:30 p.m.

**Baptism** 

1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at 2:00 p.m. Required Baptismal preparation on the 2nd Tues. at 7:30 p.m. Call Deacon Tom to register.

Marriage

Please contact the Pastor 6 months in advance.

**Parish Office Hours** 

Mon.-Fri.:9:00am-4:00pm

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## Note from the Pastor



### THE (SEMI) HOLY FAMILY

Today is the feast of the Holy Family. In my 1950's children's picture book, the Holy Family were drawn with

the boy Jesus making little crosses in His father's woodshop while Mary looked on lovingly. The perfect family. The model for all families. There He was. The little blue-eyed boy with curly blonde hair whittling away at miniature instruments of death. That was the perfect picture. But we didn't buy it.

Even then, we knew it could not be so idyllic and perfect. First of all, where were His brothers and sisters? Part of being a real family is to have someone to fight with. He was an only child (my brother was an only child). And then there was St. Joseph whom we pictured answering the door and saying, "Come on in. Mary, the boy and I were just about to start saying the Rosary." (At least that is what Sister would have us believe.) No, the Holy Family was nothing like my family. My mother, however, would invoke their name from time to time as she screamed, "Gesu, Maria and Giuseppe, will you kids stop fighting, you're driving me nuts! I'm going to end up in the insane asylum." Ah, family. You gotta love it.

And I do. Ask any kid, ask any adult, and even a teenager on their better days, what's the most important thing in your life? The answer is almost always the same. My family. My nutty, screwy, wonderful, dysfunctional, happy, sad, loving (most of the time) family. There's nothing like it in the world.

I love to see the glow on the face of a young father right after the birth of his first born. I love to remind him of what his wife already intuitively and bodily knows; now, everything changes. Nothing will never, ever be the same. Now, you're family. All bets are off for you programming your life to unfold the way you want it to. Your children will make sure that doesn't happen.

And yet we keep on picturing in our mind the ideal family of Ozzie and Harriet or Father Knows Best. It is a family that does not now and has never existed. Not even the Holy Family. Especially not the Holy Family. Here we have a 15 year old girl pregnant and her fiancé is not the father. Now, you can tell stories of angels all you want, but who is going to believe it.

When the baby is born, Joseph takes him as his own and bears the gossipy shame of a cuckold man. When the boy turns 12, he takes off on His own and when His parents finally frantically find Him, His response is basically, "What's your problem?" When He begins to do His teaching, and His mother and cousins come to see Him, His response is, "Who is my mother?" That had to sting. But they are still family. And one of the remarkable things that young Jesus did on that day was to extend the meaning of family not to just blood relationships but to all who hear His word and keep it. This is the basis for the so called modern family. Family is now not just based on blood or on tribe but on love. If, as He teaches, God is love and love is His father, then those who love are family.

In 1980 I lived with one such family. Living in Hopkins Park at the time and living in community, I found myself the head of one fascinating family. When the 1980 census came to our door, we sat down at the kitchen table (all eight of us and all with different last names) to fill out the form. Who was the father? I was the father. Who was the mother? Well, we didn't have any mother but we did have four sisters: Sister Mary Cecilia – 83, Sister Mary Timothy – 79, Sisters Janet and Margaret – both in their 40's, Lewis Holm – 21, Michael Rolland – 20 and Harvey (actually Harvey was my dog but we loved him so much that he was obviously part of the family). The United States government never questioned my family.

Next October, our Holy Father, Francis is calling an extraordinary synod on the family. If last year was the year of faith maybe this year should be the year of the family. But what is the family to look like? The answer is, probably messy. Some will be blended, some will have a single parent as its head. Many will have step-brothers and sisters and step-parents. Some will have parents of the same orientation but, alas, I'm afraid very few will look like Ozzie or Harriet or even June Cleaver. They will look much more like Jesus (the illegitimate child) and Mary (the mother out of wedlock) and Joseph (who embraced them with his love). That's a family. That's the Holy Family. It is a family based on faith and love and the word of love incarnate, our Lord Jesus Christ. And that's enough to be family.

In Jesus, Our Brother,

Fr. Toney

## **Parish News**

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL UPDATE

It has been a year of great change within the Catholic Church, with our new Holy Father, Pope Francis asking all of us to evangelize - to reach out to others and seek their good. The Diocese is planning for changes and exploring ways for parishes to share resources. This does not mean we will be sharing a priest. Here at Mary Queen we are preparing for our own version of change, that of the pending retirement of our beloved pastor Father Tony Taschetta.

Mindful of all of this, the current Mary Queen of Heaven Parish Council has adopted a new theme and focus for the coming transitions. The theme is "Following the Footsteps of Francis - through the three C's: Communication, Community, Continuity".

We would like to put together a personality profile of Mary Queen of Heaven and we need your help. Here are the questions:

- Who is Mary Queen of Heaven?
- What makes us unique?
- What are our strongest personality traits?
- What are the three best words to describe Mary Queen of Heaven?
- What is important to you in a priest?

We have to remember that we at MQH are a vibrant community defined by more than our Pastor. Please take a few minutes to think and pray on these questions and send your thoughts to the PPC.

Email: ppc@maryqueen.org or snail mail to the parish office.







## Mary the Holy Mother of God

New Year's Eve, December 31 - 4:30 p.m. New Year's Day, January 1, 2013 - 9:00 a.m.





The family of Mary Queen wishes you a Happy New Year!

## **Religious Education News**

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

On behalf of everyone in the REO, you are wished a 2014 filled with much peace and joy.

There is no RE on the following Wednesdays: January 1 and 8.

Classes will resume at the normal times on Wednesday, January 15, 2014.

For more information on any of the above, please contact the REO, (630) 832-8962 or email us at mahmawoods@sbcglobal.net.

## **Parish News**

# "LIFE ETERNAL" BIBLE STUDY ANNOUNCEMENT

Beginning in January, we start the Little Rock study: "Life Eternal." This series spans from the Old Testament to the letters of Paul and the Gospels. The biblical promise of eternal life appears late in Scripture, but it blossoms into fullness with the resurrection of Christ. "Explore the growing nature of the hope of those who have called upon the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the past, and the crystallization of our hope for eternal life in the victory of Christ over death." [From the introduction in Little Rock]

The first part of the series will meet for 12 weeks, beginning the week of January 20 and concluding in April. Tuesday morning, Tuesday evening, and Wednesday evening sessions are available. We will pick up later in the year using the same books.

Sign-up is Jan. 4-5 and Jan. 11-12 in the back of the church. Book sets will be available at the sign-up table for \$15.00. If you need assistance with the fee, please speak to Father Tony or Heather Brand (630-833-6199).

### **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Due to illness and change of schedules, we are now in need of a couple of permanent people for each of the hours, 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. If you are available during either of these times and would like to "adopt" an hour you are most welcome. We do have backup people that we can call in the event you may occasionally have a conflict. Please contact Kay Diggins at (630) 530-7214, or Rose Wilkes at (630) 833-7238.

All are invited to come and spend time with Jesus any time from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 6, 2014. The day of adoration and prayer begins with Mass and closes with Benediction at 7:00 p.m. Join us any time during the day as well as for Benediction. Remember, there is perpetual adoration in the Visitation Adoration Chapel located at 799 S. York Road.

## **Preschool News**



### MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN ENRICHMENT

Registration for 2014-15 school year begins in January.

- Past and current family registration is January 1 through January 17, 2014.
- Registration for new families is January 16 through February 1, 2014.

Families will have the opportunity to talk with a teacher, a parent, and the preschool director during the Open House. They will be available to answer all questions and provide tours of the school.

### **Open House Dates**

- Thursday, January 16
   6:30 p.m. 8:30 p.m.
- Saturday, January 18
   3:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m.
- Sunday, January 26
   10:00 a.m. -10:30 a.m.
   11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

You may enter the school through the doors of the church or from the east or west doors of the school. The children are welcome.

Registration papers are available online at www.maryqueenpreschool.org. Individual tours may be scheduled in February.



## **New Year's Schedule**

٨	MINISTRY SCHEDULE					
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31	, 2013	WEDNESDAY	JANUARY '	1, 2014		

	4:30 PM	9:00 AM	
Presider	Fr. Taschetta	Fr. Taschetta	
Lector	R. Villamil	M. Reed	
Eucharistic Ministers	R. Maple (S) B. Lawlor (C) B. Eadon	M. White (S) M. McDonald (C) G. Los	
Altar Servers	D. Dunn J. Mirritti T. Prcajlo	J. Race J. Reginelli G. Vandenberg	

MINISTRY	' SCHEDULE
SATURDAY, JANUARY 4	SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2014

	4:30 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM	
Presider	Fr. Taschetta	Fr. Taschetta	Fr. Taschetta	
Lector	A. Novar D. Novar	M. Grozik	M. McCall	
Eucharistic Ministers	B. Lawlor (S) G. Los (S) B. Eadon K. Paserelli S. Pingitore M. White T. Sabel	P. Mason (S) M. Pena (C ) J. Lewand M. Pena D. Styka R. Styka	T. Gusloff (S) D. Justus (C) B. Kevil T. Kevil R. Marro M. McDonald K. Mueller	
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Collection Totals for: Sunday, December 22, 2013			
Sunday Collection \$7,629.00			
Parish Pay	\$4,913.54		
Children	\$73.92		
Collection Total	\$12,616.46		

165 parishioner envelopes were used. 147 parishioners - Parish Pay.

Thank you for your continued kindness and generosity.



Sunday, December 29, 2013

8:30 a.m. † Dr. Thomas Pozen

10:30 a.m. † Joan Jarr

Monday, December 30, 2013

8:30 a.m. † Katherine Ryan

Tuesday, December 31, 2013

New Year's Eve

4:30 p.m. † Patricia Timothy

Wednesday, January 1, 2013

New Year's Day

9:00 a.m. † Rev. Thomas O'Keefe

Thursday, January 2, 2013

8:30 a.m. † John Di Monte

Friday, January 3, 2013

8:30 a.m. † Robert Lawlor Jr.

† Albert Fuchsen

Saturday, January 4, 2013

4:30 p.m. † Ralph and Faye St. Pierre

Sunday, January 5, 2013

8:30 a.m. † Hanna Telander 10:30 a.m. † Faye Whalen

† indicates person is deceased

## Readings for the Week of December 29, 2013

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/

Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Monday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40 Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18

Wednesday: Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28
Friday: 1 Jn 2:29--3:6/Jn 1:29-34
Saturday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Jn 1:35-42

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

## **Prayer List**

Please pray for the sick of our Parish

Fr. John Barrett Susana Cortes de Caicedo Barbara J. Godawa Irene Kmieciak

Irene Kmieciak Joan Skimina Prayer A

Please call the Rectory to add a name to our Parish Prayer List.

26 3rd Sunday in 27 Ordinary Time 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM MQH Masses 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM RCIA in Rm 6, 7 & 13 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM CRHP (Men) in Conf. Rm.	19 2nd Sunday in  Ordinary Time 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM MQH Masses 8:30 AM -11:30 AM RCIA in Rm 6, 7 & 13 9:00 AM -10:30 AM Destiny in Rm 1 11:30 AM -1:00 PM Fellowship in BH 11:30 AM -3:00 PM CRHP (Men) in Conf. Rm. 2:00 PM -3:00 PM Wings in BH 6:30	12 Baptism of the Lord  Bible Study Sign Up 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM MQH Masses 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM RCIA in Rm 6, 7 & 13  11:30 AM - 1:00 PM CRHP (Men) in Conf. Rm.	5 Epiphany of the Lord  Bible Study Sign Up 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM MQH Masses 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM RCIA in Rm 6, 7 & 13 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM CRHP (Men) in Conf. Rm. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM Baptisms in C	29 Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM MQH Masses 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Children's Lirgy in Rm 2 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM CRHP (Men) in Conf. Rm.	Sun	Mary Queen of Heaven
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