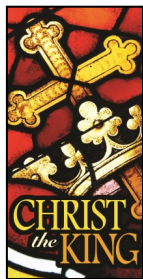


Holy Family

C H U R C H
Our Doors Are Open Wide

PRAY FOR CALIFORNIA



You're waiting for the light to change, and it refuses to cooperate. You wait for the train to finish passing, and then further down the road you wait again for the same train, as the road crosses the tracks again. (That happened to me yesterday!) You wait for the person ahead of you to have explained every item on the coffee shop menu. You wait for your paycheck. You wait for the doctor. You wait for the cat to decide whether to go out or stay in. You wait for Mass to finally end. You wait for the baby to come. You wait. And wait. And wait.

Thinking about this past week and the week ahead, I see two major events: We just finished Thanksgiving Day, and next Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent. Thanksgiving was about gratitude for what is already received, and next Sunday is waiting for what is to come. Now if you're looking for guidance and direction on how to wait, we suggest that you not look to the retail sector of our society. They are all about doing whatever it takes to have it all—Now. It seemed that even waiting for so-called "Black Friday" has been cancelled, as the sales and come-ons started before Halloween.

So what is there about waiting that might lead us to gratitude? During Advent we are waiting for all kinds of things. We are reminded that we wait for the redemption of all creation in Christ's second coming. We wait at the Jordan for the Messiah to make his appearance. We wait with Mary for the birth of her child, the Savior of the world. We wait for our celebration of the Incarnation, which no matter what we do, will not take place until December 25th. Now that's a lot of waiting. And there is one thing that all of those things have in common. Neither you nor I can make those things happen before their time. We can scream and shout (and play Christmas carols on Halloween) all we want, and we will still not be able to "do it now!" And it is precisely in that inability to make these things happen that we discover a moment of grace. We are confronted with the fact that we are not God. We come face to face with our own nature. We cannot save ourselves. We must wait upon the good pleasure of God to save us. Christ will come, the Messiah will appear, the baby will be born — and maybe the traffic light will even change, but not in my time. I simply have to wait. This basic limitation of our power then becomes an opportunity to surrender. We must open our arms, our minds and our hearts, and say, "Please God, come". "O Come O Come Emmanuel." We need you, we desire you, we are filled with longing for you. Please God, come. When our waiting awakens us to our fundamental need for God in our lives, it has fulfilled its task, making us ready to welcome a Savior. And for that, we can truly be grateful.

Next week I will be away giving a parish mission to three parishes in Lemont. One of their priests will be here celebrating 9:45 Mass with us next Sunday. At the 5:00 Mass, we will host the 60th Anniversary of the Our Lady of The Angels fire. Join us as we remember and pray.

Please make sure that all Giving Tree Gifts are in by December 9th.

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Masses

Sunday.....9:45 am & 5:00 pm

Confessions

Sunday mornings from 8:45 - 9:15

Weddings

Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance.



MINISTRY SCHEDULE:

Nov. 25 at 9:45 am

Presider....Rev. Michael Gabriel
Candle Bearers....Jerrilyn Young,
Cynthia Holden, Maria Vega
Lector.....Odell Gordon
Eucharistic Ministers.....John
King, Jacque Hale, Sr. Emelyn
Malecki, Joyce Addo, Josephine
Aguilar, Vernon Lam
Greeter.....Christine Pugh

Nov. 25 at 5 pm

Presider.....Rev. Michael Gabriel
Eucharistic Minister.....
Lector.....Anne and Steve
Hasselbeck

Dec. 2 at 9:45 am

Presider....Visiting Priest
Candle Bearers.....Jerrilyn
Young, Maria Vega
Lector.....Erin Shields
Communion Ministers...Vernon
Lam, Debbie Gauselin, Dawn
O'Holleran, Bob Johnson, Sr. Pat
Cummings, Joyce Addo
Greeter.....Christine Pugh

Dec. 2 at 5 pm

Presider.....Rev. Michael Gabriel
Lector.....

December Ushers:

West Side.....Leslie Archer
Center West...
Center East....Maria Vega
East Side.....Bill O'Brian

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH WEBSITE

www.holyfamilychicago.org

Registration forms for new
parishioners, weddings,
and baptisms.

News and information about
Holy Family Parish

Check it out!

Please send all **bulletin
announcements**, including
names of people for the prayer
list, to

marina@holyfamilychicago.org

Announcements are due by
Monday at noon.



Please Remember in your
Prayers:

Sr. Mary Angela Buser, BVM,
The Gibson Family, Spencer
Hooper, Madelynn Jacobs,
Letece Lee, Sr. Mary Therese
Simon BVM, Denise Summers,
Sam Tripp

Rest In Peace:
Michael Rosario Costa



Michael Crosse
Joseph Reidy
Jane Reidy
Dennis Reidy

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE:

The Christmas season in upon
us, so does our Holy Family
Tradition of reaching out to
those in need to help them have
a happy and joyful Christmas.
Each ornament on the Giving
Tree holds the name of a
teenager wishing mostly for a
gift card to Target or Walmart. If
you would like to participate in
this, select an ornament, and re-
turn the card with the ornament
or the name of the teenager .
They need to be returned no
later than Dec 9th .

**OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS
REMEMBRANCE MASS:**

December marks the 60th anni-
versary of the Our Lady of the
Angels School Fire, in which 92
children and three BVM nuns
perished. We will be hosting a
Mass of Remembrance on
Sunday, Dec. 2, at the 5:00 Mass.



Thank you to Sharon Carroll and
the Year 2 Confirmation class for
hosting the November
Hospitality gathering after last
Sunday's 9:45 Mass. Our next
monthly hospitality gathering will
be on Sunday, December 16th.

Sunday Collection

Goal: \$3,200.00

Nov. 11 9:45.....\$1472.47
5:00.....\$ 455.00
Give Central.....\$1185
(Difference - \$ 87.53)

(Due to an early bulletin
deadline, collection totals for
Nov. 18 were not available at
time of printing.)

FISCAL YEAR TO DATE

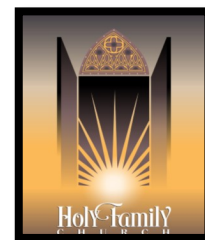
Offerings.....\$59,470.00
Budget..... \$64,000.00
Surplus/(Deficit)(-\$4530.00)

*((\$3,200 a week for 20 weeks)

If you use an envelope that is
not pre printed with your name
or #, please be sure to write the
information on it so you can
receive proper credit.

Contributions can also be
made at givecentral.org Call the
parish office with any questions
or for help with online
donations.

You can also click on the
'Donate' link on our web page.
www.holyfamilychicago.org
Thank you for your support.



[Calendar](#)

Sunday, Dec. 2 5:00

Mass of Remembrance
Our Lady of the Angels Fire
60th Anniversary

Woman of Faithfulness



**Sister Marion Murphy, BVM
(John Patrice - 3828)**

We Remember

We Give Thanks

We Celebrate



**The Sisters of Charity, BVM, commend her to your prayers.
Sister Marion died at 3:35 AM on Thursday, November 15, 2018,**

Sister Marion was an elementary principal in Chicago and Mundelein, IL and an elementary teacher in Portland, OR, Berwyn, IL, and Chicago. She also served as pastoral coordinator, administrative assistant, parish minister and volunteer in Chicago.

She was born in Chicago on March 14, 1936, to John Joseph and Edna Conway Murphy. She entered the BVM congregation Sept. 8, 1953, from Our Lady of Angels Parish, Chicago, IL. She professed first vows on March 19, 1956, and final vows on July 16, 1961.

She is survived by a sister-in-law June Wetton, Schaumburg, Ill.; nieces, nephews; and the Sisters of Charity, BVM, with whom she shared life for 65 years.

Memorials may be given to Sisters of Charity, BVM Support Fund, 1100 Carmel Drive, Dubuque, IA 52003 or online at https://www.bvmcong.org/support_donate.cfm.

Sr. Marion's leadership, service, and love for the Holy Family community will never be forgotten, and our prayers are with her family and the BVM community to whose mission and values she dedicated her life.