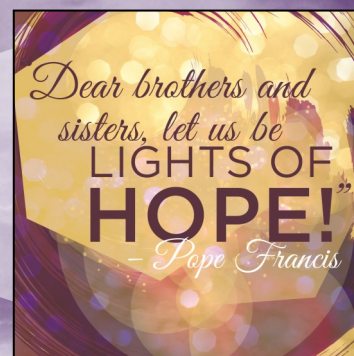


# Holy Family

C H U R C H  
*Our Doors Are Open Wide*



Today is the First Sunday of Advent: Jesus is Coming Again!

Christmas is coming soon. It is easy to tell. We see signs all around us. Christmas decorations in stores, houses along the streets, we see ads on tv and newspapers. What if we didn't have all these things to remind us that Christmas is coming? How would we know?

Two thousand years ago, there was no tv, internet or radio. There was no way to announce that a child would be born and that he would be the savior of the world. When Jesus was born, very few knew about it, but it was an event which had been foretold by prophets many years before. Many looked forward to the coming, they just didn't know when.

This Sunday marks the beginning of Advent - the announcing that Jesus will come again. You won't hear much about it on the internet or tv or in the papers but believe it. Look forward to it just as the people two thousand years ago did. We don't know when, but just be prepared for the day that he will come again.

### Remember and Never Forget.

December 1 marked the 60th anniversary of the Our Lady of Angel School Fire. By remembering, it enables us to reflect on the fragility of human life and to honor deaths of the 95 children and 3 sisters, and the scores of others who were injured and survived the fire and the many family and friends who have been affected by the fire forever. Join us in prayer as we remember, as we recall and never forget.

### Thank You

A very special thank you to all who helped by providing Thanksgiving for those in need. We are grateful also to the Parish of Faith Hope and Charity and the HFS for their most generous donations.

Next Saturday, December 8th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. We will have a mass at 9:45 a.m.

Giving Tree: Please bring back no later than next Sunday.

*In Mike*

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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:**

**Dec. 2 at 9:45 am**

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

**Dec. 2 at 5 pm**

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

**Dec. 9 at 9:45 am**

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

**Dec. 9 at 5 pm**

Presider.....Rev. Michael Gabriel  
Eucharistic Minister.....  
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](http://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](mailto:marina@holyfamilychicago.org)

Announcements are due by Monday at noon.

Please Remember in your Prayers:  
Sr. Mary Angela Buser, BVM,  
Sr. Mary Therese Freyman, BVM  
The Gibson Family, Spencer Hooper, Madelynn Jacobs, Leteece Lee, Sr. Mary Therese Simon BVM, Denise Summers, Sam Tripp



Joseph, Jane, and Dennis Reidy



**CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE:**

The Christmas season is 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 return 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 anniversary 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.

**Sunday Collection**

Goal: \$3,200.00

Nov. 18 9:45.....\$1307.27  
5:00.....\$ 421.70  
Give Central.....\$ 905.00  
(Difference - \$566.03)

Nov. 25 9:45.....\$942.25  
5:00.....\$310.00  
Give Central.....\$980.00  
(Difference - \$967.75)

**FISCAL YEAR TO DATE**

Offerings.....\$64336.22  
Budget..... \$70,400.00  
Surplus/(Deficit) .....(-\$6063.78)

\*( \$3,200 a week for 22 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](http://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](http://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

**Saturday, Dec. 8 9:45 a.m. Mass**  
Immaculate Conception

**Saturday, Dec. 15—10:00**  
Children's Christmas Party

**Sunday, Dec. 9 - 2:00 p.m.**  
Cardinal's Christmas Concert



## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Breakfast with Santa

Saturday Dec. 15

10:00 a.m.— 12 p.m.

## RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS Second Collection— Sunday, Dec. 9

Perhaps a special woman or man religious shared with you love, faith, and a belief in all that you could become. Maybe you knew more than one. Today these sisters, brothers, and religious order priests may be elderly, and their religious communities may struggle to meet retirement needs. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious is very much appreciated.



Meet them at  
[retiredreligious.org/2018photos](http://retiredreligious.org/2018photos).

## BELLARMINE RETREAT HOUSE

Men's and Women's  
Advent Retreat  
"Praying Advent with St. Ignatius"  
Dec. 14 and 15  
[www.jesuitretreat.org](http://www.jesuitretreat.org)

## Statement of Cardinal Cupich regarding the Mercy Hospital Shooting

Once again violence has struck our country. This time close to home at a place founded in 1852 to provide care for Chicago's sick and dying.

In Chicago, more than 2,600 people have been victims of gun violence this year alone. We need to take a hard look at what is happening in our homes and in our communities. Fear and violence are an unending cycle that must be broken. It is well past time. We must act. Please join me in prayer for Officer Jimenez, Dr. O'Neal, Dayna Less, all senselessly killed as they went about their day. Pray for their families and friends, as well as all for those who work to maintain the peace and heal the sick here and around the world. Let us pray for healing in our city and turn our sorrow and sympathy to action.



## CARDINAL'S CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Will be hosted by Holy Family  
Parish  
on Sunday, Dec. 10 at 2:00

All are invited and encouraged to attend. Come and enjoy the music of Christmas.

## DECEMBER 8

### FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Proclaimed as dogma in 1854, this Feast honors Mary in that—from the first moment of her conception, by the grace of God—she was preserved immune from original sin.

Mass will be celebrated at Holy Family at **9:45 on Saturday, Dec. 8**

## Holy Family Church CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

*Sunday, December 9th  
2:00 p.m.*

*The Cardinal's Christmas Concert*

*Monday, December 24th  
Christmas Eve*

*5:00 p.m.*

*Vigil Mass of the  
Nativity of the Lord  
Featuring the Historic  
Rice-Frobenius Organ and Brass,  
played by  
Dr. Walter Whitehouse*

*9:30 p.m. Christmas Carols  
10:00 p.m. Mass of the Nativity  
of the Lord*

*Tuesday, December 25th  
Christmas Day*

*9:45 a.m. Christmas Mass*

*Sunday, December 30th  
Veneration of the Relics  
of the Holy Family  
The Church will be open all day*

*9:45 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.  
Mass of the Feast of the Holy  
Family*

*Tuesday, January 1st, 2018 New  
Year's Day -*

*Feast of Mary, Mother of God  
9:45 a.m. Mass for the New Year*

*Sunday, January 6th -  
The Feast of the Epiphany  
9:45 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Mass*

