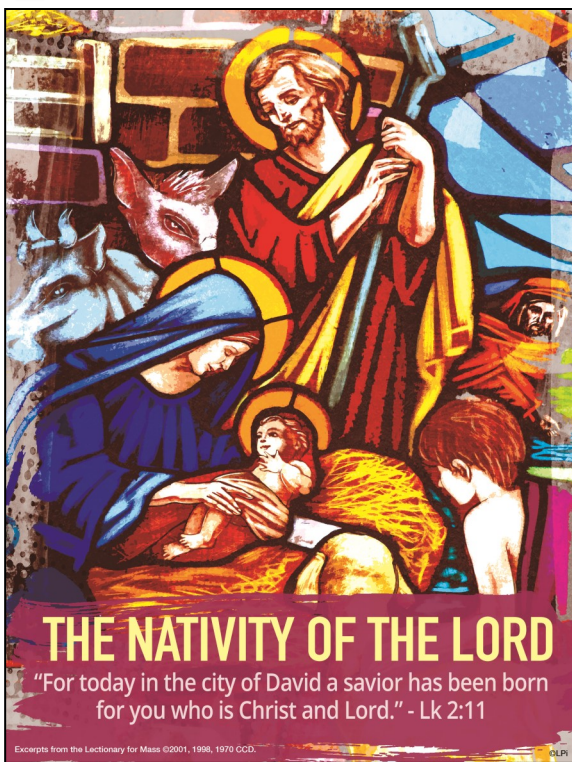


Holy Family

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Our Doors Are Open Wide



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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.

Merry Christmas!!

Merry Christmas to everyone, and I mean everyone, to believers and non-believers, to the loving and to those indifferent or hostile. In our lighted homes, our warm clothes, our great meals and gatherings of family and friends, we often risk forgetting how dark and cold Christmas can be for some. The first Christmas was not all calm, and not so bright. From Jesus birth and forward he knew how dark the world could be. To be poor, homeless, away from home. When was the last time you stopped and talked to a homeless person who holding out a coffee cup, or spent time with a widow, or visited or called a person who is sick? Christmas is for everyone. Jesus's birth brought everyone to the center, his love. As we celebrate Christmas let us bring our gifts of love, care and kindness to the center of everyone's heart. Christmas truly is the celebration of Hope and Joy.

On behalf of the pastoral staff here at Holy Family, to all of you here celebrating Christmas here and to all of you who will be traveling to celebrate Christmas elsewhere. We wish you all the Joy and Peace and Light of His Love.

Fr Mike



MINISTRY SCHEDULE:

Dec. 23 at 9:45 am

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

Dec. 23 at 5 pm

Presider.....Rev. Michael Gabriel
Eucharistic Minister.....
Lector.....Amanda Seddon

Dec. 30 at 9:45 am

Presider....Rev. Michael Gabriel
Candle Bearers.....Jerrilyn
Young, Maria Vega
Lector.....Sabrina Cajandig
Communion Ministers...Vernon
Lam, Debbie Gaussein, Dawn
O'Holleran, Bob Johnson, Sr. Pat
Cummings, Joyce Addo
Greeter.....Christine Pugh

Dec. 30 at 5 pm

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

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



Michael Crosse

Joseph, Jane, and Dennis Reidy

RENEW MY CHURCH UPDATES

On December 10, the priests
and writing team members
from the Little Italy Grouping
presented the Feedback
Summary document to the
Executive Committee of the
Renew My Church Commission.
The Feedback Summary reflects
feedback received from our
parish meetings, as well our
groupings conversations, on
the scenarios that were
presented outlining various
structural changes for the
grouping. The Executive
Committee will now discuss our
feedback and prepare a
recommendation for the
Renew My Church Commission.
The Commission will then meet
with the Cardinal to review the
recommendation, after which a
final decision will be made by
the Cardinal. A meeting will be
held in one of the parishes to
update parishioners on the
status of the Cardinal's
decision. This meeting is
tentatively scheduled for
January 23, 2019.
Please continue to pray for our
grouping and for the Cardinal
and his staff as they review and
discern the feedback that has
been presented. If you have
any questions, please feel free
to talk to any of our team
members.

Sunday Collection

Goal: \$3,200.00

Dec. 2	9:45.....\$1177.97
	5:00.....\$ 3919.00
	Give Central....\$465.00
	(Difference + \$2361.97)
Dec. 9	9:45.....\$2835.09
	5:00.....\$688.90
	Give Central....\$1190.00
	(Difference + \$1513.99)

Due to an early bulletin dead-
line, collection totals for Dec. 16
were not available.

FISCAL YEAR TO DATE

Offerings.....	\$74,612.18
Budget.....	\$76,800.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(-\$2187.82)

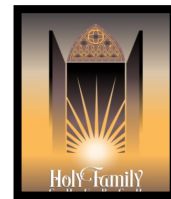
*(\$3,200 a week for 24 weeks)

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



Christmas Eve Masses
5:00 pm and 10:00 pm

Christmas Day Mass
9:45 am

New Years Day
9:45 am



<http://creationsbydawn.net/poinsettias/poinsettia.html>

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

In Memory/In Honor of:

Mr. Baker
 The Byas Family
 Martha Cabello
 Keith Carroll
 Mary Curran
 Walter Czernik
 Wayne and D. Daub
 Thomas Delgado
 Antonio Jesse Fabian Jr.
 Sandra Hawk
 The Hernandez Family
 The Hills Family
 Cleveland Holden
 Barney Holden
 Aaron Holden
 Dorothy Holden

Elizabeth Holden
 The Laday Family
 Kathleen Lawlor
 Josa Luviano
 Rebecca Medrano
 Mercedes R. Muro
 Sr. Marion Murphy
 Mrs. Patton
 Charlotte Rollins
 Edward R. Sanchez
 Samuel A. Tripp
 The Watkins Family
 Doris Whit
 The Williams Family
 Jake Wilson
 Thelma Wilson
 Jerald Wilson
 Josephine Wilson
 Jay Wilson

The Nativity of the Lord

Our hearts are aglow with the joy of Christmas! Our senses are alive with the season, from the rich smells of evergreen and gingerbread to the feel of crisp air on our skin and the warmth of a loved one's embrace. At some point in the holiday hustle and bustle, take a few moments of quiet. In the silence, reflect on the other senses of the season. Imagine the cool damp of an animal stable, the earthy smell of hay and feed, and the crisp night air blowing in softly. Imagine kneeling beside an exhausted, joyful mother and a relieved, protective father. Imagine an infant wrapped in cloth scraps held out to your open arms. Imagine holding the infant Jesus. As his eyes meet yours, welcome into your heart the greatest gift of Christmas.

Holy Family Church CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

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

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The birth of Jesus is framed by two important journeys.

Joseph went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem...with Mary... (Luke 2:4-5)

Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt... (Matthew 2:14)

There is the journey to Bethlehem and the birth of Jesus and the journey of the Holy Family to Egypt as refugees from the violence of King Herod.

These journeys mirror our world and our own lives. Especially in this season, we journey to contemplate the Word made flesh, Emmanuel, God with us at his birth. We are also aware of the perilous journeys of so many who flee violence or who must live surrounded by it. May this season of renewal help us to set our sights on the Lord's promise to bring us safely home as we make our way to him. May that promise renew our joy and our hope.

God bless you and all your loved ones in this holy season.

Card. Donald E. Wuerl