

December 30, 2018

The Sunday Within The Octave Of The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

The Holy Family of Jesus

Mary and Joseph

Feast



Blessed Bonds of Love and Care

The Church has already celebrated the Holy Family in the Nativity itself. Mary's Yes! Joseph's obedience to God in a dream! The infant's humility! Today's feast seeks to bring the reality of Christ's birth and its implications into our hearts even deeper. As we desire to constantly imitate the Holy Family, the questions to be answered are: How is Christ visible in your family? Do you afford as much respect to the members of the human family as you do to your own family members or is it more the case of blood is thicker than water?

MASS INTENTIONS



Monday, December 31

4:30 p.m. The Benefactors of the Parish

Moulton: Tuesday, January 1

10:00 a.m. The Benefactors of the Parish

Saturday, January 5

4:30 p.m. Mark Anderle

Sunday, January 6

8:00 a.m. The Deceased of the Ludmila & Anton Migl Family

Full, Conscious and Active Participation in the Liturgy



Next weekend is *The Epiphany of the Lord*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 72

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

The Sanctuary Light will be lit this week for a Special Intention.



2018 DIOCESAN SERVICES APPEAL

2018 Assessment	\$7,761.00
Contributions So Far	\$ 6,445.00
Amount Yet to be Contributed	\$ 1,316.00

We thank the following for their recent contributions:

Pat Masek

Anonymous Donor

Virginia & Dennis Olsovsky

We thank all those who have contributed towards our D.S.A. assessment so far. We are counting on all so we can pay off our debt by year's end. Almost there. **HELP!**

St. Mary's Restoration Endowment Fund Maintaining & Preserving Maticka Praha

We thank the following for their recent contributions:

Rita Janak, Shiner, TX - \$5,000

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PRAHA PANCAKE SUNDAY – NEXT SUNDAY JANUARY 6

Pancake Breakfast



ALWAYS THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

The Altar Society is hosting *Praha Pancake Sunday* on *January 6th* starting at 9 a.m. Join us in the *Praha Hall* for pancakes, scrambled eggs, breakfast meats, cereal, juice, coffee & milk. All are welcome. A free will donation will be appreciated.

REFLECTION

“I Must Be In My Father’s House”

The account of Jesus in the temple mirrors his relationship with his parents. His human formation came from them. To discover his identity, the young adult, Jesus went beyond his human origins. Jesus expressed that in his first recorded words as he asked his parents: “Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?” Being in his Father’s house, being about the Father’s work was the one imperative, the divine *must*, that would frame his entire life. He experienced human limitations in order to lead humanity to its divine destiny of sharing God’s own life.

Joseph and Mary understood this no better than did Jesus’ disciples years later. Jesus will again go to Jerusalem at the time of the Passover and again will be *lost* for three days. Jesus’ parents seemed to have lost him in Jerusalem; his disciples thought that they had lost him on the cross just outside Jerusalem. Jesus asked his parents, “Why were you looking for me?” After the resurrection, the angel asked the disciples, “Why are you looking for the living among the dead?”

One of the key lessons of this feast may be that understanding Jesus for who he is will always be a process of seeking and finding as we make a pilgrim journey.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



January 3 – Denise Greive

VOTIVE CANDLE INTENTIONS

The Catholic custom of lighting candles is rooted in Church teaching that Christ is the Light of the World. Candles serve as an outward sign of the light of faith burning in our hearts. They are our silent sentinels lifting up our prayer intentions to the Lord.



Remember to pray for the following intentions:

For My Family
For Gudrun N.
For Political Peace
For Justine & Ruben Velasquez
Pray For My Family & Friends
For Kenneth & Carly To Get Well
For Maggie Najvar & Thimthy Najvar
For My Husband Ronnie & My Health
For All Those Affected By Hurricane Michael
For Good Health & God’s Blessings For Our Family
For Bill, Charlie, Kathy & Pam-All Who Died This Year
For The Spirit of John Novak, John Baine, Curtis Armstrong
For My Grandpa, That He Has Peace With My Grandma’s Passing

➔➔➔ More Votive Candle Intentions ➔➔➔

Happy New Year!

The first of January has many observances: We mark the conclusion to the octave of Christmas; it is New Year’s Day; we celebrate the Day of Prayer for World Peace; and we observe the solemnity of Mary, Mother of God.



Mary the God-bearer: The Church today celebrates Mary as the Mother of God. She is called *Theotokos* (God-bearer), for “God sent his Son born of a woman.” Because Mary found favor with God, his Son took the flesh of Mary – it is thanks to her that Jesus is *fully* human with flesh like ours, except for sin, and also fully divine. Mary is the ultimate symbol of the Christian, for what is a Christian if not one who bears

Christ within our world and brings him to people?

New Year’s Day: On New Year’s Day we gather together and realize that our lives are made of days and nights, of seasons and years. We mark ends and we make beginnings and, in all, we praise God for the grace and mercy that fill our days.

Blessing For The Family: *We bless your name, O Lord, for sending your own incarnate Son to become part of a family, so that, as he lived his life, he would experience its worries and its joys. We ask you, Lord to protect and watch over our family, so that in the strength of your grace we may enjoy prosperity, possess the priceless gift of your peace, and, as the Church alive in the home, bear witness in this world to your glory. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Additional Christmas Flower Donations

Staci & Scott MacDonald
Elaine & Johnnie Hoffman
In memory of Julius L. Pospisil, Jr.
In memory of Mark Anderle, Frances & Alois Anderle,
Frances & Joe Svatek, Adolph Anderle

Pray for the repose of the souls of

Esther Lee Riha
Mariella Herzik Lemon

and for the comfort of their loved ones.

May they rest in peace.



For Jack & Martha Perkins
Thanksgiving For God’s Blessings
Health & Serenity For Our Family
For My Beautiful Daughter To Stay Well
Happiness & Health For Daughter & Son-in-law
For Peaceful & Holy Death – Judy, Jane & Michael
For Dad’s Vision, Mom’s Health, Sister’s Happiness & Granddaughter

– Votive Candle Intentions to be continued