

December 30th, 2007
Feast Of The Holy Family
(A-2)



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK:

Dear Parishioners:

Mt 2,13-15, 19-23 ".Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt."

We are living in a radically changing world. We are forced to adjust to a new life style. Is there now a breakdown of our traditional family and our values? Let us find out the answer. If there is a breakdown, let us try today to discover while celebrating and reflecting on the feast of the Holy Family.

The Holy Family is holy because it lived a sheltered and trouble-free life? The answer is NO. The Holy Family also had sorrow, misunderstandings and problems of every day living. Joseph and Mary were homeless people and had to accommodate themselves in a poor stable, for Jesus to be born. And after their very short-lived joy of the birth of Jesus at Bethlehem their family had to flee from the murderers of Herod to a foreign country and was treated as aliens.

In Nazareth for thirty years Joseph and Mary and Jesus had to eke out their daily living in a carpenter shop. When Jesus was twelve, he got lost in the temple of Jerusalem, His parents then was showing fear and sorrow of parental caring in searching for their lost beloved child. Then many years later, Jesus carried the Cross, suffered his crucifixion just to mention a few things!

So if the Holy Family serves as model for us it is because it is more than just like ours - it also knew sorrow, trouble and pain. So if we look up to the Holy Family as an excellent model for ours, it is precisely that the Holy Family had willingly to struggle and to make sacrifices to show their understanding and their love for each other in fulfilling THEIR MISSION. Those things bonded them together.

So our contemporary life style should recognize those needed elements: struggles, responsibilities and sacrifices of all sorts, and do our best to fulfill our Missions. That is what that can make a strong bond between spouses, children and people. The human family will gain that sort of holiness coming from building together a common mission with the best of every member.

Our families must be encouraged to find holiness in our own circumstances. The Church's objective is to announce to all people that the old values are still praiseworthy and should be pursued to the best of our abilities.

MASS OF THE WEEK
Dec 29, 2007 - Jan 4, 2008

Saturday 5:30pm
Sunday 9:00am
11:00am
4:30pm

Monday
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday
Friday



PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Please pray for our parishioners who are sick

Andrew&Cecilia Schneider, Jacinta Dato, Sandra Slaney, Concepcion Boquiran, Paula Borromero, Irma Ponce, Douglas Keller, Milagros Velasco, Joseph Cortez, Marlisa Wolfe, John&Rose Lafferty, Stephen Hungerford, Nora Li, Mark Cavelo, Katherine Haynes, Oli Figel, Micheal Schneider, Julialita Hermano, Don Skilling, Vic Spiegelman, Leslie Tibor, Lali Anika, Serena D.Blances, David, Dona, Richard, Julia Almeida, Maria Pachecos, Laurence Smolinski, Debbie Nizrik, Debbie Galligler, Cirilo Salvador, Giralaine Whale, Mrs Pe Benito, Lea Comeau, William Rudd, John Puchniak, Barry Hamle Louis Roy, Mrs C.Blue, Aurea Eusebio, Karol Kramer, Jean Kramer, Johanna Brianti and James, Linda, Anthony & Mireya & the Kelly Family, Irene Arthurs, Bruce Mitchell, John McCarthy, Margie Lowe, Debbie Mclachlin and Family, Consuelo Rendon and Family, Jacqueline Restepo, Carlos Rendon and Ms. Andrea, Cathy + Dennis & Family, Don McDonell

Anyone requesting for prayers, please call Tel 266-2512

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PARISH NEWS & ACTIVITIES

WE welcome Father Mynes Gaffney to celebrate Holy Mass this week with us. We thank him very much for being here in our humble and small St Francis Church.

CONFIRMATION AND RCIA

Classes for RCIA are held every Saturday from 7:00 pm. Confirmation classes are held every Saturday at 8:00 pm. Both Classes will be at the Parish Office, located at 64 - 1st Street S.E. For more information, please call Rico at 263-0491 or 693-6125.

OFFERING ENVELOPE 2008 are ready in the sanctuary for you to pick-up . Just look for the box of envelope with your written name and number. Parishioners who wish to have an offering envelope may take numbered boxes with no names. Please remember to use the new envelopes beginning on New Year Day, 1 Jan 2008.

BISHOP CARROL HIGH SCHOOL

INFORMATION NIGHTS - A presentation of the school and its programs will be held on Wed, Jan 9 and Tues, Jan 15 from 7-8pm. There will also be an Open House on Tue, Feb 12 from 6:30-8:30pm to tour the school, and meet both the faculty and students.

ST AUGUSTINE FINE ARTS SCHOOL 50TH

ANNIVERSARY - The school is looking for past graduates of St Augustine. If you are an alumni or know of one, please contact Nicole Feigs at 863-5142. Also please let Nicole know if you are willing to help out with the planning of the celebration.

OUR RECENT WELCOME TO SANTA ON DEC 22.

Everyone was full of joy and received lots of Christmas presents



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Important Dates To Remember

New Year Eve

There will be no Mass on New Year Eve, Monday Dec 31, 2007.

New Year Day - Feast of Mary, the Mother of God

Tuesday Jan 1, 2008 New Year Day Solemn Mass :
1. at 12 Noon
2. at 4.30pm

Jan 6 - Feast of Epiphany of the Lord

Mass will be held at the regular times this Sunday.

Jan 13 - Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Mass will be held at the regular times this Sunday. This day is also dedicated as the World Day of Migrants and Refugees. *A World Day of Migrants and Refugees has been promoted by many Episcopal Conferences in the world in communion with the one promoted by the UNO on Jun 20. "If the dream of a peaceful world is shared by all, if the refugees' and migrants' contribution is properly evaluated, then humanity can become more and more of an universal family and our earth a true common home" - Pope John Paul II, 2004 message*

HOLY COMMUNION 2008 - The following children has begun classes in preparation for their First Holy Communion sometime in 2008. They are:



John Michael Alias, Joseph Angelo Alias, Carla Bianca Calabia Bren Carlos Calabia, Vina Mareb Galang, Zhanika Jane Gimeno Zharina Gimeno, Stephanie Claire Vibar, Sabella Chalice Vibar Arvin Grendel Perez, Jea Maritzel Ricafort, Joanna Patricia Rarog Joseph Albert Rarog, Angelita Stevenson