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Office Hours: Mon-Fri: 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

Weekend Masses:

4:15 p.m. Reconciliation - Saturday

5:00 p.m. Mass - Saturday

9:00 a.m. Mass - Sunday

11:00 a.m. Mass - Sunday

Weekday Masses:

6:00 p.m. Adoration - Tuesday

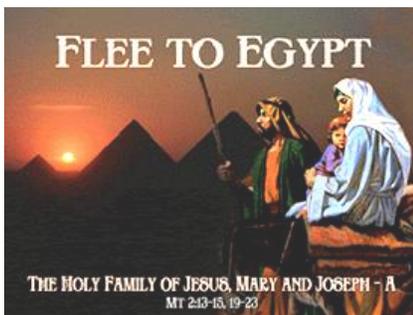
7:00 p.m. Mass - Tuesday

9:00 a.m. Mass - Wednesday to Friday

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

In an age when family disintegration is the cause of so many problems, today's liturgy invites us to reflect realistically upon the challenges every family faces, and to recognize that the most precious things of life have their origins in family relationships. What family is there that has not had serious problems to face, and tragedies to contend with? Growing up among us as a member of a human family, our Saviour shared in these things.

The gospels give us two accounts of the early life of Jesus. Luke's account, centred on Mary, though filled with joy, has overtones of the tragedy as well: 'And a sword will pierce your own soul too'. Today's reading comes from Matthew's account; it is told from Joseph's point of view – the breadwinner of a migrant family, twice on the move to escape a serious threat to their lives. These two 'infancy narratives' are written in a style very different from the rest of these gospels. Modern scholarship helps us to understand better the spirit in which they were composed. Mark's gospel, the first to be written, tells us nothing of the early years of Jesus' life – clearly little information was available to the first generation of Christians. But as Christian communities grounded their faith in the Saviour who came to share all things with us, it was natural that they would reflect upon the early life of Jesus. They did this by taking the details available to them – his being born in Bethlehem, the town of David; Mary's virgin birth; her marriage to Joseph; growing up in Nazareth – and seeking a deeper understanding by meditating on Old Testament themes and comparisons. This approach – called midrash - was much used by rabbinical interpreters of the



Scriptures. When we compare the independent accounts of Matthew and Luke, it is remarkable how close they are in their essentials; and when we compare them with the more extravagant accounts proposed in other 'gospels' that never came to be accepted as part of the Church's Scriptures, we are struck by their reserve and seriousness. Later in his gospel - as he makes use of material that comes from the life of Jesus remembered by his first

followers – Matthew, in a similar spirit, often returns to the refrain, 'Now all this was to fulfil the Scriptures'.

Telling the story from Joseph's point of view, Matthew makes it an anticipation, in miniature, of the life that is to come. The Saviour is rejected and persecuted, but God's designs move forward – quoting the prophet's words about Israel's deliverance from bondage, 'I called my Son out of Egypt', Matthew tells the story as a new

Exodus. The great highpoint of Matthew's gospel, the Sermon on the Mount, will return to this theme - portraying Jesus as the New Moses, going up the mountain to give God's people the New Law.

The first two readings deserve prayerful meditation. They remind us that, as we face the ups and downs that are part of every life, it is in generous family relationships that we shall find the life and strength we need.

John Thornhill sm

Matthew introduces us to the person of Jesus as one who becomes one with the fate of His people. What are similar situations in our world? Ask yourself what you can do to better the conditions where you live and work, especially if they are at variance with the kingdom of heaven.

From Today's Reading

First Reading: Sirach (3:2-6, 12-14). The writer, the sage Sirach, gives us his idea of the ideal family, with all the responsibilities, honors and benefits that are bestowed on each member. We in modern society have a tendency to overlook the responsibility that each member of a family has to all the other members, regardless of age. That is why we have so many families falling apart. They are not pulling together.

Responsorial Psalm: (128:1-5). The psalmist picks up the same theme of family life and blesses those who "walk in the way of the Lord." This is a beautiful prayer that all parents should pray and teach their children.

Second Reading: Colossians (3:12-21). In this passage, Paul gives us his thoughts on the ideal family life, which should be just as true today as it was then. However, many women get upset with a certain phrase within this beautiful letter and dismiss the whole thing. Please take a moment to listen to what Paul is really saying: If we are truly Christians, with Christ living within each of us, then authority over, or responsibility to, should be a matter of "Love thy Neighbor;" not only within families, but toward everyone. In today's lifestyle, raising a family is difficult enough unless each shoulders his or her responsibility.



THOSE IN NEED OF WELL-BEING

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Maureen Burke	Ava Ayong
Matthew Ripplinger	Tran Thi Kiem
Ken Chesko	Joanne Steiner

OUR BELOVED DEPARTED

Carrina Selinger	Loretta Erickson
Donna Harle	Linda Lucyk
Andres Gorospe	Ed Fries
Mark Banga	Paul Olynick

May God's grace and blessings comfort and console those who we love and are in need!

STEWARDSHIP BULLETIN BITS: December 29, 2019 - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

"Wives, be subordinate to your husbands...Husbands, love your wives...Children, obey your parents in everything...Fathers, do not provoke your children..." (Colossians 3:18-21)

Pope Francis said that families, through their life of prayer and love, become "schools of true human growth." Being credible witnesses of Christian love, especially that of family members, exerts the most positive influence on our children. We are all children of God, let us pray and love each other as God, Our Father, does for us.

Saint
OF THE
DAY

Mary,
the Blessed Virgin

Feast Day
January 1



Hail Mary full of Grace, the Lord is with thee.
Blessed are thou amongst women
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus.
Holy Mary Mother of God,
pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death
Amen.

Mary was a woman of Nazareth, and the mother of Jesus. Mary has been venerated since early Christianity and is considered by millions to be the most meritorious saint. She is said to have miraculously appeared to believers many times over the centuries. Mary, as mother of Jesus, is the Mother of God. Born in Jerusalem, Mary was presented in the Temple and took a vow of virginity. Living in Nazareth, Mary was visited by the archangel Gabriel, who announced to her that she would become the Mother of Jesus, by the Holy Spirit.

She became betrothed to St. Joseph and went to visit her cousin, Elizabeth, who was bearing St. John the Baptist. Acknowledged by Elizabeth as the Mother of God, Mary intoned the Magnificat. Mary praises the Lord in alignment with this structure: Mary rejoices that she has the privilege of giving birth to the promised Messiah. She glorifies God for His power, holiness, and mercy. Mary looks forward to God transforming the world through the Messiah. The proud will be brought low, and the humble will be lifted up; the hungry will be fed, and the rich will go without. Mary exalts God because He has been faithful to His promise to Abraham.

When Emperor Augustus declared a census throughout the vast Roman Empire, Mary and St. Joseph went to Bethlehem, his city of lineage, as he belonged to the House of David. There Mary gave birth to Jesus and was visited by the Three Kings.

Mary and Joseph presented Jesus in the Temple, where St. Simeon rejoiced and Mary received word of sorrows to come later. Warned to flee, St. Joseph and Mary went to Egypt to escape the wrath of King Herod. They remained in Egypt until King Herod died and then returned to Nazareth.

Nothing is known of Mary's life during the next years except for a visit to the Temple of Jerusalem, at which time Mary and Joseph sought the young Jesus, who was in the Temple with the learned elders. The first recorded miracle of Jesus was performed at a wedding in Cana, and Mary was instrumental in calling Christ's attention to the need. Mary was present at the Crucifixion in Jerusalem, and there she was given into John the Apostle's care. She was also with the disciples in the days before the Pentecost, and it is believed that she was present at the resurrection and Ascension.

No scriptural reference concerns Mary's last years on earth. According to Catholic teachings, at the end of her early life, her body was raised directly into Heaven – this is known as the Assumption. This is one of the oldest traditions of the Catholic church.

WEEKLY BIBLE READING GUIDES
Dec. 30, 2019—Jan. 5, 2020

December 30

Monday

1 John 2.12-17

Ps 96.7-8, 9-10ab, 10c-12a

Luke 2.3-40

December 31

Tuesday

1 John 2.18-21

Ps 96.1-2, 11-12, 13

John 1.1-18

January 1

Wednesday

**The Solemnity of Mary,
The Holy Mother of God,
Holy Day of Obligation**

Numbers 6.22-27

Ps 67.1-2, 4-5, 6-7

Galatians 4.4-7

Luke 2.16-21

January 2

Thursday

**St. Basil the Great and
St. Gregory Nazianzen**

1 John 2.22-28

Ps 98.1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4

John 1. 19-28

January 3

Friday

1 John 2.29, 3.1-6

Ps 98.1, 3cd-4, 5-6

John 1.29-34

January 4

Saturday

1 John 3.7-10

Ps 98.1, 7-8, 9

John 1.35-42

January 5

Sunday

Epiphany of the Lord

Isaiah 60.1-6

Ps 72.1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13

Ephesians 3.2-3a, 5-6

Matthew 2.1-12

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Contact: Deacon Kevin Harty 306.537.7192 or deacon@christtheking.ca

GriefShare: It hurts to lose someone but you don't have to go through the grieving process alone. GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. Our sessions are led by people who understand what you are going through and want to help. You'll gain access to valuable resources to help you recover from your loss.
Weekly sessions: Tuesdays 2 – 4 p.m., January 21 – April 7, 2020
Christ the King Parish Centre

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Christmas Season Office Hours: Jan. 30 9am-12pm and 1pm-4pm, Dec. 31 9am-12pm, Jan. 1 Closed, Jan. 2 and 3 9am-12pm and 1pm-4pm.

Christmas Season Masses: New Year's Eve 7pm, New Year's Day 10am.

Ministry sign-up: Please sign-up in the foyer for Christmas Season ministries.

Cat Chat Kids Club The next meeting will be on January 31. We will learn about "Praying Through the Ups and Downs". For information, email holyfamilykidsprogram@gmail.com

The EDGE Open to Grades 5 – 8. The next gathering will be on Monday, January 13 at 6:30 p.m. For information, email holyfamilyedgeyouthgroup@outlook.com

The SOURCE The next gathering will be on Sunday, January 11 at Resurrection Parish. Open to Grades 9–university, join us for fellowship, spiritual insights, adoration, reconciliation, praise and worship. There is no cost. Go online for updates: www.facebook.com/SourceRegina



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
January 19-26, 2020

"They Showed Us Unusual Kindness (Acts 28:2)"

The international resources for the 2020 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity have been prepared by the Christian churches of Malta and Gozo. The 2020 theme, "They showed us unusual kindness" (Acts 28:2), remembers the historic shipwreck of Paul on the island of Malta and calls us to a greater generosity to those in need. As an island nation, boats are an important part of Maltese life. The Scripture reading in this service describes a perilous sea voyage by the Apostle Paul. A boat is also symbolic of the sometimes tempestuous journey Christians make together towards unity.

We encourage you to observe this Week of Prayer keeping a specific focus on Christ's prayer "that all may be one... so that the world may believe" (John 17:21). Whether we gather together joint services or in our own churches, in prayer groups or individually, let our prayer be for the unity that Christ wills, as Christ wills.

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As the new year renews all the happiness and good tidings, hope the joyful spirit keeps glowing in the your heart forever! Wishing you a Happy New Year with hope that you will have many blessings in the year to come.

**MASS INTENTIONS
December 30, 2019 — January 5, 2020**

Saturday, December 28, 5:00 pm Mass +Conrado & Jose Amio, r/b Dori Amio
Sunday, December 29, 9:00 am Mass –Pro Populo
Sunday, December 29, 11:00 am Mass +Dave Younghusband, r/b M. Younghusband
Monday, December 30, No Mass
Tuesday, December 31 7:00 pm—Mass
Wednesday, January 1, 10:00 am Mass
Thursday, January 2, 9:00 am Mass
Friday, January 3, 9:00 am Mass Peace for Whole World, r/b Mekelat
Saturday, January 4, 5:00 pm Mass Jacob Porter, r/b Clara Palmarin
Sunday, January 5, 9:00 am Mass, PRO POPULO
Sunday, January 5, 11:00 am

**WEEKLY FINANCIAL DONATIONS
THANK YOU EVERYONE FOR GENEROUSLY
SUPPORTING OUR PARISH!**

As of: Dec. 23, 2019	Collect	Expenses	Bldg. Fund
	\$320,843	\$338,772	\$35,476

ARCHDIOCESAN UPDATES:

NEW YEAR'S DAY LEVÉE

The faithful of the Archdiocese are cordially invited to the Archbishop's New Year's Levée to be held at Holy Rosary Cathedral 3125-13th Ave., Regina January 1, 2020 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. *And to receive the Archbishop's blessing for the beginning of the New Year.* Please come and meet the Archbishop and exchange New Year's greetings. Refreshments in the parish hall.

PARISH UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Date	Time	Activities
Monday, Dec. 30	9:00 am 4:00 pm	No Mass Office is open
Tuesday, Dec. 31	9:00 am 12:00 pm 7:00 pm	Office is Open Mass
Wednesday, Jan. 1	10:00 am	Mass Office is closed
Thursday, Jan. 2	9:00 am	Mass Office is closed
Friday, Jan. 3	9:00 am	Mass Office is open
Saturday, Jan. 4	5:00 pm	Mass
Sunday, Jan. 5	9:00 am 11:00 am	Mass Mass

**SUNDAY MINISTRY — January 4-5, 2020
Epiphany of the Lord**

MASS MINISTRIES	SATURDAY: 5:00 PM	SUNDAY 9:00 AM	SUNDAY 11:00 AM
Readers 1st 2nd Intentions	Dean Schous Dale Nagrampa Beanna Greif	Judy Corkery Ray Chomos Heather Chomos	Chad Wasylniuk Lana Zdunich Claudette Beitel
Eucharistic Bread	Vicky Ripplinger Tony Palmarin Cheryl Palmarin	Louise Weir	Jocelyn Klein Steve Herauf Kelly Foy
Eucharistic Chalice	Ray Schier Don Hruska Wayne Petersen Verna Angielski	Cheryl Pilbeam	Joyce Young Patty Gianoli Dave Beitel Claudette Beitel
Altar Servers	Ajay Ward Alex Ward Jax Ward	Donya Enright William Loverick Malcolm Sherling	Jacob Mendoza Julian Resler Russell Ceballo
Music	Lipoth	Brandi/Joely	Kristoff
Children's Liturgy	No children's liturgy	No children's liturgy	No children's liturgy

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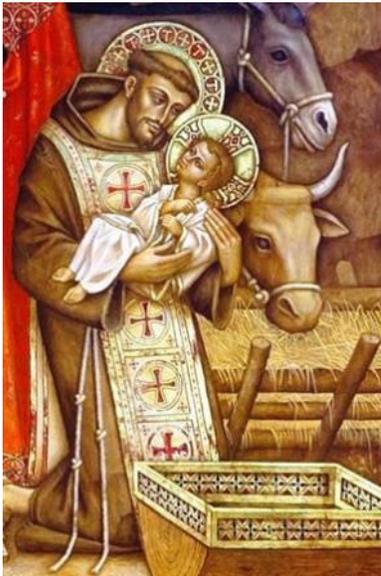
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Christmas 2019

A few days ago, at the beginning of December, Pope Francis travelled to Greccio, half way between Rome and Assisi, to the shrine of the nativity, the place where back in 1223, Saint Francis invited locals to help recreate the setting of the birth of Jesus: a manger, an ox, a donkey. Saint Francis's biographer writes that all those present were filled with an "indefinable joy."



Now 800 years later, Pope Francis has offered a meditation on nativity scenes, speaking of them as being "a living Gospel" that draws us into the mystery of the Incarnation - God born in human flesh, coming to dwell with us. Setting up a Christmas crèche helps us to imagine the scene. From the manger, God, eternal one, enters into the poverty of our human lives, the brokenness of our world, launching what the Pope refers to as a "revolution of tenderness." The source from which all life comes, became life. As the letter of John relates, in Jesus, this life was revealed, this life appeared (cf. 1 Jn 1:2).

Christ comes quietly into our noisy world.

Mary is there in the nativity scene, the mother "who contemplates her child and shows him to every visitor;" Joseph too, the guardian who protects his family as he ponders the mystery; also the cast of characters found in most every crèche - the angels heralding good news, the shepherds who are privileged witnesses, the sheep, the donkey; eventually too the magi, who teach us that people "come to Christ by a very long route."

Pope Francis goes on to note that children, and adults too, love to add other figures to the nativity scene - each bringing their lives, bearing their burdens, carrying their treasures - poor though they be. Each, he says, "show that in the new world inaugurated by Jesus there is room for whatever is truly human, and for all God's creatures." "They too have every right to draw near to the Infant Jesus: no one can evict them or send them away..."

Into this quiet place, before the Christ child, we too are invited to come: to learn to walk with each other in our woundedness; to learn to be vulnerable, and to show tenderness; to let ourselves be made small so that we can reflect a little of the light that comes when God embraces powerlessness. And in that quiet place we hear God say: *I am with you. To stay. It is your world I have come to dwell in. Your broken heart and wounded soul I have taken for my home. My love will light the darkness. So, friends, light the candles, and open your hearts. It is Christmas.*

Come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord! Merry Christmas, everyone!

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