

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph December 30, 2007

Over all [other virtues] put on love,
that is, the bond of perfection.



— *Colossians 3:14*

December Rosary – For those suffering from AIDS

Music for Sunday, December 29 & 30:

359 – Hark, The Herald
Angels Sing
351 – Silent Night
772 – Panis Angelicus
349 – Joy to the World



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Those who honor and comfort their parents shall never be forgotten (Sirach 3:2-7, 12-14).

Psalms — Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways (Psalm 128).

Second Reading — You are called into one body. Bear with one another; forgive one another; let Christ's peace control you (Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17]).

Gospel — Joseph rose, took the child and his mother, and fled to Egypt (Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18
Tuesday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps. 67; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Jn 1:29-34
Friday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42
Saturday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Jn 1:43-51
Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
Monday: St. Sylvester I
Tuesday: The Octave Day of Christmas; The Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God; World Day of Prayer for Peace; New Year's Day
Wednesday: Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen
Thursday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus
Friday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton; First Friday
Saturday: St. John Neumann; First Saturday

TRUST IN GOD

Saint Matthew's account of the flight into Egypt takes center stage today as we continue to follow the story of the Holy Family. Once again the angel of the Lord appears to Joseph in a dream, telling him to take the child Jesus and his mother to Egypt. Joseph heeds the command and takes them on what must have been a strenuous journey. Saint Matthew does not give us any of the details, but we can only imagine what this journey must have been like. Where did they eat? Where did they find shelter? What were the roads like? Was Joseph able to find work? The Holy Family survived in no small measure because they put their trust in God. This is exactly what today's feast calls us, God's holy family, to do.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

"Octave" comes from the Latin word for "eight," and since eight is one step beyond seven, the number of days in a week, it has long been seen as a symbol of perfection, completion, and new beginnings. Early Christians called Sunday the "eighth day," since it was the day after the Sabbath and a day of resurrected life, the Lord's Day. By the seventh century, people regarded the eight days after Easter Sunday as one great day, an octave, one glorious feast when people were forbidden to fast or kneel. In the seventh century, Pentecost acquired an Octave, too. Christmas didn't claim the honor of a continuous feast, but it did get an Octave Day. January 1 is the oldest Marian feast, the Octave of Christmas. It was originally a feast of the motherhood of Mary, although for centuries until 1969 it was called the Feast of the Circumcision. Our reformed calendar follows the earlier tradition of celebrating Mary as Mother of God.

Today's Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph is a modern one, instituted in 1921. Strains on family life then, with the world emerging from the first "Great War," were enormous. From its inception, this feast was clearly intended to inspire people with an image of family harmony even amid difficulties.

In 1969 the Feast of the Holy Family was moved to its present position, the Sunday within the Octave of Christmas. When Christmas falls on a Sunday, this feast is bumped to December 30, but is not a holy day. The Gospels chosen in 1969 all depict stressful times in the life of the family of Jesus: the Presentation (with the warning of future sorrow), the flight into Egypt, and Mary and Joseph's frantic search for their son in Jerusalem. The feast's former place in the calendar is taken now by the Baptism of the Lord.

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Mass Intentions

This Week at Our Lady of Sorrows

Saturday, December 29th

Mass – 8:15 am
Confessions – 3:00 – 3:30 pm
Mass – 4:00 pm

Sunday, December 30th

Mass 8:00 am & 10:30 am
Adult Classes – 9:15 am Krug Hall
Bible Study class 7-9 pm in Krug Hall
Spanish Mass 5:00 pm

Monday, December 31st

Mass – 8:15 am
Vigil Mass 6:30 pm
NEW YEAR EVES PARTY GYM 8:00 pm – 1:00 pm

Tuesday, January 1st New Year Day

Mass – 9:00 am
RECTORY CLOSED
Spanish Mass 6:30 pm

Wednesday, January 2nd

Mass – 6:30 pm

Thursday, January 3rd

Mass – 8:15 am
Bible Study Class 9:30 – 11:30
K of C Officers Meeting 6:30 pm
STVDP Meeting 6:30 pm

Friday, January 4th

Mass – 8:15 am
First Friday Adoration 9:00 am
Benediction – 12 noon

Saturday December 29th 4:00 pm

Ofelia Harback+

Sunday December 30th 8:00 am

Rose Gleason+

Sunday December 30th 10:30 am

People of the Parish

Sunday December 30th 5:00 pm

Johnnie & Bonnie Stanton+

Monday December 31st 8:15 am

Bill & Ester Green+

Monday December 31st 6:30 pm Vigil Mass

Chris Mosby+

Tues. January 1st 9:00 am New Years Day

Steve Stromberg

Tues January 1st 6:30 pm Spanish Mass

Jay Lannigan+

Wed. January 2nd 6:30 pm

Margie Patton+

Thur. January 3rd 8:15 am

Laurie Anne Edens+

Friday January 4th 8:15 am

Helen Marshall

Saturday January 5th 8:15 am

Tommie Thomason+

Saturday January 5th 4:00 pm

Angelo Bursi+

HOLY MEALS ON WHEELS – Maureen Spain, a true leader of the Frayser community and member of OLS, has been diagnosed with bone cancer and is unable to prepare meals for her husband herself. Some parishioners have volunteered to prepare meals and deliver them to the Spain's during her treatment period. Would you like to extend the hand of Christ to a fellow parishioner in a time of need? The more people involved means less burden on each participant. Call Linda O'Donnell at 382-2167 to volunteer.

Bible Study – Deacon Don Bennis will offer a Bible Study on St. Paul's Letter to the Romans on Monday evenings in Krug Hall. Classes will begin on January 7 and conclude on March 3. Catholic Bibles and the Catechism of the Catholic Church are required texts. There will be a \$5.00 fee. This class is sanctioned by the Diocese of Memphis and teachers and catechists can earn up to 12 hours credit for participating. For more information call 353-1530.



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Ministers Schedule – for December 29th & 30th

Please note the dates

for the Minister and Altar Server Schedule

4:00	8:00	10:30	5:00
L.Macdonald	D.Bennis	A. Humphrey	
C.Specht	C.Vasquez	C.Collier	
N.Vintruella	M.Carpenter	B.Comans	
Lectors			
B.Pettit	B.Williams	J.Collier	
Altar Server			
L.Carter	D.Owens	D.Butler	J.Rivera
	K.Owens	K.Hissong	

Ministers Schedule – for NEXT

Weekend of 5th & 6th *Please note the dates*****

for the Minister and Altar Server Schedule

4:00	8:00	10:30	5:00
R.Pannell	B.Hall	D.Bennis	
G.Taulman	H.Littleton	S.O'Brien	
G.Pannell		K.Pope	
	P.Stavrum		
Lectors			
B.Roth	B.Plessinger	J.Collier	
Altar Server			
A.Younger	D.Owen	S.Hupp	J.Rivera
	K.Owen	C.Hupp	

NEW YEARS EVE CELEBRATION!
Do you want to receive the New Year Joyfully? As the year 2007 approaches its conclusion and we meditate on how to receive 2008; there is no better way to celebrate than including Christ in our lives! The Hispanic Community of Our Lady of Sorrows is sponsoring a special evening of fellowship, food, music and entertainment for our entire parish community. Everyone is invited! The cost for this event is \$35.00 per family and \$15.00 single person. All proceeds will benefit our parish school. The menu includes rice, beans, flautas, salad, desserts and a regular drink. There will be piñatas for the children as well as other activities, as The New Year's Baby costume contest (for babies of one year and under); the winner will receive an age appropriate gift. Cocktails are available at additional cost. So shake the old way of living and step into the New Year filled with hope and with the love shared among us The Body of Christ! To purchase your ticket, please contact Mrs. Carolina Roque at 357-5245 or Mrs. Wanda Rivera at 872-1281. Also, we will have the tickets available after every weekend Mass.

Preparation Class for Quinceañera – Classes will be held at St. Joseph Church, 3825 Neely Road, on the 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th of January and on the 3rd of February after the 9:00 a.m. Mass, beginning at 10:30 a.m. and lasting one hour/ all candidates must have received the Sacrament of confirmation before they can celebrate her Quinceañera. Families may register by telephoning St. Joseph at 396-9996. The cost is \$25.00 per person.

In your prayers please remember: Barbara Allard, Bill & Grace Aspinall, Dewey Aureli, Theresa Baker, June Bennis, Rebecca Bethune, Julius (Sonny) Black, Robert Butler, Carolyn Fracchia, Trudi Collier, DePriest Family, James Essary, Elena Everroad, Margaret Dries, Rena Frazier, Sue Guinn, Linda Gonzales, Eileen Haklitch, Amanda Hall, Bootsie Hammett, Peggy Hooten, Michael Jackson, Margaret Jones, Earline Johnson, Paul Kennedy, Robert Kuehner, Mildred Lewis, Jerry Lynn, Louise Macdonald, Thomas Miller, Bill Nutt, Eudora Mays, Jackie Perfetti, Waldyr Poilis, Dr. Cheryl Pearson, Louisa Reilly, Fran Schmitt, Maureen Spain, Fr. Bryan Timby, Keith Trenham, Carolyn Walsh, Lewis Wilkinson, Mary Wilson, and Angie Wright.

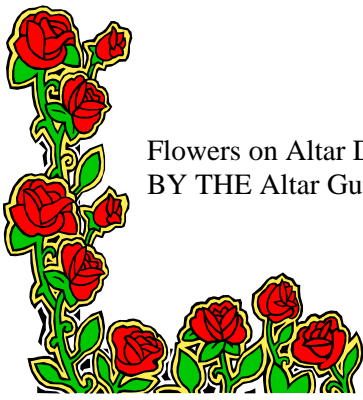
Christmas Around the World – Someone loaned Fr. Timby a coffee table book about how Christmas is celebrated around the world. He can't remember who loaned it to him and would like to return it to the proper owner. Please help him by calling the Parish Office if you were the kind soul who shared this book with him. Thank you.

Financial Report for Last Week

December 23rd, 2007

Envelopes	\$1,679.00
Loose Checks	480.00
Loose Currency/Coin	265.55
Debt reduction	12,025.00
Improvements	475.00
Christmas	2,099.24
Villa Vianney	1,029.20
Initial Offering	25.00
Total Collection	\$18,077.99
Church Budget for the Week	<u>- 5,324.00</u>
Collection Diff for the Week	\$12,753.99
Collections Revenues Y-t-D	131,170.76
Church Budget Y-t-D	<u>138,424.00</u>
Collections Deficit Y-t-D	\$ (7,253.24)

FOR RENT: One Bedroom Apt at 1246 Carrolton Ave if interested call Nick Vinturella at 358-1547.



Flowers on Altar DONATED
BY THE Altar Guild Society

Parish Retreat Weekends – The Cathedral parish has invited members of Our Lady of Sorrows to join with them in making a spiritual retreat at Our Lady, Queen of Peace Retreat Center in Danceyville, TN (I-40 East, exit #47). A Men’s Retreat is scheduled Feb. 8-10, and a Women’s Retreat is scheduled for April 4-6. Henry Littleton is coordinating our participation in these retreats. If you are interested in participating in one or more of the retreat weekends, please contact the Parish Office.

Holy Day Schedule – Beginning in January, the Holy Day Mass schedule will change a little. The times will remain the same with liturgies at 6:30 p.m. (Vigil Mass), 9:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. The change will affect the 6:30 p.m. liturgy on the actual Holy Day. Beginning on January 1, the 6:30 p.m. Mass on the actual Holy Day will be a Spanish liturgy to meet the needs of our Spanish-speaking community and their obligation to assist at Mass on days of obligation. The 6:30 p.m. (Vigil Mass) and the 9:00 a.m. Holy Day Mass will both continue to be celebrated in English.

Thinking of becoming a volunteer? DeNeuville Learning Center, a program of Sisters of the Good Shepherd, is in need of volunteers to assist adult GED students with their GED preparation classes (Wednesday 9:00 am to 12:00 pm Social Studies, or Tuesday 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm English writing Wednesday 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm Science). In addition, the center is in need of volunteer receptionists, especially for Monday and Wednesday evening from 6:15 to 8:30. Deneuville is located o 190 S. Cooper St (near Union Ave.). For more information, please call Sr. Lakshmire at 726-5902.

Tickets for the Papal Mass at Yankee Stadium – A limited number of tickets will be made available to the Diocese of Memphis for the Papal Mass to be celebrated at Yankee Stadium on April 20, 2008. If you would like to apply for a ticket, please call Shari Ollis at the Office of the Bishop (373-1216) BEFORE December 21, 2007 to furnish the necessary information. Applying for a ticket does not guarantee a ticket.

PARISHONERS IN HOSPITAL:



Maureen Spain – Baptist East, room 511

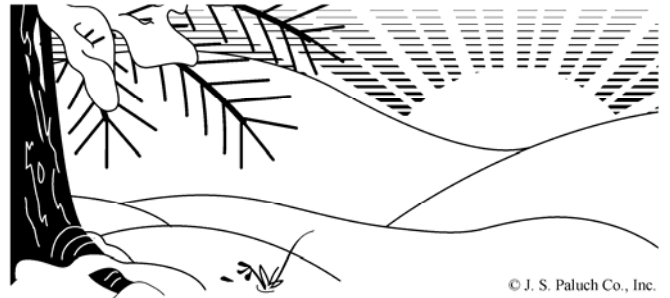
Dewey Aureli – Meth North ICU 267

PARISHONERS IN NURSING HOME:

Paul Kennedy
Ave Maria Nursing Home
2805 Charles Bryan Road
Bartlett, Tn 38134

Jackie Perfetti
St. Francis Nursing Home
5959 Park Ave, room 306
Memphis, Tn 38119

Visit the sick and/or send them a card to let them know they are not forgotten



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