

## The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

December 28, 2008

My eyes have seen your salvation,  
which you have prepared in the sight of all the peoples.



— Luke 2:30-31

### Music for Dec. 27 & 28

357 – Hark the Herald Angels Sing

342 – Away In A Manger

Holy, Holy

Memorial Acclamation

Amen

Lamb Of God

564 – Panis Angelicus

355 – Good Christians Friends Rejoice

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Those who honor their parents will be greatly blessed and will atone for sins (Sirach 3:2-7,12-14) or *Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3*.

**Psalms** — Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways (Psalm 128) or *Psalms 105*.

**Second Reading** — Live a life of heartfelt love; be thankful; do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus (Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17]) or *Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19*.

**Gospel** — The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom (Luke 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]).

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18

Thursday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Friday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Jn 1:29-34

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: Fifth Day in the Octave of Christmas; St. Thomas Becket

Tuesday: Sixth Day in the Octave of Christmas

Wednesday: Seventh Day in the Octave of Christmas; St. Sylvester I; New Year's Eve

Thursday: The Octave Day of Christmas; The Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God; World Day of Prayer for Peace; New Year's Day

Friday: St. Basil the Great and St. Gregory Nazianzen; First Friday

Saturday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus; First Saturday

**Change in Mass Schedule** – Because of the very low numbers of people who take advantage of the daily morning Mass on Saturdays and the absence of commissioned lay readers to proclaim the readings of the liturgy, the Saturday morning Mass will be discontinued effective in January 2009. This decision was reached after consultation with Bishop Steib about the spiritual needs of the parishioners of OLS and the number of liturgies offered on the weekends in the parish. There will continue to be a Mass celebrated on the First Saturday of each month when the Altar Guild has its monthly meeting.

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

There's no more unusual setting to celebrate today's Feast of the Holy Family than Barcelona, Spain and the towering unfinished sandcastle known officially as the Temple Expiatori de la Sagrada Familia. In 1882, the plan was hatched to build a vast place of worship in reparation for the revolutionary and liberal leanings of the city. The modern artist Antoni Gaudi dedicated his life to the project, living in the building, attending Mass daily and giving up his personal wealth. When people pressed him to pick up the pace, he responded, "My client is not in a hurry." (Gaudi's cause for beatification is moving along, and he could be the first professional artist and architect to be beatified.) The Spanish Civil War, a disaster for the Catholic Church in which thousands of priests, brothers, and nuns were murdered, halted work in 1935. In the 1950s work began anew, speeded up by computers in the 1980s. Still, the final stage of construction is not due to end until 2026. If the original methods had stayed in place, it would take several hundred more years to complete the plan. So far there are eight towers, with four to go. The highest steeple is three feet shorter than the nearest hill, since the architect didn't want his work to surpass God's artistry. The three faces of the basilica each have three doors, with the faces named Passion, Nativity, and Grace. The interior is crammed with geometric figures that almost seem to spin, crazy-quilt windows, spiral staircases, and jumbles of statues and figures. Although inspired by ancient Gothic cathedrals, the style is called Expressionist, and very little is left unexpressed by the masonry. If you can't afford a visit, Sagrada Familia maintains a Web site, and virtual visits are free.

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## **This Week at Our Lady of Sorrows**

### **Saturday Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>**

Mass 8:15 am  
Confession 3:00 – 3:45 pm  
Mass 4:00 pm

### **Sunday, Dec. 28<sup>th</sup>**

Mass 8:00 am & 10:30 am  
Spanish Mass 5:00 pm ,

### **Mon, Dec 29<sup>th</sup>**

Mass– 8:15 am

### **Tuesday, Dec 30<sup>th</sup>**

Mass– 8:15 am

### **Wednesday, Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>**

Mass – 6:30 pm

### **Thursday, Jan 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Rectory Closed**  
Mass – 9:00 am & 6:30 pm

### **Friday, Jan 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Mass– 8:15 am  
Adoration – 9:00 am  
Benediction – 12:00 pm

### **Saturday, Jan 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Mass - 8:15 am  
Confession 3:00 – 3:30 pm  
Mass 4:00 pm

**SCHOOL NEWS** - If you have an old monitor you want to get rid of, the school is in need of monitors. Please call Lisa Petzinger at 358-7431.

**Deadline for bulletin news is on Tuesdays by 4:00 pm. Please call the office with any news.**

**December Rosary:** For the lives of children who are threaten by abortion.

**Winter Coat Collection** – Can you donate a winter coat to someone this year? We need new or gently used winter coats for distribution to those who are in need of warmth during the harshest months of the year. Last year, we had a man break into the school just to find warm enough to fall asleep without fear of freezing to death. (Too bad he didn't know the church is always unlocked.) Many people are forced to live in their cars in which there is little warmth on winter nights. Can you help to keep them warm? We will collect the coats on the four Sundays of Advent.

**2009 Parish Calendars** -- The new parish calendars for 2009 will be available next weekend. We ask that you take only one per family on the first weekend to allow distribution to all the parishioners and for some to be held over to the next weekend for those who miss Mass at Our Lady next weekend. Be sure to thank the sponsors of the calendars for assuming the cost of their publication.

### **WE ARE GOD'S HOLY FAMILY**

The scriptures of Israel are filled with many stories of barren couples who were miraculously granted the gift of children by God. Surely the best known among these is the first reading from today, from which Luke took inspiration when he recounted the miraculous birth of John the Baptist to Zechariah and Elizabeth, and the more miraculous birth of Jesus to Mary and Joseph. In each instance, we are given examples or role models of those who trusted in God. More than examples of those who trust, they are models of self-surrender. They abandoned their own presuppositions and prejudices about the workings of the world and turned their lives over to belief in a God who can make life grow where none ought to; a God who can turn death around into a new and unimagined life; a God who can, today, take a tiny child of humble parents in an insignificant town and make him into a light for all the world. This is what we, as God's holy family, are called to do each day: to trust not in ourselves and the way we think things should be, but to open ourselves and surrender ourselves in faith to a God of endless promise.

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**\*Please note the dates\*\*\*  
for the Minister and Altar Server Schedule  
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Schedule  
- for Dec 27 & 28**

4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	5:00 PM
H.Littleton	D.Bennis	A.Humphrey	
L.Macdonald	B.Hall	B.Bustos	
<b>Lector</b>			
G.Taulman	B.Williams	T.Floyd	
<b>Altar Server</b>			
A.Younger	K.Owen	K.Hissong	J.Rivera
	E.Foote	J.Romero	S.Roque

**Ministers & Altar Server Schedule  
- for Jan 3 & 4**

4:00 PM	8:00 AM	10:30 AM	5:00 PM
D.Bennis	H.Littleton	L.O'Donnell	
C.Vasquez	P.Stavrum	J.DeStefano	
<b>Lector</b>			
C.Specht	B.Plessinger	M.Owen	
<b>Altar Server</b>			
L.Carter	K.Owen	K.Hissong	J.Rivera
C.Sawicki	E.Foote	S.Hupp	J.Romero



**In your prayers please remember:** Barbara Allard, Grace Aspinall, Dewey Aureli, Theresa Baker, June Bennis, Rebecca Bethune, Julius (Sonny) Black, Louis Bomprezzi, Crissy Brigance, Carole Brunner, Fred Brunner, Paula Busby, John Calipari, Keith Carpenter, Trudi Collier, Bonita Comans, Abrahan Delgado, DePriest Family, James Essary, Elena Everroad, Tony Drewitz, Margaret Dries, Rena Frazier, John Paul Fields, Carolyn Fracchia, Alice Fricks, Sue Guinn, Linda Gonzales, Theresa Greco, Eileen Haklitch, Amanda Hall, Bootsie Hammett, James Humphrey, Peggy Hooten, Lynn Hupp, Michael & Donna Jackson, Margaret Jones, Robert Kuehner, Pat Kurrus, Butsie Lanigan, Mildred Lewis, Bill Lindsley, Robert Lutts, Jerry Lynn, Sadie Claire Lynn, Louise Macdonald, Joseph Mangold, Thomas Miller, Johnny Mitchell, Bill Nutt, Eudora Mays, Brinda Paravicini, Jackie Perfetti, Waldyr Poilis, Fr. Robert Ponticello, Nancy Pope, Dr. Cheryl Pearson, Nanette Quinn, Kenneth Rainey, Louisa Reilly, James & Maureen Spain, Mona Stringfellow, Steve Stromberg, Brooklyn Swann, Florence Taulman, Fr. Bryan Timby, Keith Trenham, Carolyn Walsh, Helene Weiss, Lewis Wilkinson, Mary Wilson, and Angie Wright.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday Dec 27<sup>th</sup> 4:00 pm**

Ella Mae Zsidi +

**Sunday Dec 28<sup>th</sup> 8:00 am**

People of Parish

**Sunday Dec 28<sup>th</sup> 10:30 am**

Fran Schmitt+

**Sunday Dec 28<sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm**

Int. of Frank Lobianco

**Monday Dec 29<sup>th</sup> 8:15 am**

Ralph Fouche+

**Tues. Dec 30<sup>th</sup> 8:15 am**

Int. of Freddie Lobianco

**Wed. Dec 24<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm Near Year Eve**

Chris Mosby+

**Thur. Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 9:00 am Near Year Day**

Int. of Pastor

**Thur. Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 6:30 pm**

Int. Of Pastor

**Friday Jan 2<sup>nd</sup> 8:15 am**

John & Mary Goetz

**Saturday Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> 8:15 am**

Kathleen Harley+

**Saturday, Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> 4:00 pm**

People of Parish

**PARISHONERS IN HOSPITAL:**



Brinda Paravicini - Baptist East room  
4210  
Nancy Pope – Meth North ICU room  
301

**PARISHONERS IN NURSING HOME:**

**Carolyn Fracchia**  
St. Peter Villa, 331-A  
141 North McLean  
Memphis, TN 38104

**Jackie Perfetti**  
St. Francis Nursing Home  
5959 Park Ave, room 328  
Memphis, TN 38119`

**Helene Weiss**  
St. Francis Nursing Home  
5959 Park Ave, room 328  
Memphis, TN 38119

**Ginger Shemwell**  
Luther Tower  
274 S. Highland apt. 106  
Memphis, TN 38111

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

**ALTAR Guild** - Flowers can be put on the Altar in memory of – anniversary – birthdays and any other occasion. Please contact Frances Bursi at 357-5874 or 634-1168.

**We are scheduling MASS INTENTIONS for 2009. Please call the rectory for your intention.**

**Financial Report for  
Weekend of Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>  
2008**

Envelopes	\$ 2,244.00
Loose Checks	610.00
Loose Currency/Coin	149.00
Debt	25.00
Christmas	60.00
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$ 3,088.00</b>
Church Budget for the Week	<u>-4,894.23</u>
<b>Collection Diff for the Week</b>	<b>\$ (1,806.52)</b>
Collections Revenues Y-t-D	\$98,671.00
Church Budget Y-t-D	<u>122,361.75</u>
<b>Collections Deficit Y-t-D</b>	<b>\$ (23,690.75)</b>

**Honors for OLS** – Erick Foote, grandson of Mrs. Carol Maher, was recently elevated to the rank of Master Sergeant in the Civil Air Patrol. Congratulations, Erick!

**Martyrs of Memphis Award** – It was announced by Bishop Steib this past week that Mr. Don Gohman of OLS will be one of the recipients of a Martyrs of Memphis Award for “outstanding service to the Church” at a celebration the commemorating the foundation of the Diocese of Memphis on Sunday, January 5, 2009, at 5:00 p.m. All OLS parishioners are encouraged to attend and show our support for Mr. Gohman. When one of our own is honored, we are all honored.

**Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God** – January 1<sup>st</sup> is a HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION for all Catholics who have made their First Communion. It is the Octave Day of Christmas and celebrates the mystery of our faith that Mary is the Mother of God in the flesh. Masses for the Holy Day are as follows:

- Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> – 6:30 p.m. (English)
- Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> – 9:00 a.m. (English)
- Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> – 6:30 p.m. (Spanish)

**Honors for OLS** – Fr. Timby recently received notification from the Diocesan Office of Evangelization that all catechists (those who teach religion) in the school, P.R.E., and adult education are current in their certification and continuing education, making OLS the first parish in the Diocese to achieve perfection for the current year. Our thanks must be given to Mrs. Barbara Pettit, our school principal, and Brenda Plessinger, P.R. E. Director, for creating opportunities for our teachers to continue their religious education through quality programs on Sacred Scripture, Church History, and a number of other topics.

Adult formation and religious education is not something reserved for those who teach but should be the goal of every Catholic. If you are not involved in a Bible Study or other form of ongoing religious formation seek one out for your own good. It has been proven that those who study their faith find more contentment in life.

**“Ministering through the Arts: The Sounds of Music”** Thursday, January 15, 2009 5:30 -8:00 PM; Shady Grove Presbyterian Church 5530 Shady Grove, Memphis, TN, Speaker, lee Cagle, President of The Memphis, Dulcimer Gathering Sponsored by: Health Ministries Network of the Mid-South, RSVP to call Alma Abuelouf 373-1224.

**Cenacle Retreat League** – The monthly First Friday Day of Recollection will be on January 2, 2009 at Christian Brothers University's Stritch Center from 9:30 to noon. Father Michael Stewart will be the celebrant and speaker. For further information contact Mae Bess Wright 942-0117.

January 2009						
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31

### Diocesan Marriage Preparation in Spanish

Spanish Marriage Preparation Class will be offer at Sacred Heart Church, 1324 Jefferson Avenue. **Saturday, January 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31, 2009**  
**Sessions will be from 6:30 - 8:30 pm.**  
For information, please call Sacred Heart Church (901) 726-1891

### Diocesan Preparation Class for Quinceañera

Preparation Class for Quinceañera will be offer at St. Joseph Church, 3825 Neely Road. Sundays, January 4, 11, 18, 25 and February 1, 2009. Sessions will begin at 9:00 am. Candidates must have received the sacrament of confirmation. Please pre-register by calling St. Joseph's office (901) 396-9996

**Stewardship Envelopes** – Boxed sets of envelopes for your weekly donations are available in the vestibule of the church. It is very important to use these envelopes when making your weekly offering because they are the only means by which a parishioner's financial support of the church can be known and financial support of the parish is essential in order provide necessary services to those who worship at OLS. Those who support the parish by use of their envelopes and/or checks also receive the benefit of having access to parish facilities at a reduced rate when they have a special celebration like weddings, baptisms, quinceaneras, etc. Remember, God has asked for the first 10% of our selves – Time, Talent AND Treasure – in thanksgiving for all he has done for us. Please pick up your box of envelopes before Christmas. If there is not a box for you, please call the Parish Office and speak to Carolyn and one can be prepared for you to pick up next week.