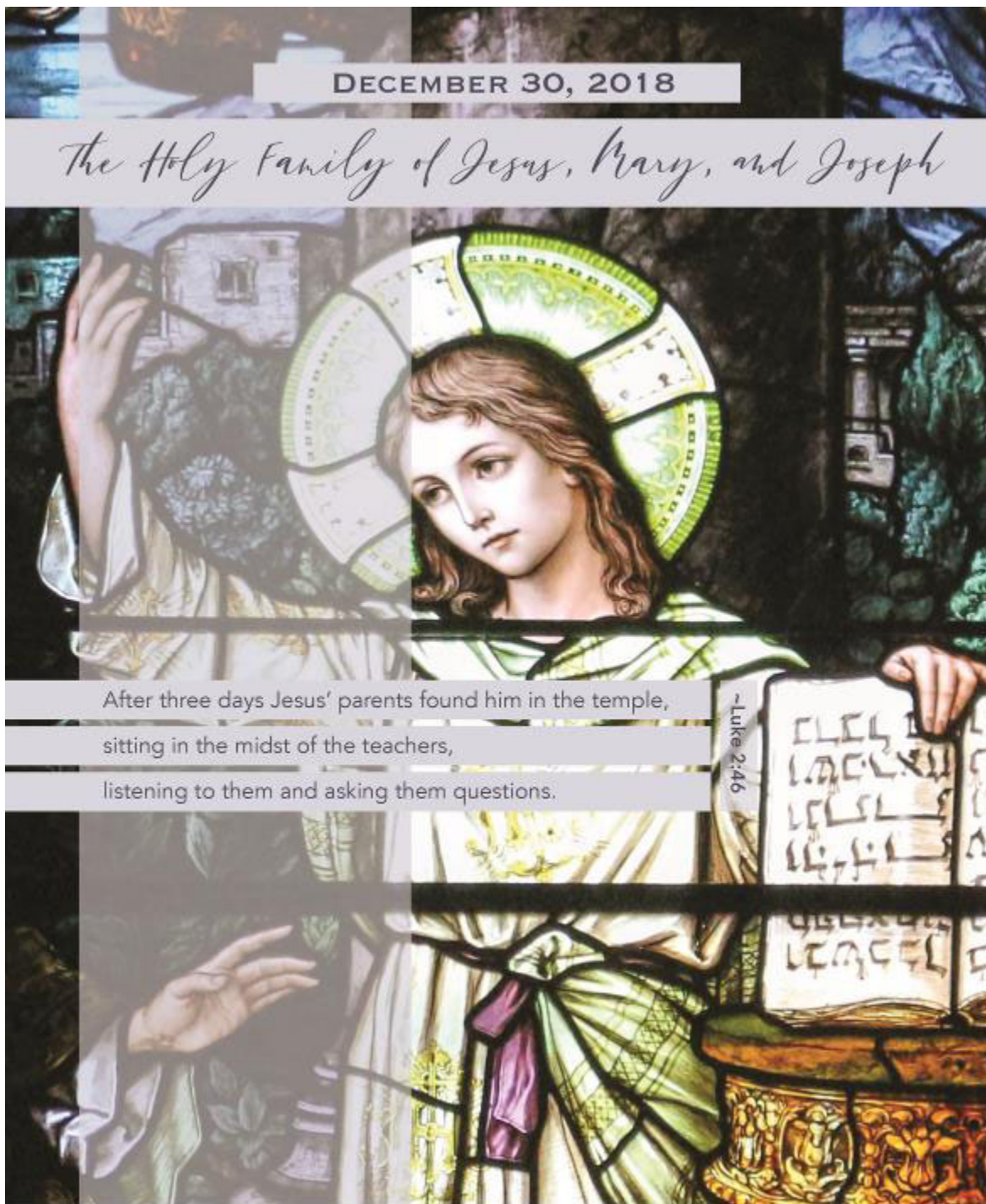


Saint Mary Parish

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

DECEMBER 30, 2018



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Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Today, as we continue with our celebration of the birth of Our Lord, Jesus, we honor our dear Holy Family. Just as with all annual celebrations, both sacred and secular, we are different than we were the year before, depending upon what has occurred in our lives over the past 12 months. Sometimes it's only a few pounds' difference, other times a life-changing event has occurred. But always, what we bring to these celebrations we place before the Lord, becoming transfigured in some way.



Dianne Fox

I'd like to reflect upon how the meaning of this beautiful Feast Day has altered for me over my lifetime. When I was just a child, it always took the wind out of my sails when, on the first Sunday after Christmas, Jesus was suddenly 12 years old. To me it was like a door slamming shut on the season of Christmas, a reminder that Christmas vacation would end soon. (You can imagine how I felt about celebrating the New Year!) Somewhere along the way I began to understand what the Holy Family was doing—which only confounded me all the more: *They were celebrating Passover!?* *Wasn't that usually celebrated right around the same time as we celebrated Easter?* So, not only was Jesus now 12 years old, it wasn't even his birthday month for him anymore? Those confusing years aside, I grew to understand that this Feast was an important part of our Christmas Season, and it became something special—rather than a sign pointing toward the end of vacation, recognizing that we also honor and celebrate each of our own families.

Ah, but then I became a parent! Life changed and this Feast did indeed transfigure me in a most incredible way—not just because I had children, but because I could now see what my own parents went through for me and for my three siblings. As if my love and esteem for them could possibly have grown any more abundantly! The greatest impact this Feast Day held for me was in 2001 when I heard the reading from Sirach.* This was the year that my father died and six weeks later I was offered a job for which I felt totally inadequate. I spent a lot of time with my father in the last three months of his life. I sat with him, prayed with him, fed and shaved him—and I held his hand as he died. That year, when I heard from Sirach, "God sets a father in honor over his children... take care of your father when he is old... kindness to a father will not be forgotten...." I wept. When I heard those words that particular year, it was as if both God and my own father, Ralph, were speaking to me, because that job I felt totally inadequate for was the same job that I am still doing 17 years later—and I thank God every day for His kindness, which I feel that my dad had some hand in finding for me!

And now I have a 25-year-old son who travels from one U.S. state to another, both working odd jobs and, along with friends, spending time feeding the homeless. There can be *months* that go by without a word from him. I turn to Mary during those times and, let me tell you, she and I have some pretty good sharing over the pain and worry! But she always reminds me to trust.

This Feast of the Holy Family reminds us all that we do not live our lives alone. We are *all* a family—united as one in the love of God our Father, who never ceases to search for us when we are lost. Whether in our own individual families, in our Saint Mary Parish family, or in our beautifully created human family, we each have a role to play. I encourage you to take some time today and during this week to reflect upon this feast and where you are, this year, in this very special Holy Family.

* As I write this bulletin article, I don't know yet if will be hearing the traditional Holy Family Old Testament reading from Sirach, or the Year C option from Samuel

Christmas Season

The Feast of Mary, Mother of God— Tuesday, January 1

Masses: Monday, December 31, at 5 p.m.; Tuesday, January 1
9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.

Eucharistic Adoration

Sundays, 3–6 p.m.
December 30 and January 6 in the Church

Parish Center

CLOSED December 24–28
and January 1–2



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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday (vigil) 5 p.m.
Sunday 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m.
12:30 p.m. Haitian Mass
(first Sunday of the month)
Monday - Saturday 8 a.m.
Holy Days 8 a.m., noon and 7 p.m.

PARISH CENTER

*You are welcome to visit our Library
and Chapel during business hours.*

Monday–Friday 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

Evenings:

Wednesday–Thursday 6–9 p.m.

Sunday 9 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

OPEN Sun. 12/30 8:30 a.m.–1 p.m.

CLOSED 1/1–2

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Guided Church Tour
FREE

*The secrets of Saint Mary Church will be revealed on
Sunday, December 30 at 12:30 p.m.*

*Led by church archivist Tim Stadler,
with the assistance of Diane Onofrey,
learn the lesser-known stories of our worship space,
some that are in plain sight! Bonus info on the angels!*

This is the last scheduled tour.
*Tours then can be scheduled with a month's notice.
Subject to availability.*

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED
Call the Parish Office at
847 864-0333

LITURGICAL MINISTERS January 5–6 Epiphany

	5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	9:30 a.m.	11 a.m.	Haitian Mass 12:30 p.m.
Presider/ Homilist	Fr. Kevin	Fr. Kevin	Fr. Kevin	Fr. Kevin	Fr. Arlin Jean Louis
Greeters					
North	Delores Rosemond	John Fuller	Karie Ferrell	Volunteers needed	
East	Christi Miller	Nancy Fuller			

Lectors

Eucharistic Ministers

Liturgical Ministers: Please refer to the MSP Scheduler for your scheduled assignments for the Solemnity of Mary December 31–January 1 and the Epiphany January 5–6.

Altar Servers

Confessions Saturday, 4–4:30 Fr. Kevin

Please remember in your prayers

... those who are sick, especially Yolande Vilsaint; Teddi Nooney; Carolyn Buford; Ashley Vilme; Wallace Bowling; Lisa Frederick; Victoria Amaro Pena; Anita Kimmerte; Trevor Ellis; Jim Osburn; Don Mays; Julia Loiseau; Ruth Ann Quinn; June Reband; Clarissa Pompey; Tina Swanson; Joan Fondell; Mary DuCharme; Ben Johnson; Anne Teoli; Greg Reband; Jamie Adler; Giselle Bernadel; and Cleante Smith. Also remember in your prayers all those who have recently died, especially Fr. Willard Jabusch; and Roosevelt Lilly, Jr., brother of Patricia Lilly.

Have a name to add or remove? Email dfox@stmaryevanston.org.

Pray for our military, pray for peace

CDR Edward Carlton, U.S. Navy, son of Frank & Caroline Carlton ❖ Airman Lindsey Foley, U.S. Air Force, Scott AFB, niece of Chris Foley ❖ Lt. Daniel Kozicki, U.S. Navy, nephew of Linda O'Dwyer ❖ Cadet Helen Hitt, daughter of Stephanie and John Hitt.

Have a name to add or remove?

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PARISH LIFE To arrange for the following, please call the Parish Office at 847 864-0333.

MASS SCHEDULE.

Saturday (vigil) 5 p.m. Sunday 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m. 12:30 p.m. Haitian Mass (first Sunday of the month)

Monday - Saturday: 8 a.m.

Holy Days: 8 a.m., noon and 7 p.m.

RECONCILIATION.

Mondays through Saturdays after 8 a.m. Mass, Saturday afternoons 4:00–4:30 p.m. and by appointment.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION.

Every Sunday from 3 to 6 p.m. in the church. Holy hour weekdays at noon in the Parish Center chapel.

INFANT BAPTISMS.

Registration in the parish is a prerequisite. Parents are required to attend a Pre-Baptismal Preparation Session at least two months prior to scheduling a Baptism. These sessions are held on the second Monday of every other month; the next session is **Monday, January 14**.

Baptisms are generally celebrated on the third Sunday of the month at 12:30 p.m. based on the liturgical calendar. Please call the Parish Office to register for the session.

REGISTRATION. Saint Mary Parish welcomes new parishioners. Please go online at stmaryevanston.org. Complete the form, save it and return it as an attachment to office@stmaryevanston.org.

MARRIAGE. Arrangements should be made with the parish at least six months in advance.

RCIA – RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS.

For adults or teenagers interested in becoming a Catholic and receiving the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Eucharist or Confirmation).

MINISTERS OF CARE. Ministers of care are available to bring Holy Communion to those who are home-bound, in the hospital or in a nursing home. Contact the Parish Office.

Stewardship

Weekend of December 8-9

Sunday weekend collection	\$ 7,089
Monthly electronic collection	\$ 7,998
Total	\$ 15,087
Year-to-Date as of Dec. 9 (24/52 weeks)	\$168,621
Goal for 2018/2019 Budget (24/52 weeks)	<u>\$186,456</u>
Difference + or (-)	(\$ 17,835)

*** Goal for the Fiscal Year 2018/2019 \$404,000 ***

Thank you for your generosity!

Readings for the Week

- Monday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
- Tuesday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
- Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
- Thursday: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34
- Friday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42
- Saturday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Jn 1:43-51
- Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12



Catholic Café for Young Adults

It's a relaxed forum with coffee, tea, espresso and biscotti to talk openly about the faith: what strengthens it for you, how you cope with challenges, a chance to exchange advice, give testimonials ... it's yours!

Friday, January 4, 7 p.m.
in the Parish Center

PATRICK J. RYAN MAIN EVENT

& CASINO NIGHT *****

TO BENEFIT CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO LOSS PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

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- Donald Krueger
- Bruce & Virginia Doyle
- Emmanuel Van Nierop



Evanston Catholic Woman's Club

The Evanston Catholic Woman's Club will be starting off this New Year with a guest speaker from MERCY HOME for Boys and Girls. The meeting will be Wednesday, January 9 at noon at Zhivago's Restaurant, 9925 Gross Point Road. For reservations call Carol at 847 475-7178 no later than January 6. All are welcome!

RESPECT LIFE

Bakhita and the Sexual Scandal

While most of us can't begin to imagine the agony victims of the clerical sexual scandal have experienced, the witness of St. Josephine Bakhita can yet give us hope. She is the modern day (1869–1947) Sudanese slave who journeyed from sexual abuse to sainthood. Columnist Jean Lopez's article, *The Passion of St. Bakhita*, <https://angelusnews.com/voices/kathryn-jean-lopez/the-passion-of-st-bakhita>, offers a moving reflection on her life.



St. Josephine Bakhita

At the age of nine Bakhita was kidnapped near Darfur by slave traders and subjected to unspeakable treatment. Lopez continues:

It wasn't until near the end of her days when she finally spoke about the depths of brutal humiliation she suffered during [her early life]. She would later be purchased by an Italian and eventually became a Catholic and a religious sister.

Bakhita, says Lopez, is a particularly appropriate patron saint for those who have suffered sexual abuse:

Those who were mistreated by priests—whose pain was only worsened by those in positions to help mishandling the dark realities before them—are martyrs of a sort, enduring such intimate violence in the wake of evil in what should be the holiest of encounters and relationships.

Look to St. Bakhita:

As the Church works for justice and truth and transparency in teaching and action, we must ask Bakhita and others to make hope overwhelming to all—especially those men and women who have been hurt by the Church, and especially as children and young, vulnerable seminarians, as well.

Pray, as did John Paul when canonizing her:

Through the intercession of St. Bakhita let us pray that all men and women will come to know the saving presence of the Lord Jesus and thus be freed from slavery to sin and death.

For inspiration, read the full article. We'll likely need it in the coming months.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 29

5:00 † Joanne Schwall-Gregg

Sunday, December 30

8:00 For Our Parishioners

9:30 Intentions of the Pope

11:00 † Souls in Purgatory

Monday, December 31

8:00 For Our Parishioners

5:00 Intentions of the Pope

Tuesday, January 1—Solemnity of Mary

9:30 † Abigail Spellman

11:00 † Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, January 2

9:00 Intentions of the Pope

Thursday, January 3

8:00 For Our Parishioners

Friday, January 4

8:00 † Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, January 5

8:00 Intentions of the Pope

5:00 For Our Parishioners

Sunday, January 6—Epiphany

8:00 † Souls in Purgatory

9:30 For Our Parishioners

11:00 John Watson

12:30 Haitian Mass

Intentions of the Pope

December Evangelization—In the Service of the Transmission of Faith. That people who are involved in the service and transmission of faith may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

January Young People and the Example of Mary—That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday:	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
Monday:	Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Sylvester I; New Year's Eve
Tuesday:	The Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; Mary, the Holy 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

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Eucharistic Adoration

Sundays 3–6 p.m.
December 30 in the Church
January 6 in the Church
January 13 in the Parish Center Chapel

Holy Hour—
Adoration & Rosary
Weekdays at Noon
Parish Center Chapel
No Weekday Holy Hour
January 1–2

Adoration, apart from the Holy Mass prolongs and intensifies what has taken place in the liturgical celebration and makes it possible, to receive Christ, in a real and profound way.

Pope Benedict XVI

SAVE THE DATE

A Celebration of
The Life and Legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Saturday, January 19, 2019
5:00 p.m. Mass
With Pastor Monté Dillard
from First Church of Christ Life Center

*Followed by a light dinner ~
feel free to bring a dish to share
or a bottle of wine.*

*“Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.”
from “Letter from a Birmingham Jail,” 16 April 1963*

