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MINISTRIES MASS / SERVICES

MASS TIMES

Monday ~ Saturday: 8am
Saturday Vigil: 5pm (English)
Sunday: 8am & 10am (English)
12 Noon (Spanish)

CONFESSION

Saturday: 4:30pm Sunday: 9:30am &
11:30am or during the week by
appointment only

ROSARY

Monday ~ Saturday @ 7:30am

ADORATION

Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday
@ 8:30am

EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION

First Friday of the month @ 7pm

SACRAMENTS

Please contact the parish office for
arrangements

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Marcia Waite, Director
Email: ccdred@visitationmiami.org

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

Parish Hall: Thursday's 8:00pm - 9:30pm.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Activities Room: 2nd Sunday of the month @
2pm. For information contact Walter Aguilar.

LEGION OF MARY

Activities Room.: Saturdays 8:30am-10:30am

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If you or someone you know is pregnant &
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Food Pantry: 2nd & 4th Thursday of the month. Open 2nd & 4th
Wednesday 9am-12pm. For information call 786-462-4815.

WOMEN'S COUNCIL

Activities Room: Meets the 4th Saturday of the month @ 6pm.
For information, please contact Ella Brown @ 305-624-7206,
peaceread70@bellsouth.net or Debbie Gadson @ 954-614-
6936, deborahagadson@bellsouth.net

December
29
2019



The angel said to Joseph,
"Rise, take the child and
his mother, flee to Egypt,
and stay there until I tell you."

Matthew 2:13

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

OFFICE

Monday ~ Friday
8:30am - 2:00pm & 2:30pm - 4:30pm

STAFF

Rev. Msgr. George Puthusseril, Pastor
Rev. James Quinn, Weekends
Pete Fetscher, Property Manager
Cheryl Thornhill, Parish Secretary
Yanic Elie, Custodian

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP
IS BURNING THIS WEEK
DECEMBER 28, - JANUARY 3, FOR**

†Rupert Smith, †Hilda Smith, †Eddy Smith,
†Sonny Lyew, †Isabell Robinson
Requested by the Smith family



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Those who honor and comfort their parents shall never be forgotten (Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14).

Psalm — 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).



**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF
DECEMBER 28 ~ JANUARY 4**

SAT., DEC 28, VIGIL: HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

5pm: †Deceased members of the Storey family by Peggy Bartish

5pm: Birthday Blessings for Joan Lobo by Peggy Bartish

SUN., DEC 29, THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

8am: †Linh Phero Phung Nguyen by Ngoc Nguyen, wife

8am: Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Fatima by Jean Philippe Nau

10am: In Thanksgiving to the Holy Trinity by Josette Desroses

10am: †Rosa Vasquez by Zoila Boughner

12pm: †Familia de Reviglio Fischer by Afrodita Fischer Reviglio

12pm: †Federico Buraye Munoz by Afrodita Fischer Reviglio

MON., DEC 30, OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

8am: †Darryl Menzies by the Menzies family

8am: †Marvin Polycar by Jonathan Polycar

TUES., DEC 31, OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

8am: In Thanksgiving for Fr. George by Regina Odiwo

8am: †Olive E. Reneau by Jeannette Reneau-Maxwell

WED., JAN 1, SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

8am: Thanksgiving to St. Anthony by Al & Bunni Lewis

8am: Action de Grace by Pierre Marie Jose Senatus

7pm: Thanksgiving to Mt. Carmel by Daniella Marseille

7pm: Special Intention Mr. & Mrs. Linzy by Mr. & Mrs. Linzy

THUR. JAN 2, STS. BASIL THE GREAT & GREGORY NAZIANZEN

8am: The People of the Parish

FRI., JAN 3, CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY (HOLY NAME OF JESUS)

8am: †Eva Lecorps by The MacGuffies

8am: Special Intention for Annalie Martinez by husband

SAT., JAN 4, ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON, RELIGIOUS

8am: †Henry Carroll by Mr. & Mrs. Linzy

8am: †Hector Favio Montoya Aragon by Jose Manuel Montoya



PRAY FOR THE HEALTH OF

Ricardo Yong, Mark Calabrese, Marcelina Figueroa, Judy Williams, Jane Whitters, Fred Reichlan, Marlene Cheron, Joan Mapp, Jeshawn Davis, Natalia Jackman, Diana Rodriguez, Luz Cordero, Jo & Tom Pender, Debra Brown, Maria Maltez, James Whittier, Fred Reisch, Sydell Hotson, Walter Aguilar, Elia Sarmiento, Candida Lofranco, Lechy Maria Nowak, Steve Lagueux, Gail & Deidra Moller, all the sick of our parish. *Please notify the parish office to add or remove a name*

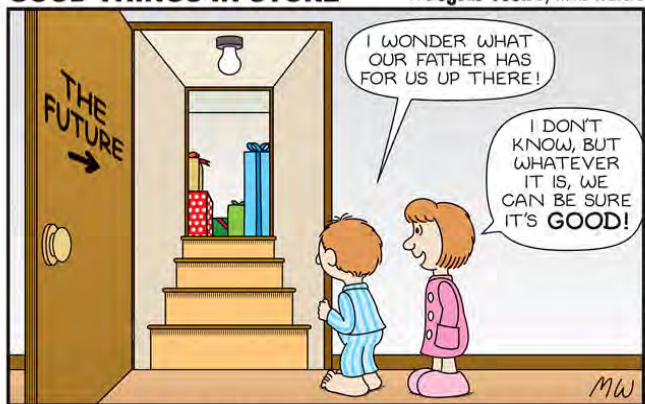
SALVATION IN DAILY LIFE

This Sunday is the feast of the Holy Family, which comes on the first Sunday after Christmas Day. Today's feast celebrates how the humanity of Jesus (including his entire family life) has brought saving significance into the daily rhythms of our human family life.

The scriptures offer instruction and encouragement on how to share—within our families, parish families, and the wider human family—the love that God shares with us in Jesus. Selections from Sirach, Psalm 128, and Colossians encourage us to reflect divine love and thus find holiness in all our human relationships. The reading from Matthew's Gospel offers a living example of love in the actions Joseph took to protect his young family from danger and to nurture them within the larger family of faith of their time.

GOOD THINGS IN STORE

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



How abundant are the good things that you have stored up for those who fear you, that you bestow in the sight of all, on those who take refuge in you. — PSALM 31:19 NV

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** I Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40
- Tuesday:** I Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
- Wednesday:** Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
- Thursday:** I Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
- Friday:** I Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34
- Saturday:** I Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42
- Sunday:** Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12



Dear Friends,

We are just a few days away from the New Year and I wish all of you a very happy New Year. Another year is being given to us. The years come and go so fast that sometimes we lose the importance of each year, each month, each week, each day, and most importantly of each moment. All of us enter into the new year with good intentions and brave resolutions. Those are easy, but to live up to them is the challenge. I pray that as you celebrate the New Year, you will also have the grace to fulfill your resolutions and bring to fruition your good intentions for the year.

In the next two weeks, the contribution letters will be mailed out for those who have contributed \$250 or more during the calendar year 2019. Since we had to change our parish census program, it is possible that there might be some errors in the statements. If you find that your contribution amount is wrong, please let the office know and we will be able to correct the same and reissue the letter. These letters are for the purpose of making your deduction in your income tax. It will also help you to see what your total church contribution has been for 2019 and make your calculations for the coming year. These statements will not include your contributions to the ABCD. You will be getting a separate statement from the Archdiocese for the ABCD. Parish contribution letter includes all your donations to the parish, as well as your contributions to the second collections during the years.

Some parishioners had expressed an interest in a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Since those are expensive, I never considered the possibility of conducting one in our parish. But the suggestion of those interested was that if it is announced early, they can save enough money to pay for the same. According to their request, I contacted a tour company and have arranged for a group to go from our parish to the Holy Land in February of 2021. The dates are from February 17, 2021 to February 25, 2021. The cost including the airfare will be \$3,499 for double occupancy if you reserve your seat by August 21, 2020. They will hold a number of seats for our parish until then, and if we do not have

enough participants, they will release those to other parishes. Flyers will soon be available for the tour. You could also inform your family and friends and people from nearby parishes who may be interested in making this pilgrimage.

On January 10, I will be going to India for a month and there will be another priest to cover for me while I am away: Fr. Alex D'Mello. Every year, the ABCD appeal is made around the third weekend of January and practically all the parishes do it on the same weekend. Since I will not be here that weekend, I did not want to burden the substituting priests to make the appeal. Hence, I have decided to do our ABCD appeal on the first weekend of January, which is the feast of the Epiphany. Simultaneously, I will be making the stewardship appeal for our parish. The ABCD goal for our parish this year is \$ 59,934. I am informing you of the same ahead of time so that you can be prepared to make your pledge next weekend.


This weekend we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family. Celebrating this feast on the Sunday after the birth of Jesus is to remind us that our families should look to the family of Jesus as a model and example to be followed. They were ready to sacrifice themselves to make sure that the child entrusted to them would be brought up as truly the child of God. The responsibility that the parents have is great and it is only with a deep faith in God that they are able to fulfill their task of being good parents. *The Catechism of the Catholic Church* gives the following advice to the parents: "Parents have the first responsibility for the education of their children. They bear witness to this responsibility first by *creating a home* where tenderness, forgiveness, respect, fidelity, and disinterested service are the rule. The home is well-suited for *education in the virtues*. This requires an apprenticeship in self-denial, sound judgment, and self-mastery – the preconditions of all true freedom. Parents should teach their children to subordinate the 'material and instinctual dimensions to interior and spiritual ones.' Parents have a grave responsibility to give good example to their children. By knowing how to acknowledge their own failings to their children, parents will be better able to guide and correct them:" (CCC #2223). May the Holy Family of Nazareth continue to inspire and guide our families.

I wish all of you a very happy new year filled with many blessings. God bless you all.
Fr. George

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