

Holy Family

The Feast of the Holy Family celebrates the human family unit, as well as the ultimate family unit: Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. The feast, not a solemnity, is usually celebrated on the Sunday after Christmas. If Christmas is a Sunday, then the feast is celebrated on December 30th.

The Holy Family is the name given to the family unit of Jesus:

The Divine Son of God Jesus, his mother the Virgin Mary, and his foster-father Joseph. We know very little about the life of the Holy Family through the canonical Gospels. They speak of the early years of the Holy Family, including the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem, the flight into Egypt and the finding of Jesus in the temple. While the exact details of the day-to-day life of the Holy Family may be unknown, we can still learn a lot from the stories we do have.

The main purpose of this Feast is to present the Holy Family as the model for all Christian families, and for domestic life in general. Our family life becomes sanctified when we live the life of the Church within our homes. This is called the “domestic church” or the “church in miniature”. St. John Chrysostom urged all Christians to make each home a “family church”, and in doing so, we sanctify the family unit.

Nobody comes from a perfect family, but we all dream of a perfect family, where we are accepted as we are, loved as we are and always struggle to be better. Sometimes what we call family is a broken family. And that is better than no family at all. If it all fails we should never forget that we also belong to the family of the Church and the family of God.

As God blessed Mary and Joseph with Jesus, may Jesus always be in our homes and in our hearts.

New Year's Eve

On New Year's Eve, we will have Adoration at 4:00 p.m. followed by Te Deum and Mass at 5:00 p.m. in English and Portuguese.

New Year's day Masses will be at 10:00 a.m. in Portuguese, 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 pm. in English.

***To all our parishioners
and their Families
we wish a Happy New Year!***



St. Mary's Church

Rev. Msgr. Fernando Couto (Pastor)

Rev. Fr. João Ferreira (Associate Pastor)

Parish Council

Parish Finance Council

Legion of Mary

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
First Friday of Every Month at 5:00 p.m.

English Choir

Portuguese Choir
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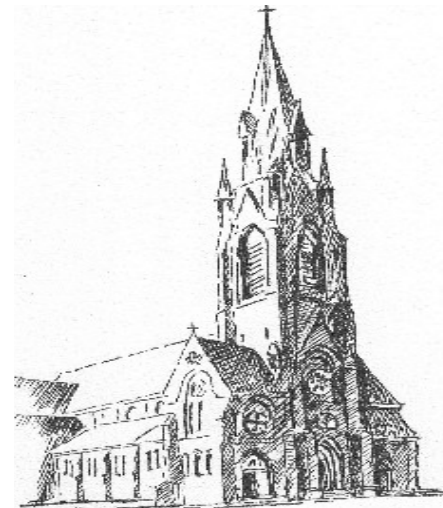
Volunteer Co-ordinator
Delia Medeiros (contact the parish)

Baptism—Sundays
Baptisms will be booked by appointment only

Marriages
Please contact the priest 12 months in advance

Confessions
Every day before Mass, except on Sunday

Schools
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OFFICE HOURS

Mon.– Fri. 8:30—12:00 and 1:00—4:00 pm

Sunday Masses

8:30 am Portuguese

10:00 am Portuguese

11:30 am English

1:00 pm. English

Weekday Masses

Monday—Friday 9:00 am Portuguese
6:00 pm English

Saturday 5:00 pm English
6:30 pm Portuguese



**Holy Family
December 26, 2021**

First Reading (1 Sam 1,20-22,24-28)

This deals with the birth of Samuel and his consecration to God.

Psalm: Blessed are those who live in your house, O Lord.

Second Reading (1 John 3,1-2,21-24). We are God's children and should live a life in keeping with this great dignity.

Gospel (Lk 2,41-52). The story of how the twelve-year-old Jesus got lost in Jerusalem shows that misunderstandings can occur even in the best of families, and gives us a glimpse of the true identity of Jesus.

Family Prayer

**Lord God help us to live
as the Holy Family
united in respect and in love.**

**Bless and protect our children and
guide us through the difficulties of life.
May we feel your divine presence
in our marriage, in the laughter
of our children and in the sacrifices
we make to raise them.**

**Through the prayers of Mary
and of St. Joseph her husband,
unite our families in peace and love.**

Hark The Herald Angels Sing

Hark the herald angels sing
"Glory to the newborn King!
Peace on earth and mercy mild
God and sinners reconciled"
Joyful, all ye nations rise
Join the triumph of the skies
With the angelic host proclaim:
"Christ is born in Bethlehem"
Hark! The herald angels sing
"Glory to the newborn King!"

Christ by highest heav'n adored
Christ the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold Him come
Offspring of a Virgin's womb
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see
Hail the incarnate Deity
Pleased as man with man to dwell
Jesus, our Emmanuel
Hark! The herald angels sing
"Glory to the newborn King!"

Away In A Manger

Away in a manger no crib for His bed
The little Lord Jesus lay down His sweet head
The stars in the bright sky
Look down where He lay
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing the poor Baby wakes
But little Lord Jesus no crying He makes
I love Thee, Lord Jesus look down from the sky
And stay by my side 'til morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever and love me, I pray
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care
And take us to Heaven to live with Thee there.

The First Noel

The first Noel, the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds
in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay
keeping their sheep on a cold
winter's night that was so deep.

**Noel, noel, noel, noel
Born is the King of Israel.**

They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the East beyond them far.
And to the Earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night.

And by the light of that same star,
Three wise men came from country far;
To seek for a King was their intent,
And to follow the star wherever it went.

Angels We Have Heard On High

Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plains
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains

**Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
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Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspire your heavenly song?

Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing,
Come, adore on bended knee,
Christ the Lord our newborn King.

Mass Intentions for this Week

Saturday, December 25

8:30 am. Portuguese
10:00 am. Portuguese
11:30 am. English
1:00 pm. English

Sunday, December 26

8:30 am.
10:00 am. Community—Santo Cristo Association
11:30 am. Ana Carvalho—Jimmy Silva
1:00 pm.

Monday, December 27

9:00 am.
6:00 pm. No Mass

Tuesday, December 28

9:00 am.
6:00 pm. José Medeiros

Wednesday, December 29

9:00 am. Intention of Mario Gomes
6:00 pm. Luis Raposo

Thursday, December 30

9:00 am. José Araujo
6:00 pm. 50th Anniversary of Eduardo & Francisca Azeredo

Friday, December 31

4:00 pm. Adoration
5:00 pm. Mass—English/Portuguese

Saturday, January 1

10:00 am. Portuguese
11:30 am. English
1:00 pm. English