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THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH DECEMBER 27, 2020



MASSES

SATURDAY VIGIL: 4:00PM

SUNDAY: 8:00AM & 10:30AM

WEEKDAY MASS: CHAPEL

MONDAY-FRIDAY 8:00AM
(ROSARY AFTER)

FIRST SATURDAY 8:00AM
ANNOINTING OF THE SICK &
NOVENA TO MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY: 3:00-3:45 PM

SUNDAY: 7:15 - 7:45AM
9:45-10:15 AM

OTHER TIMES BY APPOINTMENT

ADORATION

TUESDAY: 8:00AM-6:00PM

FRIDAY: 8:30AM-9:30 AM
(DEVOTION TO SACRED HEART)

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY-FRIDAY: 8:00 AM-12:30 PM

LAURA E. RHODE, SECRETARY

Gospel Reflection

According to Exodus 13: 1-6, The Lord said "Consecrate to me every firstborn male. The first offspring of every womb among the Israelites belongs to me, whether human or animal." Since children cannot be sacrificed, they are redeemed by offering animals in place of their children. The rich used to offer lambs and the poor a couple of turtle doves or pigeons. Mary and Joseph submitted to this provision as they were poor.

The evangelist introduces here the scrupulous religious observances by the Holy Family and how they fulfilled all the requirements of the law of the Lord. It shows that from the earliest years of his life, Jesus has faithfully fulfilled the Father's will, expressed in the Holy Scriptures.

Now the message is addressed to all Christian parents. Their duty is not only to give their children education, work and the manners of a civil society. They are called to a most important mission: to consecrate their children to the Lord, from the earliest days of their lives and to instill in them deep convictions about the existence of God and the need of belief. Educating in the faith is more than just teaching prayers and observances of religious practices. "It means putting in the hearts of the children the love for "the way" traveled by Jesus, to offer them to the Lord that they will become builders of peace and a new world."

We know that children learn more with the eyes than with the ears. The Christian life of the parents is the best way to give catechesis to the children. If parents pray at home, the children learn to pray with them; if the parents read the Bible, the children learn to seek the light of their lives in God's word; if parents participate faithfully to the meetings of the Christian community and receive sacraments, the children will follow and become committed Christians; if parents practice love, forgiveness, generosity towards the brothers/sisters, the children imitate them. That's how Christian parents consecrate their children to the Lord.

Simeon, an old man is the center of today's Gospel. He is described as "a just man and fears God, awaiting the consolation of Israel". Simeon teaches us how to grow old. He also remembers, but has no regrets; no blames on the present, does not complain that "the former times were better". He remembers God's promises and awaits the fulfillment with unwavering confidence.

He gives us a very good example. He does not want to return a young man because he knows of having fulfilled his own life, leaving himself always guided by the Spirit. He feels his forces decline, and yet he remains capable of cultivating high hopes. He lives in the light of the Word of God, for this reason, even though he realizes that his days are coming to an end, he does not fear death. He is happy and asks the Lord to welcome him into his peace.

Today's Readings

First Reading (*Gen. 15:1-6, 21:1-3(17b)*)

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying: "Fear not, Abram! I am your shield; I will make your reward very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what good will your gifts be, if I keep on being childless and have as my heir the steward of my house, Eliezer?" Abram continued, "See, you have given me no offspring, and so one of my servants will be my heir. Then the word of the LORD came to him: "No, that one shall not be your heir; your own issue shall be your heir." The Lord took Abram outside and said, "Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can. Just so," he added, "shall your descendants be." Abram put his faith in the LORD, who credited it to him as an act of righteousness.

The LORD took note of Sarah as he had said he would; he did for her as he had promised. Sarah became pregnant and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time that God had stated. Abraham gave the name Isaac to this son of his whom Sarah bore him.

Responsorial Psalm (*Psalms 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9*)

R. **The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.**

Give thanks to the LORD, invoke his name; make known among the nations his deeds. Sing to him, sing his praise, proclaim all his wondrous deeds.

R. **The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.**

Glory in his holy name; rejoice, O hearts that seek the LORD! Look to the LORD in his strength; constantly seek his face.

R. **The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.**

You descendants of Abraham, his servants, sons of Jacob, his chosen ones! He, the LORD, is our God; throughout the earth his judgments prevail.

R. **The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.**

He remembers forever his covenant which he made binding for a thousand generations which he entered into with Abraham and by his oath to Isaac.

R. **The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.**

Second Reading (*Hebrews 11:8,11-12, 17-19*)

Brothers and sisters: By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; he went out, not knowing where he was to go. By faith he received power to generate, even though he was past the normal age --and Sarah herself was sterile-- for he thought that the one who had made the promise was trustworthy. So it was that there came forth from one man, himself as good as dead, descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sands on the seashore.

By faith Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was ready to offer his only son,

of whom it was said, "Through Isaac descendants shall bear your name." He reasoned that God was able to raise even from the dead, and he received Isaac back as a symbol.

Gospel (Luke 2:22-40)

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, They took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, *Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord*, and to offer the sacrifice of *a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons*, in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord.

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, He took him into his arms and blessed God, saying: "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel." The child's father and mother were amazed at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted —and you yourself a sword will pierce— so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived seven years with her husband after her marriage, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer. And coming forward at that very time, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

Office Closed

December 31st & January 1st, 2020

Special Collection

Aged & Infirm Priests



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| Michael & Toddy Arceneaux | Patsy Ladner |
| Ralph Baldwin | Verna Mae Ladner |
| Nelsie & Johnny Banks | Larry Lind |
| Emilee Battaglia | James Lovett |
| Gene Breazeale | Janet Palmer |
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| Linda Burke | Charles Meador |
| Don "Sarge" Carter | Barbara Moran |
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| Howard Edwards | Shirley Morris |
| Peggy Glynn | Patrick Murphy |
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| Jann Haas | Tyrone & Faye Necaize |
| Merle Haas | Christopher Nugent |
| Phillip Haas | Joy Patin |
| Verna Haas | Carolyn Rhode |
| Jennie Hoda | Brooke Rolison |
| Wayne Hoda | Tina Roundtree |
| Amanda Jones | Carla Santiago |
| June Kenney | Karrie Schultz |
| Donald Koenenn | Jerry Shavers |
| Shelly Koenenn | Mike Shubert |
| Barbara Ladner | Timothy Scott Steen |
| Willard & Cecile Ladner | Maura Strong |
| | Josie Thomas |
| | Denise Walker |
| | Shaylynn Whitfield |

Mass Timetable

12/31/2020 6:00pm (Church)

01/01/2020 9:00am (Church)

Feast and Solemnities

- 12-27-20 - The Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
- 12-28-20 - The Holy Innocents (Martyrs)
- 01/01/21 -Mary, Mother of God
- 01/02/21-Sts, Gregory Nazianzen & Basil the Great
- 01/03/21- Epiphany of the Lord



The bishops of the Province of Mobile, together with our Presbyteral Councils, have declared the Church year beginning November 29, 2020, the First Sunday of Advent, and ending November 21, 2021, the Feast of Christ the King, to be **The Year of the Eucharist and the Parish in all our dioceses.**

Our Lady of the Rosary

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Sale

Next door to our Church

" Attention "

Please be sure to be added to the Catholic list when are admitted to the hospitals. The Priest Chaplains will not know if you are in the hospital unless you are on the list.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 26

4pm- Kathleen Shirer †

Sunday, December 27

8:00am -Parishioners

10:30am -Leo & Marie Laurent † & Eddie Peterson †

Monday, December 28

8:00am - Mr. & Mrs. Joe Perniciaro †

Tuesday, December 29

8:00am -

Wednesday, December 30

8:00am -

Thursday, December 31

8:00am- Tanis Moran

Friday, January 1

8:00am - Lamar Necaize

PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS:

- Amir Darwis _____ US Army National Guard
- Drew Ladner _____ US Marine
- Darrell Little _____ US Army
- Devin Nelson _____ US Army
- Brandan Witt _____ USAF
- Evan Cameron _____ USAF
- Dillon Lacoste _____ US Navy

Lord, hold our troops in Your Loving Hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need, and bring them home safely. May their sacrifices bring about a lasting and just peace in those lands. We ask this in the Name of Jesus Our Lord and Savior. Amen.

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