

## Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph December 30, 2018

The first choice for the first reading, the passage from Sirach, has a line that can be of comfort to those who have grown at least somewhat estrange from their parents: “Kindness to a father will not be forgotten, firmly planted against the debt of your sin” (Sirach 3:14). At one point or another we may well have treated our parents in a way that we now regret. Perhaps we still find it difficult to make the effort we should. Perhaps some resentment clouds our relationship. But Sirach gives us hope, for kindness given at any time can atone for previous animosity or thoughtlessness.

It would be unrealistic to assert that every estranged child-parent relationship can be transformed into a harmonious one. However, we cannot ignore the power of forgiveness and its effect on either party. Saint Paul asks the Colossians to forgive one another as the Lord has forgiven them. In forgiving those who have hurt us, we are sharing God’s greatest gift, one we in turn are continually offered by the Lord.

In the Gospel, Jesus is found in the temple, staying in his Father’s home rather than immediately journeying back to his mother and foster father’s home in Nazareth. In a different way, many children are torn between two different homes. In a situation with divorced or separated parents, children have two distinct homes. When Jesus told his parents, “Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house? Mary and Joseph did not understand (Luke 2:49). But Mary kept this in her heart. Let us do the same even when we fail to appreciate our children’s perspective.

### Question of the Week

What can I do for my parents/siblings/spouse/children to make my family more holy, more like the ideal that God call us to?



**Saturday, December 29, 2018**

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

**4:00.m.** Elodie Gabriel – Darrell & Bruce Gabriel – Francis Hai Cao – Joseph Ngan Cao and Mary Pham – Tu Tran – Virgil & Mary Duplessis – Daniel & Elizabeth Ripoll – Danny Jon Singletary – George Marcell – non Mercadel – Audrey Jefferson – Ellsworth McKendall – Mary Pham – Joseph Nguyen – Frank Donze – Daisy Hicks and Nautilus Aubrey

**Sunday, December 30, 2018**

### Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

**8:30a.m.** Elodie Gabriel – Darrell & Bruce Gabriel – Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – France Hai Cao – Earthy B. Lazard – Walter Banks, III – Calvin Tate – Corrine Singletary – Tu Tran – Mary Pham – Joseph Nguyen – Eloise C. Parker – Melvina Kepp – Lawrence Miller, Jr. – Francis Mouton

**10:30a.m.** Lamar & Shirley Smith – Lordeas Glapion Nix – Melvin Thomas – Veronica Vigne Richards – Eugene Ganier – Lorrie Truxcello – Deacon Poncho – Intentions of the McKinney Family – Enjoli DeGrasse

**12:00p.m.** Louis Isidore – Intentions of St. Maria Goretti Parish

**Monday, December 31, 2018**

**8:30a.m.** Elodie Gabriel – Darrell & Bruce Gabriel – Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Tu Tran – John & Melba Fletcher – Mary Pham – Joseph Nguyen – Vernon Mercadel

### Vigil New Year’s Eve

**4:00p.m.** Intentions of the Aubrey, Jordon and Hicks Families

**Tuesday, January 1, 2019 (New Year’s Day)**

**8:30a.m.** Elodie Gabriel – Darrell & Bruce Gabriel – Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Deacon Poncho – Mary Pham – Joseph Nguyen – Tu Tran – Calvin Tate – Ellsworth McKendall – Intentions of Enjoli DeGrasse

**10:30a.m.** Priest – Staff – Deacons – Joyce Jones – Intentions of Blair McDonald – Intentions of Stacey Martin - Enjoli DeGrasse

**12:00p.m.** Intentions of St. Maria Goretti Parish

**Wednesday, January 2, 2019**

**8:30a.m.** Elodie Gabriel – Darrell & Bruce Gabriel – Joseph Ngan Cao and Mary Pham – Joseph Cong Cao – Peter & Mary Kham Nguyen – Tu Tran – Mary Pham – Joseph Nguyen – John and Melba Fletcher – Intentions of our Parish

**Thursday, January 3, 2019**

**8:30a.m.** Elodie Gabriel – Darrell & Bruce Gabriel – Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Tu Tran – Mary Pham – Joseph Nguyen – John and Melba Fletcher – Intentions of Tamerle Young – Melanie Ally – Stacey Martin – Leonard Gauthreaux – Fr, Cyril Buyeera

**Friday, January 4, 2019**

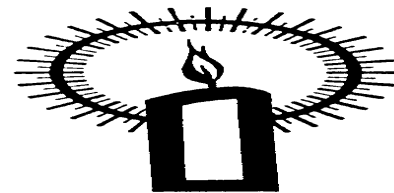
**8:30a.m.** Elodie Gabriel – Darrell & Bruce Gabriel – Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Tu Tran – Deacon Poncho – Joseph Nguyen – John and Melba Fletcher – Intentions of Tamerle Young – Stacey Martin & Family

**Saturday, January 5, 2019**

**8:30a.m.** All Poor Souls in Purgatory – Mary Pham – Joseph Nguyen – The Living and Deceased Benefactors of the Catholic Negro American Mission.

Announcement

“LORD JESUS, YOU are the SOURCE of Holiness, Keep us holy and without sin now until the day of Your coming.” Eucharistic Adoration Monday thru Friday, 9:00a.m. - 12:00 noon and Saturdays, 12:00noon – 3:00p.m. No Eucharistic Adoration December 22 thought January 1, 2019. Resuming on January 2, 2019.



*Sanctuary Lamp*

The Sanctuary Lamp in the Church for this week will burn in memory of Steven George  
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**Bible Study**

The theme for the **Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph and the Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God: Embrace the surprise.** Bible Study both of these celebrations will be based on the readings for the: **Reading I: Numbers 6:22-27; Responsorial Psalm: 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Reading II: Galatians 4:4-7; Gospel: Luke 2:16-21 and Gospel for the Holy Family of Jesus and Mary: Luke 2:41-52.** Bible study normally held on **Monday at 7p.m. in the center will resume January 7, 2019.**

**New Year’s Mass Schedule**

**Monday, December 31, 2018 – New Year’s Eve 4:00p.m. Vigil Mass**  
**Tuesday, January 1, 2019 – New Year’s Day 8:30a.m., 10:30a.m., 12:00 noon**



Thursdays, 8:00p.m. in the Center where you might win and have some fun with friends and family.

**RCIA**

Welcome to the surprise of Christmas! “Christmas is preferring the silent voice of God to the noisiness of consumerism. If we can be silent in front of the crib, Christmas will be a surprise even for us, not something seen before,” Pope Francis' Welcome to the Surprise of Christmas.

Every Catholic has a role in welcoming those seeking to join the Catholic Church. God has touched them in a special way that leads them to us. Let us get out of the pews and into the community.

**The RCIA is in its Evangelization and Precatechumenate Phase. During this Christmas Season we meditate on “The Word Incarnate. Christ in human form, what does this mean to me?”**

For more information contact the RCIA Team: Deacon Terrel J. Broussard or any member of the RCIA Team or by email at [tbroussard@smgnola.com](mailto:tbroussard@smgnola.com), or visit the website at [smgnola.com](http://smgnola.com)

*This Week in our Parish*

- Monday, December 31, 2018 - Christmas Eve**  
Closed
- Tuesday, January 1, 2019 – New Year’s Day**  
7:00p.m. Council 9415 Rms. 3 & 4
- Wednesday, January 2, 2019**  
6:00p.m. Zumba Exercise Class – Center  
7:00p.m. Catholic Men’s fellowship - Library  
7:00p.m. First Place Class – Rm 10  
7:00p.m. Liturgical Dance - Center
- Thursday, January 3, 2019**  
6:00p.m. Bingo - Center
- Friday, January 4, 2019**
- Saturday, January 5, 2019**  
11:00a.m. Star Class – Rm-10  
2:00p.m. Altar Society Meeting – Rms. 3 & 4  
7:00p.m. Filipino Ministry – Rms. 3 & 4

We welcome everyone into our parish. If you have not filled out a census card, the cards can be found on the table at the entrance of the church.



Be of Good Will to All