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## MASS SCHEDULE

### Saturday Vigil

7:00 p.m. Spanish (piano & cantor)

### Sunday

8:00 a.m. English (organ & cantor)

9:30 a.m. Spanish (piano & choir/cantor)

11:30 a.m. English (organ & choir/cantor)

1:30 p.m. Vietnamese (keyboard & choir)

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Weekdays	8:30 a.m. Spanish (Mon-Fri.)	12:10 p.m. English (Mon-Fri)
	7:45 a.m. Vietnamese (Thu & Sat)	

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### CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION

All those who are called to follow Jesus in the Catholic faith along with Catholics already baptized (adults, youth & children) who desire to celebrate the sacraments of First Confession, First Communion and Confirmation can make contact with the coordinator of this area for information about the various programs available. Registration for these programs are announced in the bulletin during various times of the year. Also appointments can be made in the parish office at anytime.

Parents wishing to baptize their children (ages 1-5) are invited to make an appointment in the parish office to speak with a staff member in order to make arrangements for participating in the Baptismal Program.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)

Saturday 4:00-5:00 p.m. and at the parish office by appointment.

### MARRIAGE

Couples planning to be married should call for an appointment six months in advance of the wedding.

### VISITS TO THE SICK

In emergency, call the parish office at any hour. Please inform the office of sick or homebound who desire the sacraments.

### NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to all parishioners.

We encourage all parishioners to register at our parish office. We invite new parishioners to make an appointment to meet a member of the parish staff.

### ST. NICHOLAS OF TOLENTNE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Grades Kindergarten - 8. For registration information call the school office at (718) 364-5110.

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - FRIDAY 9:00 a.m. - 12 Noon open (12 pm - 1 pm closed)

1:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m. open (5 p.m. - 6 p.m. closed) 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. open

SATURDAY 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

SUNDAY 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

## THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

### HOME IS WHERE THE FAMILY IS



The idea, dream, and reality of family is so strong and durable that we use it to describe all that is best about human gatherings. We speak of the family of nations, of our church and parish families. The greatest compliment we can pay a friend or gracious host is to say that we feel at home with them, we feel part of the family.

Families are the first crucibles in which love is tested and tempered. Jesus himself was one of three people who lived in the shadow of each other. This family, like our own, did not always “get it right,” but they always tried to. These three “amateurs” were on holiday, and one of them got lost. Two were worried sick and took great measures to find the third, a boy after all, who was seeking the meaning of his calling. He found his vocation—to do his Father’s work—but he also returned home with his parents.

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### TODAY’S READINGS

**First Reading** — Hannah conceived, and at the end of her term bore a son whom she called Samuel (1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28) *or* Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14.

**Psalm** — Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord (Psalm 84) *or* Psalm 128.

**Second Reading** — See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God (1 John 3:1-2, 21-24) *or* Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17].

**Gospel** — The boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. They found him in the temple, in the midst of the teachers (Luke 2:41-52).

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### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today’s feast is new as feasts go, and it sets us this year in a very modern crisis. Amid conflicting schedules and commitments, a young man, testing the limits, has strayed from his parents and gone off to the big city. Mary and Joseph search frantically, only to find the child Jesus in the temple, conversing with the elders and scholars of the law, who are amazed at his wisdom.

In the time of Jesus, the temple was the religious center of Jewish ritual. Outside of Jerusalem, people gathered in the synagogues, centers of learning, for daily prayer and study. Still, everyone longed to journey to the temple to participate in the offerings, and to fulfill certain obligations of the law that could only be done there. On this feast, we catch a glimpse of the family of Jesus: parents dealing with the normal stresses of raising a child, and yet completely grounded in the ways of faith and tradition.

There has always been an appreciation in Christianity for the value of pilgrimage—the journey to holy places that is a symbol of our life’s journey to God, and a sense of connection to important events in our family history. During the Christmas season, many of us undertake pilgrimages to the family homestead for festival meals, to the parishes where we were formed in the faith, or perhaps even to a beautiful manger scene or festival of lights. There are few better days than this in our calendar for spending time with the family, especially on a short pilgrimage to a favorite place. Just make sure that no one gets left behind!

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### 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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EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED  
SACRAMENT

FIRST FRIDAY, JANUARY 4, 2018  
9:15AM - 8:00PM

DATE	8:00 AM	11:30 AM
Dec 30	David Le Marilyn Torain	Pereta Rodriguez Andre Johnson
Jan 6	Genevive Persaud David Le	Ruth Santana Camille Luke
Jan 13	Marilyn Torain Genevive Persaud	Felisha Fabian Josephine Nguyen

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER'S SCHEDULE**

DATE	8: 00 AM	11:30 AM
Dec 30	Yvonne Ebea Rosa Susana	Gregory Ender Marilyn Martin
Jan 6	Bethzabe Vera Rosa Susana	Gregory Ender Marilyn Martin
Jan 13	Yvonne Ebea Bethzabe	Ed Nolan Pereta Rodriguez

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK  
DECEMBER 31, 2018**

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

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK  
DECEMBER 31, 2018**

**Monday**  
**8:30am** Dar Garcias por todos los años de vida; Elsida Rodriguez Cross, Victor Rodriguez (D)  
**12:10pm**  
**Tuesday**  
**10:00am** Martino (D); Acción de gracias y a la Virgen Maria; Pedro Espinal (D); Andres Manuel Castillo Castillo  
**Wednesday**  
**8:30am**  
**12:10pm** Souls in purgatory  
**Thursday**  
**7:45am** LH OB To Tien  
**8:30am**  
**12:10pm**  
**Friday**  
**8:30am** Ermelsi Merino Diaz (D)  
**12:10pm** Souls of ancestors  
**Saturday**  
**7:45am** Gioan Kim (D)  
**7:00pm** Maximo Rodriguez (D)  
**Sunday**  
**8:00am** People of SNT  
**9:30am**  
**11:30am** Rosemary & Foster Martell  
**1:30pm** Gioan Kim (D)

THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE MASS ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2019 AT 10AM. IT WILL BE A BILINGUAL MASS.

**We pray for the People of St. Nicholas of Tolentine.**

**We pray for the sick:** Evelyn Reyes  
**We pray for the dead:** Miguelina Ojeta;  
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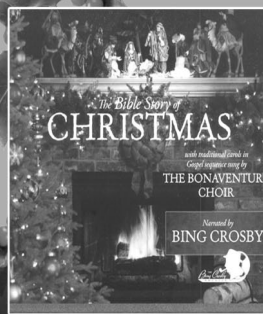
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