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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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<b>Weekdays</b>	8:30 a.m. <b>Spanish</b> (Mon-Fri.)	12:10 p.m. <b>English</b> (Mon-Fri)
	7:45 a.m. <b>Vietnamese</b> (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.

## 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

## 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.

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### 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).

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### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Sunday**

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

**Monday**

Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

**Tuesday**

Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Sylvester I; New Year's Eve

**Wednesday**

The Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; Mary, the Holy Mother of God; World Day of Peace; New Year's Day

**Thursday**

Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen

**Friday**

The Most Holy Name of Jesus; First Friday

**Saturday**

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton; First Saturday

### SAINT THOMAS BECKET (1118-1170)

#### December 29

To anyone who imagines conflict between religion and politics to be a modern phenomenon, history witnesses otherwise. Martyred under Henry VIII in 1535, Thomas More declared, "I die the king's good servant, but God's first!" Thomas Becket could have said the same four centuries earlier. As Henry II's closest friend and trusted chancellor, Becket, the king presumed, could be counted on, if made archbishop, to deliver the church to royal control. But Becket experienced a profound conversion, confirmed by the ordination liturgy's rich symbolism of the bishop as Good Shepherd and the church as Bride of Christ. Renouncing secular responsibilities, distributing his wealth to the poor, Thomas became the church's uncompromising champion. Faced with this "new" Becket, the king's previous friendship turned into a ferocious, almost irrational hatred. As eight centuries later, Archbishop Romero would be martyred at the altar of Christ's sacrifice, Becket was slain before the altar of Canterbury Cathedral by royal agents, neither the first nor last good shepherd to lay down his life as the price of freedom for Christ's church and justice for Christ's sheep.

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**LECTORS SCHEDULE**

DATE	8:00 AM	11:30 AM
Dec 29	David Le Genevive Persaud	Ruth Santana Josephine Nguyen
Jan 5	Juan Dones Elisia Dones	Daisy Soler Melissa Rivera-Jovel
Jan 12	Genevive Persaud David Le	Ruth Santana Andre Johnson

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER'S SCHEDULE**

DATE	8: 00 AM	11:30 AM
Dec 29	Bethzabe Vera Rosa Susana	Fitzroy Williams Dhariana De La Cruz
Jan 5	Juan Dones Elisia Dones	Dhariana De La Cruz Fitzroy Williams
Jan 12	Yvonne Ebea Bethzabe Vera	Gregory Ender Marilyn Martin

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION  
DECEMBER 15, 2019**

<b>Tithing:</b>	\$8,584.25	Retired Religious:	
<b>Children:</b>	\$2.00		\$1,052.00
<b>Total:</b>	\$8,556.25	Fuel:	\$780.00

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK  
DECEMBER 30, 2019**

Monday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40  
 Tuesday: 1 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: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28  
 Friday: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34  
 Saturday: 1 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

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK  
DECEMBER 30, 2019**

**Monday 8:30am** Odulia Muñoz, Trinidad Zamorra, Jose Flores, & Josefina Muñoz (D); Sunilda Duran (D)  
**12:10pm Tuesday 8:00pm** Claudio Inoa Santana (D)  
**Wednesday 10:00am** Anton The (D); Acción de gracias  
**Thursday 7:45am** Ong ba To Tien  
**8:30am**  
**12:10pm Friday 8:30am** Phero Luc (D)  
**12:10pm Saturday 7:45am** Giacobe Phu & Ana Khuong (D)  
**7:00pm** Ermelsi Merino Diaz (D)  
**Sunday 8:00am** San Judas Tadeo  
**9:30am** Raciél Mateo Cortes Matinez(D)  
**11:30am** Hector Serrano (D)  
**1:30pm** Maria Kêng (D)

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

**We pray for the sick: Eladio Perez  
We pray for the dead:**

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