

A reflection from the Pastor

“Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you. Herod is going to search for the child to destroy him. Joseph rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed for Egypt.

Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child’s life are dead.” He rose, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel.

And you thought you were tired from Christmas traveling! The work of Joseph in caring for the Holy Family must have been tremendous. His husband and fatherly care was all about the protection of Mary and Jesus, first in departing to Egypt and then in returning to Israel. As you notice, at each moment of danger, Joseph listened to God through his messenger angel. Listening to the Word of the God is most important in family dynamics. As you may have heard more popularly, ‘the family who prays together stays together’ – we might adapt to ‘the family who reads the Bible together grows in God’s ways.’

As many of you know, my patron saint is St. Joseph. I still remember a prayer that has come to mean different things to me over the length of my life. I began praying it back in high school.

St. Joseph, foster Father and protector of virgins,
To whom God entrusted Jesus and Mary,
I implore you by the grace which did bear them
To preserve me from every defilement of soul and body
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

I commend this prayer to all fathers. Let us pray for the strength of the family in our day. So many forces seem to be against the union of families – but there are so many for them – Jesus, Mary, and Joseph and the Holy Spirit that enables us to live and move and have our being.

May you and your families have a blessed week and a happy and safe new year.+

Fr. Ty

Liturgy / Mass Schedule and Intentions

Tuesday, 1st	6:00 p.m.	Angelus
<i>Mary, the Mother of God</i>	6:10 p.m.	Mass - <i>Eugene Vrana</i>
Wednesday, 2nd	8:00 a.m.	Mass - <i>Paul Depine</i>
<i>Sts. Basil & Gregory</i>		
Thursday, 3rd	8:00 a.m.	Mass - <i>Lillie Bomersbach</i>
Friday, 4th	8:00 a.m.	Mass - <i>Mark Lowery</i>
<i>Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton</i>		
Saturday, 5th	5:15 -5:45 p.m.	Penance
	5:40 p.m.	Rosary - leader: <i>Lupe Olguin</i>
	6:00 (vigil) Mass -	<i>Kathryn Koliba</i> by <i>M/M Raymond Brandl</i>
Sunday, 6th	7:30 a.m.	Santissima Rosario
<i>Epiphany of the Lord</i>	8:00 a.m.	Mass - <i>Emma Marie McGee</i>
	10:00 a.m.	Mass - <i>Pro Populo</i>

Liturgical Assignments for the week ahead

Saturday 5th, 6 p.m.

Lectors	Lisa Canales, Carol Sutton
Cup Ministers	Paulette Brandl, Jeanette West
Gift bearers	Marie Boedeker
Altar Servers	Gabriella & Madeline Canales
Ushers	M. Lange, S. Torres, R. Reyes, B. Cantu

Sunday 6th, 8 a.m.

Lectors	Veronica Ledezma, Ted Cabral
Cup Ministers	Fred and Patty Soto
Gift bearers	Henry/Minnie Chacon
Altar Servers	Maurizio Ledezma, volunteers
Ushers	E. Ledezma, A. Escalante, M. Garcia, D. Robles

Sunday 6th, 10 a.m.

Lectors	Maribel Gonzalez, Melinda Valenzuela
Cup Ministers	Ismael Perez, Gracie Perez
Gift bearers	Rosemary/Priscilla Mendez
Altar Servers	Angelica, Michael, Jason Valenzuela
Ushers	M. Gonzales, J. Sanchez, D. & K. Escalante

Religious Education

No Classes this week for Christmas Break. Classes resume January 9 with Mass in the church at 7:00 p.m. ALL GRADES at the same time.

Last Sunday's Collection:

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What's your Catholic IQ -Faith Quiz

Answer from last week:

The words the shepherds heard the angels sing to announce Jesus' birth were? a. **Glory to God in the Highest**

This week's question:

The wise men brought Jesus gifts of gold, frankincense, and
a. myrrh b. a silver spoon and cup c. toys d. almonds

(Answer coming next week)

Around the Diocese...

Retrouvaille Weekend – Is a help for renewing marriages. February 29 - March 2 at the Spiritual Renewal Center. For more info visit www.helpourmarriage.org or call Gerd or Linda Conner at 979 543-3493 to register.

Parish Meeting Schedule for January

January 8	Catholic Daughters Mtg.	7	Heritage
January 17	Knights of Columbus Mtg.	7	Heritage
January 26	Baptism Instruction Class	10	Heritage

