

## A reflection from the Pastor

A very Merry Christmas to you and your families!

Today we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. It is fitting that following the birthday of Jesus, we look at the holy family; for it was the love of his parents - Mary and Joseph - that cared for Jesus during his infancy, childhood, and those years preceding his public ministry. We might even wonder, what was Jesus like as a baby, what was he like as a teenager, what was he like as a young adult? While we know he was about his father's business from the age of about twelve (Luke 2:49), the gospel tells us that he was also obedient to Mary and Joseph who raised him (Luke 2:51). Remember, Jesus was like us in all things but sin. He did not sin, but he went through the same growing up processes that each of those stages of life bring. So, when we are questioning how we will get through various stages of development; whether that be questions by the parent or child - we turn to Jesus and remember that during those "hidden" years he worked through them listening to his parents, patiently growing in the ways of God, so that he could enter the world and proclaim His glory - ultimately by reconfiguring that wood of the manger into the wood of the cross for our salvation.

I pray that during this Christmas octave, as we celebrate Jesus' birth, that your family will grow in holiness and become like the family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. +

Lastly, my thanks to all of you who baked or cooked or sent a card during these holy days. It is truly a blessing from the Lord to be so thought of in each way.

## Christmas Greetings

Feliz Navidad *Prejeme Vam Vesele Vanoce a stastny*  
*Novy Rok Merry Christmas Jutdlime pivdluarit*  
*ukiortame pivdluaritlo Joyeux Noel Fröhliche*  
*Weihnachten Kala Christouyenna Mele Kalikimaka*  
Nollaig Shona Dhuit *Buone Feste Natalizie*  
Natale hilare et Annum Faustum *Merry Keshmish*  
Wesolych Swiat Bozego Narodzenia *Feliz Natal*  
Pozdrevlyayu s prazdnikom Rozhdestva is Novim  
Godom *Vesele Vianoce Chuc Mung Giang Sinh*

## Pray for Peace

## Liturgy / Mass Schedule for the week ahead

Thursday, 31st 6:00 p.m. Mass – *Maria C. Soto +*  
*New Year's Eve* by *M/M Adolph Lopez*  
*Mary, Mother of God Vigil*

Friday, 1st 8:00 a.m. Mass – *Isidoro Perez +*  
*Mary, Mother of God* by *M/M Lupe Rivera*

Saturday, 2nd 5:15-5:45 p.m. Sacrament of Penance  
5:40 p.m. Rosary – leader: *Frances Robles*  
6:00 (vigil) Mass – *Beatrice Cantu +*  
by *Rosita D. Perez*

Sunday, 3rd 8:00 a.m. Mass – *Pro Populo*  
*Epiphany*  
10:00 a.m. Mass – *Mary White Philips +*  
by *Elenora Jelinek*

## Readings – Epiphany of the Lord

First Reading – Isaiah 60: 1-6

Second Reading – Ephesians 3: 2- 3a, 5-6

## Liturgical Assignments for the week ahead

### Saturday 2nd, 6 p.m.

Lector Jeanette West  
Cup Ministers Jeanne Lange, Carol Sutton  
Altar Servers Gabriella & Madeline Canales  
Ushers A. Garcia, B. Hernandez, A. Escalante, I. Martin

### Sunday 3rd, 8 a.m.

Lector Martina Aguayo  
Cup Ministers Emilio and Veronica Ledezma  
Altar Servers April Chapa, Evan Andrade, Mauricio Ledezma  
Ushers M. Garcia, D. Robles, M. Estrada, B. Gonzalez

### Sunday 3rd, 10 a.m.

Lector Melinda Valenzuela  
Cup Ministers Ismael and Gracie Perez  
Altar Servers Analysa Gonzalez, Angelica Valenzuela  
Ushers C. Martin, M. Gonzales, J. Sanchez, J. Canales Jr.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

This Wednesday

**No Class**

May you and your families enjoy the Christmas and New Year vacation.

Regular classes resume January 6.

**Collection Overview:**

*Last Sunday:* \$ 2857.36

**2010 PARISH CALENDARS**

The 2010 parish calendars have finally arrived. They are available at the church entrance, one per family please. We are grateful to **Artero Memorial Chapels** who sponsored the calendars this year.

**SOLMENITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD**

**January 1, 2010**

**Holy Day of Obligation**



Masses for the holy day will be:

Thursday, December 31, 2009 Vigil 6:00 p.m.  
Friday, January 1, 2010 8:00 a.m.

# Christmas Flower Memorials

*Familias Garcia y Canales* by Juana G. Canales. *Hortencia Marquez, Adolfo Gutierrez, Manuel DeLuna, Amalia Castañeda* by M/M Hermilo DeLuna. *Andres, Josefina Martinez, Jose, Petra Gonzales, Baldomero, Ricardo Marinez, Josie Martinez, Hector Sanchez* by M/M Juan Gonzales. *Paz Trevino Jr., Maria Concepcion Soto, Othon Soto, Erenio Nunez* by Deacon Fred and Patty Soto, *Ed and Angie Machac* by M/M Thomas West. *Jesse L. Olguin Jr.*, by Mrs. Lupe Olguin, *Jesus Hernandez, Miguel P. Hernandez* by M/M Roque Hernandez, *Paz Trevino, Consuelo Aleman, Alfredo Cabral, Jesusa Cabral* by M/M Teodoro Cabral, *Jose y Maria DeLaGarza, Rameriz Family* by M/M Ralph Rameriz. *Raymond and Alma Brandl*, by M/M Raymond Brandl Jr. *Vincente R. Garcia Sr., and Grandparents*, by M/M Robert Galvan. *Mildred Hroch* by M/M Rick Hybner. *Marchos Ramon Torres, M/M Demetrio Torres Sr., M/M Ramon Sanchez, M/M Juan Rameriz* by Ramona S. Torres and family. *Maria R. Martin* by Eric Martin and family. *Beatrice Cantu* by Bacilio Cantu. *Juan & Sophie Tijerina, Sartunina Galicia-Morales, Demetrio & Fedelia Tijerina, Tomas Galicia, Donicio & Maria Tijerina* by Fidel Galicia. *Guadalupe Mendez* by M/M Daniel Sepulveda. *Emmett Boedeker, George & Annie Boedeker, Daniel & Emilie Roznovsky, Charles M. Anderson* by Marie Boedeker. *Arnulfo Reyes Jr.* by Mrs. Soila Reyes. *M/M Porfirio Urbano, M/M Pioquinto Mercado Sr., Mr. Pioquinto Mercado Jr.* by M/M Henry Mercado. *Christina and Fernando Navarro. Zenaida Cantu. M/M Robert Cisneros. M/M Henry Chacon. M/M Robert Reyes. Lee O. Thacker, Arnold L. Thacker* by Mrs. Annie Thacker. *Carmen C.*

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