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To all fathers of families, Joseph is verily the best model of paternal vigilance and care. In the most holy Virgin Mother of God, mothers may find an excellent example of love, modesty, resignation of spirit, and the perfecting of faith. And in Jesus, who was subject to his parents, the children of the family have a divine pattern of obedience which they can admire, reverence, and imitate. May all families everywhere continue to be the fundamental building block of the world.



HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH - YEAR C December 29, 2024

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MASS SCHEDULES

<u>Weekend</u> Saturdays: 4:00 p.m. Sundays: 7:00 a.m. & 9:30 a.m. **CONFESSION:** Saturdays: 3:00 p.m. or by Appointment <u>Weekday</u> Tuesdays & Thursdays: 12:15 p.m. (Shrine) Wednesdays & Fridays 7:00 a.m. (Chapel)

HOLY HOUR

EXPOSITION AND ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRMENT FRIDAYS IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE 7:00 AM MASS



"TOGETHER BUILDING THE KINGDOM OF GOD."

| HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH | ANNOUNCEMENTS |
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| INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE WORD | THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY CANDLE |
| FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28 Hannah conceived and bore a son, Samuel, whom she presented to the Lord in the temple at Shiloh saying, "As long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the Lord." <u>SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24</u> God's love has been given to us so we may be called His children. And so we are. We should believe in Jesus Christ and love one another as He commanded. <u>GOSPEL READING: Luke 2:41-52</u> | St. Joachim Church: B'day Blessing Deacon Denis Griffith rb Office Staff St. Ann Chapel: B'day Blessing Deacon Denis Griffith rb Office Staff Shrine: B'day Blessing Deacon Denis Griffith rb Office Staff Altar Flower: Thanksgiving Nelson Family |
| At age twelve, Jesus sat in the temple at Jerusalem listening to the teachers and asking them questions. He astounded everyone by His understanding and answers. Today's first two readings include dozens of phrases and apho- risms which could be framed and hung in a home, constant re- minders of how to live as a family: "He stores up riches who re- verses his mother." "Over all these put on love." "Be thankful." As we listen to God's word, may we appreciate these words of wisdom and hear how Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, despite the mis- understandings in today's Gospel story, have taken them to heart. | <u>Church Maintenance</u>: Abundant blessings and thanks to our Altar Society Group "D" that cleaned and prepared the Lord's house for church services this past Saturday. Group "E" is scheduled to clean on Saturday, January 04, 2025 pray about giving just one hour each month to this ministry. <u>Charismatic Prayer Meeting</u>: Charismatic Prayer Meeting is scheduled every Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. in the Marian Hall. All are invited. |
| Daily Scripture Readings For The Week Of Dec. 29, 2024 30- Monday St. Anysius Bishop of Thessalonica Jn 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40 Jn 31 - Tuesday St. Sylvester I, Name of Jesus Pope Jn 1:1-18 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11- 19; Jn 1:1-18 04- Saturday St. Elizabeth Mary, Mother of God Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21 05 - Sunday The Epiphany of the Lord 02 - Thursday Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Mt 2:1-12 | <u>Catechesis Announcement</u>: This series of Catechesis continue in the Marian Hall every Wednesday and Friday at 6:00 p.m. It is an important mission of evangelization, seeking to deepen the faith of those already going to Church and to bring back those who have strayed away. <u>Bookstore</u>: Come visit the Bookstore. We have just received a new collection of Christmas Cards. We also have an assortment of Christmas gifts for the entire family along with St. Benedict crosses and Medals. Come See! Come Browse! <u>Offertory Envelopes</u>: The offertory Envelopes for the year 2025 are available in the Marian Hall. We sincerely thank you for sharing your wealth with your Church in 2024. For those who do not have an Enve- |
| MASS INTENTIONS Saturday December 28, 2024 4:00 p.m.: - +Edmond and Bernadette Koupie | lope and wish to have one, please complete the form (on clipboard in the Marian Hall) and a Box will be made available to you with your name next weekend. May God richly bless you! |
| 7:00 a.m.: Sunday December 29, 2024 +Frances Malloy rb Family Spl. Int. Karim Henry rb Mother and Family 9:30 a.m.: - B'day Blessing Dcn Denis Griffith rb Wife and Family B'day Blessing Eunice George rb Lawrence Family B'day Blessing Nelson Family Healing Abayomi Andrews rb Pricilla Fatal Tuesday December 31, 2024 10:00 p.m.: Holy Hour Night Maga | <u>Reminder</u>: We would like to remind you of your free-will offering to help us with the repairs of the Sts. Joachim and Ann Church. Thank you in advance for your generosity as together we build the Kingdom of God in the portion of His vineyard entrusted to our care. To God be the glory! <u>Liturgy Schedule</u>: The Liturgy Schedules for the month of January are available. All those who are involved in the Liturgy are asked to check your online services or to pick up your schedule after Mass. Thank |
| 11:00 p.m.: Night Mass <u>Wednesday January 01, 2025</u> 9:30 a.m B'day Blessing James Joss and Eunice George rb Flora Royer Thanksgiving Mekhi and Jasen Edwards rb Gaston Family 12:15 p.m.: <u>Thursday January 02, 2025</u> Spl. Int. Iris Skerritte 7:00 a.m.: <u>Friday January 03, 2025</u> B'day Blessing Ava-Grace Burton rb Family | you. • <u>New Year Greetings</u> : Wishing a prosperous and healthy New Year from Fr. Louis Kemayou, Fr. Prince Agyeman, Fr. David Weke, Fr. Simon Peter Opira, Msgr. Michael Kosak, Deacon Denis Griffith and the Office Staff of St. Ann's Parish Family. May abundant blessings of God fall afresh on each of you. <i>Happy New Year!</i> |

<u>RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHEDULE</u> <u>2024 — 2025</u>

Parents/Guardians are reminded that all Classes will be on vacation from Saturday, December 28, 2024 for the Christmas/New Year holidays. Classes for all levels will resume on January 11, 2025.

Blessed and joyous New Year to all!



<u>Feast of the Holy Family of</u> <u>Jesus, Mary and Joseph</u>

It is amazing that God chose to enter our fallen human condition by becoming Incarnate in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Holy Family began with apparent scandal when Mary

became pregnant while betrothed to Joseph. Mary and Joseph suffered through the gossip and the misunderstandings this miraculous pregnancy brought with it. Though Joseph learned of this conception from an angel in a dream, it was his faith and righteousness that empowered him to remain faithful to Mary and love her with a pure heart. Their family began in Bethlehem, in poverty and rejection. They then fled to Egypt to protect their Child from the paranoia and cruelty of Herod. They later returned to Nazareth and lived faithfully with family and friends. Jesus learned the trade of woodworking from Joseph, grew in wisdom and knowledge, spoke with the elders in the Temple at the age of twelve, and remained obedient to His earthly parents. Saint Thomas Aquinas teaches us that Jesus had direct knowledge of the Beatific Vision from the moment of His conception and had the fullness of infused knowledge. But He also grew in acquired knowledge, learning with a human mind through sensory experience and conceptual understanding. Mary and Joseph watched this growth, participated in it, grew from it themselves, and Mary "pondered all these things in her heart" (Luke 2:51). As you ponder their inner family dynamics, relationships, and charity, use them as a model of how best to relate to your own family. Some families more fully imitate those sacred virtues; others fall gravely short. Look into your own heart and ask the Holy Family to teach you how to show greater love to those in your family. Though you will never arrive at perfection, you can receive inspiration from their lives, leading to greater growth and unity, making your own family a greater source of strength for your Christian living. As we honor the Holy Family, one of the best ways to do so is to prayerfully ponder the daily life that the Holy Family shared. Because Scripture does not record many of their family interactions in Nazareth, much is left to our praverful imagination. What we do know is that human familial virtue within the Holy Family, especially between mother and Son, was at a level of perfection. The kindness, respect, obedience, unity, charity, and every other Christian virtue that they lived must become the model for Christian living and for family life. Source: https://mycatholic.life/saints

PRAYER CORNER

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God, our Father, all the elements of nature obey Your command. We praise and thank You for Your protection during the Hurricane Season. We ask again to guide us through a new year, free of any earthquakes, floods, natural disasters and all acts of terrorism. Bless our families, bring peace to all nations, and protect us from all sicknesses. We ask this through Our Lord Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and Ever. Amen!

FATIMA PRAYER

My God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love Thee! I ask forgiveness for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope and do not love Thee. Amen!

<u>New Year</u> <u>Mass Schedule</u>

Joachim Church:

| Old Year/New Year | |
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| Holy Hour 12/31/24 | 10:00 p.m. |
| Night Mass 12/31/24 | 11:00 p.m. |
| New Year's Day - 1/01/25 | 9:30 a.m. |

OUR LADY OF BARRENSPOT SHRINE Located In The Sugar Mill, Erected 1808



Please feel free to visit, meditate and pray

Entrance Through The Marian Hall

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