December 29, 2019

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Sunday Reflection

A circle of love
It is fitting that so closely after the celebration of Christ's birth that we commemorate and rejoice in the Holy Family that God provided His Son here on earth. Just as each of us is given in care to earthly parents, so Jesus was given to Mary and Joseph that they might love and care for Him, supporting Him as He grew to fulfill God’s plans for redemption. Raised in the loving circle of Mary’s arms, sheltered from harm by Joseph's strong arms, Jesus became the man that would change the world. Let us thank God today for the Holy Family and pray that our own families will reflect that same love and protection shown by Mary and Joseph.

Prayers of the Faithful

Remember the sick of the Parish

and the Deceased
Rosa Sandoval.

Anniversaries of Death remembered this week
Eira Arisman, Jamie Pitt & Wilma Vervoort.

A profound thank you to for all the cards and gifts. May God bless you richly. And Thank You for your support and prayers.

Peace Fr. Kevin & Fr. Albert

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Anointing of the Sick

Arrangements made by calling the Parish Office.

Marriage

Arrangements made by calling the Parish Office at least four months prior to setting a wedding date.

Baptism

All Saints Parish regularly celebrates the Sacrament of Baptism and offers preparation programs for families wishing to baptize their children. Please call the parish office for more information on this process.
Adoration

We will have 12 Hour Eucharistic Adoration at Assumption on Friday, January 3. Adoration will begin after the 9:00 a.m. Mass and will close with Benediction at 9:00 p.m.

1st Reconciliation

The sixth workshop for First Reconciliation students is:

**Monday, Jan. 13** for students attending Assumption School and Ecole St. Mary or **Thursday, Jan. 16** for students attending St. Teresa and St. Paul Schools.

The First Reconciliation Retreat is Sunday, January 19th for all students.

School Registration

**Holy Spirit Catholic School Division Registration - Begins on January 6, 2020**

Holy Spirit Catholic Schools are taking registrations for new students and continuing Early Learning/Kindergarten students beginning on January 6, 2020. The Early Learning programming is available for children three (3) and four (4) years of age and Kindergarten is available for children five (5) years of age on, or before, December 31, 2020.

Registration for the 2020/2021 school year will be done **ONLINE** this year. If you need assistance or have questions, see [www.holyspirit.ab.ca](http://www.holyspirit.ab.ca) or visit your neighbourhood school.

Mass Intentions

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Stewardship Reflection

*Just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must also forgive.*

*(Colossians 3:13)*

The holidays can bring out both the best and the worst in people. St. Paul reminds us that as the body of Christ we are called to let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts. The source of this peace is in our thanksgiving for what we have received from the Lord.

Christmas Flowers

Donations for Christmas flowers were given in memory of:

- Tony B.
- John Brunner
- Silvio & Vittoria Cattoni
- Donato Family
- Dudas Family
- Murray Dueck
- Lois Ebright
- Elfring Family
- Jack Erker
- Bill Feher
- George & Kaharine Feher
- John & Eva Gejdos
- Andrew & Zofia Gejdos
- Yvonne Gejdos
- Frank Horvath
- Albert Iachetta
- Lil Kempenaar
- Rosella Krajewski
- Nick A. & Mary-Ann Lastuka
- John & Jeanette Lengyel
- Leon Family

- Fr. Marien
- Antoni Nowik
- Overes Family
- Mike Prokop
- Rose & Andrew Prokop
- Mel Ruston
- Parent of Helen Ruston
- Lloyd S.
- Steve & Eva Sawchuk
- Stanley Shaw
- Win & Gerry Tobin
- Tutera Family
- Unger Family
- Conrad Van Buuren
- Barry Warnock
- Weisgerber Family
- Whelpley Family
- Zahn Family
- Zajac Family
- Oreste Zanolli
Year End Giving - Just a reminder that in order for a donation to be included on your 2019 tax receipt it must be received *in the office by noon on December 31*. Donation envelopes dropped at another church will not be received by the cut-off deadline.

Annual Ecumenical Reader exchange will start Jan. 12. Anyone interested in representing All Saints Parish as a guest reader in one of the other member Churches please phone Maureen Condon Horon at 403-320-1234.

In need of volunteers to help 2 Syrian children in their home to improve their reading, spelling and writing skills. This requires 1 hour a week, Fridays @2pm. If you are able to help in any way with this rewarding position please contact Marcella Elmgren @ 403-320-1851.

Transitions – A 15-week peer support program to help those who are separated or divorced. Participants will meet once a week to reflect upon and discuss topics such as self-esteem, grief, stress, anger, guilt, blame, loneliness, forgiveness, blended families and more. Our program takes place on Tuesday evenings beginning January 14, 2020 from 7:00pm – 9:00pm at Assumption Church in the Lower Meeting Room (2405 12 Avenue South). To register please contact All Saints Parish office at 403-327-8931 or email reception@allsaintslethbridge.org

Performing Arts at St. Francis Junior High presents ‘Frozen Jr.’ the musical. Tickets are $15. March 5, 6, 10-13 shows at 7:00 p.m. Saturday performances at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. and Sunday performances at 2:00 p.m. For more information, please call 403-327-3402. Tickets are available through Eventbrite on the St. Francis Junior High website... Don’t ‘let it go’ waiting for a ‘whiteout’ or until ‘the great thaw’ to get your tickets because this show ‘is worth melting for’.

“The family was ordained of God that children might be trained up for himself; it was the first form of the church on earth.”

Pope Leo XIII

What do you do with an old iPad?
Shawna V. is going to West Africa at the end of February. She will be visiting friends before attending a conference. She asked friends/school teachers what items are most helpful at the schools. The list included thin, light weight story books for children and second hand iPads, tablets, & iPhones for the older students as they don’t have access to libraries or books.

If you got an upgrade for Christmas and wish to donate your old device please drop it off at the office and we will pass it along. Thank you.

Summer 2020 Arcatheos and Captivenia Bursary - An anonymous donor has offered up to 12 bursaries to help offset the costs of attending the Catholic Arcatheos (boys’) and Captivenia (girls’) summer camps near Turner Valley. The intent of these bursaries is to assist those who may not otherwise be financially able to have the thrill, adventure and faith-building experience of these Catholic camps. Watch for further information.

Enjoy a silent day away in the beautiful setting of Mount St. Francis Retreat, January 15, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. This year’s theme is “Wisdom of St. Francis”. The day includes a prayerful reflection on the focus of the day, celebration of the Eucharist and a home-cooked lunch. Please call or email ahead to register. Suggested contribution is $30.00 or $40.00 with a private room. Phone 403-932-2012; email: mtfrancis@shaw.ca
This Week in Our Churches

Sunday, December 29
7:30 a.m. Sunday Eucharist (St. Basil’s)
9:00 a.m. Sunday Eucharist (Assumption)
11:00 a.m. Sunday Eucharist (St. Basil’s)
4:30 p.m. Confessions (Assumption)
6:00 p.m. Sunday Eucharist (Assumption)

Monday, December 30
9:00 a.m. Mass (St. Martha’s)

Tuesday, December 31
9:00 a.m. Rosary (Assumption)
6:00 p.m. Reconciliation (St. Basil’s)
7:00 p.m. Mass (St. Basil’s)

Wednesday, January 1
9:00 a.m. Mass (Assumption)
12:05 p.m. Mass (St. Basil’s)

Thursday, January 2
11:00 a.m. Confessions (Assumption)
12:05 p.m. Mass (Assumption)

Friday, January 3
9:00 a.m. Mass (Assumption)
followed by 12 hour Eucharistic Adoration
11:00 a.m. St. Michael’s Health Centre Mass
6:30 p.m. Spanish Prayer Group (St. Basil’s hall)

Saturday, January 4
3:30 p.m. Confessions (Assumption)
5:00 p.m. Sunday Eucharist (Assumption)
7:00 p.m. Sunday Eucharist (St. Basil’s)

Sunday, January 5
7:30 a.m. Sunday Eucharist (St. Basil’s)
9:00 a.m. Sunday Eucharist (Assumption)
11:00 a.m. Sunday Eucharist (St. Basil’s)
4:30 p.m. Confessions (Assumption)
6:00 p.m. Sunday Eucharist (Assumption)

Fr. Kevin’s Cluttered Desk

The Feast of the Holy Family is an opportunity for people to reflect on the “Holy Family” and how we are looking to them as models in our lives. The Feast of the Holy Family commemorates the life of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph and their life together. The celebration also focuses on religious family life. Because of the flight of the Holy Family into Egypt, a feast for the Holy Family has been observed by the Coptic Church from early times. In Western Christianity however, a cult of veneration for the Holy Family as a group, rather than as individuals, did not arise until the 17th century.

In 1643 Louis and Barbe d’Ailleboust came to Canada in order to devote their lives to the welfare of the native people. After her husband had passed away, Barbe, with the assistance of the Jesuit Father Chaumonot, founded the Confraternity of the Holy Family. The confraternity and devotion to the Holy Family spread all over Canada and had the effect of promoting good morals. Monsignor François de Laval invited Barbe to Quebec, and gave her the general management of the confraternity, which still exists today. In 1675, the now Bishop de Laval had a little book printed in Paris instructing the members of the confraternity to virtuous practices. Bishop de Laval also established the Feast of the Holy Family, and had a Mass and office drawn up which are proper to the Diocese of Québec.

The Feast was officially recognized and formally instituted in 1921 under Pope Benedict XV. Originally celebrated on the Sunday after Epiphany (January 6), the Feast of the Holy Family was moved to the Sunday after Christmas in 1969, bringing it within the Christmas season. Popes before and including Benedict XV (especially Leo XIII) promoted the feast as a way to counter the breakdown of the family unit.

Again, the Feast of the Holy Family is not just about the Holy Family, but about our own families too. The main purpose of the Feast is to present the Holy Family as the model for all Christian families, and for domestic life in general. Our family life becomes sanctified when we live the life of the Church within our homes. This is called the "domestic church" or the "church in miniature." St. John Chrysostom urged all Christians to make each home a “family church” and in doing so, we sanctify the family unit.

Just how does one live out the Church in the family? The best way is by making Christ the centre of family and individual life. Ways to do this include: reading scripture regularly, praying daily, attending Mass at least on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation, imitating the actions of the Holy Family, going to confession frequently. All done together as a family unit. More practical ways are eating meals together as a family, preparing a meal together as a family, having a family prayer time or even a simple family games night.

End of year prayer
O God, I come at the end of this year to thank You for all the good times: the fun, happiness, laughter and love. I thank you also for steering me through the bad times; for helping me cope. Thank you for all the growth I have had this year. Thank you for everything I have learned about you, about others and about myself. Thank you for all your guidance during the troubling times and events of this past year. I look forward to Your help in the new year to come. Amen.

Happy New Year

Peace Fr. Kevin