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**DEVOTIONS - SCHEDULE**

**Weekdays**
- Except Wednesday: 7:30 am Morning Prayer
- Wednesday: 7:30 am Mother of Perpetual Help
- Saturday: 4:15 pm Eucharistic Adoration
- Sunday: 8:00 am Morning Prayer

**First Friday of the Month**
- Holy Hour (Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Confessions, Sacred Heart of Jesus Novena, Divine Mercy Chaplet and Rosary)
- 6:00 p.m. Mass
- 7:00 p.m. Mass

**SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK**
Those who are seriously ill or impaired by age are invited to contact Fr. Efren to administer the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Those who are unable to join in celebrating Sunday Mass will be visited by Fr. Efren and Parish Ministers for Communion. If a hospitalization is to take place, please request the Sacrament of Anointing on the day after Sunday/Saturday Vigil Mass.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**
Parents planning on the Baptism of a child are asked to contact Fr. Efren to make arrangements. Baptism is administered on Saturday morning or after the 12:30 Mass or within the Mass on 2nd and 4th Sundays.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION**
Saturday 4:20 - 4:50 PM or by appointment.

**RECTORY OFFICE**
Monday through Friday 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

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Fr. Efren, Ferdie Aczon, Hermie Aczon, Michael Foell, Charles Halpin, Imelda Tan, Frank Wlodarczyk

**PARISH REGISTRATION**
Everyone is welcome to register in our parish. Please call and make appointment with Fr. Efren.

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Entrance Hymn
**Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**

1. Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King! Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled! Joyful, all you nations, rise; join the triumph of the skies; with the angelic host proclaim, “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”

Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King! 

2. Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord! Late in time behold him come, offspring of the Virgin’s womb. Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail the incarnate Deity, pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.

Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”

**Gloria**

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

**Psalm 128**

Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

**Profession of Faith**

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, (At the words that follow, up to and including and became man, all bow.) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**Communion Antiphon:**

Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.

**Communion Hymn**

**What Child is This**

1. What Child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary’s lap is sleeping, whom angels greet with anthems sweet while shepherds watch are keeping?
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

This, this is Christ the King whom shepherds guard and angels sing; haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe the son of Mary.

2. Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding? Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.

This, this is Christ the King whom shepherds guard and angels sing; haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe the son of Mary.

Recessional Hymn
Go, Tell it on the Mountain

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere; go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

1. While shepherds kept their watching o’er silent flocks by night, behold throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere; go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

2. The shepherds feared and trembled when, lo, above the earth rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior’s birth.

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere; go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!


Remembering those serving in the military

Christmas Wreaths & Plants
Thank you to everyone who supported our Christmas Wreaths and Plants Fund-raiser. We sincerely appreciate your continued support. Many of our fund-raisers had to be sidelined, due to the Coronavirus. However, we are presently exploring new ideas for fund-raising that will be acceptable at this time. Thank you again. Event Planning Committee
In celebration of the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church, Pope Francis marked December 8, 2020 – December 8, 2021 as a “Year of Saint Joseph.”

Admired the COVID-19 pandemic, the Pope closely compares the resemblance of our “ordinary” front-liners to Saint Joseph – “the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence” who played “an incomparable role in the history of salvation.” The Holy Father continues in his Apostolic Letter (Patris corde) recognizing Saint Joseph as an obedient father who welcomed the will of God and valued the joy of work.

At the conclusion of his letter, Pope Francis encourages us to pray together:

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only son;
In you Mary placed her trust;
With you Christ became man.
Blessed Joseph, to us too,
Show yourself a father
And guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
And defend us from every evil. Amen.

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson
To be cute about it, I quote here an American humorist by the name of Evan Esar (d. 1995): “Family: A social unit where the father is concerned with parking space, the children with outer space, and the mother with closet space.”

Whether Mr. Esar was fully correct or not, there is a grain of truth in what he wrote, and there is always some truth in wholesome humor.

However, for my purpose I prefer this statement of Sir Winston Churchill about the nature of family. “There is no doubt that it is around family and the home that all the greatest virtues ...are created, strengthened, and maintained.” Over this holiday time of year we are most likely to be with family, either literally or virtually because of the virus. We can verify Sir Winston’s observation. Family also gives us the answers to most of life’s important questions. Do you think the young Jesus had questions? Certainly He must have, because remember He took on a human nature “like ours in everything but sin.” What is one of the principal ways we learn? Through answers to questions. Through that triple-spoke process of lessons taught, example given, and experience lived, Our Lord and Savior indeed grew in wisdom and grace. I think it is an important detail that all this happened in the little village of Nazareth. It was located on the edge of the empire, far from the high society and corruption of Rome. So insignificant was it that it is nowhere even mentioned in the whole Old Testament. Great things can happen in humble places, as our family homes most often attest. Could Our Lord have had better teachers in how to handle life than Mary and Joseph? Hardly. Without any advanced degrees after their names, we can say with conviction that both Christ’s parents had “PhD’s” in holiness. Mary who was declared “full of grace” by an archangel, and Joseph remembered as a “just man” in the Scriptural sense cannot be excelled at their task. The Holy Spirit has decided not to tell us if any peers taught Jesus things, but we can imagine they too played a part, for better or worse, in His human upbringing. So we stand back for a time from all our concerns to admire and celebrate this Holy Family. We can see the necessity of these thirty or so years to prepare Our Lord for His incomparable mission.

That brings up the subject of our mission. Obviously it begins in our family circle, but it has to expand from there if we are to take our Baptismal and Confirmation promises seriously. That means doing our part to tell the waiting world all about Jesus and His Good News, even if the world neither acknowledges nor cares that it is waiting. Waiting for something, or more accurately, Someone, beyond its own calculations to give it purpose. Taking up the admonitions of Sirach and Colossians, which we read this weekend, is a good place to begin. After all, that’s our way to heaven. Here is George Bernard Shaw’s take on family: “A happy family is but an earlier heaven.” Think about that! God love you and give you His peace in 2021!
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