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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 7:30 AM & 9:00 AM, 5:30 PM

Traditional Latin High Mass: 10:30 AM

Weekdays: Mon.-Tues., Thurs.-Fri. 7:30 AM

Traditional Latin Mass : Mon-Wed-Fri: 12:30
PM; Thu: 5:30 PM; Sat: 9:00 AM.

Holy Days: if Mon-Fri., 7:30 AM., 12:30, 5:30 &
7:30 PM.; if on Saturday, 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 AM

Christmas Eve: 4:00 PM & 12 Midnight

Christmas Day: 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 AM

January 1st: 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 AM

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Upon request. Please contact Father Higgins.

Penance (Confession):

Saturday 8:30-9:00 A.M. and 3:30-4:00 PM

Sunday, before and after the 10:30 a.m. AM Mass,
Weekdays, before and after the Latin daily Masses

Matrimony:

Engaged couples should make arrangements with the
parish church so as to allow for adequate sacramental
preparation (six months), including a Pre-Cana program.

Pastoral Care of the Sick

Anointing of the Sick (for those who are gravely ill or
facing serious surgery); **Communion of the Sick for
the Homebound:** Please contact Father Higgins.



David Allen

THE HOLY FAMILY

(*Missale Romanum* 1970)

“☩ God, who were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that we may imitate them in practicing the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity, and so, in the joy of Your house, delight one day in eternal rewards. Through our Lord, etc. Amen.”

Pope St. Leo the Great teaches us that everything Christ did on earth “has passed over into His mysteries” i.e., the sacraments (cf. *Sermon* 74, quoted in *Catechism of the Catholic Church* no. 1115). Thus, every liturgical event both contains and conveys fresh and particular graces for the Church now, because Christ, as our divine High Priest, continually applies to His Church and makes present for her all of the graces He merited long ago. This is the central and oft-repeated teaching of the great liturgical catechist, Bl. Columba Marmion, O.S.B. in his book, *Christ in His Mysteries* (cf. pp. 12, 18-22, 101-5). All of the teaching in this paragraph can be found also in *Catechism* nos. 1073-4, 1082, 1084-5, 1092, 1104, 1127, and 1366-7.

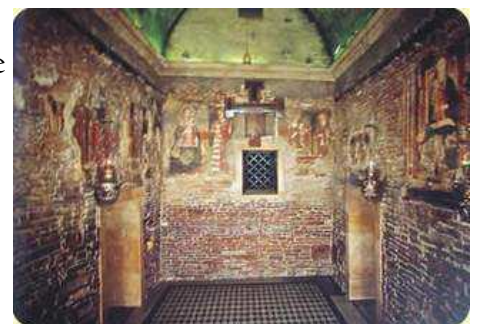
Today, Christ desires to give us new and fresh graces to become more like His Holy Family (every family is in need of increased virtue and joy). Furthermore, God’s desire is for us to “delight one day in eternal rewards in the joy of [His] house,” as we hear in the Collect’s result clause. We may reach this goal best by modeling our earthly discipleship on the Holy Family. Why is this? It has to do with the Trinity, the central mystery of faith.

The Trinity is both the “origin and standard” of all human family life, since it is a communion of Persons in perfect charity (cf. *Catechism* nos. 221, 239, 2205, 1709, 2013). Since the Holy Family in Nazareth exemplifies this Trinitarian life of charity and

holiness more fully than any other family (especially since one of the members of this family is the Second Person of the Trinity), our devotion to this family will go a long way in advancing us toward union with the Triune God in heaven. Such devotion to the Holy Family enables us to become more like *Christ Himself as the divine Son* in His Trinitarian life with the Father and the Holy Spirit (our conformity to the likeness of the Son is another key thesis of Bl. Marmion in *Christ in His Mysteries*- cf. pp. 12, 16, 56-9, 106).

The ascription clause highlights God’s *pleasure* in giving us the Holy Family both as an example to imitate and as a means of grace. This should encourage us, even though we fall short of their radiant holiness, because, the Holy Family possessed and cultivated a great deal of virtue to bear up under their hardships and trials. Not only is their example of charity and unity is attractive and desirable, but they likewise serve as a living prototype that is *attainable with God’s grace*, whatever our cross may be. We may confidently hope one day to become like them in holiness and charity in heaven.

We may think of the Holy House of Nazareth as a little bit of heaven on earth, indeed, as a temple (cf. Maronite Liturgy). In this Holy House, Christ always beheld the face of His Father in heaven. Being divine Himself, Christ mediated the divine Presence to Mary and Joseph in His Sacred Humanity. All three of them adored the Father in Spirit and in Truth, and Mary and Joseph adored their Son who is their God. They meditated on the Scriptures, and made sacrifices of love on behalf of one another in extraordinary ways, as well as in the most ordinary of things. Even with their share of heavy sorrows, their Holy House was undoubtedly paradise on earth.



LATIN MASS PROPERS: SUNDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS

INTROIT: *Wisdom 18. 14,15/Psalm 92. 1* While all things were in quiet silence and the night was in the midst of her course, Thy almighty Word, O Lord, leaped down from heaven from Thy royal throne. *Psalm.* The Lord hath reigned, He is clothed with beauty: the Lord is clothed with strength, and hath girded Himself. *Ÿ.* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. — While all ...

COLLECT: O Almighty and everlasting God, direct our actions according to Thy good pleasure; that in the Name of Thy beloved Son we may deserve to abound in good works: Who livest and reignest ...

EPISTLE: *From Blessed Paul the Apostle to the Galatians, 4. 1-7* Brethren, as long as the heir is a child, he differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all: but is under tutors and governors until the time appointed by the father: so we also, when we were children, were serving under the elements of the world. But when the fullness of the time was come, God sent His Son, made of a woman, made under the law, that He might redeem them who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. And because you are sons, God hath sent the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying: Abba, Father. Therefore now he is not a servant, but a son: and if a son, an heir also through God.

GRADUAL: *Psalm 44. 3-2/Psalm 92. 1* Thou art beautiful above the sons of men: grace is poured abroad in Thy lips. *Ÿ.* My heart hath uttered a good word, I speak my words to the king: my tongue is the pen of a scrivener, that writeth swiftly. **ALLELUIA** Alleluia, alleluia. The Lord hath reigned, He is clothed with beauty: the Lord is clothed with strength, and hath girded himself with might. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: *Continuation of the holy Gospel according to St. Luke 2. 33-40* **¶** At that time Joseph and Mary the Mother of Jesus were wondering at those things which were spoken concerning Him. And Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary His mother: Behold, this child is set for the fall, and for the resurrection of many in Israel: and for a sign which shall be contradicted: and thine own soul a sword shall pierce, that out of many hearts thoughts may be revealed. And there was one Anna a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Aser: she was far advanced in years, and had liveth with her husband seven years from her virginity. And she was a widow until fourscore and four years: who departed not from the temple, by fastings and prayers serving night and day. Now she, at the same hour, coming in, confessed to the Lord: and spoke of Him to all that looked for the redemption of Israel. And after they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee to their city, Nazareth. And the Child grew and waxed strong, full of wisdom: and the grace of God was in Him.

OFFERTORY: *Psalm 92. 1,2* God hath established the world, which shall not be moved: Thy throne, O God, is prepared from of old: Thou art from everlasting. Lift up your gates, O ye princes: and be ye lifted up, O eternal gates, and the King of glory shall enter in.

SECRET: Grant, we beseech Thee, almighty God, that the offering made in the sight of Thy Majesty may obtain for us the grace of loving devotion, and the reward of a blessed eternity. Through our Lord ...

COMMUNION: *Matthew 2. 20* Take the Child and His Mother, and go into the land of Israel: for they are dead who sought the life of the Child.

POSTCOMMUNION: By the working of this Mystery, O Lord, may our vices be removed, and our just desires fulfilled. Through our Lord ...

Music Programs for this Sunday's Mass

Mass of Pope Paul VI (1970 Missal)

4:00 PM (*Vigil*), 7:30 & 9:00 AM, 5:30 PM

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Prelude: The First Noel (Traditional English Carol)

Entrance Antiphon: Luke 2:16

(SAINT MEINRAD booklet, page 10)

The Shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the infant lying in a manger

Ordinary Prayers: Mass II “Kyrie Fons Bonitatis”

(Kyrie, Gloria, Sanctus-Benedictus and Agnus Dei)

Parish Book of Chant, nos. 34-39/pp. 63-66

Credo I (Laminated long-sheet in pews)

Offertory Antiphon: Luke 2:16

(SAINT MEINRAD booklet, page 10)

The Shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the infant lying in a manger

Communion: Baruch 3:38

(SAINT MEINRAD booklet, page 10)

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

Communion Meditation:

Good Christian Men, Rejoice
(Worship II Hymnal, No. 105)

Recessional Hymn:

Once In Royal David's City
(Worship II Hymnal, No. 220)



Mass of St. Gregory the Great (1962 Missal)

10:30 AM

Sunday Within Octave of Christmas

Prelude: The First Noel (Traditional English Carol)

Asperges me (Parish Book of Chant, pg. 34)

Processional: Puer Natus In Bethlehem

Parish Book of Chant, no. 235/pg. 241

Introit: Wisdom 18: 14-15, Psalm 92, 1 *Dum médium siléntium tenérent ómnia, et nox in suo cursu médium iter habéret, omnípotens sermo tuus, Dómine, de cælis, a regálibus sédibus venit. Ps. Dominus regnavit, decorum indutus est: indutus es Dominus fortitudinem, et praeinxit se. Gloria Patri...*

Ordinary Prayers: Mass II “Kyrie Fons Bonitatis”

(Kyrie, Gloria, Sanctus-Benedictus and Agnus Dei)

Parish Book of Chant, nos. 34-39/pp. 63-66

Credo IV: Parish Book of Chant, no. 120/pp. 117-119

Gradual: Psalm 44: 3, 2 *Speciósus forma præ filiis hóminum: diffúsa est grátia in lábiis tuis. V. Ercutavit cor meum verbum bonum, dico opera mei regi: lingua mea calamus scribae, velociter scribentibus* **Alleluia: Psalm 92, 1** *Alleluia, alleluia. Excita, Dominus regnavit, decorum induit: induit Dominus fortitudinem, et praeinxit se virtute. Alleluia.*

Offertory: Psalms 92: 1, 2 *Deus firmávit orbem terræ, qui non commovébitur: paráta sedes tua, Deus, ex tunc, a sæculo tu es.*

Communion: Matthew 2: 20 *Tolle púerum, et matrem ejus, et vade in terram Israël: defúnci sunt enim, qui quærébant ánimam púeri.*

Communion Meditation: Deus Enim Firmavit

(Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, Published 1593)

Recessional Hymn:

Once In Royal David's City
(Worship II Hymnal, No. 220)

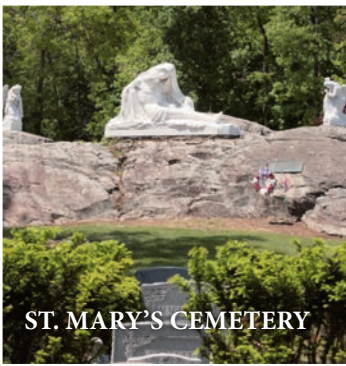
Angelus (Chant)

Calendar of Masses

(Intention of the Mass—Special Remarks—Requested by)

SUNDAY	4:00 PM	Andrew Forga	Memorial	Antoinette Paoletti
December 29th	<i>(Vigil)</i>			
SUNDAY WITHIN	7:30 AM	Pro Populo		
THE OCTAVE OF	9:00 AM	Ann Parlato	Memorial	Dunn & Gaherins
CHRISTMAS	10:30 AM	Marlan & Katharine Allen	Special Intention	David & Ellen Allen
		Frs. Desiré Salako &		
THE HOLY FAMILY		Pierluigi Maccalli, S.M.A.	Special Intention	David & Ellen Allen
OF JESUS, MARY,		Peter Provencher	Special Intention	Provencher Family
AND JOSEPH		John N. Battaglia	Special Intention	Provencher Family
		Lillian Russo	Memorial	Bennett Family
		Thora Stukas	Memorial	Rod & Martha Phillips
	5:30 PM	Intention of the Donor		
MONDAY	7:30 AM	Purgatorial Society of	Memorial	
December 30th		Mary Immaculate of		
<i>6th Day of Christmas</i>		Lourdes		
	12:30 PM	Ernest Nasif Sr.	Birthday Memorial	
TUESDAY	7:30 AM	Erica da Silva	Health of the Sick	Kathy Blake
December 31st				
<i>St. Sylvester</i>				
WEDNESDAY	7:30 AM	Pro Populo		
January 1st	9:00 AM	PARISH		
OCTAVE DAY OF	10:30 AM	HOLY DAY INTENTIONS		
CHRISTMAS				
THURSDAY	7:30 AM	Brian & Susan Battaglia	Special Intention	Provencher Family
January 2nd				
<i>SS. Basil & Gregory</i>	5:30 PM	Francis McCarthy	Memorial	Mary McCarthy
<i>9th Day of Christmas</i>				
FRIDAY	7:30 AM	James Eamon Harvey	Memorial	C. Joseph Doyle
January 3rd	<i>Health of the Sick</i>			
<i>10th Day of Christmas</i>	12:30 PM	Mary J. Clancy	Memorial	
SATURDAY	9:00 AM	All Souls (5)	Memorial	Donor
January 4th		Joseph Arcidi	Special Intention	Laura Harvey
<i>St. Elizabeth Anne</i>		Nick & Janet Pino	Health of the Sick	Laura Harvey
<i>Seton</i>		Tanguy du Halgouët	Health of the Sick	Kathy Blake
<i>11th Day of Christmas</i>				
	4:00 PM	Larry Murphy	Special Intention	Rosemary Amrhein

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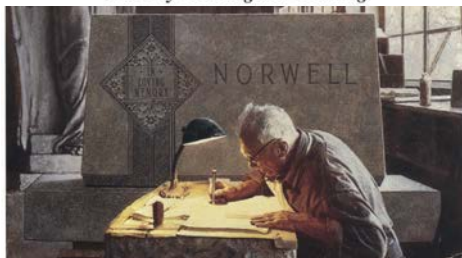
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