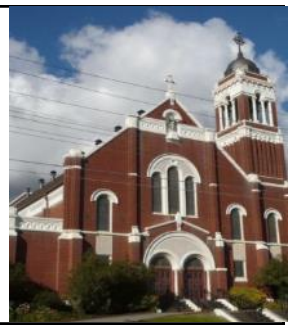


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Parish Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses:
Saturday: 6:00pm
Sunday: 9:00am (*Italian*),
10:30 am, 6:00 pm

Weekday Masses:
Monday to Friday: 9.10am
Healing Mass: 1st Thursday of
the month at 1.30pm

Devotional Practices:
**Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament:** Wednesday after
9.10am Mass
Holy Rosary: Thursday (Eng) &
Friday (Italian) after 9.10am Mass

Legion of Mary: Thursday
7.30pm, in the Presbytery

Reconciliation:
Weekdays: 30 minutes before
Mass or by appointment

Baptisms & Weddings:
By appointment only

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY and JOSEPH 28th - 29th December 2019 - Year A

Love Sustains the Family

In an age when family disintegration is the cause of so many problems, today's liturgy of the Word invites us to reflect upon the challenges every family faces and to recognise that the most precious things of life have their origins in family relationships. Alternatively we might take time to consider the deprivation suffered by so many young people forced to flee their homes and families and seek refuge in unfamiliar lands.

In today's gospel story, Joseph hears the voice of God through a dream directing him to go where he may not have chosen to go. The visit of the kings from the east has left him uneasy. Now the pieces begin to fall into place. In his dream, he becomes aware of the danger that is threatening the family. Steps must be taken to protect the child and his mother. They are no longer safe in their homeland.

Although the gospel presents a patriarchal image of family with the husband as head of the household and the decision maker, it is not in a sense of dominancy over others but as the one whose role is to maintain constant watchfulness, care and protection of the most vulnerable. We have already been told that Joseph is "just": he acts with integrity and compassion.

The child's mother receives little attention in this story. It would not be hard to imagine her fears for the future life and safety of the vulnerable new born child she nurses. We could view the story of her fears and hopes through the lens of the fears and hopes of the millions of refugees and asylum seekers of our time. God is just as much at work in the lives of those who are threatened now as was the case in the life of the family we name as "holy". God worked through Mary and Joseph to protect the child. God works in our times through those who imagine or dream of a different future for the homeless, bereft, abused and isolated and acts to achieve those dreams. As we move into a new year, we need to ensure we are among them.



The Holy Family Prayer

JESUS, Son of God and Son of Mary, bless our family. Graciously inspire in us the unity, peace, and mutual love that you found in your own family in the little town of Nazareth.

MARY, Mother of Jesus and Our Mother, nourish our family with your faith and your love. Keep us close to your Son, Jesus, in all our sorrows and joys.

JOSEPH, Foster-father to Jesus, guardian and spouse of Mary, keep our family safe from harm. Help us in all times of discouragement or anxiety.

HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH, make our family one with you. Help us to be instruments of peace. Grant that love, strengthened by grace, may prove mightier than all the weaknesses and trials through which our families sometimes pass. May we always have God at the centre of our hearts and homes until we are all one family, happy and at peace in our true home with you. Amen.

Roster: Weekend 4th - 5th Jan 2020

| | Readers | Ministers |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Sat 6.00pm | Renato Tonini Teresa Dang | Peter Bourke Terry Murphy |
| Sun (Ita) 9.00am | Tamburrini M. | Capobianco A. Ilardi L. |
| Sun 10.30am | Mata Vaiau Eileen Stevens | Ivana Lo Bello P. Veamatahau |
| Sun 6.00pm | Jessica Suppiah Robert Dullard | Sharron Kotz D. Casamento |



Cleaning Roster
Saturday 4th Jan 2020

Lucy/Neschelle

Last Week's Collection: 22/12/19

1st Collection for our Church: \$1425.25
2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$805.10
Christmas Offerings: \$3630.00

Thank you for your kind generosity!

**Thank you!**

Sincere thanks to all who have been part of our Christmas celebrations. Special thank you to cleaners, choir members, parents who brought their children for the nativity play and to special ministers, readers, servers and collectors at Masses. Thank you to all for your good participation in the liturgies.

Happy New Year 2020!

To all our Parishioners!!

WE PRAY FOR:

The elderly and the sick
Charmaine Nuqui

Those recommended to our prayers

Domenico & Rosetta Chiodo,
Grazia & Santo Costanzo,
Armando Ferrante (1st Anni.) &
Arturo Panco



O Lord, may perpetual light
shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.

The First Reading Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6, 12-14

Whoever fears the Lord honours his parents.

The Lord honours the father in his children, and upholds the rights of a mother over her sons. Whoever respects his father is atoning for his sins, he who honours his mother is like someone amassing a fortune. Whoever respects his father will be happy with children of his own, he shall be heard on the day when he prays. Long life comes to him who honours his father, he who sets his mother at ease is showing obedience to the Lord. My son, support your father in his old age, do not grieve him during his life. Even if his mind should fail, show him sympathy, do not despise him in your health and strength; for kindness to a father shall not be forgotten but will serve as reparation for your sins.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm Ps 127:1-5 **R/** Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

The Second Reading Colossians 3:12-21

Concerning the Christian life in the world.

You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful. Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Wives, give way to your husbands, as you should in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and treat them with gentleness. Children, be obedient to your parents always, because that is what will please the Lord. Parents, never drive your children to resentment or you will make them feel frustrated.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation Col 3:15, 16

Alleluia, alleluia! May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and the fullness of his message live within you. **Alleluia!**

GOSPEL Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

Take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt.

After the wise men had left, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother with you, and escape into Egypt, and stay there until I tell you, because Herod intends to search for the child and do away with him.' So Joseph got up and, taking the child and his mother with him, left that night for Egypt, where he stayed until Herod was dead. This was to fulfil what the Lord had spoken through the prophet: I called my son out of Egypt. After Herod's death, the angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother with you and go back to the land of Israel, for those who wanted to kill the child are dead'. So Joseph got up and, taking the child and his mother with him, went back to the land of Israel. But when he learnt that Archelaus had succeeded his father Herod as ruler of Judaea he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he left for the region of Galilee. There he settled in a town called Nazareth. In this way the words spoken through the prophets were to be fulfilled: He will be called a Nazarene.

The Gospel of the Lord