

Feast of the Holy Family

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Blessings to All for the New Year!

The start of a New Year offers a time of reflection on the past year and inspiration for the year ahead. Ending the year with a grateful heart for the past year is a powerful way to refocus and renew your outlook on life. - whether this past year brought you success, fulfillment, and joy, or you faced grief, setbacks, and struggle. New Year prayers are a great way to give thanks for the past year, seek guidance for the coming year, and ask for God's blessings.

Prayers can help you look ahead to the New Year with hope and trust in God. *Jeremiah 29:11* tells us, "for I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." No matter what your goals are at the beginning of the year - more physical strength, emotional health, or financial stability, the power of prayer can help you achieve your goals as you seek God's plan for your life! Remember, God loves us and wants the best for us. Let's enter the New Year, ready to live the life he wants for us!

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Our Holy Family

For most of the history of human civilisation the term family has been used to speak of a community of love: parents and children, with a complex and diverse range of relationship connections through blood, legal contract and friendship ties.

Jesus was raised in a family of love which doesn't meet the narrow understanding of a nuclear family: this without even taking into account the active role of the Holy Spirit in the birth of Jesus. Healthy families have always been 'extended' and include not only biological relations but friends and those who are in need.

The ministry of Jesus institutes a new form of family. God is now Our Father and even (in the intimate language of Jesus) our 'abba', our papa and our daddy. Now we are literally the children of God. We speak of Mary as our Mother, and our sisters and brothers are those who with us look to the one Christ.

God's Word Fr John O'Connor

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Mass & Devotions

Sunday Masses Saturday Vigil 5:00pm Sunday 8:00am & 9:30am (11am at Reynolds Court) Maronite Mass 5pm. **Weekday Masses** Monday - Thursday 9:00am Friday 11:45am Saturday 9:00am **Reconciliations** Saturdays 9:30-10am and 4-4:30pm

Liturgy of the Hours Saturday 8:40am Rosary Monday-Thursday 8:35am Friday 11:20am Saturday 9:30am Cenacle Prayer Group Wednesday 9:30am Christian Meditation Friday 10:30am-11:30am Reynolds Room

The Holy Family Sam 1:20-22, 24-28 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24 Lk 2:41-52

Entrance Antiphon: The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger. **Responsorial Psalm:** How happy they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son. Alleluia! **Communion Antiphon:** Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.

Keep Us In Your Prayers There is no gift more precious than prayer - Fr Benedict Groeschel

Recently Deceased: Nona Redman, Bill Morris, Javier Cabarrus, Deborah Czyrkowski. **Anniversaries:** Martin Ghirxi (1st).

Remembrances: Pat Smith, Marie Powell, Jill O'Sullivan, Arthur Vella, Margaret Pizzuto, Terence & Josephine Smith, Terry Howard, John Giutronich, Sam & Carmen Ghirxi, June Maher, Jeanette Leonidas and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

Families: Hoskinson & Hetherington.

Sick: Neville Allen, Rosalyn Evans, Charmaine Goodwin, Margaret Ayres, Glenda Way, Jacob McCarroll, Beau Davis, Max Leete, Frano Stitic, Anne Clancy, John McClement, Anne & Trish Knoke, Paul Smith, Emma Horton, Linda Read, Kelly Will and all with serious illness.



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Happy New Year from the Gift Centre!

To all our patrons we wish you blessings of the Christ Child for 2025. The Gift Centre is open on Saturdays before and after the 5pm Vigil Mass and Sundays before and after the 9:30am Mass. Enquiries: 4332 2216.