We are a welcoming inter-generational community united through our faith in Jesus Christ, demonstrating our love to others through service and charity. All are Welcome, All Belong!

December 30, 2018 - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

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MASS TIMES

Sunday: 8:00 a.m.  
10:30 a.m.
Saturday: Vigil 5:00 p.m.
Weekdays: 8:00 a.m. - Chapel
Holy Days: 8:00 a.m.  
7:00 p.m.
Confessions: 4:15 p.m. (Saturday)

DEVOTIONS

Rosary - Monday - Saturday after 8:00 a.m. Mass
Our Lady of Perpetual Help  
Tuesday after 8:00 a.m. Mass

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We think of church, or perhaps religious education classes, or a parish school as the places we learn about faith. But none of these is more central to learning to live our faith than the household and family.

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

A missing child is a parent’s worst fear. We can imagine being in a grocery store, a department store, or even an amusement park and the panic that would overtake us if a child in our care was nowhere to be found. We might have been relying on someone else to keep an eye on this young one, only to realize that was a misunderstanding. Such things happen occasionally and often the child is found shortly thereafter. Other times it results in tragedy. But in today’s gospel story the Holy Family had lost Jesus in the capital city of Jerusalem! This is a reminder that though Jesus’ family is holy it was not without challenges, like any family. Joseph and Mary dealt with parenting a preteen who though he was fine on his own. Obviously miscommunication was a challenge for them as it might be for us as well.

It can be simple for us to imagine that the Holy Family was perfect, something to which we could never measure up. But Luke gives us a story of a family with real-life challenges and problems. In fact, this is a challenge we would not wish upon anyone, losing track of a child for days in a major city.

Even so, such a story might give us hope as we deal with daily activities in family life, striving not for perfection, which is an unattainable ideal. But instead, we recognize that family life can be messy, punctuated with misunderstandings, miscommunication, and mistakes. Such events are not “sinful” and they were obviously part of life for the Holy Family. It is significant that Luke tells us not only that Jesus was obedient to his parents but that he also grew in wisdom. He was not born fully formed and all knowing. As a human being he naturally learned things. And simple reflecting on this fact can be the source of profound meditation on our part.

We who believe that Jesus was divine also believe that he was human. He was not a divine puppet but a flesh-and-blood human being who was raised in a family and grew in wisdom. Our own families are places of sanctity. We will have challenges as the Holy Family did. But we can deal with them forthrightly, knowing that the relationships we have in this most basic human unit are a means of sanctification.
REMINDER
New Year’s Day is a Holy Day of Obligation. One Mass at 9:00 a.m.
Do you practice good stewardship with your family? Stewardship is about more than offerings to a church or charity. It is about continually giving of ourselves in a way that gives glory to God. Sharing our gifts with those in our immediate family honors God and is evidence of our gratitude for these people in your life.

How can we effectively accomplish this? One way is to reflect on how the 6 characteristics of an Everyday Steward are present in our family relationships. Are we mindful when we are with our family members? Do we focus on them and their needs rather than our phone or TV? Do we hold up our family in prayer? Their concerns should be our concerns. Do we find ways to show how grateful we are for having them in our lives?

When we find ourselves lacking in gratitude, we should reflect on what life would be like without them. Do we help one another without being asked because we have a gracious heart? It is easy to take for granted those we see all the time. Hospitality is not just for the stranger or guest. Are we committed to a life of stewardship that not only serves as a good example, but also helps our relatives thrive? Using our gifts without wisdom might mean we have little to give to those we love. Finally, do we hold each other accountable for our decisions and shortcomings?

We are on the journey of life together, and no one exists in the Body of Christ alone. Stewardship is about the entirety of our lives. Our faith life is not reserved to Mass on a Sunday. It all begins and ends with those we love.

Families are complicated systems. They can be the most transforming or the most hurtful of experiences. Our families of origin have a huge claim on who we are and who we will become. While families need to help us fulfill some of our human needs, this cannot be their sole purpose or focus. Healthy and happy families consist of folks who always have their eyes on the needs and best interests of the other individuals who make up their family unit. We live in the greater family of the world, which is also God’s family. It can’t only be about us. We must focus our gaze on the needs and well-being of our brothers and sisters. This whole seeing allows us to see others as God sees them. The Holy Family is the perfect example of how all families can work: our families of origin, the families in which we now find ourselves, and the family of our world. May we look to their example in helping us fine-tune our systems of family life so that God’s presence can truly be revealed in and through them!

**LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

**POPE FRANCIS’ PRAYER FOR WORLD DAY OF PEACE - January 1, 2019**

Lord God of peace, hear our prayer!

We have tried so many times and over so many years to resolve our conflicts by our own powers and by the force of our arms. How many moments of hostility and darkness have we experienced; how much blood has been shed; how many lives have been shattered; how many hopes have been buried...

Now, Lord, come to our aid! Grant us peace, teach us peace; guide our steps in the way of peace. Open our eyes and our hearts and give us the courage to say: "Never again war! . . .

Instill in our hearts the courage to take concrete steps to achieve peace. Keep alive within us the flame of hope, so that with patience and perseverance we may opt for dialogue and reconciliation. In this way may peace triumph at last, and may the words "division", "hatred" and "war" be banished from the heart of every man and woman.

. . .

Renew our hearts and minds, so that the word which always brings us together will be "brother", and our way of life will always be that of: Shalom, Peace, Salaam!

Amen.
This is the time of year when you may be reflecting on catching up on your charitable contributions for the 2018 tax year. If you plan to include St. Philips to your list, please make sure your donation is dated by December 31, 2018 in order to receive credit for 2018. As always, year-end tax contribution letters are available to you by request.

Traveling during the Holiday Season?
Visit: www.masstimes.org to find a local Catholic church near your travel destinations.

It really works!

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Mary, Mother of God
Helping a friend, volunteering for the church or school event, shoveling the sidewalk — all of these actions require a yes. Becoming your parent’s medical power of attorney, resigning from a job or accepting a new one — our lives require yes after yes. Each one sets us up for even more choices. On January 1st, we celebrate Mary as Mother of God. This title is monumental. It elevates a simple girl from Nazareth to the most highly revered woman in all creation. And it all started with a simple yes! But it didn’t end there. Being free from sin doesn’t mean being free from temptation. Mary had countless opportunities to say yes or no to God throughout her life. She is an example for us on the power of graced perseverance! Whatever your resolutions or decisions in the coming year, ask for Mary’s intercession to say yes.

Happy New Year
The Parish & Pastoral Staff wish you and your families a safe and blessed New Year. The Parish office will be closed on January 1, 2019. Please plan accordingly.

WORDS TO INSPIRE
"Be attentive to the voice of grace."
--St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Who is an Active Parishioner?

- Regular attendance at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation.
- Registered in the Parish, receiving and using weekly envelopes or online platform supporting the Parish according to the best of one’s ability.
- Volunteers and participates in Parish activities with time, talent, and resources as means permit.
- Trying to live the Catholic Faith as best they can with God’s help and the support of family and friends at home and in the Parish.

PARISH REGISTRATION
ALL ARE WELCOME, ALL BELONG

Our parish is blessed and enriched by the presence of new parishioners.

**We welcome all new families and individuals.** If you are interested in joining the Saint Philip’s parish community, feel free to call our office at 415-282-0141 for a registration form, or go online at www.saintphilipparish.org to complete the form online.

Interested in having your child Baptized at Saint Philip the Apostle Church?

Please call the parish office at 415.282.0141 to reserve your spot for any upcoming preparation session and schedule a date for the baptism.

Next Session will be held on Saturday, January 5, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in the Rectory.

Call the Parish office at 415-282-0141 to make your reservation.

RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES RESUME ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 13TH, 9:15 A.M. IN THE CHAPEL

**A Prayer for Vocations**

Loving and generous God, you called the prophets to bring your word to your chosen people. Your Son, Jesus, called the first disciples to be bold proclaimers of the good news. In the modern world, you continue to call your sons and daughters to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life.

Calm the chaos and soothe the sounds of our world, and allow more to hear your soft voice calling them to pick up their cross and follow. May the Holy Spirit fall upon your church in a profound way, so that we may experience a tremendous harvest of grace.

May vocations increase ever abundantly and may your church stand as a witness to the world of the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

We encourage you to enroll in our online giving Program:

Introduction:

- It’s easy to set up
- Gives you real-time access of your charitable donations

We invite you to visit our website at www.saintphilipparish.org and select the online giving tab on the homepage. Alternatively, you can download the mobile app from Googleplay or the Apple App Store. Register by entering our church ID of (4254)

If you wish to continue to use your paper envelopes, you are most welcomed to do so.

WALK FOR LIFE WEST COAST 2019:

Join fellow Catholics and Pro-Lifers from all over California and beyond as we stand up for the littlest among us at the 15th Annual Walk for Life West Coast in San Francisco on January 26, 2019. There will be Mass at 9:30AM celebrated by Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone at St. Mary’s Cathedral.

The rally begins at 12:30PM in San Francisco’s Civic Center Plaza, and the Walk, down the city’s Market Street, begins at 1:30PM. Last year’s Walk drew 50,000+ people.

For complete information about the Walk, visit www.walkforlifewc.com or call 415-658-1793.
**PARISH SERVICES**

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK**
This Sacrament is for those who are elderly, seriously ill, or scheduled for surgery. Contact the Parish Office to schedule the anointing in Church or at home. If in hospital, or care facility, please request the Catholic Chaplain or a priest from the Parish in which the hospital or care facility is located, through the nursing station.

**BAPTISM**
Parents wishing to baptize children should call the parish office to schedule the baptism and to schedule participation in our baptismal preparation program. Please call two months before you wish the baptism. Parents must make an appointment to attend the preparation session. Godparents may attend if they wish. **As of January, 2019, these sessions will take place the first Saturday of each month at 9:00 a.m.** The preparation maybe done before the birth of the child. Please call the Parish office at 415-282-0141 for more information.

**FAITH FORMATION**
Sacramental preparation is a one year program here at St. Philips. **First Reconciliation and First Communion** are celebrated in the 2nd grade. However, we offer accommodations for those older. Classes are held in the chapel on Sundays from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. A copy of the child’s baptismal certificate will be required upon registration. Please call the Parish office for complete details. 415-282-0141

Our **Confirmation Program** is designed for those youth entering the 8th grade or already in high school. These sessions begin in the fall. You must provide baptismal and First Eucharist certificates. To register call the Parish Office 415-282-0141

**R.C.I.A.—**Adults wishing to explore the Catholic faith are welcome to attend an Inquiry Session in the fall. Classes are held on Sundays from 9:15-10:15 a.m.in the Resource Center building (the old convent). Call the Parish Office at 415-282-0141 for a registration form.

**HOMEBOUND MINISTRY**
Call the Parish Office to arrange for visitation and the gift of Holy Communion from one of our Extraordinary Ministers for your friends and family members who are unable to attend Mass due to illness or hospitalization. This is a beautiful ministry which allows for the Church to reach out to those who are homebound and share faith and friendship.

**MARRIAGE**
Couples are asked to call the Parish Office at least six months prior to their intended wedding date to schedule an appointment with the Pastoral Staff to begin their marriage preparation journey.

**RECONCILIATION**
Saturdays 4:15—4:45 p.m. or by appointment

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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**
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**PARISH OUTREACH**

**Baptismal Classes**
First Saturday of the Month 9:00 a.m. (Rectory by appt.)

**Belfry Society**
Adult Choir Tuesday 7:30 p.m. (Church)
Children Choir Tuesday 4:00 p.m. (Hall 1)

**First Communion Instruction**
Sundays 9:15 a.m. (chapel)

**CCD Confirmation Instruction**
Sundays 9:15 a.m. (Lyons Rm)

**Liturgy Committee**
Parish Council
Parent Teacher Group (PTG)
RCIA (Adult Faith Instruction) Sunday 9:15 (Resource Center)
Rosary Makers Second & Third Thursday, 11:30a.m., (Hall 3)

**School Consultative Board**
Young at Heart (Senior Club 50+) Second & Third Thursday, 11:30 a.m., (Hall 3)

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH**
Please contact the rectory at (415) 282-0141.
As a service to the community, we sponsor the following:

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