

St Anthony & St Luke's Catholic Parish

Alexandra Hills and Capalaba

Weekly Newsletter - 29 December 2019

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph - Year A

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Sunday Scripture

The Holy Family

First Reading

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

Psalm

127:1-5

Second Reading

Colossians 3:12-21

Gospel

Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23



Our Churches

Alexandra Hills

St Anthony's Catholic Church

St Anthony Drive

Alexandra Hills QLD 4161

Capalaba

St Luke's Catholic Church

45 Degen Road

Capalaba QLD 4157

Weekly Reflection

On this, the Sunday within the Octave of Christmas, we honor the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. In honoring them, we also honor all families, big or small. And in honoring all families, we honor the family of God, the Church. But most especially, we focus in on the hidden, day-to-day life of the Holy Family of Nazareth.

What was it like to live day in and day out in the household of St. Joseph? What was it like to have Jesus for a son, Mary as a wife and mother, and Joseph as a father and husband? Their home would have certainly been a sacred place and a dwelling of true peace and unity. But it would have also been so much more.

The family home of Jesus, Mary and Joseph would have been, in numerous ways, just like any other home. They would have related together, talked, had fun, disagreed, worked, eaten, dealt with problems, and encountered everything else that makes up daily family life.

Of course, the virtues of Jesus and Mary were perfect, and St. Joseph was a truly "just man." Therefore, the overriding characteristic of their home would have been love.

But with that said, their family would not have been exempt from daily toil, hurt and challenges that face most families. For example, they would have encountered the death of loved ones, St. Joseph most likely passed away prior to Jesus' public ministry. They would have encountered misunderstanding and gossip from others. Our Blessed Mother, for example, was found with child out of wedlock. This would have been a topic of discussion among many acquaintances for sure. They would have had to fulfill all daily chores, earn a living, put food on the table, attend gatherings of family and friends and the like. They would have lived normal family life in every way.

This is significant because it reveals God's love for family life. The Father allowed His Divine Son to live this life and, as a result, elevated family life to a place within the Trinity. The holiness of the Holy Family reveals to us that every family is invited to share in God's divine life and to encounter ordinary daily life with grace and virtue.

Reflect, today, upon your own family life. Some families are strong in virtue, some struggle with basic communication. Some are faithful day in and day out, some are broken and deeply wounded. No matter the case, know that God wants to enter more deeply into your family life just as it is right now. He desires to give you strength and virtue to live as the Holy Family. Surrender yourself and your family, this day, and invite the Triune God to make your family a holy family.

<https://catholic-daily-reflections.com/2018/12/29/feast-of-the-holy-family>

Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults Policy

Our parish has implemented the Archdiocesan Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults policy. We are committed to high standards of recruitment, screening and selection of all our employees and volunteers and undertake intentional strategies to maintain a safe and healthy ministry environment for all.

The Week at a Glance

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| MONDAY | 30 December | No Mass | |
| TUESDAY | 31 December | No Mass | |
| WEDNESDAY | 1 January | No Mass | |
| THURSDAY | 2 January | No Mass | |
| FRIDAY | 3 January | No Mass | |
| SATURDAY | 4 January | 4.30 pm | Mass - St Anthony's |
| | | 6.00 pm | Mass - St Luke's |
| SUNDAY | 5 January | 7.00 am | Mass - St Luke's |
| | | 9.00 am | Mass - St Anthony's |

Rosters for 4th & 5th January 2020

| <i>MINISTRY</i> | <i>ST ANTHONY'S CHURCH</i> | | <i>ST LUKE'S CHURCH</i> | |
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| CLEANERS | | | Luisa Aguiar, Donna Fitzgerald, Juliette Warnick-Hayne | |
| COUNTERS | Roy Nicolson, Adrianna Zwierzchaczewski , Annita McSherry, Helen Bowman, John Caton & Mary Ford | | Tracey Armatys & Kieran Gilboy | |
| MASS TIMES | Saturday 5.00pm | Sunday 9.00am | Saturday 6.00pm | Sunday 7.00am |
| SACRISTAN | Kathy Metzen | Jackie Hardy | Gana Ralph | Joan Tebbit |
| DATA PROJECTOR | Tony Metzen | David Haley | Michaela Osmond | Trish Percy |
| USHERS | Julie Hobby | Adrianna Zwierzchaczewski Mary Ford | | |
| ALTAR SERVERS | Marysia Leszczuk Isabela Leszczuk | Milagro Chinchilla Sara Chinchilla | | |
| READERS | Teresa Rafter Linda Groundwater Linda Groundwater (Intro & P of F) | Domnic Aguiar Fatima Caneses Helen Bowman (Intro & P of F) | Robert Bowlen Michael Osmond Patricia Rooney (Intro & P of F) | Sharyn Leafe Joan Tebbit Bernie Sue (Intro & P of F) |
| EUCHARISTIC / SPECIAL MINISTERS * = <i>Ministers to the Sick</i> w = <i>Washing</i> | Narelle Dobson Margaret Kostowski Kathy Metzen Trish Purcell (W) Annita McSherry (W) | Ed Hardy Jackie Hardy Ursula Johnson* Veronica Henderson (W) Carmel Haley (W) | Peter O'Connor Alison O'Connor Julie Bakes | Violet Cooper Susanne Nelles Paul Blacklock |
| HOSPITALITY (Tea/ Coffee) | | Culture Club | Sharon Evans | |
| TRANSPORT | | Donna Barker | | |
| COLLECTION TEAM | Joe Bartolo Terry Quinn | Christina Chinchilla Gonzalo Chinchilla | | |