

## The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, December 29

### **The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**

Masses at 6:00a/7:30/9:00/10:30/12:00n/6:00pm

Monday, December 30

### **The Sixth Day in the Octave of Christmas**

Tuesday, December 31

### **The Seventh Day in the Octave of Christmas**

No Cathedral Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, January 1

### **The Octave Day of Christmas**

### **Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin**

### **Mary, The Mother of God**

New Year's Day Cathedral Holiday

No Sacrament of Reconciliation

Mass at 12:00 noon

(Church will close after Noon Mass)

Thursday, January 2

### **Memorial of Saints Basil the Great and Gregory**

*Nazianzen, bishops, doctor of the Church*

Friday, January 3 – *First Friday*

### **Christmas Weekday**

Adoration/Benediction at 10:00am

Saturday, January 4 – *First Saturday*

### **Memorial of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, religious**

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

Mass and Holy Hour at 12:00pm

Ss. Damien/Marianne Prayer Group at 12:30pm

Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

Sunday, January 5

### **The Epiphany of the Lord**

Masses at 6:00a/7:30/9:00/10:30/12:00n/6:00pm

## Cathedral Gallery

If you are looking for that perfect gift to give to someone this Christmas, then look no further! The Cathedral Gallery is having a Clearance Sale. All Aloha Attire of Our Lady of Peace & Saints of Hawaii are half off! From Men's aloha shirts to Ladies' Camp Shirts, half off! Ladies' Mu'umu'u, half off! Reversible Tote Bags, half off! That is 50% off these selected items. For more information, please call (808) 585-3311.

## Stewardship of Treasure

### **Offertory Collection**

Sunday Offering	\$ 7,155.44
Weekday Offering	\$ 2,626.77
Coffers	\$ 627.52
Feast & Solemnities	\$ 300.00
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 10,709.73</b>

### **Other Collection**

Repair & Maintenance	\$ 3,989.20
Devotional Candles	\$ 1,070.00
Campaign Human Dev.	\$ 20.00
Religious Retirement	\$ 135.00
Others (Gallery, etc.)	\$ 959.00

**Total Summary \$ 16,882.93**



## Committed to Christ, Living in Gratitude

Within the next couple of weeks you will receive a Summary Report detailing the results of our Committed to Christ, Living in Gratitude Program. Several weeks ago we began this program and we are beginning to see signs that our Sunday offertory collections are growing through the generosity of many, many parishioners. Thank you so very much to all who have chosen to participate in this very important program. Your generosity shows your willingness as faithful stewards to be a part of the ongoing missions of Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace.

## Sharing Faith

- Which of the virtues named by Paul is easiest for you to attain? Which is the hardest?
- Consider Joseph's readiness to respond immediately to God. Where can Joseph's example help with your own choices? What prayer for help might you make to St. Joseph?
- The Church is often called the family of God. What does that mean?

## Living the Liturgy

- Read the first three chapters of Sirach. Perhaps you can assign one chapter to each person in your group for in-depth study. What virtues are named in Sirach? Compare them to Paul's list of virtues in Colossians. What phrases or images help us understand what God asks? You may wish to make a bumper sticker, bookmark, or slogan to hang on your wall or refrigerator as a reminder of a virtue that you aspire to model this season.

# December 29, 2019 – Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

## Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

*Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 / Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 / Colossians 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 / Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23*

Paul tells us how Christians live and act in the world, beginning with a list of virtues and offering a code of how household members are to act toward one another. Paul emphasized that relationships with one another should be guided by what God has done for all through Jesus Christ. God's love has saved us, forgiven us our sins, and given us peace. We are to put on that same kind of love not only in our families, but for all of God's people.

This Sunday's Gospel offers a final look at Joseph for the Sundays of this year and for Matthew's Gospel. A major figure in Matthew's early infancy stories, Joseph fades from the pages. But he leaves behind a powerful impression of faith and obedience to God. Twice we hear the angel's command to rise and protect his family. Joseph immediately obeys. There is no protest about how hard the travel will be no objection about having just made a long journey, no hesitation to let him take care of other things first. In obedience, Joseph responds.

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### **Next Sunday's Readings: "The Epiphany of the Lord"**

*Isaiah 60:1-6 / Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13. / Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 / Matthew 2:1-12*

## From the Desk of Fr. Pascual

Dear Cathedral Ohana,

Greetings of peace, love, and joy!

The Opening Prayer in the celebration of the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph says, "*O 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.*" How expressive and meaningful these words are as we pray and hope that it will indeed be fulfilled.

Reality presents to us that not all families live in harmony and peace. There are tensions in many respects. The divorce rate is high. Many babies are unborn. Children are abandoned. Sibling rivalries exist because of property disputes. And the list goes on and on. When families are weak, society is weak and so is the church. It is taught that family is the basic unit of society and the domestic church. It is supposed to be where values are formed, the future is determined and that life is nurtured.

Could we say that the Child whose birth we celebrated days ago just grew up by Himself? No! He had a "makuakane" who was always looking at the welfare of his Son and wife. The flight into Egypt in the Gospel Narrative speaks well how Joseph protected his family. He embraced them with love and care. He was always listening to God's voice to keep his family together. Also, this Child had a caring and nurturing "makuahine" who herself experienced the pangs of birth. He had a mother who nursed Him and was with Him even till His last days on earth. He had a "Makua" so loving and self-giving.

This feast as part of the Christmas celebration instills in us our dreams and aspirations to live in a family where we can all experience love and comfort. It calls us also to pray fervently that God may bring light and peace to those who had been troubled. It also invites us to make our families bond together in the love and examples of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. Thus, we make our house a home, a dwelling place of goodness. Let us remember, Charity, the crown of all virtues, begins at home.

Your friend in the Lord,  
Fr. Pascual