

## Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 28th, 2019, 5:00PM

† Leona Panaganiban by Maureen Redrino

Sunday, December 29th, 2019, 10:30AM

†the deceased member of the Carlin Family by Janis Carlin  
Anniversary & Thanksgiving for blessings received by Mr & Mrs. Victorio Saldo  
Thanksgiving blessings offered by Cora A. Garlando & Family

Tuesday, December 31st, 2019, 7:00PM

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Wednesday, January 1st, 2020, 10:30AM

†Gary Figueroa by Susan Charlebois and family

Wednesday, January 1st, 2020, 7:00PM

†Andrée Agia by Susan Charlebois and family

Thursday, January 2nd, 2020, 9:00AM

†Danilo Cornelio by Shiela Cornelio..

Friday, January 3rd, 2020, 9:00 AM

†Nicolas Davantes Sr by Victoria Davantes..

Saturday, January 4th 2020. 5:00PM

†Mary Lea Jordan by her boy Jack

Sunday, January 5th, 2020, 10:30AM

Thanksgiving blessings for Ryan Tangonan  
by Victoria Davantes and family..

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**Anniversary and Birthday Blessings** Let us include in our intentions prayers for all anniversary and birthday celebrants.

**Happy Birthday to** Paul Lafontaine

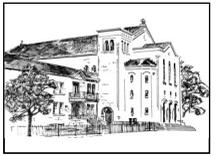
**Happy Anniversary to** Mr & Mrs. Victor Saldo and Aniko and Stephen Rabolvszky

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### **December 29, 2019 — Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

#### **"An angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream"**

**Meditation:** Like all godly Jewish parents, Joseph and Mary raised the child Jesus in the reverence and wisdom of the Lord. Joseph was given a unique task as the guardian and protector of Mary and of Jesus. What can we learn from the example and witness of Joseph? Joseph is a man of God, a man of unquestioning obedience and willing service. He is a man of prayer and a man of God's word. Through faith he recognized the hand of God in the mystery of the Incarnation - the Son of God taking on flesh as the son of the virgin Mary.

Joseph is a man of action, diligent in the care of his family and ready to do the Lord's bidding. Joseph fearlessly set aside his own plans when God called him to "take to the road" and to leave his familiar surroundings - his home, friends and relatives, and the security of his livelihood in order to pursue a hidden mission God entrusted to him as the guardian of the newborn King.

God has a plan for each one of us. With the plan God gives grace and the assurance of his guiding hand and care. Do you trust your heavenly Father for his plan for your life? Are you willing to sacrifice your own plans for the sake of God's plan? Are you willing to give God unquestioning service and to pursue whatever mission he gives you? "Lord Jesus, make me a faithful servant of your word and guardian of your truth. Help me to obey you willingly, like Joseph and Mary, with unquestioning trust and with joyful hope."

<http://dailyscripture.servantsoftheword.org/readings/2019/dec29.htm>

Pastor  
Fr. Gregory Nunez

Office Staff  
Anastasia  
Wargachuk  
Administration

Nov 23-24—  
\$592.40  
Annual Bazaar—  
\$6,038.60  
Bowl-a-Thon—  
\$647.00  
Nov 30-Dec 1—  
\$1,616.20  
Dec 7-8—\$549.95  
Dec 14-15—  
\$1,078.15

**ST WILLIBRORD  
PARISH**

Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 10:30 am

(incl. Children's  
Liturgy)

Tuesday: 7:00 pm  
**(Rectory)**

Wednesday:  
7:00 pm

Thursday: 9:00 am  
**(Rectory)**

Friday: 9:00am  
**(Rectory)**

Adoration  
**9:30am to 11:30am**  
**(Rectory)**

**Please note the  
Mass, on Tuesday,  
Thursday and Fri-  
day will be held in  
the Rectory**

**Pope reflects on Holy Family at Sunday Angelus**

On the feast of the Holy Family, Pope Francis focuses on the "astonishment" and "anxiety" of Mary and Joseph in his reflection on the day's Gospel.

**By Christopher Wells**

The Holy Family of Nazareth – Jesus, Mary, and Joseph – were “united by an intense love and animated by great confidence in God,” Pope Francis said on Sunday.

Speaking at the weekly recitation of the Angelus, the Holy Father recalled that the Sunday within the Octave of Christmas is the feast of the Holy Family. The day’s Gospel recounts the story of the finding of Jesus in the Temple. The Holy Family had gone to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover; but on the return voyage, Mary and Joseph discovered that Jesus, who was only twelve years old, was not in the caravan. They searched for Jesus for three days, finally finding Him in the Temple amid the doctors of the law. When they found Jesus, the Gospel says, “they were astonished”; and Mary expressed her concern to Jesus, saying, “Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety.”

Astonishment never failed

Pope Francis focused on these two feelings of “astonishment” and “anxiety” in his reflection at the Angelus. In the Holy Family, he said, astonishment “never failed.” To feel astonishment, he said, “is the opposite of taking everything for granted... It means opening ourselves to others.” This attitude, he said, is important for “healing compromised relationships” and curing “the open wounds within the family.”

Holy Family centred on Jesus

The “anxiety” felt by Mary and Joseph “shows the centrality of Jesus in the Holy Family,” Pope Francis explained. And so, he said, “we see why the family of Nazareth is holy: because it was centred on Jesus; all the attention and care of Joseph revolved around Him.”

Pope Francis said the anxiety felt by Mary and Joseph when Jesus was lost for three days “should also be our anxiety when we are far from Jesus; when we forget Jesus, going without prayer, without reading the Gospel for several days. Mary and Joseph, he said, found Jesus in the Temple; and we too, should seek Jesus in the house of God – and especially in the liturgy, where we have the living experience of Jesus, in His Word and in the Eucharist, “from which we receive the strength to face the difficulties of each day.”

Praying for all families

The Holy Father concluded his reflection by asking everyone “to pray for all the families of the world, especially those that, for various reasons, are lacking in peace and harmony” and to “entrust them to the protection of the Holy Family of Nazareth.”

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2018-12/pope-reflects-on-holy-family-at-sunday-angelus.html>

**ST. WILLIBRORD ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**DATE(S) TO REMEMBER**

**Sacramental Preparation:** Sunday, January 12, 2020, at 9:00AM in the Church (enter side door)

**Acolytes Meeting:** Saturday, January 11, 2020, at 9:00AM, in the rectory

**Flea Market:** Saturday, January 11, 2020, 9:00AM to 3:00PM



*Happy  
New Year*

*Updated*  
**New Year's Mass Schedule**  
New Year's Eve, Tuesday, December 31, 2019  
**7:00PM—Mass**

New Year's Day, Wednesday, January 1st, 2020  
**10:30AM—Mass**  
**7:00PM—Mass**

*Lord God, we praise you for creating man, and still more for restoring him in Christ. Your Son shared our weakness; may we share his glory, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*



**Raffle Draw Winners**  
**First Prize, \$1,000.00: Di-Tech (c/o Jonas Bolofer)**  
**Second Prize, \$500.00: Ruth Laxina**  
**Third Prize, \$250.00: Fruan Tabamo**

Thank you to all who bought or sold raffle tickets. The date of the draw was yesterday, December 28, 2019. Thank you for supporting the parish's outreach programs, such as the Soup Kitchen, Christmas Baskets and emergency food bank.

**Prayer for a Blessing on the New Year**

O sacred and adorable Trinity, hear our prayers on behalf of our holy Father the Pope, our Bishops, our clergy, and for all that are in authority over us. Bless, we beseech Thee, during the coming year, the whole Catholic Church; convert heretics and unbelievers; soften the hearts of sinners so that they may return to Thy friendship; give prosperity to our country and peace among the nations of the world; pour down Thy blessings upon our friends, relatives, and acquaintances, and upon our enemies, if we have any; assist the poor and the sick; have pity on the souls of those whom this year has taken from us; and do Thou be merciful to those who during the coming year will be summoned before Thy judgment seat. May all our actions be preceded by Thy inspirations and carried on by Thy assistance, so that all our prayers and works, having been begun in Thee, may likewise be ended through Thee. Amen.

**CONFESSIONS** will be heard 15 minutes before each Mass weekdays and on weekends.

**BAPTISM** Parents wishing to have their child baptized are asked to contact the Parish Office at 514-769-9678. A meeting with Parents and Godparents is a pre-requisite. Godparents must be baptized and confirmed in the Catholic Church.

**MARRIAGE** Please contact the Parish Office or Father Gregory well in advance, as it is important to reserve the church before the Hall.