

Mass Intentions

An individual may ask a priest to offer a Mass for several reasons: for example, in thanksgiving, for the intentions of another person (such as on a birthday), or, as is most common, for the repose of the soul of someone who has died. One must never forget the infinite graces that flow from the Sacrifice of the Mass which benefit ones soul. Pope Leo XIII in his encyclical "*Mirae caritatis*" (1902) beautifully elaborated this point and emphasized the connection between the communion of saints with the Mass: "The grace of mutual love among the living, strengthened and increased by the sacrament of the Eucharist, flows, especially by virtue of the Sacrifice [of the Mass], to all who belong to the communion of saints." —catholiceducation.org

Saturday, December 30th, 2017, 5:00PM

Thanksgiving Mass by Shiela Cornelio..

Thanksgiving to the Most Holy Trinity by Domie & Isabel Rosal

Sunday, December 31st, 2017

Thanksgiving, healing and fast recovery of Jose Larry Comodero

By Nonong Comodero and family..

Thanksgiving Mass by Delia Daniel, Angelo and Patrick Gotera

Thanksgiving Mass by Merly Nunez and family

†Delia Faezal Evangelista by Cecillle Lebriilla

Monday, January 1st, 2018, 10:30AM

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Tuesday, January 2nd, 2018, 7:00PM

Pro Populo

Wednesday, January 3rd, 2018, 7:00PM

For the Intentions of Marcela Ellasos ..

Thursday, January 4th, 2018, 9:00AM

Thanksgiving & for the intentions of Adriana Appau and family..

Friday, January 5th, 2018, 9:00AM

†Lily Wepruk By the Wepruk Family..

Saturday, January 6th, 2018, 5:00PM

†Mary Lea Jordan By her son Jack

†Souls in Purgatory By Adeline Doyle

Sunday, January 7th, 2018, 10:30AM

†Mary Armstrong by the Armstrong Family

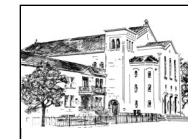
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December 31, 2017 — Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Scripture scholars point to a pattern in the writings of St. Paul to the churches he founded. The pattern can be expressed something like this: you ARE (something), for example you ARE the Body of Christ. This "you are" statement is followed by a directive such as therefore, LIVE FAITHFULLY the reality that you are the Body of Christ (which you ARE).

In today's reading from the feast of the Holy Family, Paul employs the pattern spoken of: he tells the Colossian people that they are THE CHOSEN ONES of God and that therefore they must live out the implications of their being chosen by God. Clearly this pattern is meant not just for the Colossians, but we faithful today are the inheritors of Paul's advice.

A prayerful exercise might be for us to quietly reflect on each of the virtues St. Paul suggests in our reading today and to assess how we chosen ones relate to them.

Heartfelt Compassion
Kindness
Humility
Gentleness
Patience
Bearing with one another
And over all of these is Love.

As we look at this list of virtues called for here we can better assess our own family life, modelled on the Holy Family. The family is the first church, and as chosen by God what is it we learn and inculcate into our lives from our family?

Can I see the patterns in my life around these virtues enumerated here for the Colossians? A glance at the virtues reveals that our modern societies do not foster them. In fact the opposite is true. Humility, gentleness and patience are not valued. Support for these virtues does not come from an "it's-all-about-ME" emphasis by a culture that has forgotten its relationship with the other.

These virtues are all about relationship with others. Where best to learn about these virtues but in the context of the family? Can I see these counter cultural virtues as the heart and soul of family life? Advent gives us the opportunity to do such an assessment and to learn more and more of what it means to be chosen by God and incorporated into Christ.

Notice that *love* surrounds the entire set of virtues. There is joy in responding to ourselves and others by this set of virtues Paul puts before us today in the letter to the Colossians. The Holy Family then is a model for our ways of encountering one another as we (chosen ones) move towards these virtues in our own lives.

Thus we can come to the realization of Paul's pattern: We ARE the chosen ones; therefore let us seek to faithfully accomplish what that implies for our lives. Chosen ones rejoice! Seeking these virtues is itself the first step in receiving them as a gift of God. *By Tom Shanahan, S.J. (December 28, 2014)*

<http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Archive/2014/122814.html>

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Nov 25-26, 2017—\$721.60
Dec 2-3, 2017—\$2,135.95
Dec 2-3, 2017—\$2,135.95
Dec 9-10, 2017—\$969.80
Dec 16-17, 2017—\$917.00
Dec 23-24, 2017—
\$3,101.15
Dec 24-25, 2017(Christmas
Eve and Christmas day)—
\$687.15

Mass Schedule

Saturday @ 5:00 pm
Sunday @ 10:30 am
(incl. Children's
Liturgy)

Tues @ 7:00 pm (Rector)

Wed @ 7:00 pm
Thursday & Friday
@ 9:00 am
Adoration Fridays
9:30am to 11:30am

Birthdays/Anniversary Blessings to
all Parishioners who are celebrating this week.
Happy Birthday to Marilyn Mendoza, Gilles Charlebois, Rex Ansagay, Angela Choi, Daylan Corpus and Bernard Burcena

Thank You to
◇Mike, Ann, Cora, the Rosal family and all the volunteers who worked in the rectory and in the Church.
◇generous benefactors for their extra-ordinary donations, for the maintenance of the parish, included in the collection

The Five "Marks" of a Catholic Family

1. *Catholic Families Worship Together*—The Eucharist is the source of our love and the sign of the intimacy to which we are called. Therefore, as a family, we attend Sunday mass weekly (and Holy Days and at other times as we are able) and we actively participate in parish life—our spiritual home away from home. We also recognize that as fallen persons, we struggle to be the loving community we are called to be. Therefore, as a family, we regularly go to confession (recommended: monthly) to seek God's healing and grace so we might better live his vision of love in our lives and homes.

2. *Catholic Families Pray Together*—As "domestic church" we recognize that we cannot love one another as God loves us unless we ask him, *together*, to teach us what this means. Therefore, in addition to our individual prayer life, *we gather together as husband and wife and also as a family for prayer each day*. In that time, we praise and thank God for his blessings, we ask him for the grace to love each other and the world better, we seek his will for our lives, and we pray for both our needs and the needs of the Family of God. We recognize in the words of Servant of God, Fr. Patrick Peyton, "the family that prays together, stays together."

3. *Catholic Families are Called to Intimacy*—Tertullian once proclaimed, "The world says, 'Look at those Christians, see how they love one another!'" The Christian life is first and foremost a call to intimate communion. We recognize that families are "Schools of Love." Therefore, as a family, we constantly challenge ourselves to seek to discover new ways to be even more open with and loving to each other as husband and wife, parents and children. We recognize that children are to be a visible sign of the loving union between husband and wife and we work to make this a reality in our homes both in the quality of our relationships and in our openness to life. Further, we cultivate marriage and parenting practices that make each member of the family—husband and wife, parents and children—willingly open up to one another and seek to freely give themselves to create a deeper "community of love" and practice all the virtues that help us live life as a gift.

4. *Catholic Families Put Family First*—We recognize that—because our family relationships are the primary vehicle God uses to perfect us and challenge us to become everything we were created to be—family life, itself, is the most important activity. To protect the intimacy we are called to cultivate as the domestic church, we recognize the importance of regular family rituals *and* we are intentional about creating and protecting those activities such as family dinner, family prayer and worship, a game night and/or "family day", and regular time for one-on-one communication and relationship-building. We hold these activities as sacred rituals of the domestic church and value them over all other activities that would seek to compete with them.

5. *The Catholic Family is a Witness and Sign*—God wants to change the world through our families. We allow ourselves to be part of his plan for changing the world in two ways. First, by striving to exhibit—in every way possible in our daily interactions as husband and wife, parents and children—the love and intimacy that every human heart longs for. We must show the world that this love is a possible dream worth striving for. Second, we will carry this love outside the home by serving the world-at-large in a manner that is responsible and respectful of the integrity of the family unit. We do this by committing ourselves and our families to the intentional practice of all the corporal and spiritual works of mercy within the home and outside of it. To this end, the ways we, as a family, are trying to fulfill this responsibility will be a regular topic of conversation in our homes.
<http://catholicexchange.com/five-marks-catholic-family>

Talk by Fr. Nick Revilla
Following the 7:00PM Mass, on Jan 3, 2018, Fr Nick Revilla will be giving a talk on the subject of making logical decisions. It promises to an interesting talk. Please come and invite your friends and family.

Mass will be celebrated in Cameron Hall
All are welcome to join us on the second Saturday of each month, when we will be celebrating the 5:00PM Mass in Cameron Hall (Basement). This is to make Mass more accessible for people with mobility issues and have trouble climbing the stairs. It will be followed by a Spaghetti Supper. For more information, please contact the rectory, at 514-769-9678

Dates for faith formation and Formation for lay people
Thursday Bible Study and Catholicism Will Resume on Jan 4, 2018.
Every Thursday, Bible Study at 6:30PM, in Rectory, followed by Catholicism 7:15PM
Lectors and Lay Ministers Meeting: Sunday, Jan 14, 2018, following the 10:30am Mass.
Acolytes: Saturday, Jan 13, 2018, at 9:00AM
Faith in the family: The next faith in the family will resume on Sunday, Dec 31, 2017, at 9:00AM

Date(s) to Remember
Flea Market: Saturday, Jan 13, 2018, 9:00AM to 3:00PM
Mass in Cameron Hall: Saturday, Jan 13, 2018, 5:00PM, followed by a spaghetti supper.

St. Patrick's Parade Queen Selection Evening 2018
Feb 3, 2018 at the Delta Centreville
Primarily a Public Speaking Event.
Open to young women of Irish decent between the ages of 18yrs-25yrs old
Permanent residents of Montreal, and Canadian citizens.
4 Princesses and 1 Queen will be chosen
Trip to Ireland for the Queen
For more information, contact equinn17@videotron.ca

Heating Costs
Winter is here and it promises to be a very cold one and as a result our heating costs will be very high. We will be implementing a monthly, second collection, on the second weekend of each month, with the proceeds going to the heating expenses.

CONFESSIONS will be heard 15 minutes before each Mass ~ weekdays, as well as 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.