

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

MY EYES HAVE SEEN YOUR SALVATION, WHICH YOU HAVE PREPARED IN THE SIGHT OF ALL THE PEOPLES.

LUKE 2:30-31

DECEMBER 27, 2009

~ Parish Life and Activities... ~

<p>FAMILY IN CRISIS</p>	<p>Today's Gospel gives us the only real glimpse we have into the life of the Holy Family during the childhood of Jesus. Here we see a family in crisis. A son is lost and frantic parents search and search until they finally find him. We hear these words from the mother of Jesus: "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety" (Luke 2:48). We can only imagine the distress felt by Mary and Joseph. Their love for their son brought them to their wits' end. Let us take the opportunity this day to ask the Blessed Virgin Mary and Saint Joseph to intercede for us in times when our families experience anxiety and fear.</p>
<p>CHRISTMAS THANK YOUS...</p>	<p>On this "family" Sunday, we thank Brother Tom and all the members of our parish family who spent their precious time in preparing our Church for the coming of the Christ child. We will continue to enjoy these lovely decorations throughout the Christmas season. Also thank you to Cyndi Saiza and the many liturgical ministers who spent hours in preparing our beautiful and smooth functioning Advent and Christmas Masses. The growth of our parish is apparent when we interact with each other in true communion.</p>
<p>MARKET BASKET</p>	<p>The Market Basket Committee is deeply grateful to all who have so generously supported the monthly collection during the past year. It has made a big difference in the availability of food at the Catholic Charities Pantry. The need continues however and we will have our monthly food collection of non-perishables on Jan 2-3. A monetary donation is very welcome, too—just place it in an envelope and write "Market Basket" on the front. Thank you!</p>
<p>COMUNIDAD MEETING</p>	<p>The next Comunidad meeting will be held Tuesday, January 5th at 7:00 PM in the Church for Mass to celebrate the 24th anniversary of Ministry with Lesbian and Gay Catholics. Join us for this annual New Year's Mass. Come and rededicate yourself to practice your faith as a proud gay or lesbian Catholic. As part of the celebration the 2010 Coordinating Committee will be installed. A social will be held after Mass in the Fr. Gerald Meisel Parish Hall. You are welcome to bring a dessert to add to the refreshments. All are welcome.</p>
<p>ADULT CONFIRMATION PROGRAM</p>	<p>If you are interested in receiving the sacrament of Confirmation within the year 2010, you must meet with Sister Sharon Francis before January 3rd (next Sunday). To set up an appointment, please call 562.439.0931 x 5. You will need to bring certification of your baptism and your First Communion.</p>
<p>CALENDARS AVAILABLE</p>	<p>You may take one or several calendars home with you as you leave the church today. We thank Luyben Dilday Mottell Funeral Home for their generosity in providing these calendars to our parish.</p>
<p>JANUARY 1</p>	<p>Friday, January 1, 2010, is the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God and is not a holy day of obligation. We will celebrate our daily 8:00a.m. Mass.</p>
<p>NEED A TAX STATEMENT?</p>	<p>If you need an end-of-year contribution statement for tax purposes, we ask that you please email or call the parish office to request one. Thank you.</p>
<p>PEACE</p>	<p>Deep peace of the running waves to you...Deep peace of the flowing air to you...Deep peace of the smiling stars to you...Deep peace of the quiet earth to you...Deep peace of the watching shepherds to you...Deep peace of the Son of Peace to you. <i>Happy New Year To All!</i></p>
<p>NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS</p>	<p>Throughout the coming year open your bible to read and reflect on next Sunday's readings. The Epiphany of the Lord: 1st Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6; 2nd Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Gospel Matthew 2:1-12. Reflection: <i>The Epiphany is about Jesus' coming for all peoples. In what ways do I forget that truth and treat some people or groups as outsiders?</i></p>