



# The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

## December 31, 2017

My eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.  
—*Luke 2:30-31*

### *From the Padre's Desk:*

My Dear Friends:

The Church has placed a number of notable feast days immediately after Christmas. The feasts of Stephen, John the Evangelist, and the Holy Innocents form a summary of the life lived in Christ, the Word made flesh. What do these have to do with the feast of the Holy Family, which crowns the Octave of Christmas? These feasts remind us that suffering will occur in fulfilling the mission of Christ, and that we are all called to be bearers of this Word whose birth we celebrate.

We also see this manifested in the lives of Joseph and Mary, both of whom took social and religious risks in obedience to the will of God, and both of whom were open to the word of God sent to them from on high. In these ways they prefigured the life of Jesus himself.

Most likely, few of us found ourselves at Mass this past Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday, but the essence of these feasts and the essence of the holiness of Joseph, Mary, and Jesus remain central, a holiness we celebrate today.

In Christ,  
*Fr. William*

**FAITH FORMATION:** Every Sunday at 11am  
**ADORATION:** Of the Blessed Sacrament Friday after mass (10-11am)  
**FIRST FRIDAY:** January 5, 2018  
**PRAYER GROUP:** Tuesday after the 9:30am mass  
**CHOIR PRACTICE:** Wednesday, 6pm Spanish, 7pm English  
**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:** Every first Wednesday of the month, 7pm.  
**PARISH COUNCIL:** Sunday, February 4, 2018, 1:15pm, Price Building  
**FINANCE COMMITTEE:** To be announced  
**ALTAR SOCIETY:** To be announced  
**EMMAUS:** Every Thursday, 7pm, Price Building  
**PRISON MINISTRY:** Every Thursday

### BAPTISMS

If you need information please call the Parish office during office hours or Sundays after mass.

#### Office Hours:

Monday: 10:00am – 12:00pm  
Tuesday: 10:00am – 12:00pm  
Wednesday: 10:00am – 12:00pm

#### Reconciliation Service:

Saturday, 4:00-4:30pm or with appointment

If you need to speak with Fr. William please call the Office during office hours and make an appointment. In case of an emergency, if a family member dies or is in the hospital, please call the office. If the office is closed, please call the Rectory and leave a message, Fr. William will return your call as soon as possible. Office #: 336-599-4122 - Rectory #: 336- 599-6428

To have a loved one remembered at a Mass (Suggested donation is \$10.00). To provide the Sanctuary Lamp that burns before the Blessed Sacrament (Suggested offering is \$35.00), or to provide the parish with altar bread and wine used at the Mass (Suggested offering is \$55.00). Please call the Parish office 336-599-4122

**PLEASE PRAY:** For our Church, Pope Francis I, and all our leaders; pray for the Holy Father's intention that the importance of forgiveness and reconciliation between individuals and peoples may be understood and that through her testimony the Church may spread Christ's love, the source of new humanity.



Jesus, Mary and Joseph in you we contemplate the splendor of true love.

To you, we turn with trust

Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too

May be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the

Gospel and small domestic churches,

Holy Family of Nazareth, may families never again experience violence,

rejection and division: may all who have been hurt or scandalized find

comfort and healing.

Holy Family of Nazareth make us more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family, of its beauty in God's plan.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, graciously hear our prayer

Amen.

**PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS**

Gary Clements, Linda Toth, Mary Williamson, Gloria Wiener, Scott Varney, Brenda Capps, Bobby Rigsby, Socorro Rigsby, Ken Emser, Paul Cicchetti, Saul Reyes, David Savoxsky, Barbara Bland, Virgilo Baltazar, Julie Marshall, Charles Rigsbee, Donald Wilson, Richard Tofte, David Reedy, Rose Pratico, David Ramsey, Julian Alexander, Bo Currier, John Swanik, Marty Martel, Annie O'Connor, Jorge Gamez Magaña, Glafira Rangel, Don Jennings, Dick Cramer.

Dear Lord, I come before you today in need of your healing hand. In you all things are possible. Hold my heart within yours, and renew my mind, body and soul. Amen

**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS:** Father, in your plan for our salvation you Shepherd for your people. Fill your Church with the spirit of continual love. Give us more priests, worthy ministers for your altar and ardent but gentle servants of the Gospel. Grant us an increase in vocations to the Religious life. May more of your people respond to your call in a spirit of joyful generosity, may they serve your people in love by following in the footsteps of Christ, your Son, and provide by their way of life a convincing sign of your kingdom. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Mary, Mother of the Church, Pray for us.

**NEWS FROM OUR PARISH** [www.stmaryandedward.org](http://www.stmaryandedward.org)

**HAPPY NEW YEAR 2018:** A special thanks to our parishioners for their support, generosity and love during this year of 2017. May God always provide for you, always show you mercy, always give you guidance, always direct your steps, always watch over you, always show you the truth, always give you the strength to trust Him in all things, "HAVE A BLESSED AND HAPPY NEW YEAR 2018".

**FIRST FRIDAY:** January 5, Benediction and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after 9:30am mass. Prayer and Meditation before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament are great ways to spend some special time with Him. You can ask him for graces, reflect on his word or just keep Him company.

**SECOND COLLECTION:** The second collection for January 6 and 7 is for Maintenance and Repair. Thank you for your generosity.

**FAITH FORMATION:** No Faith Formation classes December 24 and 31. Students will return January 7.

**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:** Offertory Envelopes for the year 2018 are available in the vestibule of the Price Building. If you are a new envelope user, please take an unallocated box and fill in the form with your name, address and the number of the box you've taken.

**LOVE MY LIFE RALEIGH:** LML Youth Rally Don't miss the 8<sup>th</sup> annual Love My Life Youth Rally, Saturday, January 13 at Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral beginning at 9:30 AM. We welcome Chris Padgett this year to a special new tent on the Cathedral grounds, followed by a procession into Mass, celebrated by Bishop Luis Rafael Zarama. Next we will grab a light lunch and travel to Halifax Mall to join NC Right to Life for the annual March for Life!

**IF YOU ARE NEW TO THE PARISH:** Welcome! Introduce yourself to Fr. William, fill out a registration card and return it to the Parish office.

**CALENDARS:** Bilingual Calendars for the year 2018 are ready. They are at the back of the Church please take one per family.

**LAUDATO SI': ON THE CARE OF OUR COMMON HOME (Pope Francis)**

135. Certainly, these issues require constant attention and a concern for their ethical implications. A broad, responsible scientific and social debate needs to take place, one capable of considering all the available information and of calling things by their name. It sometimes happens that complete information is not put on the table; a selection is made on the basis of particular interests, be they politico-economic or ideological. This makes it difficult to reach a balanced and prudent judgement on different questions, one which takes into account all the pertinent variables. Discussions are needed in which all those directly or indirectly affected (farmers, consumers, civil authorities, scientists, seed producers, people living near fumigated fields, and others) can make known their problems and concerns, and have access to adequate and reliable information in order to make decisions for the common good, present and future. This is a complex environmental issue; it calls for a comprehensive approach which would require, at the very least, greater efforts to finance various lines of independent, interdisciplinary research capable of shedding new light on the problem.

136. On the other hand, it is troubling that, when some ecological movements defend the integrity of the environment, rightly demanding that certain limits be imposed on scientific research, they sometimes fail to apply those same principles to human life. There is a tendency to justify transgressing all boundaries when experimentation is carried out on living human embryos. We forget that the inalienable worth of a human being transcends his or her degree of development. In the same way, when technology disregards the great ethical principles, it ends up considering any practice whatsoever as licit. As we have seen in this chapter, a technology severed from ethics will not easily be able to limit its own power.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

Monday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21  
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28  
Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34  
Thursday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42  
Friday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Jn 1:43-51  
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28 [23, 31-34, 36, 38]  
Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

**(Monthly Budget \$9,500)**

**Offertory: \$2,129.01**  
**Maintenance and Repair: 100.00**  
**Christmas: \$1,668.01**