

PARISH NEWS

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THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH



God established the family in the marriage of Adam and Eve. The first reading teaches us the importance God places on the family. Loving and honoring our parents, especially when they are old, yields a long life, blessings, and forgiveness of our sins.

As God's chosen and beloved ones, we too, must reflect on this awesome love in our lives. Paul almost runs out of words – compassion, kindness, humility, and gentleness – to stress the love we should have for one another. It was God who chose our parents, siblings and children for us. Our family, created by God, must reflect His love.

Today we celebrate the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. As we do so, our Gospel invites us to consider Joseph's protection of Jesus in the face of danger. Just as in the announcement of Jesus' birth, an angel appears to Joseph in a dream. The angel warns him of Herod's plans to harm Jesus. Joseph follows the command of the angel and takes Joseph and Mary to Egypt, returning only after receiving word in another dream that it was safe to do so.

This feast is part of the Christmas season, so we should look at today's Gospel in the context of what Scripture tells us about Jesus' birth. Today's reading is found in the Gospel of Matthew, following the story of the visit of the Magi. Recall that Matthew's story about the birth of Jesus makes Joseph the primary character. Among Matthew's themes in this infancy narrative is Jesus as the fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecies about the messiah. Indeed, the story of the Holy Family's flight to Egypt recalls the story of Moses in the Book of Exodus.

The Holy Family's escape to Egypt reminds us of the struggles and sacrifices that are required as preparation for God's salvation.

R.R.

"Jesus, thank you for my family. Help us learn how to respect and love each other even more." (TWAU)

Sunday Missal 147 pg.;

Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord. (CBW 35 pg.)

SUNDAY'S MASS INTENTIONS ARE FOR :

9 a.m. †Rimas Strimaitis (family)

11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners

†Kazimieras Grigaravicius (G.Budreckis)

†dr.Ona Gustainis (KMC council)

†Liudas and Markas Matukas (G.Matukas)

for parish living and deceased priests (G.J.)

special intention (G.J.)

†Anicetas and Elena Prialgauskas (by bequest)

CHOIR SCHEDULE IN DECEMBER

30 d. - Congregation

THE WEEK'S HOLY MASS

MONDAY (December 31): 7 p.m. †Paulius Barbalavicius (A.A.Laurinaitis);

TUESDAY **New Year (January 1)**: 9 a.m. in thanksgiving (G.J.); 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners; †Eugenijus Cuplinskas (D.A.Nausedas); †Dr.Antanas Daugela (G.J.Neimanas); †Anicetas and Elena Prialgauskas (by bequest);

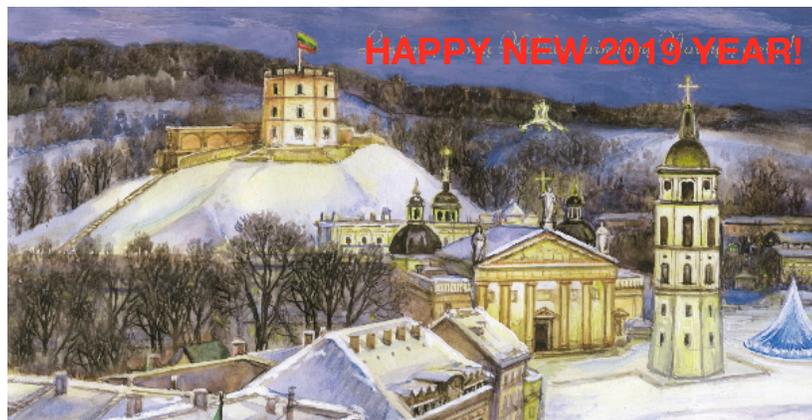
WEDNESDAY (January 2): 10 a.m. "Labdara" †Dr.Ona Gustainis (Jaglowitz family); 7 p.m. †Linus Balaisis, sr. (Balaisis family);

THURSDAY (January 3): 7 p.m. †Magdalena Grigutis (A.K.Ambrozaitis);

FRIDAY (January 4): 7 p.m. †Viktoras Jankauskas and Antanas Slabosevicius (G.Slabosevicius);

SATURDAY (January 5): 9 a.m. †Vytautas Kriksciunas (Jaglowitz family); 5 p.m. "Vilnius Manor" †Elena Firavicius (G.J.);

SUNDAY (January 6): 9 a.m. †Juzefa and Pranas Dovidaitis (V.Dovidaitis); 11 a.m. for living and deceased parishioners; †Joana and Algimantas Zubrickas (family); †Ona (5th anniv.) and Zigmas (8th anniv.) Girdauskas (family); †Dr.Ona Gustainis (D.A.Nausedas); †Egle, Aldona and Ceslovas Gudaitis (son and family); †Donatas and Juozas Zemaitis (G.Kobelskis); †Elena Firavicius and Romas Monkelevicius (A.R.Krasauskas); for Urbonas and Rusinas deceased family members (family); †Anicetas and Elena Prialgauskas (by bequest).



Pope Francis: "In Bethlehem, we discover that God does not take life, but gives it."

In his homily at Mass on Christmas Eve, Pope Francis said the location of Jesus' birth marks a turning point in the course of history. House of Bread. He noted that Bethlehem means "house of bread", and that Mary laid Jesus in a manger. "It is as if he wanted to say: 'Here I am, as your food.'"

The Pope said Jesus gives us his very self, teaching us to live our lives in a new way: "not by devouring and hoarding, but by sharing and giving." We feed on Jesus, the bread of life, and are reborn in love, breaking the vicious cycle of grasping and greed.

In Scripture, said the Pope, humanity's original sin was to take and eat a forbidden food. "Mankind became greedy and voracious." Even today, he said, a few people often eat splendid meals while a great many others go without even enough bread to survive.

"Standing before the manger, we understand that the food of life is not material riches but love, not gluttony but charity, not ostentation but simplicity," he said. (*Vatican radio*)

Sincere thanks to the "Congregation" choir and friends, Children's choir and their leaders, **soloists and instrumentalists**, Julija Krisciunas, Gintas Pabedinskas, Aras Pabedinskas, Aras Puodziunas and Robert DiVito.

Sincere thanks to everyone for your gifts and financial support to our Parish.

Thank you for all your prayers..

THE WORD AMONG US

The January edition of "The Word Among Us" has arrived and can be found in the foyer of the church. This wonderful publication is a genuine encouragement for Catholics who want to deepen their spiritual life through Scripture and prayer using the daily Mass readings.

The New Canadian version with daily Mass readings has been arriving at our church for the last year and is available monthly for a cost of \$5.

Thank you.

Donations to the Capital Fund - \$ 108,305

(D.R.Biskiai, I.Vibrys, R.Pleinys, M.Mandarino, A.S.Vanagas, M.Akelaitis, N.N., N.N.- \$3,085).

†In memory of Irena and Henrikas Matusaitis, Rasa and Juozas Balaisis donated \$10,000 to the Capital fund.

Total: \$ 118,305 **THANK YOU...**

St. Francis of Assisi – For it is in giving that we receive.

Collections on December

23rd- 24th - 25th:

216 envelopes - \$ 7,606

Without envelopes - \$ 593.65

Direct deposit - \$ 1,015

Attendance 700

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For Christmas, donations to the Renovation fund - \$ 10,465

"Children's envelopes":

Ruta, Tadas, Meda, Alexandras \$ 32

THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

IN MEMORIAM

KESTUTIS ASEVICIUS, 93

Visitation: Turner & Porter Yorke Chapel, Bloor Street
December 30th, 3 - 6 p.m.; **Prayers:** 5 p.m.

Funeral Mass: Church of the Resurrection
December 31st, 10 a.m.

He is survived by his daughter Egle Huminilowycz (Marcus), grandchildren Rachel and William Asevicius (Shirley's children).

*Sincere condolences to his family.
Please remember him in your prayers.*