

December 20, 2015 • Fourth Sunday of Advent

# Holy Family

1080 W. Roosevelt  
Chicago, Illinois 60608

## Parish

Today we relight the first three candles of the Advent Wreath — the candles of HOPE, PEACE and JOY.

Now we light the fourth candle of Advent. This is the candle of LOVE.

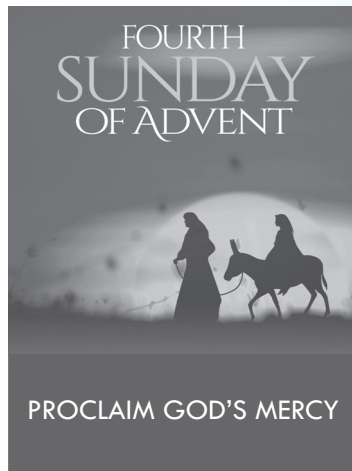
This week we celebrate the Nativity of Our Lord. For the last 4 weeks there have been a series of events leading up to the birth of a child in a stable. For many this is just a fascinating bit of history. If it is more than that for us, then we might well ask why the birth of this Jesus of Nazareth matters to us today. One of the readings for Christmas speaks of the child/man in this way: "They name him Wonder Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace." And we could add many other titles. But all of that, and everything we say about this Jesus being the Son of God, our Savior, the Redeemer, the Crucified, etc., is all about him. It says much about who he was and is, all of it expressing truth that lies at the heart of our faith. Somehow we have to make the leap from the God-man to the man/woman who knows and loves God. The catechism says that in Him we shall discover the truth about who we are. In other words, Jesus, the second Person of the Trinity, became human to teach us how to be human. He teaches us something about the essential and innate dignity of every human person. He reveals, in his very person, what it means to be created in the image and likeness of God. The Son, the Father's Beloved, teaches us what it means to be beloved daughters and sons of the most high God. Perhaps that is what it means to keep Christ in Christmas!

Merry Christmas to all of you and your Families,  
Father Mike and the Pastoral Staff

### Christmas Schedule.

- Dec. 24 - Mass 5 pm Vigil of the Nativity, Organ and Brass  
Christmas Carols 9:30pm Mass 10 pm for the Nativity of the Lord
- Dec. 25 - Christmas Day Mass 9:45 am Featuring Holy Family Gospel Choir

The Feast of the Holy Family is next Sunday. It is also, the 25th Anniversary of the Miracle on Roosevelt Rd, when our Church was saved from demolition. We have so much to be grateful for and to look forward too. Next Sunday, starting with our 9:45 a.m. mass and a open house to which all are invited, ending with the 5:00 p.m. mass. Relics of the Holy Family will be on display, as well as some of the "Treasures of Holy Family Church. Please plan on attending and inviting others.



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### Masses

Sunday..... 9:45 am & 5:00 pm

### Confessions

Sunday mornings from 8:45 - 9:15

### Weddings

Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance.



*In Mike*

## Focus on the Word

The Sunday readings are placed in this bulletin for the benefit of those who might have a hearing impairment, and for your reflection before Mass and during the week. Since an important part of our Sunday worship is hearing the scripture proclaimed, we urge you to LISTEN to the readings as they are proclaimed.

Thank you.



### Reading 1

*Mi 5:1-4a*

Thus says the LORD:

You, Bethlehem-Ephrathah  
too small to be among the clans of  
Judah,  
from you shall come forth for me  
one who is to be ruler in Israel;  
whose origin is from of old,  
from ancient times.  
Therefore the Lord will give them up,  
until the time  
when she who is to give birth has  
borne,  
and the rest of his kindred shall return  
to the children of Israel.

He shall stand firm and shepherd his  
flock  
by the strength of the LORD,  
in the majestic name of the LORD, his  
God;  
and they shall remain, for now his  
greatness  
shall reach to the ends of the earth;  
he shall be peace.

The Word of the Lord

### Responsorial Psalm

Lord, make us turn to you; let us see  
your face and we shall be saved.

### Reading 2

*Heb 10:5-10*

Brothers and sisters:

When Christ came into the world, he  
said:

"Sacrifice and offering you did not  
desire,  
but a body you prepared for me;  
in holocausts and sin offerings you  
took no delight.

Then I said, 'As is written of me in the  
scroll,  
behold, I come to do your will, O  
God.'"

First he says, "Sacrifices and offerings,  
holocausts and sin offerings,  
you neither desired nor delighted in."

These are offered according to the  
law.

Then he says, "Behold, I come to do  
your will."

He takes away the first to establish  
the second.

By this "will," we have been  
consecrated

through the offering of the body of  
Jesus Christ once for all.

The Word of the Lord

### Gospel

*Lk 1:39-45*

Mary set out

and traveled to the hill country in  
haste

to a town of Judah,  
where she entered the house of  
Zechariah

and greeted Elizabeth.

When Elizabeth heard Mary's  
greeting,

the infant leaped in her womb,  
and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy  
Spirit,

cried out in a loud voice and said,

"Blessed are you among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

And how does this happen to me,  
that the mother of my Lord should  
come to me?

For at the moment the sound of your  
greeting reached my ears,  
the infant in my womb leaped for joy.

Blessed are you who believed  
that what was spoken to you by the  
Lord

would be fulfilled."

The Gospel of the Lord

## Catholic Charities Volunteer Opportunities

Are you looking for an opportunity to  
volunteer? Catholic Charities of the  
Archdiocese of Chicago is looking for  
helpful, friendly volunteers to serve as  
greeters at the hospitality table at  
721 N. LaSalle St. in Chicago. The  
volunteers will welcome guests and  
help with the intake of clothing  
donations. The volunteer would serve a  
2 or 3 hour shift on a Monday,  
Thursday, or Friday of their choice  
between 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. For more  
information email  
volunteer@catholiccharities.net or call  
the Volunteer Relations department at  
312-655-7322.

Readings for the Week of December 20,  
2015

Sunday: *Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45*

Monday: *Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45*

Tuesday: *1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-8/Lk 1:46-56*

Wednesday: *Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14/Lk 1:57-66*

Thursday: Morning: *2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29/Lk 1:67-79*

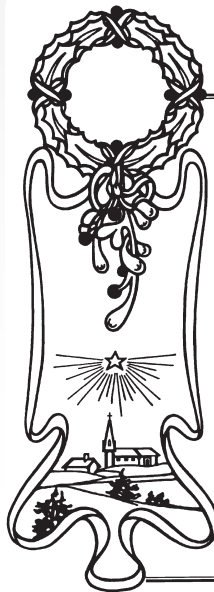
Friday: Vigil: *Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25*

Night: *Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-3, 11-13/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14*

Dawn: *Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20*

Day: *Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1-6/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14*

Saturday: *Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3-4, 6, 8, 16-17/Mt 10:17-22*



### We Wish You All

A glad and peaceful  
Christmastide  
With all its memories sweet;  
May hope and love and  
joy be yours  
With kindly friends to greet;  
The echo of the angel's song,  
The star's clear guiding light,  
The Christ child in your  
heart and home,  
To make this  
Christmas bright.

**Liturgy**

**Dec 20 at 9:45 am**

Presider.....Reverend Michael Gabriel  
Cross Bearer.....Virginia Clayton  
Candle Bearers.....Maria Vega  
& Kellee Athens  
Banner Carrier.....Deborah Gausselein  
Lectors.....Raquel Flores  
& Sabrina Cajandig  
Responsorial Psalm.....Marilyn Reidy  
Communion Ministers.....Sr. Sheila  
O'Brien, Pervis Balthazar, Betty Ferguson,  
Sr. Mary Therese Freymann, Vernon Lam,  
Pearl Luss  
Altar Servers.....Xavier Rios  
& Daveion Hightie  
Greeter.....

**Dec 20 at 5pm**

Presider.....Reverend Michael Gabriel  
Eucharistic Minister.....Christina Gilbert  
Lector.....Paula Galbraith

**Dec 27 at 9:45 am**

Presider.....Reverend Michael Gabriel  
Lectors.....Odell Gordon  
& Debra Blake  
Altar Servers.....Amanda Wilson  
& Alexandria Wilson  
Greeter.....

**Dec 27 at 5pm**

Presider.....Reverend Michael Gabriel  
Eucharistic Minister.....Christina Gilbert  
Lector.....Paula Galbraith

**December Collection Ministers**

Eastside.....Ramon Sheppard  
East Center.....Julia Haynes  
Westside.....Greg Baiocchi  
West Center.....Michael Bivens

**Sunday Collection**

Dec 6 - 9:45.....\$1,027.34  
- 5:00.....\$430.02  
Give Central.....\$1,785.00  
Difference +\$1,185.61  
Religious Retirement.....\$1,027.34  
  
Dec 13 - 9:45.....\$1,867.46  
- 5:00.....\$528.00  
Give Central.....\$920.00  
Difference +\$15.46  
Hospitality.....\$181.46

Contributions can also be made at givecentral.org Call Sharon in the office with any questions or for help with online donations.

You can also click on the 'Donate' link on our web page at www.holyfamilychicago.org Thank you for your support.

*Please Remember in your Prayers:*

Jesse Aceves, Kay Ansani, Joseph Assenato, Tracy Beyers, Sandra Smith Bell, Della Buckner, MaryAnn Burke, Wilfred Cashman, Brian Chorta, Mary Cleveland, Ruth Crockett, Mike Crosse, Sr. Pat Cummings, SSND, Michelle DeBlasis, Rene DeLeon, Liz Downey, Cort Esenther, Donna Felman, Betty Ferguson, Gerald Fitzgerald, Jesse Hernandez, Adolph Gabriel, Lillie Gandy, Patrick Garvey, Matthew Greenfield, Daveion Hightie, Andreas Kavouris, John King, Alicia Kramer, Lettece Lee, Lenny, Rose Lemke, Jim McNally, Philip Mendoza, Ivo Marchetti, Nicole Meyer, Phillip Miller, Martha Morales, Sr. Marion Murphy, John Nowicki, Christopher Olkiewicz, Dr. Sam Parker, Christine Pugh, Frank Raispis, Jamie Roberson, Monica Roberts, Walter Sierdaski, Christine Stacker, Denise Summers, Sr. Eileen Tierney, Patti Tierney, Lupe Torres, Irma Quintanilla, Michael Vukovich, and Chadwick Walter & Family

*Recently Deceased*

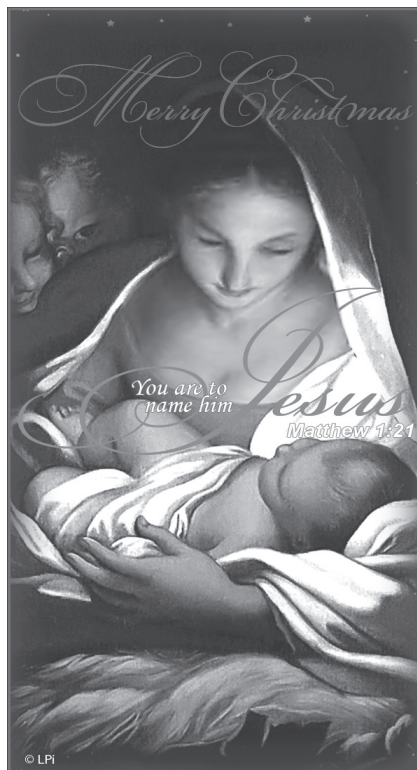
Rachel Cordero

*Mass Intentions*

Evelyn Bogus

Living and Deceased Members of the National Catholic Society of Foresters

Maximilliana "Maxi" Rios



**A YEAR OF MERCY**

GIVE DRINK TO THE

**Thirsty**



In his great mercy, Jesus said, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink." (John 7:37-38) We are sustained by the drink, material and spiritual, that he gives us. We share with others. "And whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward." (Matthew 10:42)

**ONE WORD AT A TIME**

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**Great Last Minute Christmas Gifts**

We have seven different cards featuring full color pictures of some of our historic stained glass windows. They can be purchased for \$10 a package (containing 7 cards). If you are interested, please see Jim or Father Mike on Sundays or call Sharon in the office during the week.

**HOLIDAY BULLETIN DEADLINE**

**1.3 is due on Monday, 12.28, noon**

**Calendar**

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- Dec. 25 - Christmas Day Mass 9:45 am Featuring Holy Family Gospel Choir
- Dec. 27 - Mass on the Feast of the Holy Family 9:45am and 5pm Blessings and Veneration of the Relics of the Holy Family at both masses - the Church will remain open all day.
- Jan. 1 - New Year's Day - 9:45 am Mass & Solemn Blessing of Families for the New Year
- Jan. 4 - Feast of the Epiphany 9:45 am Mass and 5 pm Mass
- TBA - Museum of Housing on Taylor tour