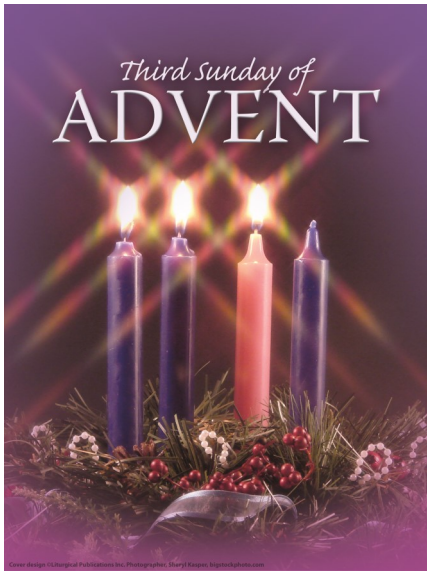


Dec. 17, 2017 • Third Sunday of Advent

Holy Family

1080 W. Roosevelt
Chicago, Illinois 60608

Parish



The ten lepers, a lame man, a woman with hemorrhages, Lazarus in the tomb, and the list goes on. All very diverse, yet one thing in common. Each had their lives touched by Jesus in a powerful, life-changing way.

Isaiah prophesied: *"The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, to announce a year of favor from the Lord and a day of vindication by our God."*

John the Baptist stood up on the banks of the Jordan River proclaimed the fulfillment of that prophecy: *"I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie."*

And of course Jesus himself proclaimed it in the synagogue. Opening the scroll and reading from the prophet Isaiah, he announced that those words were being fulfilled. Jesus' mission was to go out and seek the poor and the brokenhearted, the captives and prisoners, and countless others. He would reach to all those in need. One thing they all knew was that they needed Jesus. They knew that relying on self was a path to destruction. They knew that only in God could they find rest. Come Lord Jesus!

Reminder that next week the 4th Sunday of Advent mass will be celebrated at 9:45 am in Damen Hall. Our Christmas Eve masses are at 5:00pm and 10:00pm (with a Christmas pageant at 9:30 pm). Mass on Christmas Day is at 9:45 am. We will be decorating throughout this week, but on Saturday morning, Dec. 23 at 9:30 am, we will be putting on finishing touches. All are invited to help out that morning.

It is not too late to send us a picture of your family and three words to best describe your family as holy. Children's Christmas Party is on Thursday Dec 21 from 5:00 to 7:30pm.

Today at the Back of Church we have Church calendars, thanks to the Extension Society and Catholic Cemeteries.

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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.



Dec. 17 at 9:45 am

Presider.....Reverend Michael Gabriel
 Candle Bearers....Maria Vega
 Kellee Athens
 Lector.....Raquel Flores
 Communion Ministers.....
 John King, Sr. Pat Cummings,
 Rita Gardner, Joyce Addo,
 Vernon Lam, Josephine Aguilar
 Altar Servers.....
 Javadia and Alaric Rylon

Greeter.....Christine Pugh

Dec. 17 at 5 pm

Presider.....Reverend Michael Gabriel
 Eucharistic Minister.....
 Lector.....Amanda Seddon

Dec. 24 at 9:45 am

Presider.....Reverend Michael Gabriel
 Candle Bearers....Maria Vega
 Kellee Athens
 Lector.....Sabrina Cajandig
 Communion Ministers.....
 John King, Sr. Pat Cummings,
 Rita Gardner, Joyce Addo,
 Vernon Lam, Josephine Aguilar
 Altar Servers.....Xavier Rios and
 Daveion Hightee
 Greeter.....Christine Pugh

December Ushers:

Eastside.....Bill O'Brian
 East Center.....Maria Vega
 Westside..... Leslie Archer
 West Center.....Michael Bivens



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Please note this year the 4th Sunday of Advent is on Christmas Eve, the morning mass is for the 4th Sunday of Advent, the Evening masses are Christmas Eve masses. The 9:45 mass will take place in Damen Hall rather than in the church.

Please Remember in your Prayers:

Kay Ansani, Mary Breslin,
 Bonnie Cannon, Mary Cleveland,
 Michael Crosses, Lettece Lee,
 Phillip Miller,
 Janet Miskus, Tom O'Malley,
 Joel Rivera, Charlene Stacker,
 Jim Sweeney, and Endy Turner



Ed and Evelyn Bogus

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 of the
 National Catholic Society of Foresters

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NATIONAL MIGRATION WEEK MASS

MANY JOURNEYS, ONE FAMILY

Presided by Cardinal Blase J. Cupich
 Feast of the Epiphany
 5:15 pm—January 7, 2017
 Holy Name Cathedral
 730 N. Wasbash
 Chicago, IL 60611

www.catholicsandimmigrants.org

Sunday Collection

Goal: \$3,500.00

Dec. 3	-9:45.....	\$1733.88
	-5:00.....	\$1362.00
Give Central.....		\$605.00
Difference		+\$200.88
Dec. 10	-9:45.....	\$2389.42
	-5:00.....	\$764.36
Give Central.....		\$610.00
Difference		+\$13.78

FISCAL YEAR TO DATE

Offerings	\$66,253.32
*Budget	<u>\$80,500.00</u>
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$13,746.68)

*(\$3,500 a week for 23 weeks.)

If you use an envelope that is not pre printed with your name or #, please be sure to write the information on it so you can receive proper credit.

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 www.holyfamilychicago.org

Thank you for your support.

Calendar

Sunday, Dec. 17
 Circle of Peace Support
 Group
 12:00 pm

Thursday, Dec. 21
 Children's Christmas Party
 5:00 pm

Monday, January 1st, 2018
 Feast of Mary, Mother of God
 9:45 Mass

December 31st 2017 -
 Feast of the Holy Family

February 24 and 25th -
 History in the Making

April 15th 2018 -
 Celebration for all those married at Holy Family

July 15th 2018 -
 Closing of our 160th Anniversary



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Gaudete Sunday derives its name from the opening prayer of the Mass for this day, where we pray, "Gaudete in Domino semper" (Rejoice in the Lord always). So in the midst of Advent devotions, we rejoice because the time we have been preparing for is almost at hand. You may see rose-colored vestments and the pink candle will be lit due to this special Sunday.

A day like this is always good to remind us not to take ourselves too seriously. The life of a Christian is not always easy, but it is one of joy. If we keep our heads bowed too long, no one will be able to see the smiles on our faces.

May the joy of the Lord be yours on this Gaudete Sunday! The Lord is coming, soon and very soon!

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO DIVORCE SUPPORT GROUPS

The Archdiocese of Chicago provides divorce support groups at various parishes. The purpose of these groups is to provide pastoral care to Catholics and non-Catholics who have been affected by divorce with the hope to overcome the grieving process in a healthy way.

The approach of pastoral care may vary by parish. Each group adapts the format that best meets the needs of its participants. Some programs frequently used at parishes are:

Divorce and Beyond
Divorce Care
Catholic Divorce Survival Guide
Twelve Steps Recovery

The meetings may vary from once a week for a period of time until continuous monthly meetings. For more information please contact the contact person from the participating parishes. The complete announcement and list of parishes can be found on our website www.holyfamilychicago.org

WE ARE ALL HOLY FAMILIES

On the last Sunday in December, Catholics around the world will celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. It is an important post Christmas commemoration celebrating Jesus, Mary and Joseph as a family unit. Families come in many different shapes and sizes, whether it is a married couple, a single mom or dad, partners, friends, neighbors and relatives.

To continue our 160th Anniversary as Holy Family Parish, we are asking everyone to submit a photo of your family. Then describe your family as holy— in just three words,

ie. kindness, love, laughter
love, fight, care
we always love

You can submit your own photo and three words—either by email (info@holyfamilychicago.org) or by bringing it to church OR:

Today, Dec. 17, we will have a "photo booth" in the back of church, and will be taking pictures of our parish families.

These pictures will be displayed in the church on Holy Family Sunday.

RELIGIOUS GIVE THANKS

A religious sister writes, "When we see the generous response of so many thousands of persons in order to help us, religious men and women, we are left speechless." Senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests across the country send heartfelt thanks and prayers for your donation to last week's Retirement Fund for Religious collection.

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO SUMMER MISSION PROGRAM FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

Totus Tuus is accepting applications for its summer mission program. For more information totustuus@archchicago.org or see the complete flyer on our website at www.holyfamilychicago.org

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY



The Children's Christmas Party will be held on Thursday, Dec. 21 at 5:00 pm.



HOLY FAMILY PARISH CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Our Doors Are Open Wide

Sunday, December 24th
Christmas Eve
5:00 p.m.

Vigil Mass of the Nativity of the Lord
Featuring the Historic Rice-Frobenius
Organ and Brass
9:30 p.m. *Christmas Carols*
10:00 p.m. *Mass of the*
Nativity of the Lord

Monday, December 25th
Christmas Day

9:45 a.m. *Christmas Mass*
Sunday, December 31st
9:45 a.m.

Mass of the Feast of
the Holy Family
The Church will be open all day
Blessings and Veneration of the Relics
of the Holy Family
5:00 p.m. *Mass,*
Blessings and Veneration of the
Relics of the Holy Family

Monday, January 1st, 2018 **New**
Year's Day -
Feast of Mary, Mother of God
9:45 a.m. *Mass for the New Year*

Sunday, January 7th -
The Feast of the Epiphany
9:45 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. *Mass*