

**Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**  
**December 27, 2015**

**Salesian Perspective**

Today's Gospel focuses our attention on the Holy Family, as members of a wider family, the family of God. The Father has bestowed his great love on us in calling us His children, brothers and sisters of Jesus who has shared his very life with us. Our Father's final gift to His children will be seeing our God as He is – full union with our God forever. The Spirit has been given to us as the pledge of God's everlasting love.

As God's children, we are asked to reflect on a strange incident in the life of the Holy Family. What might we learn? When Mary and Joseph discovered that the boy Jesus was missing, they didn't waste their time arguing about who was to blame. Together, they went to search for Jesus. When they find him in the Temple among the scholars, they expressed their anguish about missing him. Jesus focused them by reminding them that they should expect to find him in his Father's house. Jesus was asking them to trust him, even if they didn't fully understand.

In our experience in the family of God here at Childs, there are often enough misunderstandings and anguish of one kind or another. We can lose sight of Jesus in these difficult moments. Jesus instructs us, as he did Mary and Joseph: "Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?"

Each day we come here to find Jesus in our Father's house. Like Mary and Joseph, we can tell Jesus about our misunderstandings and anguish. Jesus always invites us to put them in his hands, then hear our brother's comforting words to us and join him in offering our sufferings with his to the Father. And he feeds us with his own Body and Blood and gives us his peace. Healed and nourished, we can go forth to grow in wisdom, knowledge and grace as a more united family of God.

May our Eucharist on the feast of the Holy Family encourage us to live more fully as children of our Father, as brothers and sisters of Jesus.

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**Music for the Liturgy at 9:00 am**

**Processional:** # 317 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing  
**Gloria** (Mass of Creation)

**Psalm Response:** "Blessed are they who dwell in  
your house, O Lord."

**Gospel Acclamation** (Celtic Mass)

**Offertory:** # 432 Sing of Mary

**Communion:** # 696 Abba! Father

**Recessional:** # 318 Joy to the World - vs. 1 & 2

The Reading for today's Mass are found in the  
**Glory & Praise** at number **748**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** ~ 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** ~ 1 John 3:1 – 2, 21 – 24

**Gospel Reading C** ~ Luke 2:41 – 52

*Mass Intentions for the Week*



*So that they and their families may be remembered  
in prayer by the community.*

✠ **In memory of Marvin Bernstel 6:00 pm  
Saturday**

*Requested by Dorothy Wilson*

✠ **In memory of Josephine Landis 8:30 am  
Tuesday**

*Requested by Shirley Kepler*

**Holiday Mass Schedule 2015**

26<sup>th</sup> Saturday ~ 6:00 pm

27<sup>th</sup> Sunday Mass ~ 9:00 am

27<sup>th</sup> Misa en Español ~ 6:00 pm

29<sup>th</sup> Tuesday ~ 8:30 am

30<sup>th</sup> Wednesday ~ 8:30 am

31<sup>st</sup> Thursday ~ 8:30 am

**January 2016**

1<sup>st</sup> Friday ~ 11:00 am followed with 1 hour  
Adoration

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday ~ 6:00 pm

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Mass ~ 9:00 am

3<sup>rd</sup> Misa en Español ~ 6:00 pm

*Happy New Year...*



*Feliz Año Nuevo...*

## **WHAT IS A JUBILEE YEAR?**

*A Jubilee Year is when the Catholic Church across the world takes approximately a year to focus on forgiveness and healing in a special way. Catholics are encouraged to join together in prayer, go to confession, and share the genius of Catholicism with others.*

*The purpose of a Jubilee Year is to help people grow spiritually, strengthen their faith, and encourage works of service, and to promote unity within the Catholic Church and society in general. The last Jubilee Year was in 2000, called for by Pope Saint John Paul II.*

*The Jubilee Year was inaugurated 700 years ago. Today is the 29<sup>th</sup> time that we celebrate the jubilee, "Jubilee with the Year of Mercy".*

### **WITH THE JUBILEE COMES THE DOOR!**

So that the faithful throughout our Diocese may make a pilgrimage more locally during the Jubilee, Bishop Burbidge has designated 4 other churches as places of pilgrimage with a designated Holy Door. The 4 total locations of There *are 4 parishes in the Diocese...*

- *Basilica Shrine of St Mary, Wilmington*
- *Mother of Mercy, Washington*
- *Our Lady of Guadalupe, Newton Grove*
- *Sacred Heart Cathedral, Raleigh*

*The Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy illustrate the ways to show charity toward others. –*

### **The Corporal Works of Mercy**

- Feed the hungry
- Give drink to the thirsty
- Clothe the naked
- Shelter the homeless
- Visit the sick
- Visit the imprisoned
- Bury the dead

### **The Spiritual Works of Mercy**

- Admonish the sinner
- Instruct the ignorant (This and the next work are extremely pertinent categories today, when so many people are confused by what the Church teaches on contraception, abortion, homosexuality, etc.)
- Counsel the doubtful
- Comfort the sorrowful
- Bear wrongs patiently
- Forgive all injuries
- Pray for the living and the dead

***Be at peace, then, and put aside all anxious thoughts.***

***~ St. Francis de Sales***



### **Hatteras Island Food Pantry**

Our pantry is still busy and requires regular replenishment. Please consider adding a few items each time you shop.

Since the size of the families accessing the food pantry varies, please avoid bulk sized items. Shopping suggestions and items needed are listed below  
**VISITORS:** Save room packing! Donate any unopened non-perishable items at our convenient 24-hour drop box on the Social Hall porch.

***No time to shop?*** Checks may be made out to:

United Methodist Men

PO Box 1591

Buxton, NC 27920

***Thank you for your generosity!***



### **Follow us on Facebook!**

Keep up with our parish, whether you're on Hatteras or on Antarctica. "LIKE" Our Lady of the Seas Catholic PARISH to get our latest Mass schedule, keep up with our fellowship activities, learn about the parish's special needs, and get accurate post-hurricane news on our church community. If you are not on Facebook the information can also be found on [www.ourladyoftheseas.org](http://www.ourladyoftheseas.org). You can accessed all the bulletins and other information concerning our church & community.

### **Explaining the Catholic Faith**

Starting up again on **Sunday the 10<sup>th</sup> of January**

Fr Fred will continue with the program of **Explaining the Catholic Faith**. It will take place at the rectory following the 9 am Mass. There will be a CD presentation followed by a discussion. **All are welcomed** even if you did not participate in any of the last episodes.



### **"Angel Gift"**

THANK YOU for honoring Christmas by giving to those in need! Our Lady of the Seas once again joined Hatteras Island churches, businesses and individuals to help families enjoy a brighter Christmas. A special thanks to all of Santa helpers who organized our shopping and distribution efforts. As always, THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

### **DONATING MADE EASY ON OUR WEBSITE!!!**

Our Lady of the Seas website now has the ability to accept on-line donations. It is a secure easy way to make your donation and is available 24-hours a day for your convenience. [www.ourladyoftheseas.org](http://www.ourladyoftheseas.org)