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COME AND WORSHIP THE LORD WITH US!

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm (St. Julia Church)

Sunday: 7:30am (St. Joseph Church)

9:00am (St. Julia Church; Family Mass)

10:30am (St. Joseph Church)

11:15am (St. Julia Church)

5:00pm (St. Julia Church; Youth Mass)

Daily: Monday 7 AM (St. Julia Church)

Tuesday 9 AM (St. Joseph Church)

Wednesday 7 AM (St. Julia Church)

Thursday 7 AM (St. Julia Church)

Friday 9 AM (St. Joseph Church)

Saturday/Holiday 8 AM (St. Julia Church)

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Business Manager

Parish Secretary

Faith Formation Director, 1-5

Youth Minister/FF 6-HS

Faith Formation Secretary

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THE MISSION OF SAINT JULIA PARISH

We, the parishioners of Saint Julia Parish, seek to live our belief in Christ as we worship and serve Him according to His example and teachings. With appreciation of the diverse gifts of our individual members, we strive to gain the participation of each parishioner and work to ensure that everyone feels welcome in our community of faithful. We do this while mindful of God's love for us and the power of His Spirit that makes us holy, heals our brokenness and sustains us in all the good we do. We are committed in the spirit of Christ to a stewardship to share generously our time, talent, and treasure.

OFFICE HOURS 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Mon. through Friday.

RECONCILIATION

Parish Center Conference Room, Saturday: 3:15-3:45 PM

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

After the 4:00 PM Saturday Mass; or contact Parish Office.

EUCCHARIST AND VISITS TO THE SICK

Contact Parish Office to notify of anyone ill, homebound or hospitalized.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

St. Julia Church: Every Friday, Noon to 1:00 PM

First Friday, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

Summer Schedule Effective First Friday in June,
12 Noon to 1PM.

St. Joseph Church: Every First Friday, 9:30 to 10:30 AM.

ROSARY IN ST JULIA CHURCH: After daily Mass.

BAPTISM

Monthly at St. Julia Church or at a Mass in either Church.
Please call the Parish Office to make advance arrangements.

MARRIAGES

Please schedule at least six months before intended date.

BULLETIN NOTICES should be proposed, by e-mail if possible, to the Parish Office by Monday **morning**.



New Parish Registration / Update

If you are just beginning to worship with us in St. Julia Parish, WELCOME! We invite you to register as a member of our parish. Kindly complete this information form and drop it in the collection basket or return it to the parish office. Please introduce yourself when you have a chance!

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

This is a new registration (A complete form will be sent to you by mail.)

This is an update for:

Change of Name

Change of Address

Request for Envelopes

Moving out of Parish

Someone in Hospital

Someone Homebound

A MESSAGE FROM POPE FRANCIS

“You can have flaws, be anxious, and even be angry, but do not forget that your life is the greatest enterprise in the world. Only you can stop it from going bust. Many appreciate you, admire you and love you. Remember that to be happy is not to have a sky without a storm, a road without accidents, work without fatigue, relationships without disappointments.

To be happy is to find strength in forgiveness, hope in battles, security in the stage of fear, love in discord. It is not only to enjoy the smile, but also to reflect on the sadness. It is not only to celebrate the successes, but to learn lessons from the failures. It is not only to feel happy with the applause, but to be happy in anonymity. Being happy is not a fatality of destiny, but an achievement for those who can travel within themselves. To be happy is to stop feeling like a victim and become your destiny's author. It is to cross deserts, yet to be able to find an oasis in the depths of our soul.

It is to thank God for every morning, for the miracle of life. Being happy is not being afraid of your own feelings. It's to be able to talk about you. It is having the courage to hear a "no". It is confidence in the face of criticism, even when unjustified. It is to kiss your children, pamper your parents, to live poetic moments with friends, even when they hurt us.

To be happy is to let live the creature that lives in each of us, free, joyful and simple. It is to have maturity to be able to say: "I made mistakes". It is to have the courage to say "I am sorry". It is to have the sensitivity to say, "I need you". It is to have the ability to say "I love you".

May your life become a garden of opportunities for happiness ... That in spring may it be a lover of joy. In winter a lover of wisdom. And when you make a mistake, start all over again. For only then will you be in love with life. You will find that to be happy is not to have a perfect life. But use the tears to irrigate tolerance. Use your losses to train patience. Use your mistakes to sculpter serenity. Use pain to plaster pleasure. Use obstacles to open windows of intelligence.

Never give up Never give up on people who love you”

(Pope Francisco).112/13 Homily



Monday, January 1

Solemnity of Mary, Feast Day
Masses, 9:00AM, St. Julia Church,
10:30AM, St. Joseph Church
Parish Office Closed

Friday, January 5

Eucharistic Adoration, St. Julia Church,
9:00AM—5:00PM
9:30—10:30AM, St. Joseph Church

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
December 30/31, 2017**

Mass Intentions



And Prayers Requested

We pray for Mary Ellen Mullen, who died recently.

Sun., December 31	9:00AM	Kenneth Blair
	11:15AM	Jerry Vayda
Wed., January 3	7:00AM	John Russo

CONFESSORS	January 6	Fr. Mahoney
	January 13	Fr. Mahoney



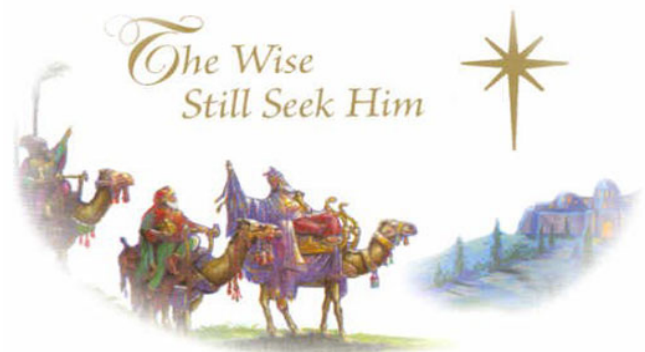
The feast of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, is **NOT** a Holy Day of obligation this year, since it falls on Monday, in accord with the Catholic Bishops' Conference.

Two mass will be celebrated on Monday, January 1st.

A 9:00AM Mass in St. Julia Church and 10:30AM in St. Joseph Church.



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: A list of all who contributed in memory of a loved one, or made a contribution for flowers in both our churches this Christmas season, will be made available in January. Your thoughtfulness helped to decorate in splendor! Thank You!



READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday: Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Jn 1:29-34
 Thursday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42
 Friday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Jn 1:43-51
 Saturday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Mk 1:7-11
 Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

JANUARY 7

First Reading — You shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow (Isaiah 60:1-6).

Psalm — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — The Gentiles are copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

Gospel — The magi were overjoyed at seeing the star (Matthew 2:1-12).

BEARERS OF THE WORD

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.

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SUPPORTING OUR PARISH'S MISSION

Weekend of Dec. 16, 17	\$ 4,818
Weekend of Dec. 9, 10 [Includes Dec. 8]	\$ 6,414
Weekend of Dec. 2,3	\$ 5,969
Weekend of Nov. 25, 26	\$ 4,632
July 1 thru Dec 17th (Includes mail-ins)	\$147,650
Online Giving	\$ 47,147
Total	\$ 194,797
Avg/Week July 1 thru Dec. 10th [24 weeks]	\$ 7,792
Budgeted Average Week	\$ 8, 530
Grand Annual/Budgeted Amount	\$187,995/295,000



FINANCIAL REPORTING IN THE BULLETIN:

To accommodate the bulletin company's publishing deadlines during the past few weeks, the financial reporting of the parish's Offertory, Christmas and Grand Annual Collections will be reported the second week in January, 2018.



Merry Christmas!

Important Dates to Remember:

December 31/January 1: Happy New Year! No classes

January 7/8: Classes resume

January 14/15: No classes—Martin Luther King Day

Did you know.....that the Liturgical Season of Christmas begins December 25 and ends on the day that we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord? This year the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord is on January 9. We celebrate many times throughout the Christmas Season: The Sunday following Christmas day is the Feast of the Holy Family; January 1st is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God; and this year January 8th is the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord.

In today's Gospel, on the Feast of the Holy Family, we hear of Mary and Joseph bringing baby Jesus to the Temple. They were following God's command to have Mary purified after having given birth, and to give thanks to God for a healthy baby boy. Mary and Joseph taught Jesus to always obey God, and to always follow his commands. This Holy Family teaches us to do the same!

Statue of the Holy Family, at the traditional site of the home of the Holy Family in Nazareth.



Parents—be sure that you have put all of your child's grade level events on your 2018 calendar! The children and at least on parent are expected to participate in the Café Julia and Family Gathering moments! Children preparing to receive the Sacraments MUST attend the workshops!

Contact Cindy Harrington for more information. charrington@stjulia.org.



It's still Christmas!

Remember to keep the season holy by celebrating Christmas through Epiphany (Jan 7th, 2018)

The Symbolism if the 12 Days of Christmas:

- 1: Partridge in a Pear Tree: Jesus Christ
- 2: Two Turtle Doves: the two natures (divine and human) of Christ
- 3: Three French Hens: The Trinity- Father, Son and Holy Spirit
- 4: Four Calling Birds: the Four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke & John)
- 5: Five Golden Rings: the five wounds of Christ
- 6: Six Geese a-Laying: the six days of creation
- 7: Seven Swans a-Swimming: the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit
- 8: Eight Maids a-milking: he Eight Beatitudes
- 9: Nine Ladies Dancing: the nine choirs of Angels
- 10: Ten Lords a-Leaping: the Ten Commandments
- 11: Eleven Pipers Piping: the 11 faithful Apostles
- 12: Twelve Drummers Drumming: the 12 tribes of Israel



"Today, in the joyful atmosphere of Christmas, the Church, reliving with fresh wonder the mystery of Emmanuel, God-with-us, leads us to contemplate the Holy Family of Nazareth. From contemplation of this admirable model, the Church draws the values to hold up to the women and men of all times and all cultures." -- Pope Saint John Paul II

In this New Year, may we all hold the example of the Holy Family as an image of both comfort and challenge in our own lives. It may seem difficult to relate to a family in which the husband is righteous, the mother is sinless, and the baby is the perfect Son of God (that's definitely not the case in my house! Especially the sinless mother part...) Yet through the model and intercession of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, God seeks to sanctify all of us in the relationships we have with the people closest to us. Let us approach 2018 with a renewed spirit of joy and hope, trusting in God to guide our families and friendships so that we can bring the mystery of Emmanuel into every moment of our daily lives. How can we learn to be more righteous in the eyes of God? What can we do to avoid whatever leads us to sin? How can we embrace our roles as beloved sons and daughters of God? When we ponder these questions and seek to live out the answers, we become women and men who boldly bring God-with-Us wherever we go. Happy New Year!

- Mrs. Christina Valenzuela, OP

Director of Youth Formation and Ministry (Gr. 6-12)



The Birth of Jesus by Carl Heinrich



Happy New Year

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