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NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Saturday, December 29th – 5:00 pm Mass
Sunday, December 30th– 10 am & 12 pm Mass

New Year's Eve: Feast of Mary, Mother of God
Monday, December 31st – 5:00 pm Mass

New Year's Day: Feast of Mary, Mother of God
Tuesday, January 1st, 2019
10:00 a.m. Mass
12 noon (African Catholic Community Mass)

The Mystery of Christmas

Taken from Henri Nouwen's book "**Gracias**"

"God came to us because he wanted to join us on the road, to listen to our story, and to help us realize that we are not walking in circles but moving towards the house of peace and joy. This is the great **mystery of Christmas** that continues to give us comfort and consolation: we are not alone on our journey.

The challenge is to let God be who he wants to be. A part of us clings to our aloneness and does not allow God to touch us where we are most in pain. Often, we hide from him precisely those places in ourselves where we feel guilty, ashamed, confused, and lost. Thus, we do not give him a chance to be with us where we feel most alone.

Christmas is the renewed invitation not to be afraid and to let him-whose love is greater than our own hearts and minds can comprehend-be our companion."

May the joy of the newborn Christ fill your heart with hope.

Merry Christmas!



Mass Intentions

Rosary at 11:50 a.m.

Tues. December 25th
10 am Mass (church)

Wed. December 26th

Please take note: No 12:05 pm Mass today

Thurs. December 27th
12:05 pm:

Fri. December 28th

12:05 pm:

Sat. December 29th

5:00 pm: **Ignac Hozjan +**

Readings for

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Sunday, December 30th

1st Reading: Sirach 3.2-6, 12-14

Responsorial Psalms: Ps. 128.1-2, 3, 4-5

Second Reading: Colossians 3.12-21

Gospel: Luke 2.41-52



THE SENIORS' CLUB

will take a short break and will resume on Thursday, January 10th.

We keep in our prayers the sick, elderly, the homebound, the "forgotten members" in our community, and their families and caregivers. "Lord surround them with your healing and steadfast love." especially

Helen Cull, Valrie Lashley, Stephanie Winkler, Ornesto Bouey, Mattia Paladini, Jackie Marksman, Marlon Kowalski, Heather Tobias, Laura MacDonald, Maria Jose Bouey.

That Gentle Christmas

And on that gentle Christmas

There was a woman with four smiling faces
beaming up at her with eyes of Innocence,
constant giggles and untidy laces
They called her 'Ma-di-ma' because she cradled them at night
when the heat ran low and the chill crept in
and there was only a little light.

And on that gentle Christmas

They looked out upon the snow
and waited at their seats by the little front window
For a father laden with gifts they hoped would soon appear
With big warm hugs
that surely would bring Ma-di-ma just a little cheer.

Yet on that gentle Christmas

With a poor hat in hand Ma-di-ma wandered out to the street
with her old coat and the simplest of shoes on her feet.
"Would it be too much trouble sir . . . I mean I hate to ask . .
But the world has been so very difficult . . . everything such a very hard task."

And on that gentle Christmas

There were lights glistening from afar
where the purest Happiness lay.
And where the Spirit of Hopes and Dreams had been born
on that Truly Wondrous Day.

And on that gentle Christmas

The Community of the Spirit stopped
for just a single, solitary, moment in Time.
For they had found one woman stranded 'tween Heaven and Earth
with neither nickel, nor quarter, nor penny, nor dime.

And on that gentle Christmas

As four smiling faces gathered 'round her waist
the Community filled her hat to overflowing
and held Ma-di-ma's hands in Sweetness and in Grace.
As her Laughter burst forth in tears of Happiness and Joy
The Spirit touched her lightly with the Glow from a tiny infant Boy
On that very gentle Christmas.

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM HOLY NAME PARISH STAFF

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