

## Feast of the Holy Family Daily Prayer

The Sunday that follows Christmas is always the celebration of the **Feast of the Holy Family**. It is also the sixth day in the eight days of celebrating Christmas. There are wonderful readings from the Book of Sirach, the First Book of Samuel, Paul's letter to the Colossians or the First Letter of John. The gospel from Matthew is the story of the angel appearing to Joseph in a dream, telling him to flee with Mary and their newborn son, Jesus, to Egypt so Herod could not find them. After a time, they returned and lived in Nazareth, "so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, he shall be called a Nazorean."

January 1 is the **Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, The Mother of God. " We can ask her to be our guide all week as we desire to grow closer to her Son.

As we go through our daily, and often very busy lives in these days after Christmas, we can continue a sense of this brief season by continuing to ask that our Lord come to us in the ways we still need light and healing and peace. For some of us, this will be an easy prayer this week Waiting faithfully can continue into the Christmas Season.

A special grace to ask for this week would be the gift of celebrating our Lord's presence with us. We can ask for it every morning, as we get going and we can enter into brief conversations with our Lord, in the background, as we encounter some of the places in our life in which we can see more hope, more of an opportunity for peace. This week, we might hold up each member of our family, close friends and neighbors, and those we might work with, seeing and celebrating how our Lord is manifest in them. For some of us, there may be real epiphany moments, when we see what we haven't been seeing, feel what we haven't been feeling or experience a call we haven't felt before. Being watchful for and open to these special post-Christmas moments of grace is very important.

<https://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Prayer/A2-C-02.html>



## Reflection

This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. Our Gospel this Sunday occurs just after the visit of the Magi to the new born Christ child. We are told that "*When the Magi had departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you. Herod is going to search for the child to destroy him'*" *Joseph did as he was told and "took the child and his mother by night and departed for Egypt."* They remained in Egypt until Herod died.

This Gospel and the one we read on the Fourth Sunday of Advent, tell us almost all of what we know about St. Joseph. While the information is scant, it is clear that Joseph was a man of great faith who was open to God's will in his life even though he may not always have understood that will.

Our first reading this Sunday is taken from the Book of Sirach. It was chosen because it and our second reading this Sunday from the Letter of St. Paul to the Colossians, talk about the virtues of family life. In Sirach we read: "*God sets a father in honor over his child, a mother's authority he confirms over her sons.*" And in St. Paul's letter we read: "*Put on as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And over all these put on love,*"

Clearly all three readings this Sunday extol the values of family and the virtues we are called to display as followers of Jesus Christ.

### Questions for Reflection/Discussion:

1. Families today come in all shapes and sizes. What do you think defines a family?
2. I have a friend who has several children, now all adults. When her children were growing she used to quip that "Of course, it was easy for Mary and Joseph to be the Holy Family. They only had one child, and he was perfect." What makes a family holy?
3. What is the biggest obstacle to families being holy?

<https://www.mary.org/blog/201912/thoughts-readings-solemnity-holy-family-2020#.XgZxqW5FyUk>



## Misas de Navidad

### **31 de diciembre:**

Misa de Vigilia Año Nuevo a las 5:30pm

**1 de enero:** Una sola Misa a las 11am

**5 de enero:** Misa de Vigilia de Reyes 5:30pm

**6 de enero:** Una sola Misa a las 11am



## **Oración de la Sagrada Familia**

JESÚS, Hijo de Dios e Hijo de María, bendice a nuestra familia. Inspira bondadosamente en nosotros la unidad, la paz y el amor mutuo que tú encontraste en Tu propia familia en la pequeña aldea de Nazaret.

MARÍA, Madre de Jesús y Nuestra Madre, sustenta a nuestra familia con tu fe y tu amor. Consérvanos cerca de tu Hijo, Jesús, en todas nuestras alegrías y en nuestras penas.

JOSÉ, Padre adoptivo de Jesús, guardián y esposo de María, protege a nuestra familia del peligro. Auxílianos en todos los momentos de desánimo y ansiedad.

SAGRADA FAMILIA DE NAZARET, haz a nuestra familia una contigo. Ayúdanos a ser instrumentos de paz. Concédenos que el amor, fortalecido por la gracia, pruebe ser más fuerte que las debilidades y las pruebas que nuestra familia a veces atraviesa. Que siempre tengamos a Dios en el centro de nuestros corazones y hogares hasta que todos seamos una sola familia, feliz y en paz en nuestro verdadero hogar contigo. Amén.

[https://www.devucionario.com/varias/familia\\_1.html](https://www.devucionario.com/varias/familia_1.html)



## **ANUNCIOS PARROQUIALES**

- Habrá receso de las **Noches de Película** hasta enero. Anunciaremos la fecha mas tarde.
- Padre Larry estará fuera de Puerto Rico desde el 25 de diciembre hasta el 8 de enero.
- Padre Fernando estará fuera de Puerto Rico del 10 al 18 de enero.
- Habrá en el templo y libre de costo un **Concierto de Navidad** del Coro de la Pontificia Universidad Católica de Puerto Rico el domingo, 12 de enero de 2020 al terminar la misa de las 5:30pm. **iSeparen la fecha!**
- El próximo **Taizé** será el miércoles, **22 de enero**, Semana de la Unidad Cristiana a las 7pm en el Templo.

## **Calendario Breve**

- Rezo del Santo Rosario media hora antes de las dos misas diarias de lunes a sábado.
- Guerreros de la Oración reanudan sus reflexiones el lunes, 13 de enero de 4 a 4:45pm en el Templo.
- Estudios Bíblicos los lunes a las 7:30pm en la biblioteca de la Academia San Ignacio de Loyola.
- Ejercicios Espirituales, grupo avanzado, los martes a las 9am, grupo Normal, los martes a las 7pm, ambos en el Centro Parroquial.
- Círculo de Oración los jueves 7pm en la Capilla del Templo.
- El Ministerio del Sagrado Corazón se reúne los primeros viernes de mes para la misa de 8:00am en el Templo.
- La Cofradía de Nuestra Señora del Carmen se reúne el primer sábado de mes a las 7:30am en el Templo.
- La Comunidad de la Misa dominical de las 8:00am invita a su **desayuno comunitario** el tercer domingo de mes al finalizar la Misa. Próximo desayuno será el **19 de enero**.

## **RECEMOS POR NUESTROS ENFERMOS**

Ana Livia Otaño, Amaryllis Velilla, Gloria Negrón,  
María Consuelo (Chela) Longo,

Nancy y Emmanuel Vega, Teresita Colberg,  
Rafael Martínez, niño Arturo Javier Alonso, Lisardo Batán

## **RECEMOS POR NUESTROS DIFUNTOS**

Ana Dolores Cruz García +

(Favor de informarle a la Oficina Parroquial de los enfermos y de los fallecidos para que podamos anunciarlos en el boletín. Gracias.)