

December 31, 2017

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church



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OFFICE HOURS: Monday to Friday from 9:00am to 3:00pm

Daily Mass Schedules

Next Sunday: 10:00 AM in English

11:30 AM in Spanish

Monday - Wednesday: 12:00pm

Office will be closed from December 25 thru January 1st.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

There's no more unusual setting to celebrate today's Feast of the Holy Family than Barcelona, Spain and the towering unfinished sandcastle known officially as the Temple Expiatory de la Sagrada Familia. In 1882, the plan was hatched to build a vast place of worship in reparation for the revolutionary and liberal leanings of the city. The modern artist Antoni Gaudi dedicated his life to the project, living in the building, attending Mass daily, and giving up his personal wealth. When people pressed him to pick up the pace, he responded, "My client is not in a hurry." (Gaudi's cause for beatification is moving along, and he could be the first professional artist and architect to be beatified.) The Spanish Civil War, a disaster for the Catholic Church in which thousands of priests, brothers, and nuns were murdered, halted work in 1935. In the 1950s work began anew, speeded up by computers in the 1980s. Still, the final stage of construction is not due to end until 2026. If the original methods had stayed in place, it would take several hundred more years to complete the plan. So far there are eight towers, with four to go. The highest steeple is three feet shorter than the nearest hill, since the architect didn't want his work to surpass God's artistry. The three faces of the basilica each have three doors, with the faces named Passion, Nativity, and Grace. The interior is crammed with geometric figures that almost seem to spin, crazy-quilt windows, spiral staircases, and jumbles of statues and figures. Although inspired by ancient Gothic cathedrals, the style is called Expressionist, and very little is left unexpressed by the masonry. If you can't afford a visit, Sagrada Familia maintains a web site, and virtual visits are free.--Rev. James Field, Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.



Every First Saturday of the Month

"Christ held Himself in His hands when He gave His Body to His disciples saying: 'This is My Body.' No one partakes of this Flesh before he has adored it."

-St. Augustine

February 3, 2018 adoration will begin at 8pm until midnight.

New Masses Saturdays

Beginning Saturday January 27, 2018

English Mass 5pm

Spanish Mass 7pm



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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SAVE THE DATES
Sunday January 7, 2018
Sunday classes will resume.



Let us pray for the health of:

Abbigail Christiano, Tripp Lasseter & Fr. Marvin LeFrois, Nathan, Javier Beltran

For the Eternal rest of:

All Souls

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Monday: Mary, the Holy Mother of God; The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord;

World Day of Prayer for Peace; New Year's Day

Tuesday: Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen

Wednesday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**
 IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Round table meeting

2nd Tuesday of the Month at 7:00pm upcoming
 date January 9th, 2018

Rosary Ministry

**Our Rosary Makers meet every 3rd Thursday
 of the month at 11:30am For
 more information please con-
 tact Kathy Giddens at 229- 482-
 2364**



**St. Anthony of Padua Prayer
Garden**

Join us by ordering a memorial brick for our prayer garden for \$100.00. To order a brick or if you have any question about our engraved bricks, please feel free to contact the Parish Office



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Adult Faith Formation Classes

We will be meeting in the Church Conference Room at 11:30am on Sundays. It is open to any adults interested in learning about the Church and our Catholic Faith. For further information, contact our office or Mrs. Lukens at 229-794-9140.