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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mon & Tues 9:30am - 12:00pm, 1:00pm - 8:00pm

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

9:30am - 12:00pm, 1:00pm - 5:00pm

Saturday 9:30am - 12:00pm, 3:00 pm - 6:30pm

Sunday 7:30am - 2:30pm

MASS TIMES

Weekend Mass

Saturday Vigil 5:00pm

Sunday 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am, 12:30pm

Weekday Mass

Monday to Friday: 9:00am Mass. Followed by All Day Adoration

Tuesday: 7:00pm Mass. Followed by the Novena to St. Anthony

First Friday of the Month:

7:00pm Mass. Followed by Adoration until midnight

Saturdays: 9:00am Mass & Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help

SACRAMENT of RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00-4:45pm

Or another time by **appointment only**

SACRAMENT of BAPTISM

Must be registered in the parish for at least three months

QR code available in the parish office or online baptism registration on our website

SACRAMENT of MARRIAGE

Arrangements should begin one year in advance

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SACRAMENT of THE SICK

At home or hospital by appointment

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Feast of the Holy Family

December 29, 2024



FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY



SUN DEC 29th	
8:00 AM	✠ ISABELLA & BASIL BRACKEN
9:30 AM	✠ BERNARD NAZARETH
11:00 AM	PEOPLE OF ST. ANTHONY
12:30 PM	✠ ROOSYELT COLACO
MON DEC 30th	
9:00 AM	✠ MARLENE GOMES
TUE DEC 31st	
9:00 AM	THOMMANNA VARGHESE & FAMILY- THANKSGIVING
ADORATION LAMPS	
7:00 PM	✠ ALDA GOUVEIA
WED JAN 1st	
9:00 AM	ANNA LEE FAMILY – HEALING & THANKSGIVING
THU JAN 2nd	
9:00 AM	✠ FELICIA & MERVYN VALLADARES
FRI JAN 3rd	
9:00 AM	ALL SOULS
7:00 PM	HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY ✠ DEL TY ✠ BALVIR MACHADO
SAT JAN 4th	
9:00 AM	ASHLEY & THERESA D' SILVA – THANKSGIVING & 35 th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
5:00PM	✠ ALDO LAFAUCI – 10 TH DEATH ANNIVERSARY

NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

New Year's Eve – Tuesday, December 31st

5:00pm

Holy hour: 6pm – 7pm

All day adoration will be until 12:00PM

New Year's Day – Wednesday, January 1st, 2025

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

8:00am

9:30am

11:00am

12:30pm

OFFICE HOURS

**31st December 2024
1st January 2025**

**9:00AM – 12 Noon
Closed**

FROM PASTOR'S DESK



Dear Parish Family,

As we stand at the threshold of a new year, my heart is filled with gratitude and hope. The year 2024 has been a journey of blessings, challenges, and growth for each of us. Through it all, God has been with us guiding, strengthening, and loving us. Let us take a moment to thank Him for every grace we have received. Whether in moments of joy or times of trial, God's presence has been our constant comfort.

As we prepare to step into 2025, let us surrender this new year into God's hands. We do not know what lies ahead, but we can trust that He will walk with us every step of the way. The New Year is an opportunity for a fresh start - a time to renew our faith, deepen our relationship with God, and recommit ourselves to loving and serving one another.

This year, let us resolve to make God the center of our lives. Let us pray more, trust more, and love more. As a parish community, may we grow stronger in faith and unity, supporting one another in our journey toward holiness. Let us also remember to reach out to those in need, sharing God's love with the lonely, the suffering, and the forgotten.

As we move forward, let us place our hopes, dreams, and plans into God's loving care, trusting that He knows what is best for us. His plans are always for our good, even when we don't fully understand them. Whatever the year brings - joys or sorrows, successes or struggles - let us have faith that God will provide the grace we need to face it all. Our God is an awesome God, and His goodness never fails. As the psalmist reminds us, "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever" (Psalm 107:1). Let us carry this truth in our hearts, knowing that God is with us every step of the way, guiding us with His love and mercy.

I encourage you to take time in these first days of the year to reflect and pray. Thank God for the gift of 2024 and ask for His guidance and blessings for 2025. Let us dedicate this year to Him, trusting in His mercy and love.

May this New Year be filled with God's peace, Joy, and blessings for you and your families. Together, let us journey in faith, hope, and love, always keeping our eyes fixed on Christ.

Happy New Year, dear friends! May God bless us abundantly in 2025.

In Christ,
Fr. Jibin Joy
Pastor

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PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

Heavenly Father, thank You for the blessings of the past year. We surrender this New Year into Your hands. Guide us, strengthen us, and help us to trust in Your plan. May we walk in Your light and grow in faith, hope, and love. Amen.

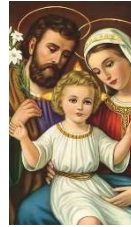
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There's still time to touch more lives. If you donate online by December 31, you will receive a **2024 tax receipt**.

Please support the work of ShareLife agencies through sharelife.org/donate or by giving at our parish using a ShareLife envelope. Thank you for living the Gospel!



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY BUILDING FAMILIES ON PRAYER

The Holy Family went through many of the same experiences that all parents and children experience today. They too would have had moments of great joy and difficult trials as well as many moments of simple ordinary life. Jesus, Mary and Joseph are the perfect example of how families should live in holiness and stewardship. Let us take some time today, on this Feast of the Holy Family, to seek ways to imitate them.

The Gospel from Luke recounts how “every year the parents of Jesus went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover.” Mary and Joseph took their faith very seriously and sought to pass on their beliefs to their child. They realized that while there are many important things that a child needs to grow, their relationship with God should be their first priority. They would have also taken Jesus to the synagogue and taught him how to pray and read the scriptures.

We can take their example to heart by striving to make our faith the highest priority in our families as well. We can strive to be great parental stewards just like Mary and Joseph. For starters, we should make attending Sunday Mass the most important aspect of our week. We can supplement this by regularly going as a family for times of Confession and trying to pray together at home. One beautiful practice we can try to adopt is praying the Rosary together. If an entire rosary together is too difficult due to everyone's schedules, perhaps we can pray just one decade together. Let us commit to making our families beautiful and holy just like that blessed family from Nazareth.

Summary

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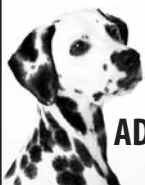
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