

**Holy Family
December 30 - 31, 2017**



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8;
Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6;
Jn 1:29-34
Thursday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42
Friday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Jn 1:43-51
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20;
Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28
Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13;
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Budget to Actual

Weekly goal	\$ 25,900.00
Week of 12/24-25/2017	30,625.66
Alleluia!Keep Praying!!!!	\$ 4,725.66

****TREASURE STEWARDSHIP****

12/24-25/2017

Envelope Receipts	\$ 14,948.00
Online Giving	11,999.00
Loose Plate	3,778.66
Total	\$ 30,625.66

**Catholic Charities Collection
12/24-25/2017 \$ 970.00**

Church Expansion

Total Pledged	\$ 3,488,938.38
Collection week of 12/24-25	61,415.60
Online giving week 12/24-25	8,473.21
Total Given to Date	\$ 2,830,615.82

May God bless you for your generosity!

MASS INTENTIONS

“Mass is Heaven on Earth” – St. John Paul II

SATURDAY, DEC. 30: Holy Family

4:-4:45 pm Confessions
5:00 pm Karen Cleere (b'd), by Marilyn Wacksmann

SUNDAY, DEC. 31: Holy Family

9:00 am +June & Francois Boutin, by Annette & Tom McMinn
11:30 am +Michael J. Dominguez (b'd), by Emma Dominguez & Family
5:00 pm +Dr. Chad Vanderford, by Gwen P. Landreneau

MONDAY, JAN. 1: Mary Mother of God

No 6:30 am Mass
10 am +Anita Martinez, by Adan & Josie Mediano

TUESDAY, JAN. 2: Sts Basil & Gregory

6:30 am +Randy Breaux, by Detiveaux Family

WED'DAY, JAN. 3: Christmas Weekday

6:30 am +Mino Uranga, by Richard & Deanna Duke

THURSDAY, JAN. 4: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

6:30 am +Katherine Chorney, by Skip & Andrea Chorney

FRIDAY, JAN. 5: St. John Neumann

6:30 am +Guadalupe Chapa, by Graciela Chapa

SATURDAY, JAN. 6: Epiphany of the Lord

4-4:45 pm Confessions
5:00 pm +Francisco Solis, by Family

SUNDAY, JAN. 7: Epiphany of the Lord

9:00 am Friends & Family, Living & Deceased, by Dan & Margaret Carpenter
11:30 am +Daniel L. Moreno, by Johnny & Sonia Daniel
5:00 pm O. L. Gualudape, by Rita Perez

New Year's Day Mass Schedule

(not a Holy Day of Obligation this year so sleep in!)

Mass is: 10 a.m.

Church Dedication

Sunday, January 14
9 a.m.

Bishop Michael J. Sis will dedicate our enlarged church & bless the new altar; All Parishioners should attend this very historic liturgy.

11:30 Mass is canceled

Everyone should attend the dedication.

Project Andrew Dinner for Priesthood Vocations:

Do you know a young man ages 15-45 who would make a good priest? Bishop Sis wants Fr. Mark to invite him to what is called a "Project Andrew Dinner." Andrew the Apostle invited his brother Peter to meet Jesus and become an apostle – hence the name. The dinner will be at St. Stephen's in Midland on Thursday, Feb. 1 at 6 pm. *Moms, dads, CCD teachers – if you know a young man who might make a good priest, give his name and address to Fr. Mark 367-4657 so he can extend him a personal invitation.*

Breaking Open the Word

There will be no classes on Dec. 31!
Wishing you a Joyous New Year!

Shrine of the Virgin of Childbirth

A simple shrine of the Virgin of Childbirth has been erected in the Chapel of the Risen Lord. It's a place to pray for:

- the conception of a child,
- a safe birth once pregnant,
- and thanks giving after the child is born.

If you wish to have the votive candle lit for your intention, call the office at 367-4657 to arrange it so we can post the name of the parents!

A blessing of the child in the womb is also available; call one of the priests to arrange it before or after Sunday Mass.

Quinceanera Guidelines

Parents must be registered and contributing and their daughter must have attended CCD for 2 years prior to the ceremony.

Pope's December Intention

The Elderly.

That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

Question of the Week

(from Deacon Gary Brooks)

Both Simeon and Anna recognize Jesus immediately in the Temple. How did they know Jesus was the Christ?



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BAPTISM

PREP CLASS-Our next baptism preparation class is Saturday, January 6 @ 9 a.m. **You must call to register for this class.** Please call after December 19. If there is no answer, dial 21 for Vickie's ext. and leave a message.

To Schedule a Baptism-In order to baptize at St. Elizabeth's, the parents of the child should be registered members of St. Elizabeth's, or live within our boundaries. Parents please come to the office to schedule your child's baptism. You will need to bring in the baby's birth certificate, **from the county**, the godparents' confirmation certificates, if the godparents are married, a copy of their church marriage certificate and proof of baptism prep classes for parents and godparents. We do baptisms the 1ST, 2ND and 3RD weekends of each month. Baptisms held on the 3RD weekend will be in **Spanish, if requested**. The first person to come into the office with all necessary paperwork to register for a weekend will get to pick which day, Saturday or Sunday, for **all** baptisms that weekend. You must register in the office, before the date of your child's baptism and you must have all paperwork!

In Memoriam

We remember deceased parishioners who died in the month of December in years past.

Carol Chenot	1	Johnnie Williams	18
Lewis Hoover	2	Helen Chambers	19
Ollie Blank	2	Genowefa Starnes	19
Diego Pazos	3	Mary Jo Rauscher	19
Charles Dickey	4	Myla Madrid	20
Vidal G. Ramos	4	Linda Bell	20
Leo Goulet	5	Humberto "Slim" Lara	22
Julian Cardenas	5	Margarita Sanchez	23
Sonia Camacho	5	Prudencio Minjarez	24
Tink Schott	8	Marion Tiner	25
Lillian Buss	9	Patti Hardison	25
Esther Leal	10	Russell Strasser	26
Herman Lawson	12	Marie Martin	26
Jesus Aguirre	12	Al McAllister	28
Ted Dutchover Sr.	13	Sisto Gonzales	28
Virginia Nagel	14	Eleanor Rivera	29
Paula Sanchez	14	Stacey Fingerle	29
Ruben Gandara	14	Robert Ganter	29
James Hoffman	15	Jerry Martel	30
John Clark	16	Carlos Hernandez	30
Betty Strackbein	16	Louis Wiesman	30
Charles Tacker	18	Michael Dominguez	30
Barbara Landa	18	James Puga	31
Thelma Moyaert	18	Florence Richey	31
William Edmiston	18	Charles Blythe	31

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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MILITARY PERSONNEL

Please keep our **overseas** service men and women in your prayers, especially the following who have relatives in our parish!

Stephen Gilson	Brandon Ritz
Zachary Hamilton	Sean Ernst
Ian Davis	Dallas Ryan Luera
Jason Tyler Pope	Tony La
Adam Arellano	Matthew Cagle
Eric Huki	Samuel Urias
Khiry Gallegos	Mario Montoya
Douglas M. Hicks	Mark McComick, Jr.
Joshua Lambert	Andres Contreras
Christopher Clemenza	
Mateo Soto	Paul Porras

Addiction Counseling

Call Randy at 432-631-9225 or
Angela at 432-803-9435

Checks to St. Elizabeth's

Please make **all** checks out to St. Elizabeth's. Also, please only use **blue or black ink** for your checks. All processing is done digitally now and other colors are not picked up. This results in extra time and work, not only for us but also for the bank.

TIME

Do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of.

—Benjamin Franklin

Elementary CCD **December – January News** **Christmas/New Year Break**

NO CCD
December 31
January 3, 7, 10, 14

**ALL STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS ARE
ASKED TO ATTEND THE DEDICATION OF
THE CHURCH AND ALTAR
ON SUNDAY, JAN. 14TH – 9 AM**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Dec 31 – Jesus Prieto, Gabriel Garcia, Chris Paulsen, Zachary Attaway, Julian Zeigler, Yvette Townsend, Cash Villarreal, Ray Reyna, Janis McAdoo, Riley Chavarria, Adriel Rivas

Jan 1 – Marina Carrasco, Hugo Vela, Stefanie Bernal-Briones, Ronnie Ramirez, Michael Johnson, Isaac Olivas, Esperanza Hinojos, Arturo Hinojos, Greg Gatto, Alyssa Sanchez, Michelle Rincon, Emanuel Yanez, Raymond Chavez, Zoe Barron, Andrew Valderaz, Bryan Bejarano, Yvonne Mann, D.J. Flores, Juan Diego Molinar, Cirildo Luna Jr., Severo Carrasco Jr., Adam Mesa, Corbin Serrano, Ann Friday, John Lujan, Janaly Franco, Arturo Urquidi, Kristin Puga, Jacinda D. Florez

Jan 2- Malina Andrade, Mateo Soto, Nicholas Wade, Christopher Hurtado, Mary Spencer, Omero Pando, Alexandra Diaz

Jan 3- Bernice Suchil, Amber Moreno, Josie Mediano, Rojelio Ontiveros, Bertha Smith, Corey Hunt, Dusty Piper, Jaylen Acosta, Delia Montoya, Joe Caballero, Amerissa Olivarez, Marili Sisneros, Xandria Cisneros, Lauren Hostetter, Benjamin Villarreal, Phyllis George, Kathleen Bordner

Jan 4- Barron Becker, Servando Lozano, Jaime Santos, Marialsela Carrasco, Mark Eilers, Melissa Sotelo, Elsa Caballero, Omero Campos III, Cynthia Maldonado, Yvette Brusuelas

Jan 5- Rodbert Velasco, Justin Molina, Avigail Castaneda, Jasmine Lopez, Linda Escontrias, Alynna Rodriguez, Brayden Levario, Alyssa Rodriguez, Saul Ortega, Arianna Marquez, Audri Perez, Marcus Mitcham, Jeremiah Marrero, Natalia Kemp

Jan 6- Esmeralda Valenzuela, Adriana Salcido, Unity Gomez, Madison Nevarez, Sebastian Reyes Medina, Abby Marsh, Oscar Bueno, Tom McMinn, Carlos Luera, Charli Luera, Alexia Zepeda, Orlando Bueno Jr.



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Knights of Columbus New Year's Eve Dance

HOUSTON'S POWERHOUSE

AVIZO BAND

American Legion

8 - 1

Beer and Mixed drinks
available.



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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 Expiatori 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.

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Please pray for:

Lois Chorney, Donovan Crawley, Dan Carpenter, Noah Johnson, Juan Urias, Jason Miller and family, Rhina Toruno-Haensl, Joe Villarreal, Roberto Serrato.

Deacon Gary's Prayer Chain

If you are in need of prayers or would like to be a prayer warrior with him and others in the community, please contact him at gbrooks@sanangelodiocese.org.

HOW BRIGHT IS YOUR LIGHT?

Our parish is growing in size and activities. As such, we need more volunteers to help spread the word of God. Please commit to helping the people of your community and yourself by volunteering in one of these ministries.

- Religious Ed teachers and aides
- First Communion teachers and aides
- Quincenera class teacher
- RCIA team member
- Youth Group leaders and chaperones
- Youth Confirmation leaders/teachers
- Steubenville chaperones
- Marriage Retreat team
- Baptism Prep class teacher
- Choir member
- Cantor
- Bell Choir member
- Hospital and Homebound Minister
- Eucharistic Minister
- Lector
- Ushers at all Masses (Sat. & Sun.)
- Marriage Retreat team member
- Altar server
- Altar linen laundering group
- Catholic Charities Volunteer

Call the office (367-4657) for more information.

To help us share our time and talents with our church community we have these opportunities to enrich our faith.

- Rosary Group
- ACTS
- Men's Bible Study
- Women's Bible Study
- Spanish Prayer Groups
- Knights of Columbus
- Adoration

Corinthians 12:7-11 A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other.

What is your gift?

Are you helping others?