



THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH ✦ DECEMBER 30, 2018



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First Reading: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

Sirach emphasizes the importance of honoring one's parents. He explains that spiritual riches will come to those who are kind to their mother and father.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-21

Paul advises us to treat each other with kindness and mercy and to forgive as God forgives us. His words remind families to always love and respect one another and let Christ's peace reign in their hearts and in their homes.

Gospel: Luke 2:41-52

When Jesus was twelve years old, the Holy Family traveled to Jerusalem to celebrate the feast. Jesus did not return with the company. Instead, he stayed in Jerusalem, sitting among the teachers while amazing them with his understanding and questions. When found by his concerned parents, Jesus reminded them that he must be in the house of his Father. Returning together, Mary kept these things in her heart.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17; Lk 2:41-52 or, for Year C, 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

Monday

1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18

Tuesday

Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Wednesday

1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28

Thursday

1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Jn 1:29-34

First Friday

1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42

First Saturday

1 Jn 3:11-21; Jn 1:43-51



Sunday, December 30	8:00 am	People of the Parish
	10:30 am	In Memory of Richard D'Arcy Req. by Mrs. Richard D'Arcy
Monday, December 31	8:00 am	Special Intention
	5:30 pm	In Memory of Our Deceased Relatives Req. by Mr. & Mrs. Mike Dash
Tuesday, January 1	8:00 am	People of the Parish
	10:30 am	Intention of Thomas John Eigel Req. by Andrea Crunkhorn
Wednesday, January 2	8:00 am	In Memory of Peggy Ann Sharpe Req. by Ellen Barren
Thursday, January 3	8:00 am	Special Intention Req. by Mr. & Mrs. William Long
Friday, January 4	8:00 am	In Memory of Theresa Pappodakis Req. by Mr. & Mrs. David Zorzi
	7:30 pm	Special Intention
Saturday, January 5	8:00 am	Special Intention
	5:30 pm	In Memory of Daughter Judith Req. by Mrs. Joseph Genovese

Upcoming Second Collections

January 1:	Solemnity of Mary
January 6:	Building Fund
January 27:	Latin America

Please Note

St. Clare office will be closed through Tuesday, Jan 1  
Office re-opens: Wednesday, Jan 2



God, thank you for a new year. May everyone in our family be willing to begin anew with a clean slate. We know that you are always ready to forgive us. Help us to be willing to forgive ourselves and to forgive one another.

**\*\*\* Parish Schedule \*\*\***

Tuesday, January 1

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Monday 12/31 through Tuesday 1/1/2019

Parish Office Closed

Thursday, January 3

**\*\*\* No Choir Practice \*\*\***

Friday, January 4

First Friday Mass, 7:30 pm  
followed by Benediction

Saturday, January 5

First Saturday Mass, 8:00 am  
followed by Benediction

**Next Week's Parish Schedule**

Thursday, January 10

Choir Practice, 7 pm

Knights of Columbus: Rosary 7pm, Meeting 7:30pm  
Church Basement



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**New Year's Mass Schedule  
Solemnity of Blessed Virgin Mary**

Monday, December 31

8:00 am (Regular Daily Mass)

5:30 pm (Vigil Mass)

Tuesday, January 1, 8:00 am & 10:30 am

**St. Clare Snow Policy**

I will make a more than reasonable effort to hold all Masses – weekend, daily and special- that are scheduled here regardless of the weather. Other activities will be held or cancelled based upon the weather forecasts available to us several hours before the event. In general, activities involving children are more likely to be cancelled or re-scheduled than are those involving adults. The CCD classes on Sunday follow their own procedures about making the decisions and about informing teachers and parents.

In cases of doubt, to get details about changes that snow forces, please call the rectory at 703-266-1310.

Fr. Lehning

**\*\*\* Religious Education News \*\*\***

No Classes today, December 30<sup>th</sup>  
Classes resume Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you to all the children who helped make the **Christmas Vigil liturgy** so special with their beautiful music and voices! Thanks especially to Mary Dash for once again preparing the children so well. Many thanks to the parents and volunteers!

**Parents Meeting for 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders** preparing for the Sacrament of Penance will be held on Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 11:45am in the Church.

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**\*\*\*\* AROUND THE DIOCESE \*\*\*\***

**High School Placement Test (HSPT) Registration**

Eighth grade students attending public schools or non-Catholic private schools who are interested in attending Catholic High Schools in the Diocese of Arlington need to take the High School Placement Test (HSPT) offered on Saturday, January 12, 2019. Students must fill out an HSPT Registration Form (available under "Frequently Asked Questions" under Schools at <http://www.arlingtondiocese.org/>). Register by January 10, 2019.

**Mass of Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate**

Join the Most Rev. Michael F. Burbidge on Saturday, January 12, 2019 at 11 a.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Thomas More in Arlington as he celebrates the Mass of Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate for five ordinandi. This moving liturgy will mark the men with an imprint ("character") which cannot be removed and which configures them to Christ, who made himself the "deacon" or servant of all. A light reception will follow in Burke Hall.

**Job Opportunity: Director, San Damiano Spiritual Life Center**

The San Damiano Spiritual Life Center located in White Post, VA is seeking a Director. The Director will be responsible for providing the strategic direction for the Center and has direct responsibility for its programming, administration, facilities, and operations. For more information visit <http://bit.ly/SDDirector>



**From Our Financial Side**

Since it is December and the end of the year is near, depending on your financial and tax situation, it might be worthwhile to review your contributions to the parish and make adjustments accordingly by the end of December.

In January, we will be sending out statements for 2018 contributions. If you have questions about the statements, please contact the office at (703) 266-1310.

We thank you for your dedication and support to St. Clare.

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**“Because you are God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with heartfelt mercy, with kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another; forgive whatever grievances you have against one another. Forgive as the Lord has forgiven you. Over all these virtues put on love, which binds the rest together and makes them perfect... Joseph went to the region in Galilee. There he settled in a town called Nazareth.”**

We are still admiring the many gifts of Christmas. The packages have been opened and their contents displayed. There are gifts you still have to be shared with others. You did not deliver them yet. They are the virtues enumerated by St. Paul in his letter. Surely there is someone waiting to receive your gift of patience, humility and kindness. It is not too late to make sure they receive it. The gift of love is the gift wrap, bow or ribbon to bring everything together.

Can’t you see the Holy Family, settling down after their journey from Bethlehem to Egypt, happy to take a few minutes to relax and be glad that they have a home. As this special family began to accustom themselves to a new experience, they surely must have been glad the infant Son was with them. As we settle, as we approach a new year, may we find the same Lord as the center of our attention with our family in our home.

### HIS WORD TODAY

BY REV. WILLIAM J. REILLY

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON  
THE SUNDAY READINGS

