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SUNDAY DECEMBER 30, 2018

HOLY FAMILY

THE LORD'S DAY MASSES

Saturday - 5:00 p.m. Sunday - 10:00 a.m.

The Story of Grandma Rosa - Pope Francis' grandmother, Rosa, taught him how to pray with his hands:

Thumb – It's the finger closest to you; pray for those closest to you

Index finger – Pray for teachers, parents, and priests—those who point the way

Middle finger – Pray for those who stand tallest in society—politicians and business leaders.

Ring finger – On your weakest finger, pray for the weakest in society.

Pinky finger – On your smallest finger, pray for other children and pray for yourself.

THE CHRISTMAS SEASON STARTS CHRISTMAS DAY: Judging by the number of Christmas trees that are put out to the curb on December 26, many people believe that the Christmas seasons ends the day after Christmas Day. They couldn't be more wrong: Christmas Day is the first day of the traditional Christmas celebration. The period of Christmas feasting continues until Epiphany, the 12th day after Christmas, and the Christmas season traditionally continued until the feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas)—February 2—a full 40 days after Christmas Day! Since the revision of the liturgical calendar in 1969, however, the liturgical season of Christmas ends with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, the first Sunday after Epiphany. The liturgical season known as Ordinary Time begins the next day, typically the second Monday or Tuesday of the New Year.

THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY: Scripture tells us practically nothing about the first years and the boyhood of the Child Jesus. All we know are the facts of the sojourn in Egypt, the return to Nazareth, and the incidents that occurred when the twelve-year-old boy accompanied his parents to Jerusalem. In her liturgy the Church hurries over this period of Christ's life with equal brevity. The general breakdown of the family, however, at the end of the past century and at the beginning of our own, prompted the popes, especially the far-sighted Leo XIII, to promote the observance of this feast with the hope that it might instill into Christian families something of the faithful love and the devoted attachment that characterize the family of Nazareth. The primary purpose of the Church in instituting and promoting this feast is to present the Holy Family as the model and exemplar of all Christian families.

— Excerpted from *With Christ Through the Year*, Rev. Bernard Strasser, O.S.B.

SUNDAY OFFERING: totalled \$3,217.40. Christmas Offering \$5,130.20 Thank you for your generosity.

LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

NOTE: Weekday Mass Times

NEW YEARS DAY

Tuesday	Jan. 1	10:00 a.m.	<i>Ann Rodrigue – Bev Yakabuskie</i>
Thursday	Jan. 3	10:00 a.m.	<i>Corrie Haas – Morning Mass Group</i>
Friday	Jan. 4	10:00 a.m.	<i>Wilfred & Rita Murray – Ambrose Dwyer</i>
Saturday	Jan. 5	5:00 p.m.	<i>Bernadette Mullin – Anna McEvoy</i>
Sunday	Jan. 6	10:00 a.m.	<i>Intentions of All Parishioners – Fr. Steve</i>

SINCERE THANKS: to all those who helped to make our celebration for Christmas so special! All those who participated in liturgical ministry are to be congratulated and thanked for their sharing of time and talent, also thank you to all the donations towards Christmas Flowers in memory of all your loved ones.

PRAYER FOR FAMILY Father, Thank you for my family. I ask that you bless them with Your favor. Provide for all of their needs. I ask You to protect them from harm and evil. Surround them in the shadow of Your wing. Go before them and prepare the way for them. If any path is crooked, I ask you to make it straight. Protect them from the schemes of the enemy and keep them from deception. Bring Your perfect peace to their hearts. In Jesus name I pray, amen.

12th ANNUAL MEN'S RETREAT: All Catholic men are invited to the Annual Men's Retreat to be held January 18-20, 2019 at Graphite Bible Camp. The cost is \$150. Fr. David May and Steve Heroux from Madonna House will be leading the retreat. This year the theme is "The Lord is My Strength and My Song." A deposit of \$50 is needed to reserve your place. For details, see the poster in your parish or contact David Douthwright at daviddouthwright@hotmail.com.

WOMEN'S RETREAT - The Joy of Catholic Womanhood: "The Joy of the Lord is my Strength." This retreat will be led by Cynthia Donnelly and Fr. Robert Johnson of Madonna House from Friday, February 22, 2019 at 7 p.m. to Sunday, February 24, 2019 at 2 p.m. at the Graphite Bible Camp. Cost is \$150 (\$120 for those who wish to commute). Student rates available. To register send e-transfer or cheque (Made out to Holy Canadian Martyrs Parish – women's retreat) to: Claudia Francis, 976 County Road #27 Codrington, ON, K0K 1R0. Registration is confirmed upon receipt of e-transfer or cheque. For more information contact Claudia Francis at claudia.francis777@gmail.com or call 613 970-4656.

PEMBROKE FIRST STEP OPTIONS: The Pembroke 'First Step Options Pregnancy Center' is looking for new Board members. Your participation will afford you the opportunity to make an impact for Jesus in the community, one that will resonate for generations to come. Anyone interested is asked to call Greta at the First Step Options Pregnancy Centre (gretafirststepoptions@gmail.com) or get more information on the website at www.firststepoptions.com.

PARISH SUPPORT ENVELOPES: remainder please pick-up your 2019 envelopes on back table. Those who are in need of them are asked to carefully print their name, address and telephone number and we will arrange to have a box made up for you! We are grateful for the generous support of all parishioners as we strive to embrace and further the Kingdom of God in this area. If your address has changed, please call the Parish office with your new address.

INCOME TAX RECEIPTS: Place a stamped, self-addressed envelope in the collection basket & it will be mailed out to you as soon as possible.

OUR TRUE HOME

Dr. Scott Hahn (St. Paul Centre for Biblical Theology)

Why did Jesus choose to become a baby born of a mother and father and to spend all but His last years living in an ordinary human family? In part, to reveal God's plan to make all people live as one "holy family" in His Church (see 2 Corinthians 6:16–18).

In the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, God reveals our true home. We're to live as His children, "chosen ones, holy and beloved," as the First Reading puts it.

The family advice we hear in today's readings—for mothers, fathers, and children—is all solid and practical. Happy homes are the fruit of our faithfulness to the Lord, we sing in today's Psalm. But the liturgy is inviting us to see more, to see how, through our family obligations and relationships, our families become heralds of the family of God that He wants to create on earth.

Jesus shows us this in today's Gospel. His obedience to His earthly parents flows directly from His obedience to the will of His heavenly Father. Joseph and Mary aren't identified by name, but three times are called His "parents" and are referred to separately as His "mother" and "father." The emphasis is all on their familial ties to Jesus. But these ties are emphasized only so that Jesus, in the first words He speaks in Luke's Gospel, can point us beyond that earthly relationship to the Fatherhood of God.

In what Jesus calls "My Father's house," every family finds its true meaning and purpose (see Ephesians 3:15). The Temple we read about in the Gospel today is God's house, His dwelling (see Luke 19:46). But it's also an image of the family of God, the Church (see Ephesians 2:19–22; Hebrews 3:3–6; 10:21).

In our families we're to build up this household, this family, this living temple of God. Until He reveals His new dwelling among us, and says of every person: "I shall be his God and he will be My son" (see Revelation 21:3, 7).

MINISTRIES NEXT WEEKEND – EPIPHANY OF THE LORD JAN. 6, 2018

	Eucharist	Cup	Reader
5:00 pm.	Len McGean	Brenda McCarthy Anita McGean	Don Richard
10:00 am.	Greg Lubimiv Jim Hebert	Phyllis Hebert Dave Howard	Daphny Turcotte
	Greeters	Gift Bearers	
5:00 p.m.	Elizabeth Savoie & family	Dan Jenner & Kelly Vachon & family	
10:00 am.	Ushers	Vel LeBlanc & Cecilia Sawyer	