



All in the Family

So many family-oriented television programs today feature the antics of dysfunctional families. They're often so well produced that we laugh at the blundering exploits, thus giving them credibility. The readings for today's feast show us what a real family looks like. Parents worry about the security of their children (Luke); brothers and sisters are told to be compassionate, kind, humble, gentle, and patient (Colossians); elders are respected and cared for in their need (Sirach). Even the psalm response sketches the profile of a flourishing family as understood at that time.

We can only guess what the Holy Family must have been like. There is no indication that their neighbors saw them as anything more than an average family. Jesus learned Joseph's trade and, most likely, would take over the business after he died. Instead, he launched out as an itinerant preacher. Even that does not seem to have been so exceptional for that time. Nor was Mary's widowhood reason for him to stay home. The Gospels indicate that she was part of a protective family unit. This did not appear to be an exceptional family. But how exceptional it was!

The lesson is that even an average family has the potential to be a holy family. What we should do is pattern our lives after Paul's exhortation to the Colossians. If we live like this, we will discover that holiness is all in the family.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ✦ *What might you do to make family life easier for those with whom you live?*
- ✦ *Do you show gratitude to your family for their respect and care of you?*



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Sacrament of Baptism

(Classes and Parents Interview)
Contact Pastor

Sacrament of Marriage

(Classes and Couple Interview)
Contact Fr. Jason -6 Months Prior

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

By appointment with the Pastor

DECEMBER 26TH

St. Francis Xavier, Clayton

Weekend Mass: Saturday 5:00pm Sunday 10:30am

Daily Mass: Wednesday: 12:10pm

Tuesday & Thursday: 5:30pm Friday:12:10pm

Confession: Saturday 4:00-5:00pm OR By Appointment

Adoration: Tuesday & Thursday 6pm to 7 pm

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Des Moines

Weekend Mass: Sunday 8:00am (Oct 1 - May 31)

Confession: Sunday before 8:00am OR by appt

Honor of Our Blessed Mother Mass 1st Saturday of the Month:10:30am

St. Joseph, Folsom

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Confession: Sunday before 8:00am OR by appt

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1st, 2nd & 3rd Sunday's Mass 2:00PM

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*This is my body, which will be given up for you.  
This is my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant.  
It will be shed for you & for all... so that sins may be forgiven.  
Do this in memory of me.*

Masses will be offered **December 2021**

+ All the Departed Parishioner's & Family Members

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|               |                                          |                          |
|---------------|------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Sat, Dec. 25  | +Jonathan Fernandez                      | by The Fernandez Family  |
|               | +Richard Arquello                        | by Debbie & Kirk Jesko   |
|               | +Agnes Archuleta                         | by Stella Archuleta      |
| Sun, Dec. 26  | +Deceased of the Zurick Family           | by Rosa Lee Britt        |
|               | +Deceased of the Trujillo Family         | by Pete & Teri Mansfield |
|               | +Deceased Family of Richard & Margartita | By Pete & Teri Mansfield |
| (OLOG)        | +Bill & Mary Wild                        | by Marjorie & Grant Long |
| Tues, Dec. 28 | +Inez Romero                             | by Dolores Montoya       |
| Fri, Dec. 31  | +Inez Romero                             | by Dolores Montoya       |
|               | +Pula & Petra Valdez                     | by Dolores Montoya       |
| Sat, Jan. 1   | +Abie Montoya                            | by Lupe Montoya          |
|               | +Deceased of the Zurick Family           | by Rosa Lee Britt        |
|               | +Jim Sintas                              | by Pete & Teri Mansfield |
| Sun, Jan. 2   | +Deceased of the Britt Family            | by Rosa Lee Britt        |
|               | +Deceased of the Rael Family             | by Joe & Rosie DeHerrera |
|               | +Deceased of the DeHerrera Family        | by Joe & Rosie DeHerrera |
| Sat, Jan. 8   | +Deceased of the Wyley Family            | by Rosa Lee Britt        |
|               | +Rebecca Stewart                         | by Ross & Shelley Carter |
|               | +Clifford Copeland                       | by Ross & Shelley Carter |

**Weekly Collections Summary: Nov. & Dec. 2021**

|                | <u>SFX</u> | <u>OLOG</u> |
|----------------|------------|-------------|
| December 18-19 | \$5,269.00 | \$ 338.00   |
| December 11-12 | \$8,284.00 | \$ 290.00   |
| December 4-5   | \$2,026.00 | \$ 561.85   |
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**New Year's "Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God" Mass Schedule:**

8am @ SFX-Clayton  
10:30am @OLOG-Des Moines

The Priest who has been appointed administrator to SFX for the next 6 months:  
**Father Joseph Baltz**

Office Hours have changed starting Dec. 16th:

Tuesdays: 9am to 5pm  
Thursdays: 8am to 1 pm

**Christmas Poinsettias In Memory of:**

Phyllis Podzemny  
Deceased of the Podzemny Family  
Bill Crisp  
Deceased Family Members  
Jonathan Fernandez  
Jose Valdez  
Elida Valdez  
Beto Valdez

**Sanctuary of Life**

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. Though he was conceived of a virgin, Jesus nevertheless lived as a son in a human family -- a family which points the way for the rest of us. The family is the sanctuary of life. There can be no life without family, and there can be no family without life. The family, above all, is where life is to be welcomed, no matter how fragile or inconvenient it may be. One of the many reasons why the St. John Paul II, in "The Gospel of Life" encyclical, identifies abortion and euthanasia as pre-eminent issues is because these crimes are committed by one family member upon another.

May the Holy Family lead us to a Culture of Life!

**Lectors for Masses**

- Sat, Jan. 1- Ross Carter
- Sun, Jan. 2- Chase Carter
- Sat, Jan. 8- Sammie Wood
- Sun, Jan 9- Sandy Vaughn

# Dear Padre,

I've been trying to teach my children about the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. Any advice?

It's easy to teach young children about the works of mercy if you keep it simple and call their attention to what they're doing.

When they set the table and pour drinks, tell them they're feeding the hungry and giving drink to the thirsty. When they bring homework to a sick classmate, they're visiting the sick. If they go to a funeral, they're helping bury the dead. When they make up with their siblings after a fight, they bear wrongs patiently and forgive all injuries. Siblings who help each other with their homework are instructing the "ignorant."



A child who soothes someone who's been hurt is comforting the sorrowful. Praying for anyone, living or dead, is a spiritual work of mercy. Listening when someone confides in them is counseling the doubtful. Talking a friend or sibling out of doing something wrong is admonishing the sinner.

As your children get older, volunteer as a family with organizations that build homes for low-income families and help the children of prisoners.

Performing the corporal and spiritual works of mercy, whether for each other or with each other, will bring you closer as a family as well as closer to God.

Fr. Rick Potts, CSSR / [Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org](mailto:Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org)

**Do you have a question for the Padre?**

Go to [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.



## A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*The works of mercy reawaken in us the need, and the ability, to make the faith alive and active with charity. I am convinced that, through these simple, daily actions, we can achieve a true cultural revolution....If every one of us, every day, does one of these, this will be a revolution in the world!*

GENERAL AUDIENCE, OCTOBER 12, 2016

## Calendar

### Monday

DECEMBER 27

St. John,

Apostle and Evangelist

1 Jn 1:1-4

Jn 20:1a, 2-8

### Tuesday

DECEMBER 28

The Holy Innocents,

Martyrs

1 Jn 1:5-2:2

Mt 2:13-18

### Wednesday

DECEMBER 29

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 2:3-11

Lk 2:22-35

### Thursday

DECEMBER 30

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 2:12-17

Lk 2:36-40

### Friday

DECEMBER 31

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 2:18-21

Jn 1:1-18

### Saturday

JANUARY 1

Blessed Virgin Mary,

the Mother of God

Nm 6:22-27

Gal 4:4-7

Lk 2:16-21

### Sunday

JANUARY 2

Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6

Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6

Mt 2:1-12e

### Know Someone Overly Anxious About Sin?

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