

St. Francis de Sales Parish

Perfection of life is the perfection of love. For love is the life of the soul. -- St. Francis de Sales

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
December 26 & 27, 2009



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Weekday Mass Intentions

THIS WEEK MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED @ 10:00 A.M.

Monday, December 28th: Feast: Holy Innocents, martyrs:
Maria & Manuel Chaves+

Tuesday, December 29th: 5th day in Christmas octave:
Peter Vitelli+

Wednesday, December 30th: 6th day in Christmas octave:
Rev. Sr. Patricia Pecus +

Thursday, December 31st: **NO MORNING MASS**

✦ **Please Pray for our R.C.I.A. Inquirers, Catechumens, Candidates and Neophytes**

✦ **Please Pray for Our Sick:**

Mary Kellett, Helen O'Connor, Fredrick Daranjo, Kayden De Silva, Justin Cassell, Dianne Sonogo, Bernard Faria, Francis Vieira, Patricia Vanier, Michael MacDonald, Edna Lazo, Sheri Choi Garry Sankar, Ashton Tagallie, Marcia Henry, Anita Rodrigues, Lourdes Tabinga, Maryann Frank, Doug Daly, Carlyn Figueiredo, Ferdinand Manelo, Krishna Ramlochah, Stan Krupicz, Jose Momtiel, Nora Wright, Deborah Brent, Christopher Ramgadoo, Phyllis Crowley, Alfredina Codanedo, Ava Calandra, Catherine Sinka, Lina Tedesco, Clay Chamilliard, Margaret Santos, Helen Nolan, Douglas Pike, Amanda Jeffs-Ryland, Gina Forgione, Cor van Boxtel, Marilyn Paris, Wendy Hewit, Anne Savoie, Paul Hull, Becky Bloom, Alex Raeside, Kathryn Parkin, Thelma Lew-a-King, Jennifer Lacuata, Bernadette Assam, Ernest Dixson, Ben Wood, Shirley Ivey, Roxanne Kinney, Santina and Salvatore Taccone, Ted Majkot, Robert Baldwin, Phillipa Germain, Michael Laviolette, Drago Zibert Laurie Chesworth, and our friends at Winbourne Park.

Please pray for the Deceased: Leone Leise

Meanderings: There is just something more peaceful and serene about Christmas morning Mass that eclipses the excitement and high octane and anticipation of Christmas eve. Despite the exhaustion of having to arise before my sleep quota to begin again, I have come to recognize the quiet satisfaction of Christmas morning to be the payoff for the hustle and bustle of the night before. It is not that one is better than the other, it is just a different flavour, and not having kids who wake up every hour on the hour wondering if Santa has arrived and relying on the convenience of a Christmas eve to keep one sane, I have just come to appreciate the slower, more deliberate pace of Christmas morning. This year, I was called down to the new emergency wing of the Hospital, in the nice new facilities to anoint a parishioner who was dying. The family had been to a Christmas eve service, the one my brother celebrated, and then had to rush to the hospital. I calmed them that my brother's preaching often sends people to emergency, usually for acute indigestion. It was a much different experience of Christmas, gathered as family around a dying loved one, sharing stories of Christmas' past, but most importantly being together as family. It reminds us all of what Christmas is truly about, being blessed by God to share in the divine love, the ability to love someone to the point of tears. After I took off the 'stylish' hospital gown, designed for people significantly of smaller frame, I was on my way to mom's to celebrate with my nieces and nephews. I turned the radio off and it was a reflective drive home, and when I arrived, I think I gave each of my loved ones a bit tighter squeeze as I wished them a Merry Christmas, and being with them, it was. *FR*

New Years' Mass Schedule Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Thursday, December 31st, - 5:00 p.m.
Friday, January 1st, 2010 - 10:00 a.m.
- 11:30 a.m.

Weekend of January 02 & 3rd, 2010

Regular schedule