Ministry Appreciation Supper

A Ministry Appreciation Supper is scheduled to be held on Saturday, February 16th after the 4:00 p.m. Mass at the Parish Hall.

All ministries - Adorers, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Altar Servers, Ushers, Catechists, Bereavement, Music, Decorating Committee, etc. - are invited. If you are a minister in our parish, please mark your calendar and plan to attend.

Please RSVP to Jennifer LeJeune at 336-4463 or email jlejeunehfc@gmail.com by Friday, February 8th.
The holidays are well behind us; the year stretches out ahead. And what sort of year will it be? To judge by the words of Jesus in today’s Gospel, it will be “a year acceptable to the Lord.” And Jesus surely didn’t mean only the next three hundred sixty-five days facing his listeners at that time.

When Jesus announced the “arrival” of God’s favor, it was a message for all time, for every year. Similarly, we read today in Nehemiah how the people gathered with solemnity to hear God’s word as though for the first time. They listened, and then fell to the ground and wept. But the prophet said, “Today is holy . . . do not be sad, and do not weep.”

The “year acceptable to the Lord” is this year. The day that is “holy” is this day. The time to listen is now. What sort of year will you have? What sort of day? God’s help is always here. What you do with each day can be holy and acceptable to the Lord if you but listen to and act on God’s word.

**Baptism Seminar**

Our next Baptismal Seminar will be held on Tuesday, February 12th at 6:30 pm in Marian Hall. In order for a baby to be baptized here, both parents and both godparents must attend a seminar. Please contact the church office to register.

**World Marriage Day Recognition and Blessing**

World Marriage Day honors husband and wife as the foundation of the family, the basic unit of society. It salutes the beauty of their faithfulness, sacrifice and joy in daily married life. Married couples are invited to attend the 4 PM Mass on Saturday February 16th at Holy Family to receive a blessing and to be recognized for milestone anniversaries achieved through faithfully living their Sacrament of Holy Matrimony.

**Recitation of the Rosary**

The rosary is recited at 6:00 p.m. on Thursdays in the daily chapel. Everyone is invited to come and pray.

**A Vocation View**

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – January 27, 2019

Do not be afraid. If the Lord is calling you to the ordained or consecrated life, do not be afraid. Jesus calls and will give you the grace to respond wholeheartedly. If God is calling you, call or email Father Andrew Merrick at 225.336.8778, framerrick@gmail.com, or visit www.diobr.org/vocations

Pray for vocation!

**Readings for the Week**

- **Monday:** Heb 9:15, 24-28; Ps 98:1-6; Mk 3:22-30
- **Tuesday:** Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:2, 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11; Mk 3:31-35
- **Wednesday:** Heb 10:11-18; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 4:1-20
- **Thursday:** Heb 10:19-25; Ps 24:1-6; Mk 4:21-25
- **Friday:** Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34
- **Saturday:** Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]
- **Sunday:** Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; 1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13 [13:4-13]; Lk 4:21-30

Want a quick and easy way to access the readings? Check out our website at holyfamilychurchpa.org for a link to the daily readings online.

**Stewardship of Finance**

**COLLECTION COUNTERS - Monday, January 28**

Belinda Olivier, Dorene Mayeux, Antoinette Rizzutto

**COLLECTION REPORT for - January 27, 2019**

Because of the Martin Luther King holiday and the printing deadline of this bulletin, the collection report for the weekend of January 19th and January 20th will be listed in the following bulletin.

**Do You Need Your Donation Information for Your Taxes?**

Beginning this year, we are no longer automatically mailing out your charitable contributions for Holy Family Church. If you need your donation information from us, please contact us by emailing us at holyfamilycathol@bellsouth.net or calling 383-1838.

We will be happy to send that information to you or have it ready for you to pick up from our office.

**Wedding Anniversary Celebration**

On Sunday, February 10 at 2:00 pm, Bishop Michael Duca will celebrate a Mass honoring couples reaching their 25th, 50th, 65th or greater Wedding Anniversary. The longest married couple at the liturgy will be recognized and honored.

The Mass will be held at St. George Church, 7808 St. George Drive, Baton Rouge. A reception will be held afterward in the Kleinpeter Activity Center. Families of the anniversary couples are also invited to attend.

Registration deadline is Wednesday, January 30th. Please contact the Holy Family Parish Office at 383-1838 to register.

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. – Luke 4:18a
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Catholic Schools Week
January 27 – February 2

Holy Family School
Open House
In conjunction with Catholic School’s Week, Holy Family School will hold its Open House on Thursday, January 31, 2019 from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm in the School Library. All family and friends of prospective students are invited to attend. Visit us at www.holyfamilyschool.com

Holy Family Pre-K3
Cordially invites you to Open House for the 2019 - 2020 school year! This informational meeting is for PARENTS ONLY and will be held on January 31st at 6:00 pm. Please visit our website at www.holyfamilypreschool3.com for additional information!

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION
Saturday’s feast of the Presentation is a day for the blessing of candles. Why does liturgy require candles? In the first years of the church, worship was often at night, and candles and torches were carried from place to place within the worship space as needed. Candles were also a mark of festivity and hospitality when people gathered for prayer in homes, and later on in large buildings with thick walls and dark corners. But even after gaslight and electricity, candles were kept.

Part of the reason has to do with the warm, clean light of a candle’s flame. Candles are a good sign of the partnership of God and creation: wax made by bees, gathered and fashioned by human hands into something beautiful and useful. In order for the light to shine, the candle surrenders itself, almost as if it is pouring itself out so that the light can flood into the world. The candle of baptism, placed into our hands, and carried again and again, speaks silently of that same wisdom. If you would save your life, you must lose it. You must pour your life out like Christ so that you may be filled with the light of his love.

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