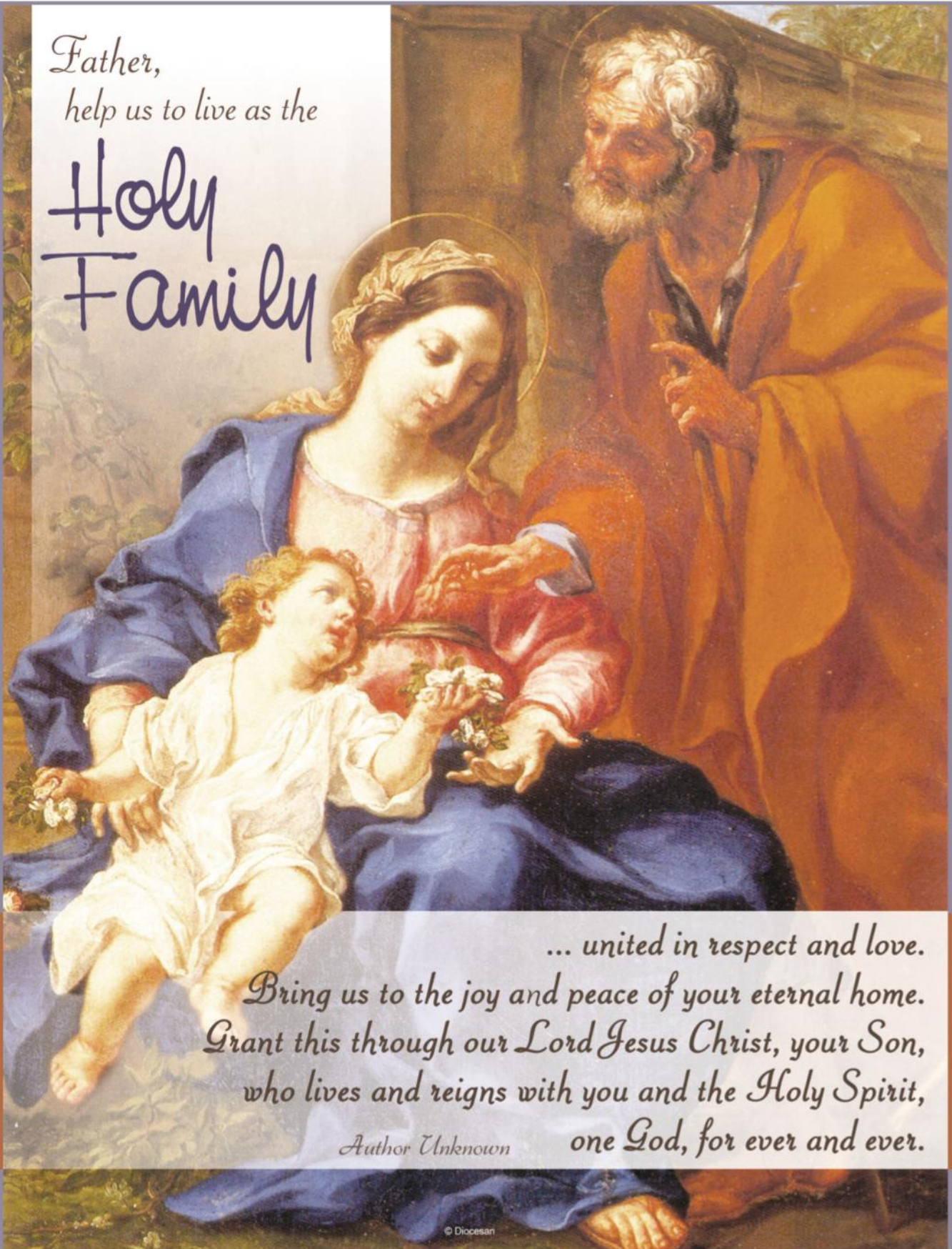


*Father,
help us to live as the*

Holy Family



... united in respect and love.

*Bring us to the joy and peace of your eternal home.
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.*

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MON, WED, FRI

7:00AM

TUES & THUR

5:30PM

SATURDAY

5:30PM

**1st Saturdays - 8:00am*

SUNDAY

8:30AM

10:30AM

12:00PM

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RECONCILIATION**

TUES, THURS, SAT
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SUNDAY

**Please see weekly schedule*

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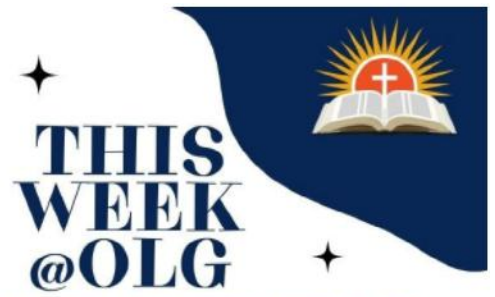
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MONDAY, DECEMBER 30

**FEAST OF
THE
HOLY FAMILY**



• Regular Mass Schedule

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31

**NEW YEAR'S EVE
OFFICE CLOSED**



• Regular Mass
Schedule

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1

**NEW YEAR'S DAY
OFFICE CLOSED 2025**



**SOLEMNITY OF MARY
MOTHER OF GOD**

• 8:30am Mass &
12:10pm Mass

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2

• 6:30pm - Associates of
the Blessed Sacrament

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3

• 5:30pm 1st Friday Mass
• 6:30pm - Poltluck Meal

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4

• 8am- 1st Saturday Mass
• 8:30am-Fellowship Meal
• 9am-Women's Bible Study

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 Monthly - Every Second Tuesday
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 Rosary, Prayers and Benediction



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 All are welcome to the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Exposition begins on Tuesdays in the Adoration Chapel after the 5:30pm Mass and ends on Friday at 7am. For more information please contact Becky Prieto at 210-725-2383.

Save the date...



OUR LADY OF GRACE PARISH GUILD Membership Drive

January 16th from 6:00 - 8:00 pm
 &
 January 21st from 10:00 -12:00 pm

More Details to Follow

MASS, CONFESSION & INTENTION SCHEDULE

Monday, December 30
 7:00 AM Fr. Jorge
 Mario Velasquez (d) - Richele Rainosek

Tuesday, December 31
 4:45 PM *Confessions* - Fr. Abe
 5:30 PM *Mass* - Fr. Abe
 In Gratefulness for God's Blessings

Wednesday, January 1
 8:30AM Fr. Jorge
 Pruney Huesinger (d)
 12:10PM Fr. Abe
 A Blessed New Year

Thursday, January 2
 4:45 PM *Confessions* - Fr. Abe
 5:30 PM *Mass* - Fr. Abe
 Annabel M. Castaneda - Family

Friday, January 3 - *First Friday*
 7:00 AM Fr. Jorge
 In Thanksgiving
 5:30PM Fr. Abraham Chimese, OMI

Saturday, January 4 - *First Saturday*
 8:00AM Fr. Abe
 4:30PM *Confessions* - Fr. Abe
 5:30 PM Fr. Abe
 James White, Jr. (d) - Cecilio & Becky Rodriguez

Sunday, January 5
 8:30 AM Fr. Abe
 Our Lady of Grace Parishioners
 10:30 AM *Confessions* - Fr. Frank
 10:30 AM Fr. Abe
 Lucy Orosco (d) - Dora Urrutia
 12:00PM *Confessions* - Fr. Abe
 12:00 PM Fr. Frank
 Jerry Sesco (d) - Friends

All are welcome to join the Rosary Prayer Group. Please join us **every third Tuesday of the month** from **6:30-8:00 pm** in the Madonna Room. For more information, contact Greg Clary at 903-714-0232.



Feast of the Holy Family

Dec. 28th Confessions 4:30pm & Mass 5:30pm
 Dec. 29th 8:30am, 10:30am, 12:00pm

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

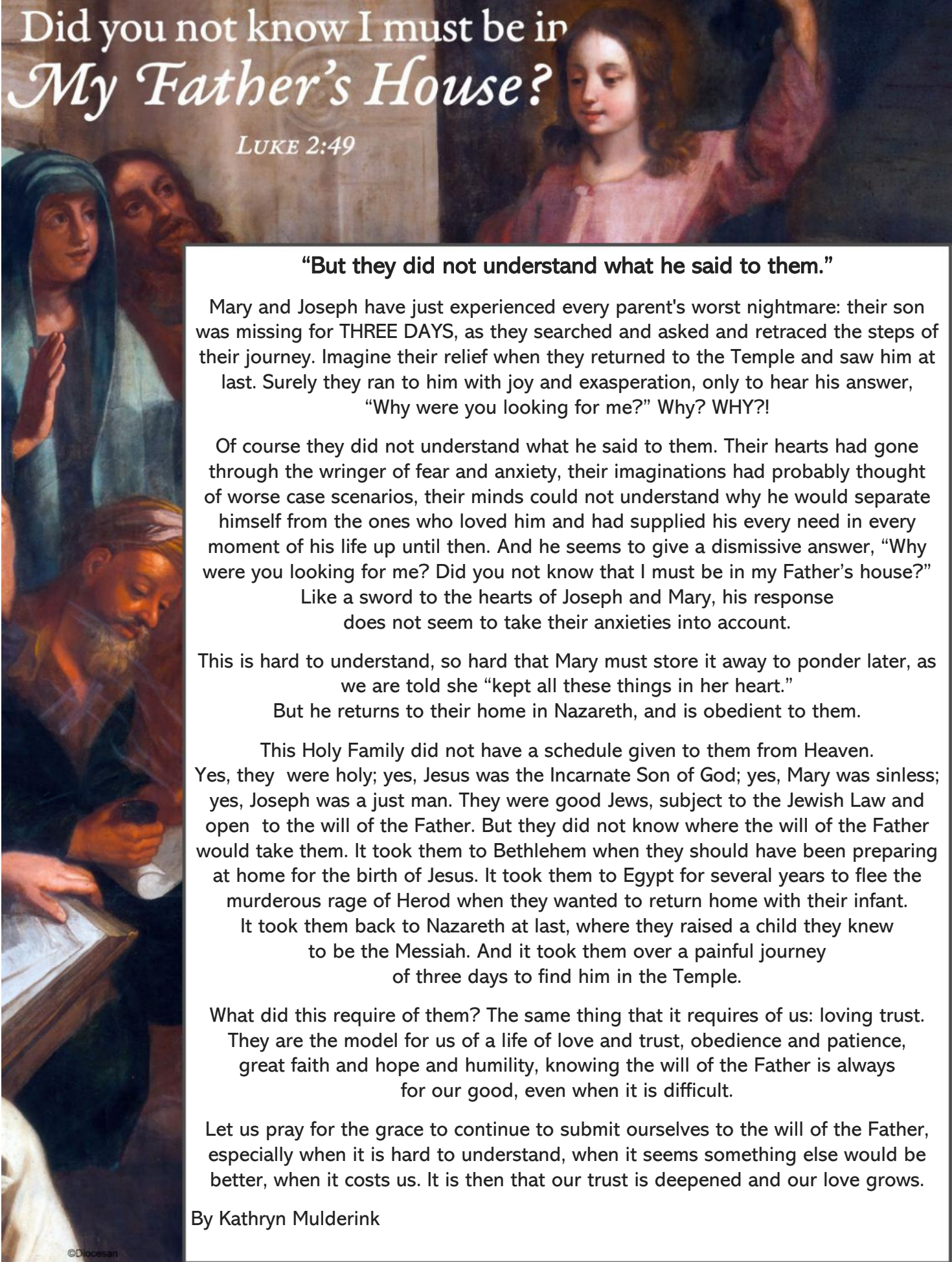
Dec. 31st Confessions 4:30pm & Mass 5:30pm
 Jan. 1st 8:30am, 12:10pm

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Jan. 4th Confessions 4:30pm & Mass 5:30pm
 Jan. 5th 8:30am, 10:30am, 12:00pm

Adoration of the Child Jesus after every Mass

**The Baptism of the Lord (Jan. 11th & 12th)
 is the conclusion of the Christmas Season**



Did you not know I must be in
My Father's House?

LUKE 2:49

“But they did not understand what he said to them.”

Mary and Joseph have just experienced every parent's worst nightmare: their son was missing for THREE DAYS, as they searched and asked and retraced the steps of their journey. Imagine their relief when they returned to the Temple and saw him at last. Surely they ran to him with joy and exasperation, only to hear his answer, “Why were you looking for me?” Why? WHY?!

Of course they did not understand what he said to them. Their hearts had gone through the wringer of fear and anxiety, their imaginations had probably thought of worse case scenarios, their minds could not understand why he would separate himself from the ones who loved him and had supplied his every need in every moment of his life up until then. And he seems to give a dismissive answer, “Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?”

Like a sword to the hearts of Joseph and Mary, his response does not seem to take their anxieties into account.

This is hard to understand, so hard that Mary must store it away to ponder later, as we are told she “kept all these things in her heart.”

But he returns to their home in Nazareth, and is obedient to them.

This Holy Family did not have a schedule given to them from Heaven. Yes, they were holy; yes, Jesus was the Incarnate Son of God; yes, Mary was sinless; yes, Joseph was a just man. They were good Jews, subject to the Jewish Law and open to the will of the Father. But they did not know where the will of the Father would take them. It took them to Bethlehem when they should have been preparing at home for the birth of Jesus. It took them to Egypt for several years to flee the murderous rage of Herod when they wanted to return home with their infant.

It took them back to Nazareth at last, where they raised a child they knew to be the Messiah. And it took them over a painful journey of three days to find him in the Temple.

What did this require of them? The same thing that it requires of us: loving trust. They are the model for us of a life of love and trust, obedience and patience, great faith and hope and humility, knowing the will of the Father is always for our good, even when it is difficult.

Let us pray for the grace to continue to submit ourselves to the will of the Father, especially when it is hard to understand, when it seems something else would be better, when it costs us. It is then that our trust is deepened and our love grows.

By Kathryn Mulderink

MAY GOD BLESS US IN HIS MERCY

— SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD —



Let us strive to be pure and holy like our Heavenly Mother. All mothers want their children to inherit or acquire their good qualities. Our Heavenly Mother is no exception. With Joseph, she succeeded in training the Child Jesus, so that He grew in holiness and in “favor before God and man.” Hence, our best way of celebrating this feast and honoring our Heavenly Mother would be to promise her that we will practice her virtues of Faith, obedience, purity and humble service. In this way, we will be trying to become the saintly sons and daughters of our Heavenly Mother, the Holy Mother of God.

Adult Confirmation Program: On Tuesday, February 4th at 6:30 p.m., the first of an eight-session Adult Confirmation Program will begin at Our Lady of Grace in the church family room. This is a great opportunity for an adult who has not been confirmed to prepare for, and celebrate this Sacrament of Initiation over the coming months.

Please contact Dcn. George Wunderlich at deacon.george.wunderlich@olgsa.org or 240-707-0724 for details.

Sacrament of Confirmation Date will be announced at a later date.



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Saturday, January 4, 2025 ~ 9am
Madonna Room

Interior Castle (part 1)



The OLG Parish Guild invites everyone to join together for the
First Friday Mass & Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

January 3rd at 5:30pm



After Mass, everyone from toddlers to Seniors are welcome to join our

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A main course of Lasagna will be served; just bring a side dish, dessert or salad to share.

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Prayer for the New Year from the USCCB

Many people make New Year's Day a day of prayer for peace. On New Year's Eve or New Year's Day, the household may gather at the table or at the Christmas tree or manger scene.

All make the sign of the cross. The leader begins:

Let us praise the Lord of days and seasons and years, saying:

Glory to God in the highest!

R/. And peace to his people on earth!

The leader may use these or similar words to introduce the blessing:

Our lives are made of days and nights, of seasons and years for we are part of a universe of suns and moons and planets. We mark ends and we make beginnings and, in all, we praise God for the grace and mercy that fill our days.

Then the Scripture is read, Book of Genesis 1:14-19:

Listen to the words of the Book of Genesis:

God said: "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky, to separate day from night. Let them mark the fixed times, the days and the years, and serve as luminaries in the dome of the sky, to shed light upon the earth." And so it happened: God made the two great lights, the greater one to govern the day, and the lesser one to govern the night; and he made the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky, to shed light upon the earth, to govern the day and the night, and to separate the light from the darkness.

God saw how good it was. Evening came, and morning followed—the fourth day.

(The family's Bible may be used for an alternate reading such as Psalm 90:1-4.)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

R/. Thanks be to God.

After a time of silence, members of the household offer prayers of thanksgiving for the past year, and of intercession for the year to come. On January 1, it may be appropriate to conclude these prayers with the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary (in Part VII: Litanies) since this is the solemn feast of Mary, Mother of God. In conclusion, all join hands for the Lord's Prayer.

Then the leader continues:

Let us now pray for God's blessing in the new year.

After a short silence, parents may place their hands on their children in blessing as the leader says:

Remember us, O God; from age to age be our comforter.

You have given us the wonder of time, blessings in days and nights, seasons and years. Bless your children at the turning of the year and fill the months ahead with the bright hope that is ours in the coming of Christ. You are our God, living and reigning, forever and ever.

R/. Amen.

The leader says:

Let us bless the Lord.

All respond, making the sign of the cross:

Thanks be to God.

The prayer may conclude with the singing of a Christmas carol.



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