

# Saint Mary Roman Catholic Church

1000 North Jefferson Avenue, Goldsboro NC 27530-3141

919-734-5033

Rev. Alex Gonzalez, Pastor

Deacon Webster James

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December 28, 2014—The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

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## **EUCCHARISTIC LITURGY**

### Weekend

Saturday Vigil

5:00PM English      Sábado ~ 5:00 PM En Inglés

7:00PM Spanish      Sábado ~ 7:00 PM En Español

Sunday

10:00 AM English      Domingo ~ 10:00 AM En Inglés

1:00 PM Spanish      Domingo ~ 1:00 PM En Español

### Weekdays

9:00 AM Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday  
lunes, martes, miércoles, viernes

7:00 PM jueves en Español

No 9 AM Mass on Thursday

No hay Misa los jueves a las 9 AM

Holy Days check inside Bulletin for Mass times

No Vigil Masses

Revise dentro del Boletín que se entrega en las Misas

First Friday Adoration begins after morning Mass  
and ends with Benediction at 5:30 PM.

Todos los viernes primero de mes de 10:00 AM Adoración  
al Santísimo a 5:30 PM.

## **WELCOME VISITORS AND NEWCOMERS**

New members may register by calling the parish  
office (weekdays from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM).

## *Mission Statement*

Saint Mary is a diverse Catholic community working  
together to live the Gospel, grow in faith through the  
Eucharist, and share our gifts in service to others.

## **WELCOME HOME RETURNING CATHOLICS**

*Landings* is designed to help people return to  
Mass and the Sacraments.  
Call the office for information.

**PARISH DIRECTORY  
CHURCH**

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 Parish Secretary.....ext. 10  
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 Parish Bookkeeper.....ext. 28  
 Mrs. Elvira Ponce,  
 Hispanic Ministry.....ext. 22  
 Mrs. Vicki Ellis,  
 Choir Director, 10:00 AM  
 Mr. Philip Eubanks, Organist  
 Mr. Mike Nault, Organist & Choir  
 Director, 5:00 PM  
 Mr. Van Tran, Sacristan

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 Supervisor.....ext. 31  
 Mr. Larry Jones,  
 Assistant.....ext. 31

**PASTORAL ADVISORY  
COUNCIL**

Chair Kevin Bacon  
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 Jones, Paula Long, Phyllis Radford,  
 Donna Stevenson, Gene Seward.

**Mass Intentions and Readings  
for December 27, 2014 to January 4, 2015**

<b>Sat. 12/27</b>	<b>1 John 1:1-4; Psalm 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; John 20:1a. 2-8</b>
5:00PM	Michael Benjamin Factor, dec. by St. Mary Parish
7:00PM	Pro Populo
<b>Sun. 12/28</b>	<b>Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 or Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Psalm 128:1-5 or Psalm 105:1-6, 8-9; Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17] or Hebrews 11: 8, 11-12, 17-19; Luke 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]</b>
10:00AM	Geraldine Prys, dec. by Doris Baddour
1:00PM	Spanish Mass
<b>Mon. 12/29</b>	<b>1 John 2:3-11; Psalm 96:1-3, 5b-6; Luke 2:22-35</b>
9:00AM	Dennis Charbonneau, dec. by Doris Baddour
<b>Tue. 12/30</b>	<b>1 John 2:12-17; Psalm 97:7-10; Luke 2:36-40</b>
9:00AM	Baltazar Castillo, Sr., dec. by Jim & Elena Cobb
<b>Wed. 12/31</b>	<b>1 John 2:18-21; Psalm 96:1-2, 11-13; John 1:1-18</b>
5:00PM	For the Soul of Jacob
7:00PM	Spanish Mass
<b>Thu. 1/1</b>	<b>Numbers 6:22-27; Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21</b>
10:00AM	Pro Populo
<b>Fri. 1/2</b>	<b>1 John 2:22-28; Psalm 98:1-4; John 1:19-28</b>
9:00AM	No Mass Today
<b>Sat. 1/3</b>	<b>1 John 2:29—3:6; Psalm 98:1, 3cd-6; John 1:29-34</b>
5:00PM	Sue Smyk, dec. by Erma & Joseph Smyk
7:00PM	Pro Populo
<b>Sun. 1/4</b>	<b>Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12</b>
10:00AM	Anton Markowitsch, dec. by Olga & Paul Markowitsch
1:00PM	Spanish Mass

Penance and Reconciliation

Saturday ~ 4-4:40PM and by appointment.

Baptism

Baptisms are during Mass the third weekend of each month. Preparation is required before *scheduling* the time and date.

Marriage

Contact the Deacon *six months in advance* of the ceremony.

Sacrament of the Sick

If you wish to receive the sacrament of the sick during a prolonged illness or before surgery, please call the office.

Communion

If you wish to receive communion from a Eucharistic Minister due to illness, age, or handicap, please call the office. These visits are made after the Mass has been celebrated.

*Christmas Flowers*

The generous donations of our Parishioners make possible the beautiful display of Christmas flowers.  
 Thank you for your generosity.

**The Sanctuary Lamps for the week of December 28 to January 3rd**

**Church Lamp:** will be lit in Loving Memory of **John Dougherty** by wife Diana Dougherty and family.

**Chapel Lamp:** If you would like to reserve the Sanctuary Lamp in the Chapel in memory or honor of a person or event please, call the Parish Office at 919-734-5033 ext. 10 or 26.

**Parish Office Holiday Schedule**

The Parish Office will be closed for the Christmas Holiday from Wednesday, December 24th reopening on Monday, January 5th.

We wish all of our Parishioners a very Blessed and Peaceful Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

**Baby Bottle Drive...** If you have not returned your Baby Bottle you may still do so...just bring it to the Parish Office on Monday, January 5th.

**SVDP Breakfast...**

Sunday, January 4th join other parishioners after the 10:00am Mass and enjoy a delicious breakfast of scrambled eggs, sausage, grits, pancakes, biscuits, juice, coffee or tea. Donations are accepted and help the SVDP Society with their outreach mission in Wayne County.

**Knights Dinner...**

The Knights of Columbus, Council #5487 will host their dinner for the families of deceased knights and all council members families on Sunday, January 18, 2015 at 3:00pm in the school auditorium. Families and Knights will be contacted by council callers to determine attendance. Dinner will be followed by musical entertainment.

**March for Life Bus...**

Our Parish is sponsoring a bus to the March for Life in Washington, DC on Thursday, January 22, 2015. If you have reserved a seat but have not paid for it please, let John Marguglio know that you still intend to be at the march.

If you can not attend but would like to sponsor a seat for someone who can go but can not afford the cost please, see John Marguglio. The cost for a seat on the bus is \$25.00.

If you need to contact John he is usually at the back of the church after the Sunday Mass or you may call his cell at 919-988-2389.

# Parish Calendar

**Sunday, December 28– The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**

- \* No Faith Formation Classes
- \* Spanish Language Choir Practice Church after 1:00pm Mass

**Monday, December 29**

- \* Parish Office & School Closed
- \* K of C Directors Meeting Cafeteria 7:00pm

**Tuesday, December 30**

- \* Parish Office & School Closed
- \* Perpetual Novena Chapel 6:45pm
- \* Legion of Mary Library 7:00pm

**Wednesday, December 31-New Year's Eve**

- \* Parish & School Closed
- \* Vigil Mass for Solemnity of Mary Church 5:00pm
- \* Spanish Vigil Church 7:00pm

**Thursday, January 1-Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**

- \* Parish & School Office Closed
- \* Mass for Solemnity Church 10:00am

**Friday, January 2– First Friday**

- \* Parish & School Office Closed
- \* No Mass Today
- \* Spanish Language Choir Practice Church 6:00pm

**Saturday, January 3-The Most Holy Name of Jesus**

- \* 5:00pm Choir Practice Church 4:00pm

**Sunday, January 4-The Epiphany of the Lord**

- \* No Faith Formation Classes
- \* SVDP Breakfast Cafeteria 9:00am to noon
- \* Youth Board Meeting FF Conf. Room 9:00am
- \* AAMEN Meeting Parish House after 10:00am mass
- \* Spanish Language Choir Practice Church after 1:00pm Mass
- \* Hispanic Fellowship Gathering Auditorium 2:30pm



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**Offertory Report**

December 14 \$ 6,987.31  
 Budgeted: \$ 7,750.00  
 Over (Under) \$ (762.90)

Donations Received for end of year:  
 \$4,750.00

Retirement fund for Religious:  
 \$1,334.00

**Second Collection January 4, 2015:**  
 Saint Mary School Support



### In our thoughts and prayers:

Pray for the intentions of those in nursing facilities, the homebound, the chronically ill, and those who are critically ill.

Please remember in a special way the following parishioners who have requested your prayers:

Robert Ames, Leonor Balderas, Jesse Brickhouse, Nubia Cano, Fran Charbonneau, Judy Cordeiro, Lee & Sarah Davis, Marjorie Dixon, Elaine Evans, Gustavo Gonzalez Agnes Harris, Joan Jones, Laura Jones, Bertha Kish, Erma Lawrence, Denise Lewis, Dorothy Lewis, Verna Mullinax, Billie & Jim Myers, Wilbur & Mary Perry, Benjamin Raposa, Simon Scott, and Natalie Ulrey.

If you would like your name included in the Prayers for the Sick in the Bulletin please contact our coordinators for "Prayers for the Sick", Barbara at 919-751-0024 or Gloria at 919-734-3810.

**Please also remember in your prayers all of our parishioners who are in the military especially those who are deployed.**



### Saint Mary School Corner

*Keeping Spirit and Faith in Education*

Saint Mary School will be closed the week of December 29th and will reopen on Monday, January 5th.

May all of our students and their parents have a very Happy and safe New Year. May God Bless you all with health and happiness in the New Year.

### Treasures From Our Tradition

In the last century, a few new feasts were blended into the Church year, including today's. After World War I, the chaos of daily life in Europe made its impact felt on the family structure. Partly to offer Christians an image of hope and holiness in married family life, and also to promote the welfare of children, today's feast was "invented" in 1921. In 1969, it became a feast of Christmas.

The prayers today remind us not only of family life, but of life in the community of faith. We ponder the mystery of a God who loves us dearly enough to embrace the struggles, joys, and daily sorrows of family life. The message of Christmas shines through: God-with-us is available to us in the ordinary patterns of our lives and commitments. The lives of people who raise their children in difficult circumstances, and of people who remain faithful to life in the Church in spite of some of their own family struggles, occupy a special place in our hearts today in prayer.

--Rev. James Field, Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.

### Feast of the Holy Family

The Holy Family feast is a good time to remember the family unit and pray for our human and spiritual families. We also may take this feast to reflect on the value and sanctity of the family unity, and to evaluate our own family life. What ways may it be improved? What would Jesus, Mary, and Joseph do? Finally, we can use this feast to ask ourselves what are we doing to promote the family within our own cultures, neighborhoods, and communities.

### Prayer for the Family

Let us pray for peace in our families...

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. Amen.

### Diocese of Raleigh

[www.dioceseofraleigh.org](http://www.dioceseofraleigh.org)

Diocese launches new video series, "Raleigh to Rome" - a weekly Catholic news brief of local and global Catholic news hosted by Billy Atwell, Director of Communications. Watch and subscribe to the Raleigh to Rome YouTube channel. - See more at: <http://dioceseofraleigh.org/offices/communications/centralized-mail#sthash.Vv2Mzj74.dpuf>

### The Diocesan observation of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday is scheduled for Mon., Jan. 19, 2015.

The day which will begin at 9am at the Cathedral School hall, Raleigh will include a service project highlighting the element of human dignity in the first theme of Catholic Social Teaching, Life and Dignity of the Human Person; and Mass celebrating by Bishop Michael F. Burbidge at 10am at Sacred Heart Cathedral. Participants are asked to bring new or used clothing, all sizes or travel-sized toiletries. Everyone is welcome to attend and participate. For more information or questions, contact the Office of African Ancestry Ministry & Evangelization, 919-821-9763. - See more at: <http://dioceseofraleigh.org/offices/communications/centralized-mail#sthash.0BhUJwww.dpuf>

### Handicapped Encounter Christ

Want to enrich your spiritual and social life? You are invited to join us at the Handicapped Encounter Christ (HEC) winter retreat on January 9-10 at the Short Journey Center in Smithfield. We are in need of able-bodied partners for our physically disabled members. Training is provided. The cost is \$45 for the retreat. Scholarships are available and there is no charge for college students. This is a wonderful ministry and an opportunity to receive much more than you give! To volunteer or for more information, please contact Charlie and Marty Coe, 919-832 7237, [ccoe@nc.rr.com](mailto:ccoe@nc.rr.com) - See more at: <http://dioceseofraleigh.org/offices/communications/centralized-mail#sthash.piAMlzEI.dpuf>

## WE ARE GOD'S HOLY FAMILY

The scriptures of Israel are filled with many stories of barren couples who were miraculously granted the gift of children by God. Surely the best known among these is the first reading from today, from which Luke took inspiration when he recounted the miraculous birth of John the Baptist to Zechariah and Elizabeth, and the more miraculous birth of Jesus to Mary and Joseph. In each instance, we are given examples or role models of those who trusted in God. More than examples of those who trust, they are models of self-surrender. They abandoned their own presuppositions and prejudices about the workings of the world and turned their lives over to belief in a God who can make life grow where none ought to; a God who can turn death around into a new and unimagined life; a God who can, today, take a tiny child of humble parents in an insignificant town and make him into a light for all the world. This is what we, as God's holy family, are called to do each day: to trust not in ourselves and the way we think things should be, but to open ourselves and surrender ourselves in faith to a God of endless promise. Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.

### Children of Eternity

You are children of eternity. Your immortal crown awaits you, to reward your duty and love. You may indeed sow here it tears, but you may be sure there to reap in joy.

~St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton

**SVDP...**could use the following items: tomato soup, macaroni and cheese, noodles, hamburger helper, canned fruit, tuna, small jars of mayo, jelly canned peas.

There is always need for paper towels, toilet paper, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, cleaning items like dish detergent, laundry detergent. We thank you for your continued generosity.

## Respect Life



### Love and Respect for Life: Feast of the Holy Family

*"The family is irreplaceable and, as such, must be defended with might and main. Everything must be done in order that the family will not be replaced. That is necessary not only for the private good of every person, but also for the common good of every society, nation, and state."*

~Pope John Paul II, January 3, 1979

Mankind's last night of waiting, which is recalled to us every year by the liturgy of the Church on the eve and the feast of the Nativity of the Lord, is at the same time the night in which the Promise was fulfilled. The One who was awaited, who was, and does not cease to be, the end of the advent, is born. Christ is born. That happened once, in the night at Bethlehem, but in the liturgy it is repeated every year, in a certain way it "is actualized" every year. And every year, too, it is rich with the same content: divine and human, which is so superabundant that man is not capable of embracing it all with one glance; and it is difficult to find words to express it altogether. Even the liturgical period of Christmas seems to us too short to dwell on this event, which presents more the characteristics of "mysterium fascinosum", than those of "mysterium tremendum". Too short, to "enjoy" fully the coming of Christ, the birth of God in human nature. Too short, to untangle the single threads of this event and of this mystery.

The liturgy centers our attention on one of those threads and highlights it particularly. The birth of the Child in the night at Bethlehem started the Family. For this reason, the Sunday during the octave of Christmas is the

Feast of the Family of Nazareth. This is the Holy Family. This is at the same time a human Family, and therefore the Church, in the period of Christmas, addressed, through the Holy Family, every human family. The solemnity of Christmas and the feast of the Holy Family, are particularly near and dear to us, just because we meet in them the fundamental dimension of our faith, that is, the mystery of the Incarnation, with no less fundamental dimension of the affairs of man. Everyone must recognize that this essential dimension of the affairs of man is precisely the family. And in the family it is procreation: a new man is conceived and is born, and through this conception and this birth the man and the woman, in their capacity as husband and wife, become father and mother, parents, reaching a new dignity and assuming new duties.

The family is placed at the very center of the common good in its various dimensions, precisely because man is conceived and born in it. Everything possible must be done in order that this human being should be desired, awaited and experienced as a particular, unique and unrepeatable value right from the beginning, from the moment of his conception. He must feel that he is important, useful, dear and of great value, even if infirm or handicapped; even more loved, in fact, for this reason.

The mother who is about to give birth cannot be left alone with her doubts, difficulties and temptations. We must stand by her side, so that she will not put a burden on her conscience, so that the most fundamental bond of man's respect for man will not be destroyed. Such, in fact, is the bond that begins at the moment of conception, as a result of which we must all, in a certain way, be with every mother who must give birth; and we must offer her all the help possible.



### A New Year's Message from Father Alex

Happy New Year everyone!

I hope and pray that this New Year holds many blessings for you, that it is a time of grace and healing and light and peace for you and your families and the whole world that we might all keep realizing the graces and love the Lord has for us.

Saint John Paul II once declared New Year's Day to be World Peace Day, and every year he wrote a long letter to the world, and I would like to offer an excerpt of his message:

"All of you hear the humble appeal of one who cries out: today at the beginning of the New Year, peace remains possible. And if peace is possible, it is also a duty. Humanity needs now more than ever to rediscover the path of concord, overwhelmed as it is by selfishness and hatred, by the thirst for power and the lust for vengeance."

"We Christians see the commitment to educate ourselves and others to peace as something at the very heart of our religion. For Christians, in fact, to proclaim peace is to announce Christ who is our peace. It is to announce his Gospel, which is a Gospel of peace. It is to call all people to the beatitude of being 'peacemakers.' [As we read in the Gospel,] 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the sons and daughters of God.'

I think his statement was beautiful, powerful and helpful, encouraging the world to reject war and violence, poverty and discrimination, spiritual sloth and sins of omission and hasten the victory of love by joining in the work and duty of peace and love for others. My hope and prayer is that we can all keep building the body of Christ and move from some lack of interest in others to total charity, from darkness to light, from war to peace, from hate to love, from doubt to faith, from despair to hope, and from sadness to joy and welcome God's reign of love, nonviolence, joy and peace on earth.

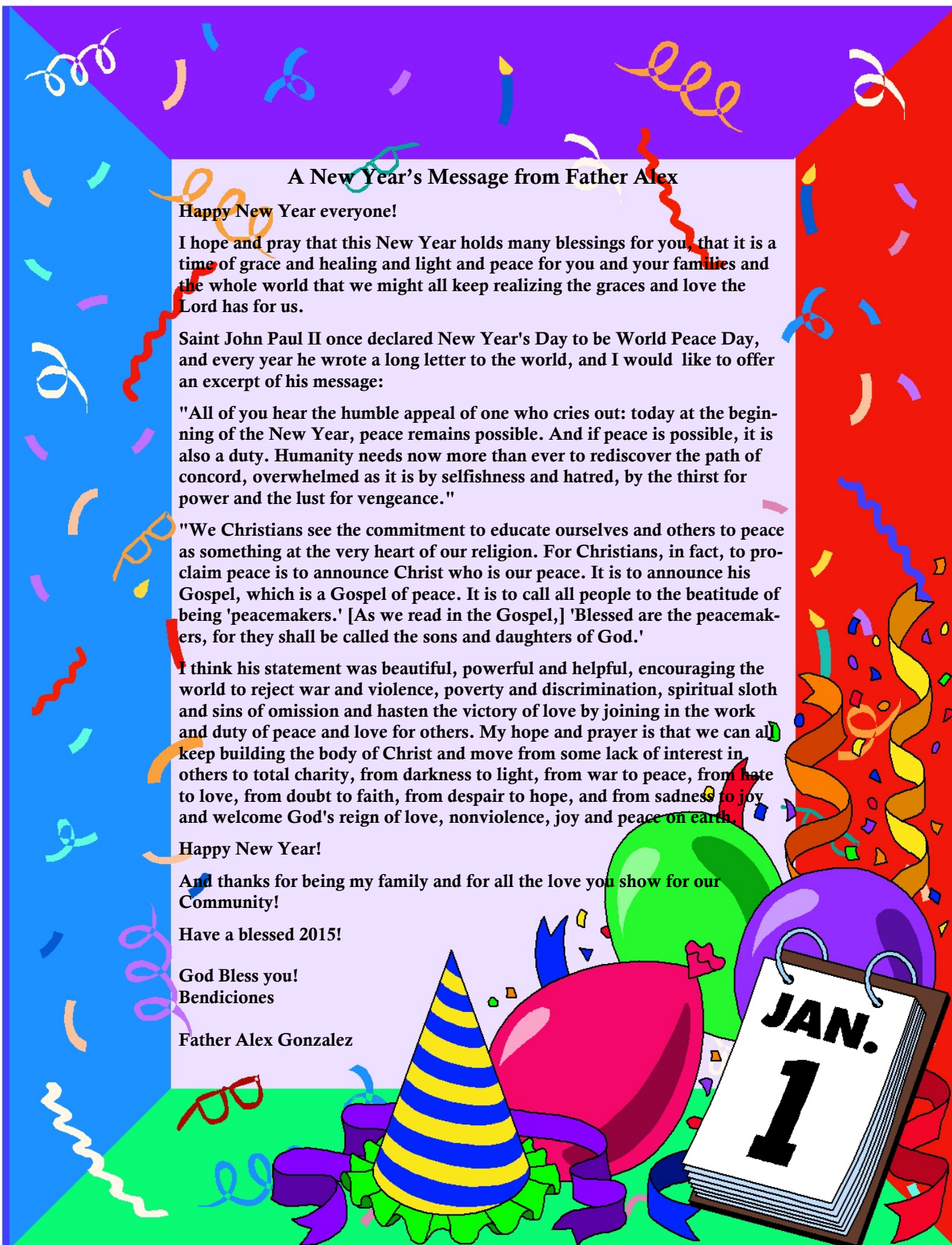
Happy New Year!

And thanks for being my family and for all the love you show for our Community!

Have a blessed 2015!

God Bless you!  
Bendiciones

Father Alex Gonzalez



### Mensaje de Año Nuevo del Padre Alex

Feliz Año Nuevo para todos!

Espero y rezo para que este Año Nuevo les traiga muchas bendiciones. Ese es el tiempo de gracia y reconciliación ; de luz y paz para ustedes y sus familias.

San Juan Pablo II una vez declaró que el Día de Año Nuevo es el Día de la Paz Mundial y cada año el escribió una carta para el mundo y me gustaría ofrecer un extracto de su mensaje.

“ Todos escuchamos la humilde súplica de alguien que clama. Hoy, al inicio de un Nuevo Año, la paz todavía es posible; es también una obligación. La humanidad necesita ahora más que nunca redescubrir el camino de la concordia, abrumada por el egoísmo y el odio, por la sed de poder y los deseos de venganza.”

Nosotros, los Cristianos, tenemos el compromiso de educarnos a nosotros mismos y a otros para estar en paz, como algo que está muy profundo en nuestra religión.

Para los cristianos proclamar la paz es anunciar a Cristo quien es nuestra paz. Es anunciar nuestro Evangelio que es un Evangelio de paz. (Como leemos en el Evangelio,)” Benditos sean los hacedores de paz, por lo que ellos serán llamados hijos e hijas de Dios”.

Pienso que esta declaración es maravillosa, poderosa y favorable, incentivando al mundo a rechazar la guerra y la violencia, la pobreza y la discriminación, la pereza espiritual y los pecados por omisión espiritual, la victoria del amor compartiendo el trabajo y el deber de paz y amor por otros.

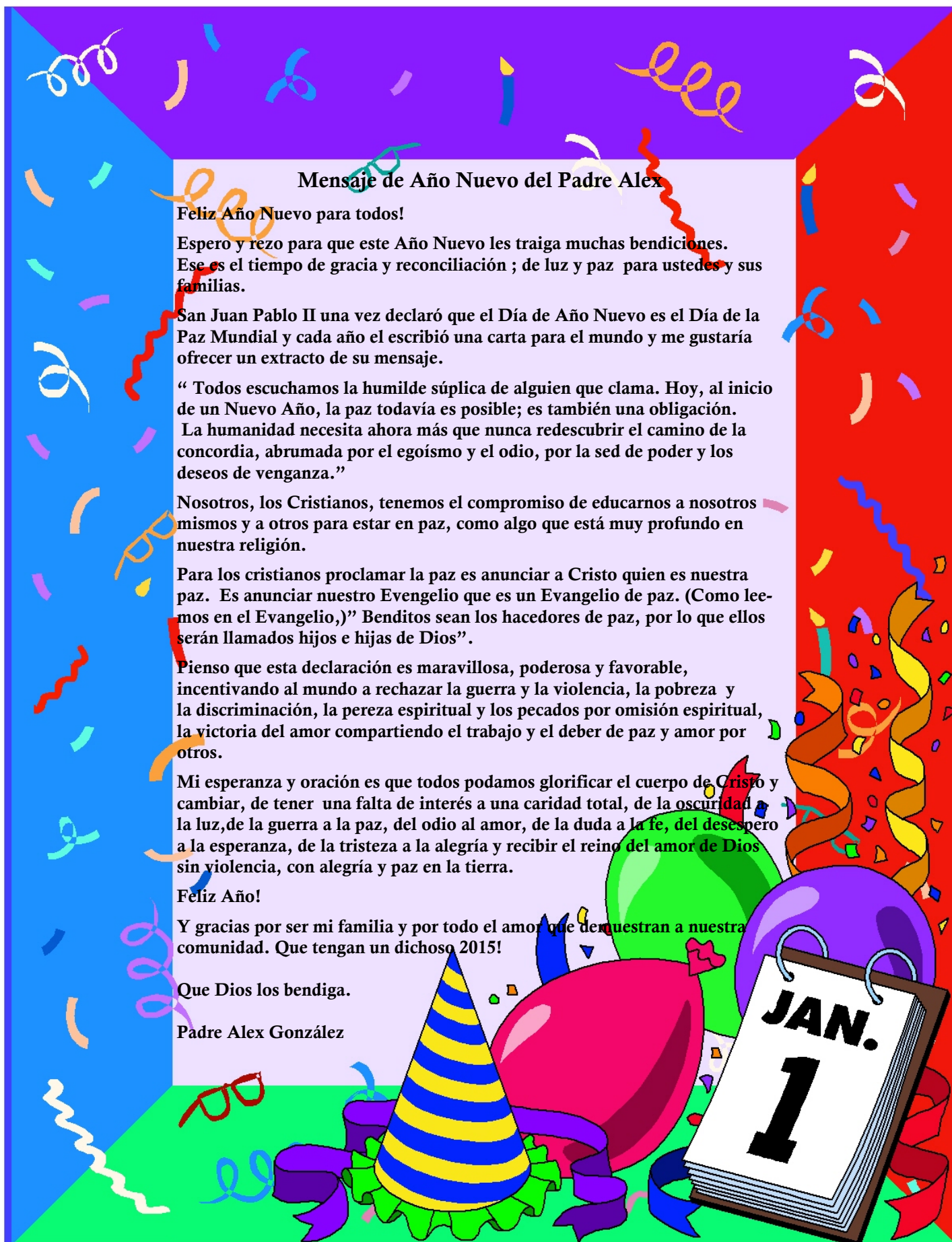
Mi esperanza y oración es que todos podamos glorificar el cuerpo de Cristo y cambiar, de tener una falta de interés a una caridad total, de la oscuridad a la luz, de la guerra a la paz, del odio al amor, de la duda a la fe, del desespero a la esperanza, de la tristeza a la alegría y recibir el reino del amor de Dios sin violencia, con alegría y paz en la tierra.

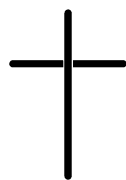
Feliz Año!

Y gracias por ser mi familia y por todo el amor que demuestran a nuestra comunidad. Que tengan un dichoso 2015!

Que Dios los bendiga.

Padre Alex González





### Misión de la Parroquia

La parroquia de Santa María es una comunidad católica y diversa que trabaja unida para vivir el evangelio, crecer en fe por la Eucaristía y compartir nuestros talentos en servicio a otros.

### Directorio

Padre John Alexander Gonzalez  
919 734-5033 ext. 27

Bautismos—Elvira Ponce 919-252-0768

### Sacramentos

**Bautismo:** Asistir a la preparación, padres y padrinos y fijar la fecha con el sacerdote.

**Confesión:** Sábados de 4:00pm a 4:40pm

Para enfermos en el hospital o en casa comuníquese con la parroquia.

**Unción de los Enfermos:** Si usted quiere recibir el sacramento por enfermedad u operación favor de comunicarnoslo.

**Comunión para enfermos:** Si tiene algún familiar en el hospital o en casa que desee recibir la comunión comuníquese con la parroquia.

**Matrimonios:** Iniciar la preparación con seis meses de anticipación.

### Pláticas Pre-Bautismales

Requisitos:

- \* Asistir a las pláticas, padres y padrinos.
- \* Traer copia del acta de nacimiento del niño (a).
- \* Traer copia del acta de matrimonio de los padrinos.
- \* Llenar una solicitud por niño.
- \* Estar registrados o registrarse en la parroquia.

### Confirmaciones

- \* Estar bautizado.
- \* Haber hecho la primera comunión.
- \* Ser mayor de 15 años.

### Presentaciones

Requisitos:

- \* Solicitarla 2 meses antes.
- \* Estar bautizado (a).
- \* Donación
- \* Se hacen en la Misa del sábado o Domingo

### XV Años

Si cumples y/o deseas celebrar tus XV años en los primeros 6 meses del año te invitamos a inscribirte para la preparación:

Requisitos:

- \* Estar bautizada
- \* Haber hecho la primera Comunión
- \* Inscribirse con 4 meses de anticipación con María la coordinadora.
- \* Asistir a la preparación
- \* Donación
- \* Llevarse un volante de información y seguir las reglas.

### Abogado Certificado en Migración

El ministerio social católico tiene un abogado autorizado y reconocido para casos de migración si usted necesita algún servicio comuníquese con:

Jim Palmer 252-355-5111

(habla español)

2717 Memorial Blvd., Greenville

### SOMOS LA SAGRADA FAMILIA DE DIOS

Las lecturas de Israel están repletas de relatos de parejas estériles a quienes Dios les concedió el milagro de tener hijos. Sin duda el relato más conocido es el de la primera lectura de hoy: Lucas se inspiró en este relato para contar el milagroso nacimiento de Juan Bautista, hijo de Zacarías e Isabel, y el nacimiento aun más milagroso de Jesús, hijo de María y José. En ambos casos, vemos ejemplos de modelos a seguir de personas que confiaron en Dios. Más que ser ejemplos de personas que confiaron, son modelos de entrega incondicional de sí. Abandonaron sus propios preconceptos y prejuicios sobre el funcionamiento del mundo y entregaron sus vidas a creer en un Dios que puede hacer que haya vida en lugares en donde era inconcebible que la hubiera; un Dios que puede convertir la muerte en una vida nueva e inimaginable; un Dios que puede, hoy, tomar a un niño de padres humildes en un pueblo insignificante y convertirlo en una luz para el mundo entero. Esto es a

lo que se nos llama a hacer cada día como Sagrada Familia de Dios: confiar no sólo en nosotros mismos y en la manera en que pensamos que deberían ser las cosas, sino a abrirnos y entregarnos en fe a un Dios de promesa infinita. Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.

### TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Durante siglos, en el continente latinoamericano, el respeto a los ancianos ha sido la base social que nutre nuestras culturas. Lamentablemente este respeto empieza a desvanecerse por la invasión de una mentalidad occidental que valora sólo la juventud. A nuestro alrededor hay muchos de nuestros mayores menospreciados y olvidados por su avanzada edad y fragilidad. A su vez, vemos muchos niños vagabundeando y mal formándose por la falta de supervisión adulta. Es necesario que estos ancianos y niños se encuentren y se bendigan mutuamente.

San Lucas (2:22-40) recuerda dos bellos momentos en la infancia de Jesucristo: la bendición del anciano Simeón y el encuentro con Ana, la profetisa. Estos dos ancianos piadosos frecuentaban al templo de Jerusalén con la esperanza de ver al Mesías. Me imagino que José y María se sorprendieron mucho cuando se les acercaron estos dos viejitos. Pero la santa pareja no les negó su niño a los brazos de estos dos ancianos. El niño les alegró la vida y ellos glorificaron a Dios. La bendición que le dieron a Jesús lo acompañó toda su vida.

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Las donaciones que hacemos a la SVDP ayudan a los más necesitados dentro del Condado de Wayne. Mucas gracias por su generosidad.



**Lecturas De La Semana**

- Lunes:** 1 Juan 2:3-11; Salmos 96 (95):1-3, 5b-6; Lucas 2:22-35
- Martes:** 1 Juan 2:12-17; Salmos 96 (95):7-10; Lucas 2:36-40
- Miércoles:** 1 Juan 2:18-21; Salmos 96 (95):1-2, 11-13; Juan 1:1-18
- Jueves:** Números 6:22-27; Salmos 67 (66):2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gálatas 4:4-7; Lucas 2:16-21
- Viernes:** 1 Juan 2:22-28; Salmos 98 (97):1-4; Juan 1:19-28
- Sábado:** 1 Juan 2:29—3:6; Salmos 98 (97):1, 3cd-6; Juan 1:29-34
- Domingo:** Isaías 60:1-6; Salmos 72 (71):1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Efesios 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mateo 2:1-12

**La Sagrada Familia de Jesús, María y José**

Eclesiástico 3:2-6, 12-14/ Salmo 127:1-2, 3, 4-5/ Colosenses 3:12-21/ Lucas 2:22-40/ Hebreos 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/ Lucas 2:22-40

**Reflexionemos sobre la Palabra de Dios**

En la Navidad celebramos que Dios se hizo hombre y así el rostro de la creación cambió. Reflexionamos en ese gran misterio de la encarnación: Jesús es verdadero Dios y verdaderamente

hombre. La divinidad ha entrado en comunión con la humanidad en el cuerpo y el alma de Jesús de Nazaret. Pero la Navidad no es un solo día, sino todo un tiempo del año. Hoy, en este domingo después de Hoy, en este domingo después de Navidad, reflexionamos sobre la Sagrada Familia. ¿Qué diferencia hace este misterio de la encarnación en las familias? Jesús vino para reunir a los hijos de Israel en una familia nueva, una familia unida no por sangre sino por la fe en Dios. Así es que en

el Evangelio de hoy vemos a algunos de los primeros miembros de esa familia. Al Evangelio de Lucas se le ha llamado el Evangelio de Jesús, que es la compasión de Dios, el Evangelio de la oración, el Evangelio del Espíritu Santo, y también podemos verlo como el Evangelio de la familia. Lucas nos presenta primero a Isabel, la prima de María y al esposo de Isabel, Zacarías, los padres de Juan el Bautista. Luego conocemos a María y a José. Hoy conocemos a otros dos miembros de la familia, Simeón y Ana, que no son consanguíneos, sino más bien parientes por la fe en las promesas del Dios de Israel. Ambos ven en el Niño Jesús la gloria de Israel y la luz para los paganos. La Navidad nos recuerda que al ser bautizados en Cristo pertenecemos a la familia de Dios. Como "elegidos de Dios", como les recuerda Pablo a los colosenses (3:12), debemos revestirnos de compasión, de bondad, de mansedumbre y de paciencia, soportándonos mutuamente y perdonándonos los unos a los otros.

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