December 29th, 2019 Feast of the Holy Family - A Member of the Saint Agnes Deanery

Service Music: Mass of Creation
G3 #193, #194, #198, #199, #202, #204

Readings: G3 #1007
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Opening Song: Angels We Have Heard on High G3 #430 vs. 1,2,3,4

Responsorial Psalm:
Refrain
Bless-ed are those who fear the Lord,
Bless-ed are those who fear the Lord.

Psalm 128:
Blessed Are Those

Preparation of the Gifts: Once in Royal David’s City G3 #455 vs. 1,2,3,4,5

Communion: What Child is This G3 #466 vs. 1,2,3

Closing Song: Joy to the World G3 #437
After the introduction and instrumental verse, please join in singing verses 1, 2, and 4.

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God can bring a Message out of our Mess

One of my consistent reflections during Christmas and the Feast of the Holy Family this weekend is that God is not a perfectionist. I’m not saying God is not perfect; that would be contrary to Christian belief. I’m saying that according to how we understand perfectionism, God's actions in the Christmas story don't seem to hold up. We think of perfectionism as meticulously and carefully controlling all the variables of a situation so that it might go exactly as we plan. That hardly seems like the Christmas story...

Imagine how different the Christmas story would be if God were a perfectionist…accommodations would have certainly been prepared for them, either with Joseph's family or at least with a reservation at a local inn. A bed would have been readied for him; if not a more comfortable or ornate bed like royalty, at least a respectable bed with plenty of cushioning. Probably a midwife to help Mary during labor and delivery; instead of Joseph, who was likely little support. How about some family support around; some of Joseph's relatives there to support Mary and share the good news with her. And how about time to recuperate instead of having to rush off to salvage her child from a crazy dictator.

Instead, the greatest moment in human history was full of messiness - no room accommodations, child birth in a stable, an animal trough for a bed, and an emergency departure. What does this reveal about God? It reveals that God enters into the messiness of human life. We don't have an elitist God that only enters into situations that are perfect or that he's comfortable with. Instead, in the midst of the messiness of that night, the message of God's love was revealed through the birth of this little child.

As we approach the Lord this Christmas and on this Feast of the Holy Family, with all of our personal baggage and all the dysfunction and messiness of our family lives, may we be confident that Jesus can bring a message out of our mess this year.

Merry Christmas,

Fr. Jeremy

LITURGICAL MINISTERS: Please return your preference sheets no later than Tuesday, January 21st. There are extra forms available on the table in the Gathering Space.

PLEASE NOTE: The Parish Office will be closed January 1st-2nd..

PAX CHRISTI

MEETING: Pax Christi will have a meeting in the Kirtland Classroom Sunday, January 5th after the 11am Mass.

MASS INTENTIONS: Anyone who would like a Mass intention said for someone at any of our Masses, please call the Parish Office for available days and Mass times.

BAPTISMS: This sacrament is generally celebrated the fourth Sunday of each month. Any parents who want their child baptized at Corpus Christi University Parish, please call Tom & Lynn Guitteau at 419-536-4022 or our Parish Secretary, Becky Fournier at 419-531-4992 for information.

CCUP Prayer Network: If you would like to add an intention to the Corpus Christi Prayer Network, please email: ccupprayernetwork@gmail.com, or call Lucy Abu-Abasi at 419-491-8383. Please notify Lucy at this same address with any changes to your email address or if you would like to be added to the network. Thank you so much to all the faithful prayers! You add strength to our parish.
Please Note: We will post the monthly contribution report in the second Sunday bulletin of the subsequent month.

**Hospitality Help Needed**

January 5

February 16

February 23

Please email or call Becky Fournier if you would like more information or are willing to help!

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**TITHE: APPALACHIA SPRING BREAK TRIP**

The Christian Appalachian Project (CAP) is committed to serving people in need in Appalachia by providing physical, spiritual, and emotional support through a wide variety of programs and services. Fr. Dan Zak will be taking a group of UT students to assist CAP during their upcoming spring break.

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**Christmas Mass Schedule**

(Please note: Due to the University of Toledo’s Christmas Break, there is no 6pm, Sunday Mass until school resumes on Jan. 19th.)

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph:**
- Dec. 28/29: Sat. @ 4:30 pm and Sun. @ 11am

**Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God:**
- Wed., Jan. 1st @ 11am (Holy Day)

**The Epiphany of the Lord:**
- Jan. 4/5: Sat. @ 4:30 pm and Sun. @ 11am

**Baptism of the Lord:**
- Jan. 11/12: Sat. @ 4:30 pm and Sun. @ 11am

**We resume to our full Mass schedule the weekend of January 18/19**

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**CCUP WEEKLY ACTIVITY & LITURGICAL CALENDAR**

**Sunday, December 29**
- Mass [Fr. William C. Parker].............11:00 a.m...............................................................Church

**Monday, December 30**
- Mass...............................................12:05 p.m...........................................................Chapel

**Wednesday, January 1 The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**
- Mass...............................................11:00 a.m...........................................................Church

**Friday, January 3**
- Mass...............................................12:05 p.m...........................................................Chapel

**Saturday, January 4**
- Mass..........................................................4:30 p.m...........................................................Church

**Sunday, January 5**
- Mass [The Toma Family].................11:00 a.m...............................................................Church
- Pax Christi Meeting..........................12:15 p.m.........................................................Kirtland Classroom

**Blue - Student Activities; Red - Permanent Community Activities; Green - All Are Welcome; Purple - Mass; Pink - Sacramental Preparation**

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**DECEMBER 15**

**Attendance**
- Saturday, 4:30 p.m. .......................................................... 111
- Sunday, 11:00 a.m. .......................................................... 423
- Total .......................................................... 534

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