

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

1. The **Knights of Columbus and CWL** are hosting a **New Year's Eve celebration** at St. Paul's Hall on **December 31<sup>st</sup> starting at 7:30pm**. There will be party favors, food and music to bring in 2019. This is open to all parishioners 18 and over. Come out for an enjoyable evening with friends. Check out the posters at the back. **Tickets at \$30.00 each** are for sale after the Mass.



**Regular weekly Mass  
schedule resumes on  
January 2, 2019.**

### PRAYER TO THE HOLY FAMILY

Pope Francis

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in you we contemplate the splendor of true love, to you we turn with trust.

Holy Family of Nazareth, grant that our families too may be places of communion and prayer, authentic schools of the Gospel and small domestic Churches.

Holy Family of Nazareth, may families never again experience violence, rejection and division: may all who have been hurt or scandalized find ready comfort and healing.

Holy Family of Nazareth, make us once more mindful of the sacredness and inviolability of the family, and its beauty in God's plan.

Jesus, true God and true man, graciously hear our prayer. Mary and Joseph, co-operators with God's plan, pray for us.

Amen.

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### December 30, 2018 – Feast of the Holy Family

#### Liturgy Schedule

**Monday-Thursday**

Rosary & Mass 8:40 am

**Friday Adoration after Mass at 7:00pm**

#### Weekend Masses

Saturday 7:00 pm

Sunday 9 am & 11 am

The *Sacrament of Confession* is available  
30 minutes before the start of each Mass.

#### Parish Staff

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#### THE HOLY FAMILY



#### COLLECTIONS

(Weekly—December 23, 2018)

Loose Bills & Coins	\$ 928.75
Envelopes	2,964.00
<b>PAP</b>	<b>2,315.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 6,207.75</b>



*THANK YOU!*



### Friday Adoration January 4, 2019

**Exposition at 9:00 AM**

**Holy Mass followed by  
Adoration and  
Benediction at 7:00 PM**

For more info, contact Syriac/Celin  
@ 780-607-2889.



May the faith of God  
be with you this year.  
May the peace of God  
surround you,  
and may you be blessed  
each day!

*Happy New Year*

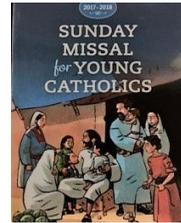
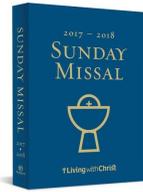


**St. Paul Roman Catholic Parish**  
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**Christmas and New Year Mass Schedule**

- Dec 15 – Dec 23, 2018** Simbang Gabi  
(Christmas Novena Masses) at 7:00 pm
- Dec 24, 2018** 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
- Dec 25, 2018** 11:00 am @ St. Paul's Church  
11:00 am @ Fort McKay
- Dec 31, 2018** 6:00 pm Mass of Thanksgiving
- Jan 1, 2019** 11:00 am Mary, the Holy Mother of God

**For to us a child is born ...he is named Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6)**



**SUNDAY  
MISSALS,  
YOUTH  
MISSALS  
&  
CALENDARS**

**ARE FOR  
SALE**

**AT \$5.00  
EACH.**

**The Feast of the Holy Family Jesus, Mary and Joseph - Be a holy family**  
by *Deacon Raymond Chan*

**December 30, 2018**

I hope you all had a beautiful celebration with your families on Christmas Day. Perhaps, for some, Christmas seems to take a long time coming, and then ends too quickly. Some may have already been back to work. But liturgically, we Catholics hold onto the celebration all the way until the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, this year is January 13th. Our main focus from Christmas to the Epiphany includes this Sunday's **Feast of the Holy Family**, this Tuesday's **Solemnity of Mary**, and next Sunday's **Solemnity of the Epiphany**.

Nowadays, we receive more Christmas cards or letters from friends with family pictures. We do that too. We pick the perfect pictures with every body smiling. The pictures of families often do not tell the whole story of family life. Photographs usually capture an ideal moment of calm, happy, joy. In real life it's sometimes just the opposite. This Sunday's readings are a wonderful affirmation that chaos, drama, surprises and challenges are part of the joy even of God's holy family. In the Gospel (Luke 2:41-52), Mary and Joseph lost Jesus for three days. Imagine your 12 years old son is late coming home from school for just one hour. How do you feel? Worry? Panic? Calling the school? .....

On this **Feast of the Holy Family**, all of us are tempted to think that we can create a holy family. We can't. Only God can provide the grace for our families to be holy. We have to do everything in our power to let His Grace flow into our homes. That is where the first two readings are pointing us. (1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28 and Colossians 3:12-17), we need to respect. Respect, like gratitude, has to be taught by parents and learned by children. How are children going to learn respect if they don't witness the respect that their mothers and fathers have for each other? By treating each other with respect, husbands and wives are building the foundation of a holy family. A holy family has to provide opportunities for the children to develop their relationship with God. We say grace before meals. This ordinary practice let children recognize that all good things come from God. Bedtime prayers are also very important as they help children develop their personal relationship with God. They learn to talk to God, ask for forgiveness, pray for their families and for all are in need of their prayers.

**Meow** (喵星人) is a 2017 Hong Kong science fantasy comedy film. In the distant corners of the universe, a planet of cats known as "Meow" exists where its creatures are more civilized than us earthlings. Long ago, the king of Meow has been sending messengers to inquire the Earth, hoping to prepare for an invasion and to take it over. In order to start the invasion, each Meow is given a divine device so that he/she can plan to cause chaos to the adopted family on Earth. However, over the years, every messenger sent to Earth never returned. Finally he selects the bravest and mightiest warrior of Meow, Pudding, as a vanguard to Earth. However, during the journey, Pudding loses the divine device and loses his divine powers to create chaos. As a result, the lean-built Pudding becomes a giant fat cat Sai-sai-lei. Sai-sai-lei is adopted as pet by a family: daddy, mommy, an elder son and a younger daughter with problem walking. While trying to locate his device, Sai-sai-lei lives and gets along well with the family. He does create disturbances and mess in the house but is forgiven every time by the family. Sai-sai-lei is moved by the family: **the family full of love and sincerity, respect and gratitude, compassion and forgiveness**. After a long search, Sai-sai-lei final finds the device to invade Earth, but he loses his desire for warfare. Instead he uses the divine power to heal the little girl's leg and lives happily with the family ever after. If cats can learn the good ways to live from us humans, surely we can learn from each other.

When we parents bring our babies for baptism, we have a huge responsibility of raising our child for God. We are in the business of raising children for God. To do this, our home must be a little church. For this to happen our family must be holy. We cannot do this on our own but rely on the grace from God, blessings from God. We need to find ways, perhaps new ways in the new year, to open family to the Grace of God, to life in the assurance of God's blessings.

As mentioned before, we will celebrate, on Tuesday, the **Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**. Mary is an example of how to live in the assurance of God's blessing. In the first reading (Numbers 6:22-27), God gives Moses and Aaron a blessing for the people. God promises that His people will be blessed. The second reading (Gal 4:4-7) St Paul reminds us we are the blessed children of God. The Gospel (Luke 2:16-21) gives us the image of Mary receiving and pondering all the blessings of the nativity. On this feast day of Mary, we are invited to celebrate her example of living in the knowledge we are blessed by God.

**2019 DONATION  
ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE**

**GET ONE SET AND REGISTER  
YOUR NAME - ADDRESS - PHONE NO.  
IN THE ENCLOSED INFO SHEET AND  
DROP IT IN THE COLLECTION  
BASKET OR AT THE OFFICE**

*Baptism preparation course*  
will be held on **January 8 & 22,**  
**Tuesday at 7 PM.**

The *Sacrament of  
Baptism* will be  
celebrated on  
**January 13 & 27,**  
**Sunday at 2 PM.**

