



**THE HOLY FAMILY
OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH**

**DECEMBER 30, 2018
St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church**

“Whatever you do, whether in speech or in action, do it in the name of the Lord Jesus.” We must see all our activities as linked with God’s work. In keeping with the Christmas season, we can reflect on God’s presence in even the most “secular” places. Parents, children, communities, single persons, young and old should all find hope in this presence.

The passages for this Sunday from Sirach and Colossians specify the shape of a happy home for their times. Whether it be in caring for an ageing parent or in the loving interaction of spouses, the ideals have perennial appeal. The particular historical applications remind us that the ideals need ever-fresh interpretation in our daily lives. While the cultural picture of nagging fathers and submissive wives remind us of a former time, we are challenged to see what a happy home can be for us. How will our relationship evolve if we do all in the name of Christ Jesus?

The gospels for each year present a variety of episodes in Jesus’ early life. His happy home, the Holy Family, is far from idyllic. Joseph must take the child and Mary to Egypt. Interpreting God’s will, they are able to escape Herod and then settle in Nazareth (year A). Joseph and Mary marvel at the poetic words of an aged man who awaits the consolation of Israel. Even here, Simeon’s words show the swords of pain and division in their home. Mary, the first to hear God’s word, must encounter the challenges of his life (year B). Jesus’ later visit to the temple presages his destiny and the tension this brought (year C).

In their family interaction, Joseph, Mary and Jesus did all in the name of God. Within our own history, we must do all in the name of this present One.

AED & CPR TRAINING: St. E’s own Kevin Shanders is volunteering once again to train parishioners in life-saving AED & CPR skills. A training session will take place on **Saturday, January 19th at 10:00 AM. SPACE IS LIMITED**, but if this class fills up, Kevin will offer additional future sessions. A sign-up sheet will be out next weekend.

MEMORIAL POINSETTIAS—Thanks to everyone who made donations to the memorial poinsettias decorating our church. The names of those remembered are listed on the bulletin board in the gathering space. Those remembered will be included in the Eucharistic Prayer at Mass during the Christmas Season.

HOSPITALITY NEXT WEEKEND – January 6, 2019:

9AM – Pamela & Arley Dunham 11AM- Cathy & Mike Myers

COLLECTIONS: Fourth Sunday of Advent: \$3,765.00

Christmas Eve & Christmas Day: \$6,730.00

THANK YOU!!! Retirement for Religious: \$3,853.00 (total to date)

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LITURGICAL READINGS

Sunday: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14/ Psalm 128/
Colossians 3:12-17 / Luke 2:41-52.

Monday: 1 John 2:18-21/ Psalm 96/ John 1:1-18.

Tuesday: Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. Numbers 6:22-27/ Psalm 67/
Galatians 4:4-7/ Luke 2:16-21.

Wed: Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church.
1 John 2:22-28/ Psalm 98/ John 1:19-28.

Thursday: 1 John 2:29-3:6/ Psalm 98/ John 1:29-34.

Friday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious. 1 John 3:7-10/ Psalm 98/ John 1: 35-42.

Saturday: St. John Neumann, Bishop. 1 John 3:11-21/ Psalm 100/ John 1:43-51.

Next Sun: The Epiphany of the Lord. Isaiah 60:1-6/ Psalm 72/ Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6/
Matthew 2:1-12.

*Wishing you lots
of luck with your
New Year's Resolutions!
Happy 2019!*

