



# Mary Help of Christians Traditional Roman Catholic Church

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## January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 † Holy Family Sunday

Sunday, Jan. 8, HIGH MASS 9:00 a.m. - St. Apollinarius, BC

*Pro Populo*

Mon., Jan. 9, No Mass in Springs - Feria (Ss. Julius & Basilissa, Mm)

*RIP Marilyn, Thomas, Jeff Soisson*

Tues., Jan. 10, HOLY MASS 8:00 a.m. - Feria (St. William, BC)

*RIP Spanier & Peters Families*

Wed., Jan. 11, HOLY MASS 8:00 a.m. - Feria (St. Hyginus, PM)

*RIP Marilyn, Thomas, Jeff Soisson*

Thurs., Jan. 12, HOLY MASS 8:00 a.m. - Feria (St. Aelred, Ab)

*Poor Souls*

Fri., Jan. 13, HOLY MASS 8:00 a.m. - Commemoration of the Baptism of Our Lord

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Sat., Jan. 14, No Mass in Springs - St. Hilary, BCD

*For the CMD Sisters*

Sunday, Jan. 15, HOLY MASS 9:00 a.m. - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

*Pro Populo*

### Serving Schedule:

Sun. Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>: Oliver Vigil, Anthony Griess

Tues., Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>: Andrew Fries & Jude Vigil

Thurs., Jan. 12<sup>th</sup>: Anthony Vigil, John Fries

Sun. Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>: Andrew Fries, Anthony Vigil

Sun. Jan. 22<sup>th</sup>: Steven Kosovich, Alexander Vigil

Wed., Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>: Andrew Fries, Alex Vigil

Fri., Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>: Alex & Jude Vigil

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I give you my heart and my soul!

**Confessions:** Sundays - 8:00 am and after Mass      Tues. & Wed. - 7:30 am      Thurs. - 2:00pm

**Ending Hymn:** We Three Kings      pg. 29      #11

**Children's Catechism Class:** Class today, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 8:15 - 8:45 am

**Adult Doctrine Class:** Wed. January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023; 6:30 - 8:00pm

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** RIP Paula Micklich, RIP Robert Bernard, Gloria Trajillo, Maria Allie, Kyle Kaltenbacher, Elijah Nosko, Michael Micklich, our Military and Police, Tom Gallegos, Richard Slusher, Malachai Miller Family and all those in need. (Contact Sister to add to this prayer list.)

**BLESSING OF ARTICLES:** is next Sunday, January 15th, following Holy Mass.

**COLLECTIONS TOTALS:** Dec. 4th: \$1698; Dec. 8th: \$351; Dec. 11th: \$1201; Dec. 18th: \$1460; Dec. 25th: \$1845.

**EPIPHANY BLESSING OF THE HOME:** may be requested. Please contact Fr. Augustine for a time.

### **The Catholic Family**

God has given us the ideal as to what the Catholic family should be. The Word was made flesh to reveal to us the mind of the Eternal Father. The purpose of the first Catholic Family was the salvation of souls. The first and foremost purpose, then, of every Catholic family is to obtain for its members the possession of everlasting life; the undoing of sin and the propagation of those truths and virtues which lead to life eternal.

*The Father's* dignity rests, first of all, upon the fact that Almighty God has bestowed upon him the privilege of cooperation in the greatest natural mystery, the creation of human life. Sons and daughters are his in a sense that nothing else that he may ever possess can be called his own. The children bear the father's name, imitate many of his mannerisms, gestures, and modes of thought. But much more than that: if he is a worthy father, and they worthy children, they carry with them through life the training in virtue which he alone can impress on their young minds. The father must dwell on this thought often for it means weighty responsibility, persevering good will, a spirit of sacrifice, and conscientious observance of God's law made known by the Church. *The Mother* is the heart of the family. Pope Pius speaks of "a pure and devoted mother....who ought to claim for herself the chief place in her family's supernatural love." This supernatural love is the beginning of all the finer instincts of the children. Its delicacy and tenderness exercise the strongest appeal. Of it are born, for example, piety, modesty, purity, fear of the Lord, all learned at the mother's knee. The mother is by nature more closely attached to her children. As in babyhood the child was incapable of taking solid food but was nourished by its mother, so in the early formative years, nature has determined that it is she who must nourish it in virtue. There is no finer instinct in the world than a grown man's mature love for the mother who bore him, and nourished him, and trained him in virtue. But to train them calls for zeal, painstaking effort, patience in weariness, and the humility that joyfully stoops to the level of the child. It is hard work, and the temptation must come at times to abandon the effort and take life easy. Only the seriousness of the undertaking and the knowledge that it is done for God can sustain the untiring effort demanded. "Let the children be, and do not hinder them from coming to me, for of such is the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew, 19: 14) *The Children* - Obedience, honor, balanced respect, gratitude. They sum up the duties of the child. The Boy Jesus Himself has left a divine example to be copied by sons and daughters. "And he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was "subject to them." God has not called them to great and heroic undertakings, but to the simple and humble perfection of learning from their natural teachers, their parents. Young men and women, still under obedience to their fathers and mothers, often complain today that they are not understood, and that parents do and say things that "get on their nerves." Certainly parents do and say things that are unpleasant! So does the State. So does the Church. God does the same thing. In fact, it is only because they are doing God's own will, which has no guarantee of being agreeable, that their commands are found to be unpleasant. Honor is shown by the proper respect and deference for parents. It calls for proper address and titles, makes the boy and girl proud for the world to know their parents, and never to feel the slightest shame or embarrassment at their clothes, their employment, uncultured speech, or anything else except open and manifest sin. Gratitude is an attempt to repay parents for their sacrifices. It is only an attempt, for full payment is impossible. It seeks to show itself by full interest in the home, in all that concerns father and mother, brothers and sisters. One who is truly grateful to parents is not bored with home life, silent, sullen, irritated by younger brothers and sisters, while amazingly gracious to outsiders. Gratitude prompts pleasing companionship, helps to realize the dream of a home that father and mother have worked for, and makes for a sympathetic understanding of parents' wishes.

*God of goodness and mercy, we commend to thy all-powerful protection our home, our family and all that we possess. Bless us all as thou didst bless the holy family of Nazareth*

