



Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

30th December 2007

Eishhh! What a bad start! And yet, after the Maggi's visit, Mary was relieved. The cruel Herod had promised he would respect the new born baby.

But Joseph was warned by the angel of the Lord... The family had to run away quickly, to a foreign land across the desert. Not a joke to have to carry Jesus! Fortunately, Joseph is there. And together with him, Mary and the baby Jesus will be safe, at least for the essentials. But, all the same, it's hard! They will be foreigners, emigrants, rejected by their own people...

How to reconcile the escape to Egypt with the angel's promise of salvation for Israel? A question without an answer for Mary and Joseph. However, they obey. God knows what he's doing. Nothing to worry about!

Mother Mary, often we do not understand what is happening to us, we do not see where we're heading to. Why all the sufferings, the misunderstandings, the quarrels, the hardships. You went through all that. For sure you can understand us. Teach us how to travel peacefully on the roads where God leads us!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Weekend masses: **SATURDAY 5 pm** and **SUNDAY 10.30 am**
Confessions: **SATURDAY 4.30 pm** or by appointment
Weekday masses: **TUESDAY 9 am** and **WEDNESDAY 7.30 pm**
First Friday of the month: **ADORATION 6.15 pm** and **MASS 7.30 pm**

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For **Mass intentions** and **appointment** with Father, please contact Shantha by phone at the office on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 9.30 to 12.30
OR leave a message on the mailbox OR send an email.
For **Sick calls**, please contact
Clive Padayachee on 011.854.5060 or 072.493.4773
For **Funerals**, please contact **Vivian Patel** on 011.854.8523 or **Cynthia Thomas** on 011.854.5490
In case of emergency only, Fr. Philippe's cell is 082.729.3758

Join in the following activities...

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP : every Monday 7.30 pm in the Hall.
Contact Edgar 011 852 4960
INTERCESSION PRAYER GROUP: every Friday 10 am - 24
Opaal Street - Extension 5. Contact Vivian 011 854 8523
PRAYER GROUP: every Saturday 3.30 pm in the Hall.
STOP: every Wednesday @ 7.30pm in the Hall. Contact:
Sebastian 078.111.9991 or Gregory 082.902.6721



However, they obeyed!

What's in the rubbish bin?

At the end of the year, people often make a thorough cleaning of their homes. All that is not useful any more finds its way to the dustbin. The leftovers of their celebrations, the things "that went bad", the empty containers that once were so promising, ... in the dustbin.

Sometimes, some people take a special interest in examining the dustbins of other people (your parish priest was struck when he discovered that!). They then start fantasising about what they discovered, creating their own stories of what had happened when the rubbish were still alive. And happy to pass on their newly created stories, the gossips turn into rumours, which soon become destructive pieces of news. So many of us have been the victims of that process during the year 2007. "If the hat fits, then wear it!"... or rather, get rid of it!

A better idea would be to look for the successes, however small, and to foster them so that they may grow into greater successes next year. A lot happened in 2007 in our community: the ordination of a deacon, the creation of a YPC, the embryo of a "zone life" with the Carols Vigils, a successful, well attended, fund raising dance, to name but a few. Happy New Year!

Altar Servers Roster

Mon 31st 8pm: Steven, Tiffany, Jacklyn M, Kewan, Tesania, Shadé, Mitchell, Bradley
Fri 4th : Adrian, Claudene, Claudette, Janine P., Kylan
Sat 5th : Bongani, Mitchell, Adrian, Tessania, Nathanie
Sun 6th : Tiffani, Steven, Shadé, Kewan, Jason

Flower List

Wendell & Carmel Ernest, Charles & Indrani Francis, Martin & Shireen Francis, Colin & Marilyn Francis.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 29th : Thanksgiving Mass
Sun 30th: Thanksgiving for all the Faithful Servants of God in our Parish

Mon 31st: Yvonne Tara Moodley RIP
Tue 1st : No Mass
Fri 4th : Joseph Michael RIP

Time Table

Monday 8pm: Mass of thanksgiving for the year 2007.

Wednesday: No Mass

Friday 6.15pm: Adoration followed by Mass.

Infants Baptism

The parents who would like to have their infant child baptised are invited to collect a form from the office or the website, to fill it and surrender it to Shanta or to Father. The child must strictly be less than 6 years.

Registration Catechism

This year, all children will have to register for Catechism through the office, starting next Saturday.

CHRISTMAS MASS

376 persons have been recorded attending the Christmas midnight mass. Very good attendance indeed! If quite a few were visitors or non-Catholic family members of our parishioners, many do belong to our Community without attending regularly the Sunday celebrations. We need them every Sunday though. Please consider!