

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

BELOVED, WE ARE GOD'S CHILDREN NOW;
WHAT WE SHALL BE HAS NOT YET BEEN REVEALED.

—1 JOHN 3:2A

DECEMBER 30, 2012

~ Parish Life and Activities... ~

HAPPY
NEW
YEAR!

A NEW YEAR'S PRAYER

**May God make your year a happy one!
Not by shielding you from all sorrows and pain,
but by strengthening you to bear it, as it comes;
not by making your path easy,
but by making you sturdy to travel any path;
not by taking hardships from you,
but by taking fear from your heart;
not by granting you unbroken sunshine,
but by keeping your face bright, even in the shadows;
not by making your life always pleasant,
but by showing you when people and their causes need you most,
and by making you anxious to be there to help.
God's love, peace, hope and joy to you for the year ahead.**

THANK YOU
VERY MUCH

As we all continue to celebrate the birth of our Savior throughout this beautiful season of Christmas, I am thinking back over the past year with deep gratitude. I would like to thank all of you for your presence at our liturgies and for your many expressions of generosity to this parish. God has indeed blessed *me* with *you!* Those who volunteer for ministries to the altar and to our many outreach programs are the channels through which the Good News is spread throughout our community. Thank you all!

May God reward you for your munificence and keep you happy and safe throughout the new year. Sincerely, Fr. Guillermo

NOTICE...

Tuesday, January 1, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, is *not* a holy day of obligation in the Province of California. We will of course celebrate this special day at our 8:00a.m daily Mass.

A CALL TO
MINISTRY
IN THE
NEW YEAR...

The dignity of life ...

WE AS BAPTIZED CATHOLICS ARE CALLED TO TRANSFORM THE WORLD BY LIVING OUT OUR BAPTISMAL VOCATION, BEING AND BECOMING THE BODY OF CHRIST IN THE WORLD.

Did you know there is a group of **Eucharistic Ministers specially designated to minister Holy Communion to the ill and elderly of the parish?** According to parish need and personal preference, our ministers visit patients in their homes, 11 nursing facilities and Community Hospital of Long Beach. **We are in need of several new ministers.** If you think you have a calling to this ministry and would like information, please contact Mr. Walter Murdock at 562.788.3082 or email: wmurdock@ca.rr.com.

END-OF-YEAR
STATEMENT

As in past years, we will be happy to send end-of-year contribution statements to those who request them. You may contact us via phone 562.439.0931 x 0; stnatt@stmatthewlb.org.

NEXT
SUNDAY'S
READINGS

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 6, 2012

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 60:1-6 SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 3:2-3A, 5-6

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 2:1-12

How much of my treasure am I willing to part with to give to Jesus?