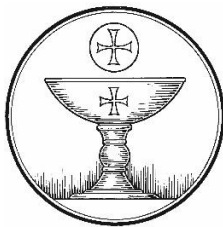


CHRIST WELCOMES YOU HOME

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Christ is born! Glorify Him! I am Father Raymond Harris. I have the privilege of serving as the Pastor of Holy Family Catholic Church. **The Christmas season can be an opportunity for Catholics to renew our commitment to follow Christ with the fellowship of His Church.** If anyone is troubled by any failures in keeping this commitment, then rejoice that now is the time to begin again. The Church is not composed of perfect people. We are ordinary people who are being perfected by the steadfast love of God.

You are welcome to join us at Holy Family Catholic Church, whether you consider yourself to be strong in faith, struggling with it, or someone in between. We are a growing intercultural parish. Members are from Northwest Baltimore County, Western Baltimore County, Southeastern Carroll County, and other areas. **We are striving to worship the Lord Jesus Christ, learn from His teaching, and live according to it as members of His Church.**



WORSHIP DURING SUNDAY HOLY MASS

On the night before the Lord Jesus died, He commanded us to do this in memory of Him (cf. *Gospel of Luke* 22:19). Therefore, His Church teaches that **we have the obligation to worship during Holy Mass on Sundays and other designated holy days of obligation.** The first followers of Christ did this regularly on Sunday, the day that Jesus rose from the dead (cf. *Acts of the Apostles* 20:7). They were devoted to it (cf. *Acts of the Apostles* 2:42).

We are “much obliged” to thank Jesus for our many blessings and helping us to deal with any burdens. We can enjoy the fellowship of the community, sing praise to God, learn how God’s Word relates to our lives, and receive Holy Communion if prepared to do so. (Note that this obligation is suspended if we are ill, taking care of a sick loved one, or inclement weather makes it difficult to travel.)

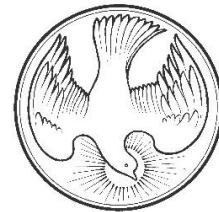
Our Sunday Holy Mass schedule:

- Saturday at 4 PM (Organ & Cantor)
- Sunday at 7:30 AM (spoken)
- Sunday at 11 AM (Organ & Cantor every Sunday with the Adult Choir on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month.

On announced **Holy Days of Obligation**, the schedule is at 8:30 AM (spoken) and 7 PM (Organ & Cantor).

Holy Mass on the weekdays is celebrated Monday – Friday at 8:30 AM.

OFFER PRAYER DAILY



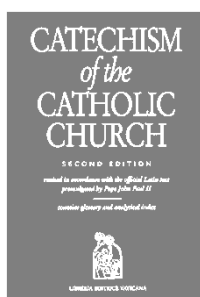
Our relationship with God continues to grow by spending time in conversation with Him. **Prayer gives God permission to enter the situations of our lives. We grow in awareness of God’s loving presence.** In the morning, we ask God for His blessings and guidance for the day ahead. In the evening, we thank God for blessings received and ask for His mercy for any sins we have committed. We pray about those situations experienced and persons we have met during that day.



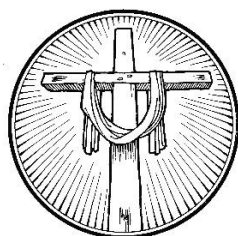
READ THE BIBLE

Reading one of the Gospels in the New Testament is a good start. **Read** a passage slowly and several times. **Reflect** on what is happening in the passage and what God may be saying to you. **Respond** by asking God to help you to live according to the lessons that you have learned during your prayer. The **Sunday Bulletin** provides the readings for Sunday Holy Mass and a reflection on the Gospel reading. Check the schedule of **Bible Studies** in the *Sunday Bulletin*, on our website (address at top of page), and social media pages.

STUDY CATHOLIC CHURCH TEACHING



The teachings of the Catholic Church come from the Word of God in the Bible and the living Apostolic Tradition. **Learn what the Church teaches and why the Church teaches it.** In addition to reading the Bible, this is how we form our conscience. *The Catechism of the Catholic Church* can help you. The *Sunday Bulletin* provides a quote from the *Catechism* related to the Sunday Gospel reading.



THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Jesus gave us this sacrament on the first Easter (cf. *Gospel of John* 20:19-23). What is confessed to the priest will be held in strict confidence and will not be held against you. Remember, you are coming to experience God's saving mercy.

I benefit from this sacrament as a penitent. As a confessor, I also know how God helps people to overcome their sins and to enjoy the opportunities that we have as children of God. Has it been a while? Do not be afraid. Ask the priest to help you.

Scheduled confessions: Saturdays (3 PM – 3:45 PM) **and the First Sunday of the Month** (10:15 AM – 10:45 AM) in the church. You can also schedule an appointment with me or any other priest.

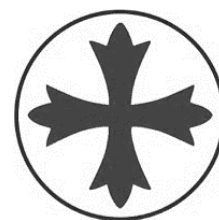
Today can be your opportunity to renew your commitment to Christ and His Church. My fellow pastoral staff members and I are here to talk with you about your journey of faith, whether you are renewing your commitment to follow the Lord as a Catholic or want to become a Catholic. In addition, for Holy Mass intention requests, sacramental certificates, and questions about parish registrations, please contact our Parish Secretary, Lorrie Winder (410-922-3800, ext. 4 or lorrie.winder@archbalt.org).

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REGISTER IN THE PARISH

My staff and I depend on our records for planning and to communicate with you. We want you to receive important parish news. It is important to be registered if you will need a letter from the Parish Office to serve as a Godparent or a Confirmation sponsor.

Offertory envelopes establish a record of our contributions. The Parish gives a statement at the end of the year for your tax return. It also helps the parish and the Archdiocese of Baltimore to plan by having an accurate account of our households.

If you are not registered, or need to update your form, then take a moment to do so. Registration forms are available near the church holy water fonts and on the website (www.holyfamilyrandallstown.org/registration). You can mail the form to the Parish Office or place it in the next Sunday offering.

SERVE OTHERS

THE WORKS OF MERCY ✕ ✕ FEED THE HUNGRY ✕
CLOTHE THE NAKED ✕ GIVE DRINK TO THE
THIRSTY ✕ VISIT THE IMPRISONED ✕ CARE FOR
THE SICK ✕ BURY THE DEAD ✕ COUNSEL THE
DOUBTFUL ✕ INSTRUCT THE IGNORANT ✕
CORRECT SINNERS ✕ COMFORT THE SORROWFUL
✕ FORGIVE ALL INJURIES ✕ BEAR WRONGS WITH
PATIENCE ✕ PRAY FOR THE LIVING AND THE DEAD

We can be a sign of God's love and mercy for others. Love means to care for the true and lasting well-being of others for their sake. We want to be a help and never a hindrance as people live as beloved children of God who strive to be faithful to His commandments. Opportunities to serve in the parish are listed in the *Sunday Bulletin*, and on our website and social media pages.