



Rejoice

CHRISTMAS 2020

And the Word became flesh
and made his dwelling among us,
and we saw his glory,
the glory as of the Father's only Son,
full of grace and truth.

John 1:14

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From the Pastor's Desk

As we celebrate this weekend the Feast of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray that all families as they journey through life always look to the Lord Jesus, Mother Mary and St. Joseph each day for guidance and inspiration. Let us pray...

O God, who were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that we may imitate them in practicing the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity, and so, in the joy of your house, delight one day in eternal rewards. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Collect, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Roman Missal, 3rd Edition

We gather to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary, January 1, New Year 2021. We also are to pray for all the people of the world on this Special Day of Prayer for World Justice and Peace. Let us pray...

O God, who through the fruitful virginity of Blessed Mary bestowed on the human race the grace of eternal salvation, grant, we pray, that we may experience the intercession of her, through whom we were found worthy to receive the author of life, our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Collect, Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, Roman Missal, 3rd Edition

Congratulations!

Michael and Lauren Palange on the Baptism of your son, *Jack Michael*.
Welcome Jack to the Christian community!

In your Charity

Please remember parishioner Robert "Bob" Warzel (Patricia); parishioner and former Director of our Parish School of Religion Victoria "Vickie" Maher. May Bob, Vickie and all who have gone before us in faith live for ever in the joy of the Resurrection. May their family and friends be consoled. Amen.



Parish Schedule and Mass Intentions

December 26 Saturday: *Saint Stephen, The First Martyr*

4:00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

5:00pm Mass (*Benitta Marie Tirpak, d. 12/19/2018*)

December 27 Sunday: **THE HOLY FAMILY OF**

JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

8:30am Mass (*People of the Parish*)

11:00am Mass (*Margaret Bauza*)

December 28 Monday: *The Holy Innocents, Martyrs*

8:30am Mass (*Matthew Selvaggio*)

December 29 Tuesday: *Fifth Day Within the Octave of the*

Nativity of the Lord; St. Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr

8:30am Mass (*Robert "Bob" Warzel, d. 12/16/2020*)

December 30 Wed: *Sixth Day Within the Octave of the*

Nativity of the Lord

December 31 Thursday: *Seventh Day Within the Octave of the*

Nativity of the Lord; St. Sylvester I, Pope

5:00pm Mass (*Charles Sofchak*)

January 1 Friday: **The Octave of the Nativity of the Lord, Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God
New Year's Day 2021**

8:30am Mass (*People of the Parish*)

11:00am Mass (*Quinto Marchetti*)

January 2 Saturday: *Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors of the Church*

4:00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation

5:00pm Mass (*Pietro DiLegge*)

January 3 Sunday: **Epiphany of the Lord**

8:30am Mass (*People of the Parish*)

11:00am Mass (*Reverend Eugene Kane, d. 1/3/1996*)

Please pray for ...



Ann, Richard Bennett, Terry Balinski, Ruby Beshara, Wayne Beshara, Celia Bican, Logan Boone, Susan Boromet, Caleb Bruce, Delia

Chatigny, Gabrielle Citino, Johanna Conner, Allan Cook, Gary Crowe, Maribeth Derer, Jody Dogg, John Dutton, Scott Ensign, Frank, Millie Fritz, Tom Gardner, Chris and Laura Gibbs, James Ging, Evelyn Goris-Trecaso, Richard J. Grabowski, Marilyn Griffith, Angie Grimes, Jennifer Grimes, Eileen Herrman, Tayha Hostetler, Sharon Houska, Alaina Jaegers, Jill, Maureen Joyce, Marca Kaplar, Kay, Evan Kelly, Douglas Klubnik, Kenneth Klubnik, Helen Kracker, Drayden Lavere, Carol Leach, Johnny Levanduski, Patricia Liebenaurer, Bill and Nancy Lillyman, Paul Marcene, John McDermott, Megan, Melissa, Menke Family, Bill Misencik, John Moore, Connie Morehouse, Ashley Munoz, Antoinette Myers, Tom Myers, Natalie, Nate, Collin Nemet, Jared Newman, Noa, Frank Nicotera, Carroll O'Donnell, Adriana Padock, Richard Edward Parker, Penelope, Bridget Perez, Michael Phillips, Bruce Pohl, Rita, Helen Rhuling, Lynn Riley, Casey Rogaloski, Eric Rogaloski, Aggie Rohan, Bruno Ruppel, Sandy, Kathy Scott, Steve Sheets, Stefanie, Stephen Sommer, Shirley Southard, Kenny Starr, Amy Stephen, Bruce Styles, Marla Sliwinski, Adriana Tadlock, Diane Taninecz, Ginny Thompson, Robert Timko, Laura Tories, Marianne, Stephen, Mallory Trecaso, Meghann Trecaso, Paul Trecaso, Loretta Uranker, Thomas Wearsch, Patricia Wiatrowski, and all need of prayerful support. *Requests or changes please call 330-657-2631 or email mospenoh@windstream.net*

Sunday, Dec 27, 2020

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

The measure of success

Fruitfulness is a sign that we're doing something right. Plant a seed, water it, give it light, and it brings forth a shoot. Neglect it, and get nothing. We measure success in terms of fruitfulness: schooling completed, jobs held, relationships that endure, children raised, financial security, years lived, virtues practiced. God blessed Abram with wealth and years, but to that old man, the only true measure of success was a child. By what standard do you evaluate your life's worth? What's required for you to say in the end: "Lord, now you let your servant go in peace"?

TODAY'S READINGS: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Colossians 3:12-21; Luke 2:22-40; or Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Luke 2:22-40 (17). "But Abram said, 'O Lord GOD, what good will your gifts be, if I keep on being childless?'"

Monday, Dec 28, 2020

FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS

Suffer little children

On the heels of the joyful celebration of the birth of our Savior, we remember the Holy Innocents—all the baby boys who were murdered by Herod in his attempt to kill the child Jesus. Remember too all those innocents who die today at the hands of their governments and who are victims of institutional and structural violence. About the Holy Innocents, Matthew quotes Jeremiah: "A voice was heard in Ramah, sobbing and loud lamentation; Rachel weeping for her children . . ." Console today's mourning mothers by fighting for children's rights and protections.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 1:5—2:2; Matthew 2:13-18 (698). "My children, I am writing this to you so that you may not commit sin."

Tuesday, Dec 29, 2020

FIFTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD; MEMORIAL OF THOMAS BECKET, BISHOP, MARTYR

Choosing right vs. might

Thomas Becket found himself having to choose between an earthly king and Christ the King. The cleric Thomas befriended England's Henry II—leading Henry to appoint him chancellor. Later, when Henry spotted a chance to wield power over church affairs, he named his friend the archbishop of Canterbury. But Thomas would not go along with Henry's plans. Repercussions followed, and in 1170 Thomas was brutally murdered—in Canterbury Cathedral—by the king's men. Though perhaps with less dramatic outcomes, standing up for your convictions may cost you, too. Are you willing to pay the price?

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 2:3-11; Luke 2:22-35 (202). "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many."

Wednesday, Dec 30, 2020

SIXTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

The party never ends

On this sixth day of the Octave, the Christmas celebration continues. Or it can—even if the culture around us has moved on. Especially in pandemic days, you may feel challenged to find hope and joy in the promise that God is with us. So celebrate by sharing that Divine Love, however you feel able to. Bake and share cookies, make a call to someone you may have overlooked this busy season, write a note of gratitude to someone who

challenges you, or contribute to an organization that cares for mothers and children in this season of the Holy Family. Take time in prayer to recollect and give thanks for any awareness of God's presence in recent days. *Loving God, help me remember that Christmas is not a day but rather a season that invites me to see you at work in my life every day.*

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 2:12-17; Luke 2:36-40 (203). "And coming forward at that very time, [Anna] gave thanks to God and spoke about the child."

Thursday, Dec 31, 2020

SEVENTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

The light still shines

We might well ring out a difficult year with the words of today's psalmist: "Let the heavens be glad and the Earth rejoice!" Rejoicing implies an expectation of better things to come, placing us firmly within the Christian virtue of hope. Christians are hopeful for many reasons, starting with the fact that Jesus's death led to resurrection. The church teaches, too, that hope lies in building the kingdom of God on Earth, "as it is in heaven." Lift up your hopes for 2021 to God, and be ready to work for them with God's grace.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 2:18-21; John 1:1-18 (204). "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."

Friday, Jan 01, 2021

WORLD DAY OF PEACE; OCTAVE DAY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD; SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

Renew the face of the Earth

We have longed for the year 2020 to be over, to move away from the pandemics that have wounded us collectively and individually. With 2021 on the calendar now, it feels like maybe, just maybe we can start anew at some point. Given the chance, we, along with all of creation, have the capacity to renew, that is, to be "new again"—not only each year but each moment. An essential ingredient to renewal is peace. The church calls us to follow Christ the Way of Peace, as Pope Benedict said on this day in 2007, "with hearts full of hope, notwithstanding the dangers and difficulties that surround us." Let us pray for *and choose* peace for ourselves and for the world in all that we renew this year.

TODAY'S READINGS: Numbers 6:22-27; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21 (18). "Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart."

Saturday, Jan 02, 2021

MEMORIAL OF BASIL THE GREAT AND GREGORY NAZIANZEN, BISHOPS, DOCTORS OF THE CHURCH

Spiritual friendship lasts for ages

Spiritual friendship is one of the greatest gifts of life in a faith community. Basil and Gregory, fourth-century patriarchs of the Eastern Church, had such a friendship and spurred each other on to great accomplishments and service in their spiritual lives. We all need community and spiritual support as we work through the mysteries of our own personal lives and the challenges presented by a suffering world. Who can you count on for support and encouragement in these hard times? Do your resolutions for this new year include cultivation of spiritual community and friendships?

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 John 2:22-28; John 1:19-28 (205). "All the ends of the Earth have seen the salvation by our God."

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time



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Sunday Gospel Activities

The Holy Family

Luke 2:22-40

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December 27, 2020

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



Prayer to the Holy Family

Let us pray...

O Jesus, look graciously upon our family as we come before you. Once more we consecrate ourselves before you...our trials and joys...that our home may ever be the shrine of peace, purity, love and faith. Protect and bless all of us, both absent and present, and be merciful to those departed.

O Mary, loving Mother of Jesus, and our Mother, pray to Jesus for our family, for all families of the world, to guard the cradle of the newborn, the schools of the young and their vocations.

O Joseph, holy Guardian of Jesus and Mary, assist us by your prayers and all the necessities of life. Be present at the pillow of the sick and dying so that we may all be united to Jesus and Mary and you for all eternity. Amen.

General Intercession

Living together as a holy family can be difficult; as we begin this new year may we reach out and ask for forgiveness from those we have hurt in any way.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Family Perspective

In today's gospel, the infant Jesus is the center of attention. Unfortunately, many children are less valued today. They often take second place to convenience, career, budget, activities and adult needs. The gospel reminds us that every child deserves the opportunity to "grow and become strong" and to realize that "the favor of God is upon them." As we enter a new year ask: "What opportunities do I have to bless a child?" Now act on those.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

We at AM 1260 The Rock pray daily for the intentions of our listeners. Please call us at 216-227-1260 or email prayers@am1260therock.com with your prayer requests.

The nuns at Christ the Bridegroom are our prayer partners and pray for and with you.

Scriptures for Week December 27, 2020

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sunday Sir 3: 2-6, 12-14 / Col 3: 12-21 or 3: 12-17 / Lk 2: 22-40 or 2: 22, 39-40

Monday 1 Jn 1: 5-2:2 / Mt 2: 13-18

Tuesday 1 Jn 2: 3-11 / Lk 2: 22-35

Wednesday 1 Jn 2: 12-17 / Lk 2: 36-40

Thursday 1 Jn 2: 18-21 / Jn 1: 1-18

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Friday Nm 6: 22-27 / Gal 4: 4-7 / Lk 2: 16-21

Saturday 1 Jn 2: 22-28 / Jn 1: 19-28

Epiphany of the Lord

Sunday Is 60: 1-6 / Eph 3: 2-3a, 5-6 / Mt 2: 1-12



***Read and pray daily
the Scriptures***

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Pope's Intention for December

For a life of prayer

That our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

Amen.

Donation Summaries 2020

Requests for 2020 Donation Summaries may be placed in the collection basket with your name, address, phone number, email address and envelope number. Thank you!

Thank you for mailing in your contributions!

Weekend of December 20, 2020

Sunday	2,387.00
Monthly	1,085.00
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Solemnity of Mary (Additional)	10.00
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