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Feast of the Holy Family

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Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
30 December 2018

Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in favour with God and human beings. *Luke 2:51-52*

First Reading + Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28
Second Reading + 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24
Gospel + Luke 2:41-52

Mass for the Intentions Week

Monday, December 31

5:00pm+Brian DURKAN, RIP – E Durkan

12midnight at *Immaculate Conception*

Intentions of Gordon & Debbie TARDIF & Family

Tuesday, January 1

9:00am+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

10:30am+Lawrence SKELTON, RIP – M Skelton/Tony

Wednesday, January 2

8:00am+Angelo CERESINO, RIP – P/L Ceresino

Thursday, January 3

8:00am+Terry GOODWIN, RIP – K/A Holychuk

10:30am+Mass at Kingsmere Community

Friday, January 4

12:10pm+Personal Intention of Parishioner

Followed by Adoration until Saturday morning Mass

Saturday, January 5

(*Morning Mass at Immaculate Conception*)

9:00am+Wayne WRIGHT, RIP – H/M Jones

5:00pm+Mary Beth HICKEY, RIP – K/A Holychuk

Sunday, January 6

9:00am+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

10:30am+Artur SILVA, RIP – Family

Reform and renewal.

For the utmost we have to do at first is to take care of our soul and to remember that in the entire world there is only God and the soul; and this is a thing which it is very profitable to remember. — St. Teresa of Avila (1515-1582)

In a thumbnail description of St. Teresa we are told that she was “a prolific author and theologian,” and that she “attempted to reform the Carmelite Order that she believed had allowed its members to enjoy too much of a life of comfort.” I am going to quibble with that description.

St. Teresa has the rare distinction of being a “Doctor of the Church,” and you cannot find any modern book on Christian prayer that does not refer to her writings, but she was neither prolific nor a theologian. That is a minor quibble; the more important quibble is this: St. Teresa did *not* attempt to reform the Carmelite Order.

At the age of twenty Teresa entered the Carmelite Convent of the Incarnation in Avila, Spain. This was a large community of over 150 nuns. Life there was “comfortable” but not what we would today describe as “lax.” The nuns lived a life of prayer according to the rules of their Order.

Teresa, however, was being called to a life of *deeper* prayer. Her good friend, St. Peter of Alcantara, had begun a community of Franciscan friars who followed the original austere rule of St. Francis of Assisi. Because they did not wear shoes (Latin, *calceus*), they were called “discalced,” i.e., shoe-less. Teresa was inspired to form a similar small community of nuns, living a life of intense prayer and penance, based on the “primitive” rule of Carmel.

What needs to be stressed is this: St. Teresa never intended to reform the Carmelite Order; she did not even want to reform her own Convent of the Incarnation. The only thing Teresa ever wanted to reform was herself. In fact, much later, when the Convent of the Incarnation was going through difficulties, St. Teresa was put in charge. She did not impose any reforms, but gently guided the nuns to faithfully follow their own “mitigated” rule.

Jesus says to the first generation of Christians in the Book of Revelation: “I have this against you: You have lost the love you had at first. ... You have a name of being alive but you are dead. ... You are lukewarm, neither hot nor cold.” As in that first age, so in every age, the fire of love of God grows cold and needs to be rekindled.

St. Teresa was born just two years before the start of the Luther’s ‘Protestant Reformation’ in Germany, and we are tempted to regard her as part of a “Catholic Reformation.” If that were the case, she would be of only historical interest. Rather, St. Teresa was part of a dynamic movement of spiritual revival. What the Church needed then was not reform of structures, but conversion of heart.

This is the perennial value of St. Teresa. She is a remarkable Saint whose spiritual guidance is applicable to every age, and indeed to every Christian soul.

Saint of the Week:

The first end I propose in our daily work is to do the will of God; secondly, to do it in the manner he wills it; and thirdly to do it because it is his will. - *Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton (1774-1821), Patron Saint of Widows, Feast Day January 4*



PARISH SCHEDULE

Confessions

Every Saturday: 4:00-4:45 pm
(before 5:00pm Mass)

Every Tuesday 6:15-6:45 pm
(before 7:00pm Mass)



Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

At Saint Paul the Apostle Church
Monday, December 31st at 5:00pm
Tuesday, January 1st at 10:30 am

At Immaculate Conception Church
Monday, December 31 at 12 midnight
Tuesday, January 1st at 9:00 am

Please note the Office Hours during the Holidays.

CHRISTMAS HOURS

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, December 24th and will reopen on Thursday, December 27th.

NEW YEAR'S HOURS

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, December 31st and will reopen on Wednesday, January 2nd.

Thank You

Fr. Glass and the parish staff at St. Paul's Parish would like to **thank you all for your greetings and gifts we received over Christmas.** It makes our job easier and more enjoyable to know that so many of you are thankful and appreciative of our ministry and are also praying for us. Let us keep the Christmas spirit of loving, sharing and giving throughout the whole year. And let us always be thankful to God for the greatest gift He could give us - **the Gift of His Only Son, Jesus.**

We are also very grateful to **all those parishioners that helped to decorate both churches for Christmas.** Thank you All! Have a Blessed and Happy New Year!



Society of
St. Vincent de Paul

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The Society of St. Vincent de Paul wishes to thank you for your continued support in our effort to assist less fortunate individuals and families in our community. With your continued support we donated \$7,000 to bring a little cheer this Christmas to approximately 28 families with 50 children, and 20 single men and women. Also, we desperately require more 'volunteers' (especially more men) to assist with visits to distribute food vouchers. If you can volunteer a few hours a month and wish to help out, please contact Paul Healy, Chairman at (705) 435- 4951.

Calendar of Events

- Jan 3 – K of C Executive Mtg. at 7:30 pm
- Jan 9 – 1st of 4 Baptism Classes at 7:30 pm
- Jan 9 – 1st Communion Classes Cont'd Grp A – 6pm
- Jan 10 – CWL Executive Mtg. at 7:00 pm
- Jan 10 – K of C General Mtg. at 7:30 pm
- Jan 11 – 1st Communion Classes Cont'd Grp B – 6pm
- Jan 12 – Life Teen Snow Tubing, Barrie
- Jan 14 – Edge Night 6 – 8:30pm
- Jan 15 – St. Vincent de Paul Mtg. at 7:30 pm
- Jan 16 – 2nd of 4 Baptism Classes at 7:30 pm
- Jan 16 – Confirmation Classes Cont'd Grp A – 7pm
- Jan 17 – CWL General Mtg. at 7:00 pm
- Jan 21 – Parish Council Mtg. at 7:30 pm

UPDATING Our Data Base:

Please continue writing your name on your offertory envelope for the month of January and help us to update our data base.

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