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Feast of the Holy Family



Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
26 December 2021

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 27

NO MASS SCHEDULED

Tuesday, December 28

5:30pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+HOLY HOUR

****6:15pm – 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS**

7:00pm+Tardif Grandchildren, Pers Int – G/D Tardif

Wednesday, December 29

8:00am+Michael CHINNA, RIP – P/F Healy

Thursday, December 30

8:00am+Holy Souls in Purgatory, - S Hands

Friday, December 31

8:00am+John/Brenda Bozek & Family, PI – M Bogucki

5:00pm+Brian DURKAN, RIP – E Durkan

Saturday, January 1

9:00am+Mass of Thanksgiving – L/B Bozek

10:30am+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Sunday, January 2

9:00am+Louise LOWDES, RIP – St Thomas Aquinas Staff

10:30am+Denis LEMAY, RIP – J Lemay

12:00pm+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Saint of the Week:

Who shall resist Anti-Christ when he comes if we show such patience towards the vices and crimes of his precursors? By such leniency, we encourage kings to become tyrants and tempt them to withdraw every privilege and all jurisdiction from the Churches. - *Thomas Becket (1118-1170), Martyr, Bishop, Feast Day December 29*

FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

Behold, I bring you tidings of great joy.

Today our Savior is born. Let us rejoice. There is no place for sadness on the birthday of Life, who brings us joy with the promise of eternal happiness. No one is shut out from this joy. All share the same reason for rejoicing. In the fullness of time the Son of God took for himself our common humanity in order to reconcile us with the Father. And so at the birth of our Lord the angels sing in joy: *Glory to God in the highest*, and they proclaim *peace on earth to people of good will*. When the angels on high are so exultant at this marvelous work of God's goodness, what joy should it not bring to the lowly hearts of men? — Pope Leo the Great.

The joy of this Christmas season finds expression in innocent pleasures and by sharing with others — imitating, for example, the renowned generosity of the holy Bishop, St. Nicholas of Myra. We quite rightly wish each other a *merry Christmas*. We are not Puritans! It is said that Christmas is for children, but we can all experience anew the childhood wonder of this Christmas season.

We cannot help but lament the secularization of our most important holy days, seeing them reduced to mere seasonal festivities, purged as much as possible of their religious content. We may be tempted to disparage the cultural traditions associated with the celebration of Christmas as mere 'trappings' which detract from the 'true meaning.' This perhaps is a valid concern in our post-Christian society. And yet, if we live the faith all 365 days of the year, then these 'trappings' can serve to *accentuate* the true meaning of the day.

So many of our traditions — the Christmas carols, the crèche, even the angel at the top of the tree — all of these keep Jesus at the center of our celebrations. We ought to truly value our traditions, especially the ones that have been passed down through generations in our families. It is said that there can be no Catholic faith without Catholic culture. We owe it to ourselves and to the next generation to keep our Catholic culture vibrantly alive.

St. Leo the Great goes on to say:

Christ became the son of man so that men could become the sons of God. Unless in humility he had come down to us, none of us by our own merits could ever go up to him. Therefore, the greatness of the gift which he has given us demands proportional return. The only way that he can be worthily honored by us is by the gift to him of that which he has already given us. What can we offer more in keeping with the glory of this feast than that peace that was first announced by the angelic choir on the day of his birth? The birthday of the Lord is the birthday of peace. Let us offer to the Father our harmony as his children united in peace.

May God bless us all as we celebrate the birth of our Savior and grant us his blessings in the coming new year.



PARISH SCHEDULE

Confessions

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

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



Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

All Masses Celebrated at St. Paul's Church

Friday, December 31st at 5:00pm

Saturday, January 1st at 9:00am & 10:30 am

Please note the Office Hours during the Holidays.

CHRISTMAS HOURS

The Parish Office will be closed at noon on Friday, December 24th and will reopen on Wednesday, December 29th.

NEW YEAR'S HOURS

The Parish Office will be closed at noon on Friday, December 31st and will reopen on Tuesday, January 4th.

Thank You

Fr. Glass, Fr. Tairo 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 the church for Christmas.** Thank you All! Have a Blessed and Happy New Year!

UPDATING Our Data Base:

Please continue writing your name on your offertory envelopes for the month of January and help us to keep our data base up to date.

If you are an envelope user and do not see your box of envelopes, please take a new box and be sure to put your contact information on it so we can assign it to your name.

During covid many people donated on-line to the parish and will receive your tax receipt directly from the Chancery Office. This will explain why you don't see your new box of envelopes.

Thank you all for your continued support of our parish community. We are most grateful to all who supported us during these difficult times.

Calling all Catholic Advisors

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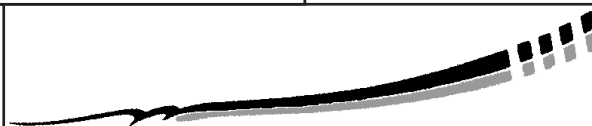
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