



Greetings in the Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ,

The parish staff and I wish you the love Jesus, Mary and Joseph knew on that first Christmas night. May you and your loved ones share that same peace, happiness, and love with each other now and in the coming year.

You and your family will share a special remembrance in our Christmas

Mass.

Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

Fr. Dean

*Alvin*

*Calony*

*Deedee*

*Kevin B. Hahn*

*Pat Debn*

*Chad*

*Mary I.*

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**God is with us!**  
December 25, 2020  
The Nativity of the Lord

ARCHDIOCESE OF SEATTLE

# At Home with Faith

**Our Christmas celebrations may be different this year, but the reason for rejoicing remains the same: God is with us, and he comes bearing gifts of peace, hope and new life.**

*Rejoice!*  
*And they shall name him Emmanuel*

During the Christmas Vigil Mass, we read St. Matthew’s description of the events leading up to the birth of Jesus. The longer form (infrequently read at standing room only Christmas Eve Masses) recites the genealogy of Jesus listing 42 of his ancestors.

This shows us how Jesus’ ancestors included admirable people like Abraham, Ruth and David; but also less admirable characters like Judah, Bathsheba and Manasseh. God worked with the best and worst of his people to enter into our experience.

Sometimes, we think that our family’s story of faith isn’t worth telling unless it’s perfect. The truth is that God has a way of writing straight with crooked lines. He works with the good and bad events in our family history to help us come to know that Jesus is Emmanuel: God with us.

Though COVID prevents us from gathering with as many people as we would like this Christmas, let’s take the opportunity to connect with our extended family using resources like Zoom and FaceTime. Not just to wish them Christmas cheer, but to let our children know that the people who love them share their faith in Jesus.

# At Home with **Faith**

*O come,  
let us  
adore  
him,  
Christ  
the Lord*

## **Christmas Mass Schedule**

Live streaming on [Vimeo](#) and [Facebook](#)

### **Christmas Eve, December 24**

10:00 PM

[Click here](#) to view the readings

### **Christmas Day, December 25**

8:00 AM

[Click here](#) to view the readings

## **Christmas Prayer**

**Father,  
we are filled with the new light  
by the coming of  
your Word among us.  
May the light of faith  
shine in our words and actions.  
Grant this through our Lord  
Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit, one God,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

*Source: [www.catholic.org](http://www.catholic.org)*

**For more resources, visit us online at:**

<https://marriagefamilylife.seattlearchdiocese.org/athomewithfaith>

*Christi simus, non nostri.* + We belong to Christ, not ourselves.



**December 27, 2020**  
**Feast of the Holy Family Jesus, Mary, & Joseph**

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# SAINT COLUMBAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

**WELCOME!** Please contact the office to register as a parishioner, for questions about any announcement, how to prepare for a sacrament, schedule a funeral or Mass Intention or to update your contact information.

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## Mass Intentions

Pray for all those affected by Covid-19 and for first responders and caregivers.

December 30—Sara Cucchiara

## In Our Prayers

Loving God, we join with others of your people here asking you to hold in Your hands Mona Guffey, Joseph Waters, Oneida Blagg, Jess and Jessica Nash, Jodi Smith, Don Troyer, Ray Wilson, Paul Hennigan, Hanna McDonald, Cecilia Edgerton, Rodney Edgerton, Bob Sundstrom, the Baletto Family and all those in harm's way.

Rest in Peace: Josh McCormick, Enedina Arenas, Duane Kusler

## Financial Stewardship

### St. Columban St. Peter

|                      |         |         |
|----------------------|---------|---------|
| Weekly Goal          | \$5,762 | \$712   |
| Dec. 13th            | \$5,713 | \$1,141 |
| Online Giving (Nov): | \$4,906 |         |

## From an address by Saint Paul VI, Pope

### *Nazareth, a model*

Nazareth is a kind of school where we may begin to discover what Christ's life was like and even to understand his Gospel. Here we can observe and ponder the simple appeal of the way God's Son came to be known, profound yet full of hidden meaning. And gradually we may even learn to imitate him.

Here we can learn to realize who Christ really is. And here we can sense and take account of the conditions and circumstances that surrounded and affected his life on earth: the places, the tenor of the times, the culture, the language, religious customs, in brief, everything which Jesus used to make himself known to the world. Here everything speaks to us, everything has meaning. Here we can learn the importance of spiritual discipline for all who wish to follow Christ and to live by the teachings of his Gospel.

How I would like to return to my childhood and attend the simple yet profound school that is Nazareth! How wonderful to be close to Mary, learning again the lesson of the true meaning of life, learning again God's truths. But here we are only on pilgrimage. Time presses and I must set aside my desire to stay and carry on my education in the Gospel, for that education is never finished. But I cannot leave without recalling, briefly and in passing; some thoughts I take with me from Nazareth.

First, we learn from its silence. If only we could once again appreciate its great value. We need this wonderful state of mind, beset as we are by the cacophony of strident protests and conflicting claims so characteristic of these turbulent times. The silence of Nazareth should teach us how to meditate in peace and quiet, to reflect on the deeply spiritual, and to be open to the voice of God's inner wisdom and the counsel of his true teachers. Nazareth can teach us the value of study and preparation, of meditation, of a well-ordered personal spiritual life, and of silent prayer that is known only to God.

Second, we learn about family life. May Nazareth serve as a model of what the family should be. May it show us the family's holy and enduring character and exemplify its basic function in society: a community of love and sharing, beautiful for the problems it poses and the rewards it brings, in sum, the perfect setting for rearing children—and for this there is no substitute.

Finally, in Nazareth, the home of a craftsman's son, we learn about work and the discipline it entails. I would especially like to recognize its value—demanding yet redeeming—and to give it proper respect. I would remind everyone that work has its own dignity. On the other hand, it is not an end in itself. Its value and free character, however, derive not only from its place in the economic system, as they say, but rather from the purpose it serves.

In closing, may I express my deep regard for people everywhere who work for a living. To them I would point out their great model, Christ their brother, our Lord and God, who is their prophet in every cause that promotes their well-being.

Pax et bonum,  
Fr. Dean.

### SAINT COLUMBAN PASTORAL COUNCIL

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For daily Mass readings and Event Calendar please see our Monthly Insert, found in the narthex and on our website.

## Faith Formation



All Adult Learners  
Welcome!

R.C.I.A.

December 29 - Church History  
Part II

Tuesdays at 6:30PM in the  
Religious Ed Bldg. Rm. 103

All Faith Formation Classes  
including 2nd Year  
Confirmation will resume  
January 3rd!



## PRAYER



The Hope of  
the World

*Beloved Jesus,  
hope of the world,  
in these days shrouded in  
darkness, help us to see  
your light and let it shine,  
shedding light on the path  
that leads us to enjoy your  
presence.*

*Let the joy of Christmas  
remain with us always.*

*Amen.*

## Sacrament of Baptism



All those who wish to baptize their child or be a godparent for a child to be baptized here at St. Columban must complete the Baptism Preparation before a baptism can be scheduled. Please contact Katie Hennigan in the Religious Education Office for more information.

[katie@saintcolumbanyelm.org](mailto:katie@saintcolumbanyelm.org)  
360-458-3031x3

## All Masses will resume with modifications, see below for details

### MASS RESERVATIONS

In obedience to the COVID Safety Guidelines from the Archdiocese, public Mass at our parish has resumed with the following safety measures in place.

- ◆ Masks will be required. Those with a medical exemption will be seated according to Archdiocesan guidelines.
- ◆ Attendance will be limited to 90 people per Mass at St. Columban and 40 people per Mass at St. Peter.
- ◆ The cry room at St. Columban is limited to one family per Mass and will be reserved on a first come-first served basis.

**Reservations at St. Columban:** call the parish office at 360-458-3031 ext. 5

**Reservations at St. Peter:** call the mission office at 360-264-2124

If you are unable to call during office hours, please leave your name, phone number, and how many will be in your party and we will call you back to confirm your reservation.

**Please note that leaving a voicemail does not confirm your reservation**

### Important Things to Remember

- ◆ Only persons who are under the same reservation will be seated together.
- ◆ Please arrive at least 20 minutes early for Mass. You will be checked in by a Greeter and then seated by an Usher.
- ◆ We recommend you bring your own missal with you for the readings as they will not be provided.

## Thank You!

A big thank you goes out to our Knights of Columbus Council 17152 for their donation of \$16,501 from their Auction this past November.

## Bonus Bulletin Content!

To save on printing, some extra bulletin content will now be exclusively found in the online edition of our bulletin, which is also emailed weekly to parishioners.

Sign up at [flocknote.com/saintcolumbanyelm](http://flocknote.com/saintcolumbanyelm) or visit our website [saintcolumbanyelm.org](http://saintcolumbanyelm.org)



## Women's Club

Coffee Hour and all other events suspended until further notice.



## Knights of Columbus

No events currently scheduled

UPCOMING  
EVENTS



December 31—11PM—Midnight

Private Prayer @ St. Columban

January 1st—MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

9:00AM Mass @ St. Peter

7:00PM Mass @ St. Columban

January 3rd— End of Baby Bottle Drive

Please return the bottles to the bin in the narthex after Mass



CALLED TO  
SERVE as CHRIST

A campaign for our  
PRIESTS, SISTERS & FAMILY OF FAITH

3 Year Goal for St. Columban: \$307,368

As of: November 24, 2020

Total Pledged: \$107,254 **35% of Goal**

Number of Families Participating: 292

Potential Share: \$16,088

3 Year Goal for St. Peter: \$54,327

As of: November 24, 2020

Total Pledged: \$21,817 **40% of Goal**

Number of Families Participating: 45

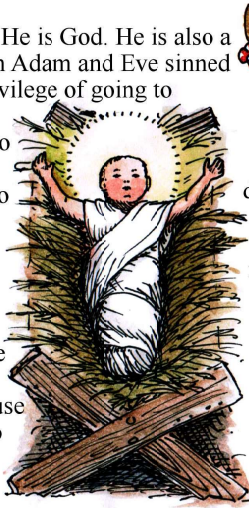
Potential Share: \$3,273

**Thank You for Pledging Your Support!**

# Jesus is Born!

Christmas is one of the most important days in the year. We know that it's Jesus' birthday, but let's think a bit more about what that means...

Who is Jesus? He is God. He is also a real man. When Adam and Eve sinned they lost the privilege of going to Heaven. Now people needed to pay back for their sins, but no sacrifice they could make could ever be big enough. Only a perfect man could make a perfect sacrifice. And because God loved us so much He became a man to die for us!



Now think about God, Who made Himself a little baby, coming down to our world. He had a poor mother and foster father, and He was born in a little barn, far away from their home. The first people who came to visit were the rough men who lived in the fields, looking after their sheep.

God loved us so much that He made Himself into a poor baby. Doesn't that just make you want to love Him more? Today or in the next few days, spend some time looking at a creche (a nativity scene) and think about Baby Jesus and how much God loves us.



Answer to front page: there are seven shepherds hiding in the picture.  
4, 7, 5, 1, 2, 3, 6.

[www.thekidsbulletin.com](http://www.thekidsbulletin.com)

# The Kids' Bulletin

Christmas Day and Feast of the Holy Family  
December 25th & 27th, 2020



During the night of the first Christmas, the shepherds were out in the fields watching their sheep before the angels came to tell them that the Saviour was born.

Can you find all the shepherds in this picture?

How many are there?

You can colour in the picture too!

## SAINT JOSEPH'S CHRISTMAS

ST. JOSEPH WAS A HOLY MAN WHO BELIEVED IN GOD AND FOLLOWED HIS LAWS. HE WAS ENGAGED TO MARY WHEN HE FOUND OUT SHE WAS PREGNANT.

I guess I should break up with her quietly...

BUT AN ANGEL CAME TO HIM AND TOLD HIM TO NOT BE AFRAID- THE BABY WAS THE SON OF GOD.

Don't be afraid to take Mary as your wife!

AT THAT TIME THE EMPEROR ORDERED EVERYONE TO REGISTER IN THEIR HOMETOWN.

I want a record of all the people in my lands.

SO JOSEPH TOOK MARY AND TRAVELLED TO BETHLEHEM.

BUT WHEN THEY GOT THERE THE INNS WERE FULL.

Sorry, we're full!

FINALLY THEY FOUND A STABLE WITH ANIMALS WHERE THEY COULD STAY.

There's room in here anyway.

THAT NIGHT THE BABY WAS BORN. ST. JOSEPH NAMED HIM JESUS, AS THE ANGEL HAD TOLD HIM TO. SHEPHERDS CAME TO WORSHIP THE NEW BABY.

GOD CHOSE SAINT JOSEPH, A GOOD AND HUMBLE MAN, TO BE THE PROTECTOR OF HIS SON JESUS AND JESUS' MOTHER, MARY. IT WASN'T AN EASY JOB- THEY HAD TO TRAVEL FAR ON FOOT AND STAY IN A STABLE WITH ANIMALS, BUT SAINT JOSEPH WAS HAPPY TO SUFFER FOR LOVE OF GOD. ARE YOU?

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## Who did What?

Write the number of the person beside what they did in the Christmas Story.

1. Saint Joseph Announced the joyful news of the Saviour's birth
2. Our Lady Commanded that everyone register in their hometown
3. The Shepherds Did not have room for the man and his wife
4. The Angels Took his wife to Bethlehem
5. The Innkeeper Pondered all these things in her heart
6. Baby Jesus Went to find the newborn Saviour
7. The Emperor Came to save the people from their sins



# Baby Bottles for Life



We are distributing Baby Bottles during the Advent & Christmas season to collect donations for the Thurston County Pro-Life Movement.

Return your filled bottles any time before January 3<sup>rd</sup>!

*Baskets will be available in the Narthex*

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COUNCIL 17152

*Please return the bottles to the church as they will be used for future fundraisers*





**The Washington State Catholic Conference, Catholic Charities and Catholic Health Care  
Support COVID-19 Vaccinations  
December 12, 2020**

The Washington State Catholic Conference (WSCC) affirms that the recently announced COVID-19 vaccines are morally permissible. The US Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) confirms the moral permissibility of the vaccines in this [memorandum](#) dated November 20, 2020 from the USCCB Committee on Doctrine. **Together with the Catholic Health Care organizations and Catholic Charities of Washington state, we recommend the faithful get the COVID-19 vaccine to protect themselves, loved ones, and the community.**

Washington state was the first in the country to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. Since the outset of this health emergency, Catholic dioceses, Catholic Charities and Catholic Health Care organizations around the state focused on working together to faithfully carry out our Catholic spiritual, social and health care ministries. To further this effort, the Catholic Bishops of the WSCC commit to:

- Promoting and encouraging COVID-19 vaccinations in collaboration with state and local governments and other entities.
- Advocating on behalf of vulnerable populations to ensure that they have access to safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines; and,
- Providing regular and accurate information to parishioners and the community in support of morally acceptable, safe, and effective COVID-19 vaccines.

Some people have concerns about the safety of these vaccines due to the speed of their development and FDA approval. There is also concern about the risk of side effects. It is not uncommon to experience minor side effects from being vaccinated. People may feel temporarily uncomfortable, but the benefits from the vaccine exceed the burden. In addition, the speed at which vaccines have been developed may be due to some degree, on utilizing past scientific advances against coronaviruses.

The Washington Catholic dioceses, Catholic Charities and Catholic health systems will also continue to work with the Governor's Office, the State Department of Health, and county and local public health agencies. Our collaboration commits to strong outreach to vulnerable populations such as farmworkers, frail and elderly, undocumented individuals and low-wage earners who seek guidance and assistance from our ministries.

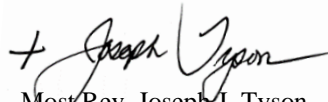
Finally, we offer a special thanks to the health care professionals who continue to care for the sick; to essential workers that enable society to continue functioning; for scientists and researchers who brought us to this moment; to teachers and parents struggling to educate children; to workers in ministries finding innovative ways to bring spiritual and corporal resources to congregations; and to everyone who has helped carry the burden of others during this pandemic. We pray for them as we pray for the world.

We still have much work to do, but we now have hope and a path forward rooted in the healing ministry of Jesus Christ. We place our trust and confidence in the providence of God.

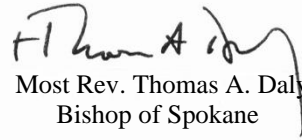
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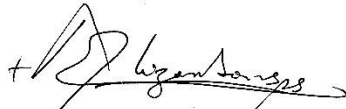
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Auxiliary Bishop of Seattle



Most Rev. Daniel H. Mueggenborg  
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December 27, 2020

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### **FORGIVEN—SESSION 1: WHERE ARE YOU?**

As we make resolutions for 2021, don't forget about your spiritual well-being! Through our Forgiven series, you can help guide friends and family to new spiritual beginnings!



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### **FORMED NOW! WHO IS SAINT STEPHEN?**

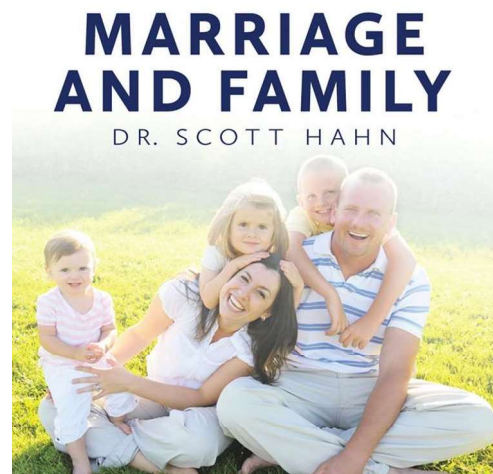
This past week, we celebrated the life of St. Stephen, heroic leader of the early Church. Join Dr. Gray and Dr. Barber as they discuss the first Christian martyr.

LEARN

LISTEN

### **MARRIAGE AND FAMILY: LOVE UNVEILED BY DR. SCOTT HAHN**

The feast of the Holy Family reminds us to help our own families grow in holiness. With this in mind, join Scott Hahn as he shares his advice on how to bring sanctity into the home.



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# The Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

DECEMBER 27, 2020

We celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family on the first Sunday after Christmas! This feast day is a reminder to us of the example Mary and Joseph set for all of us in welcoming Jesus into their lives. The Holy Family serves as a model for us all in which to live in faith and simplicity.

Add an additional prayer to your family routine today and brainstorm ways you might help each other grow in faith throughout this New Year.



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May the Holy Family be a model for our families, so that parents and children may support each other mutually in adherence to the Gospel, the basis of the holiness of the family.

—Pope Francis, December 29, 2019



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## The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Holy Day of Obligation

Friday, January 1st is the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God.

“Mary is more blessed in receiving the faith of Christ, than in conceiving the flesh of Christ.”  
St. Augustine, *On Holy Virginity*, 3




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BULLETIN





**Our Family is Holy**  
December 27, 2020  
Feast of the Holy Family  
of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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# At Home with Faith

**We become a holy family not by being flawless, but by committing ourselves to following God and honoring one another.** Let us ask the Holy Family to equip our hearts to love one another as God loves us.



Pope Francis tells us the family is “the first school of human values.” Even Jesus learned about humanity by following the same guidance we find in our first reading: honoring his human mother and father. In turn, Mary and Joseph followed God’s commandments by taking Jesus to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord in the temple.

Each member of the Holy Family freely offered themselves to one another. It’s such a contrast to the unhealthy dynamic that can creep into relationships where we make demands of each other. Our Christmas season readings demonstrate how our faith lets us move past this dynamic, creating space for God to make our family a school of love.

## Read

Take time to read and reflect on the Scriptures for this day.

### **Don’t have access to a Bible?**

Visit [www.usccb.org/bible/readings](http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings) or download an app such as *Laudate* or *iBreviary* to access the Mass readings.

### **Sirach 3: 2-6, 12-14**

Honor your mother and father.

### **Psalms 128:1-2,3, 4-5**

Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

### **Colossians 2:12-21**

Bear with one another in Jesus’ name.

### **Luke 2:22-40**

They fulfilled the law and the child became strong and filled with wisdom.

# At Home with Faith

## Talk

Here are some reflection questions to help you have **Great Conversations** with the whole family.

Here are three things we can do to turn our family into a school of love:

- **Tell a story about your family's journey of faith.** Share with your children a story about how your family came to become part of the Church. Let them know that, perfect or not, this story led you to the faith.
- **Ask your children what they think God is trying to teach us by making us part of a family.** See if they have insights into what they might be learning from living with brothers, sisters, parents, etc. Their answers might surprise you! And if you feel like sharing their insights with us, we would love to hear them! Click here to share, and we might feature you in an upcoming issue!
- **Invite your children's grandparents to share your family's faith story.** During a Zoom or Facetime call, invite your children's grandparents to talk about your family's story of faith. How did they come to believe in Jesus?



**The feast of the Holy Family provides an alternate set of readings that tell how Abraham and Sarah trusted God's promise even though it did not seem possible.** Abraham and Sarah weren't perfect, but they were faithful and their faithfulness made it possible for all of us to receive God's promises.

Sometimes we compare ourselves to the Holy Family and feel inadequate. That's part of the reason it's helpful to have the example of families like Abraham and Sarah. Many of Jesus' ancestors were far from perfect. But, on the whole as a family, they kept following God.

That's part of the reason we follow our first reading's advice to honor our father and mother. They may be imperfect, but they were given to us by God. Honoring them teaches us how to love like the Holy Family does.

A great way to honor our family is to keep in touch with them - a practice even more important during this pandemic. Dedicate a little time this weekend to connect your children with their grandparents or other extended family. Use the guidance in the Talk section to help the conversation go deeper.

**For more resources, visit us online at:**

<https://marriagefamilylife.seattlearchdiocese.org/athomewithfaith>



# Saint Thomas Becket

Bishop and Martyr

DATES: 1118-1170

FEAST DAY: DECEMBER 29

A London-born clerk to Archbishop Theobald of Canterbury, Thomas studied canon law abroad and was ordained a deacon. His support of Henry II's claim to England's throne led to his appointment as royal chancellor. He was the king's great friend until 1162, when, as the new archbishop of Canterbury, he said he changed from being "a patron of play-actors and a follower of hounds, to being a shepherd of souls." He and the king clashed over many issues, notably the jurisdiction of ecclesiastical courts. Thomas fled to France for six years; soon after his return, Henry's wish to be rid of this troublesome prelate led to Thomas' murder by four knights. This medieval martyr starred in two modern plays: Eliot's "Murder in the Cathedral" and Anouilh's "Becket."



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SAINT OF THE WEEK





**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2020**

# THE HOLY FAMILY



The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom;  
and the favor of God was upon him. - Lk 2:40



# WEEKLY PRAYER

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 27, 2020

- SUN 12/27** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1] or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [7a, 8a]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40
- MON 12/28** 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18
- TUE 12/29** 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35
- WED 12/30** 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40
- THR 12/31** 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18
- FRI 1/1** Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
- SAT 1/2** 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 1:19-28
- SUN 1/3** Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/  
Mt 2:1-12

## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 27, 2020

- Sunday:** The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
- Monday:** The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
- Tuesday:** St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr
- Thursday:** St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve
- Friday:** Mary, The Holy Mother of God; New Year's Day; World Day of Peace
- Saturday:** Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church
- Sunday:** The Epiphany of the Lord; National Migration Week

## LIVE THE LITURGY

### Inspiration for the week

While families come in all shapes and sizes and no two are the same, they all need a common focus and grounding. Families are intended to be pivotal in providing us with a proper social structure and understanding, a support system, lessons about relationships and communication and the unconditional acceptance and love we so desperately crave. In addition to all of these things, the axis of every family has to be centered on faith. It is here that we can learn about the virtues and discover the windows to God Himself in His gifts of faith, hope, and love. We can learn, modeling our experience after the Holy Family, how to use these as anchors in our lives so that we can live out the other virtues with greater integrity. Because our human families struggle with weakness and sin, we have to come back to the Holy Family often for inspiration and guidance. In the bond of love that they shared, they clung to the anchor of God Himself and endured challenges far greater than many we will ever face.



New  
Year's  
Blessings

# WORSHIP & MEDITATION



## FIRST READING

The Lord took Abram outside and said, "Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can. Just so," he added, "shall your descendants be."  
(Gn 15:5)



## PSALM

The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.  
(Ps 105)



## SECOND READING

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; he went out, not knowing where he was to go.  
(Heb 11:8)



## GOSPEL

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him. (Lk 2:40)

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Tragedy and disappointment are inevitable. What sees you through this? There will be challenges, changes, unexpected circumstances, interrupted plans, hurts, and injustices experienced by every human being at some point in their lives. We will be asked to adjust our plans, change course, and even encounter suffering and death. Where do we learn all of the lessons we need to live life well? Some of them we learn along the way but much of what we bring to life, positive and negative, comes from our early beginnings, our families. This is our early world and provides the blueprint for how we see the bigger, more inclusive world, which unfolds before us.

Our families of origin can be sources of grace, heartache or a combination of both. Families are intended to be pivotal in providing us with proper social structure and understanding, a support system, lessons about relationships and communication, and the unconditional acceptance and love we so desperately crave. They can also determine whether we have an accessible and healthy relationship with God. Many of life's challenges can literally bring us to our knees and require that we possess a strength of character that resides well beyond the superficialities of our world. At some point we will all need three coping gifts that can be given to us only by God: faith, hope, and love. Our families help us learn that we are not the ones responsible for their creation, but God!

Our experience of early family life colors all of our relationships and what we expect to achieve from life in general. Resolving conflicts, dealing with difficulty and suffering, celebrating accomplishments, prioritizing our needs, listening to God's call, understanding relationships, understanding disappointment, learning about the virtues and living a centered focused life are all lessons our families either succeed in teaching or do not. To succeed, as God has designed and ordered our world, is to discover his presence and then trust that Presence. The Holy Family can teach even the most dysfunctional family how to best use God's gifts of faith, hope, and love to find him and do his will. Their simple humble example is always before us, showing us the way. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!

# LITURGICAL LIFE

## RESPONDING *to the Call*

### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

#### Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

##### The Gift of Family

What a year it has been! How will we speak of these times a decade from now? As time goes by, our impressions of this past year will certainly change. How we feel today about dealing with a killer virus and all the chaos surrounding that is still fresh for all. I would assume that most of us right now are also holding those we love a little closer and hugging them a little harder. Hopefully, even if the fears and concerns of 2020 dissipate in the future, the way we feel toward our family should never leave us.

Stewardship is certainly about everything. God has given us so much, great and small, profound and common. One of the greatest gifts that all have received is family. Families take all shapes and sizes and some look very different than others. For some, family is a caretaker or temporary guardian. For others it is a friend when everyone else seems to have vanished. The bottom line is that, to quote a song from many years ago, "people need people."

When God gave the world His only Son, the Incarnation did not come on a cloud or with a flash of light. He was born into a family. Jesus understood the gift of family all his life. Do you think that if having a family wasn't important God would have still included this in the plan of salvation?

As this year draws to a close, remember your stewardship many days begins and ends with the people closest to you. Don't misuse or take for granted this precious gift. God gives us gifts on purpose, even to His only begotten Son.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

### PLEASE CONSIDER ONLINE GIVING

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### WHY DO WE DO THAT?

#### Catholic Life Explained:

##### Question:

I've seen people hang rosaries over the rear-view mirrors in their cars and a few of them wear them around their necks. Is it OK to do that?

##### Answer:

The practice of hanging a rosary or a religious medal off of the rearview mirror of one's car is a fairly popular custom across many cultures. While there is no particular rule approving or condemning this practice, we should also be mindful of the respect and reverence due to religious objects and devotional items (i.e. sacramentals). An important point to consider would be the reason why one chooses to place a rosary or religious medal in our cars. Is it a reminder of the protection and intercession of Mary and the saints? Does it encourage us to be mindful of God's presence, even in such a mundane task as driving? Is it an outward expression of our more private devotions?

One advantage of having a rosary or religious medal in our cars is that it can also serve as a reminder to pray when we travel, asking for protection for ourselves and for other motorists or commuters. Certainly, invoking the protection and prayers of the saints is a wonderful practice for families, helping to reinforce our belief in the communion of saints and the care and concern we owe to one another.

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When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

**- Lk 2:39-40**

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## QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

**Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture**

### First Reading

The story of Abram and Sarah and their struggle to have a family centers on Abram's faith in the Lord. When have you needed to rely on faith when it comes to your family?

### Second Reading

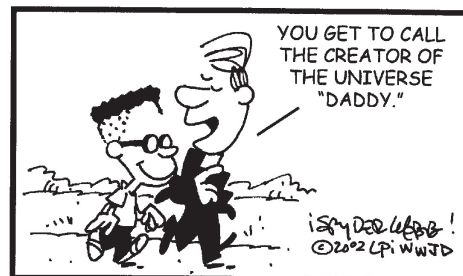
The author of Hebrews holds up Abraham as a model for the faith. When have you had to unconditionally trust in the Lord?

### Gospel Reading

Only Luke records the presentation in the Temple of the baby Jesus. Simeon reveals to Mary and Joseph insights into Jesus and his destiny. How do you imagine Mary and Joseph understood Simeon's words?



HOLY FAMILY

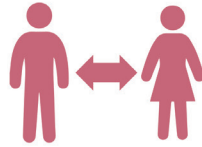


# LITURGICAL LIFE

## 3 EASY STEPS

### To Keeping Yourself & Others Healthy!

We are cautioned to be especially careful during the Coronavirus outbreak. Here are some simple ways to keep sickness away.



#### Wash Your Hands

Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds using soap and water. If you can't wash your hands, use hand sanitizer frequently.

#### Don't Touch Your Face

Especially around the eyes, nose and mouth. If you must sneeze, use a tissue or your arm.

#### Keep Your Distance

Practice social distancing during this epidemic and stay away from large groups. Instead, call, email or check up on family and friends using social media.



*“For my eyes  
have seen your  
salvation,  
which you  
prepared in the  
sight of all the  
peoples,  
a light for  
revelation to the  
Gentiles,  
and glory for your  
people Israel.”*

- Lk 2:30-32

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# KIDS CORNER

## READ THE GOSPEL AND COMPLETE A PUZZLE!

Find 8 differences.



### SHARING THE GOSPEL

Love God and trust him with your life. Then you will want to do what God asks. Simeon listened to God. Anna served God for many years in the temple. Mary and Joseph did everything God asked them to do for Jesus. Everyone in the temple knew that Jesus was sent by God to be their Savior. They trusted God with Jesus' precious life.

### PRAYER

God, help me to love you enough to do all that you ask me to.

### MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Jesus belonged to God. Look up the word "belong" in the dictionary. Thank God that you are his child, too.



# Prayer for the New Year

On New Year's Eve or New Year's Day, the household gathers at the table or at the Christmas tree or manger scene. Many people make New Year's Day a day of prayer for peace.

*All make the sign of the cross. The leader begins:*

Let us praise the Lord of days and seasons and years, saying:

Glory to God in the highest!

**R/.** And peace to his people on earth!

*The leader may use these or similar words to introduce the blessing:*

Our lives are made of days and nights, of seasons and years,

for we are part of a universe of suns and moons and planets.

We mark ends and we make beginnings and, in all, we

praise God for the grace and mercy that fill our days.

*Then the Scripture is read, Book of Genesis 1:14-19:*

Listen to the words of the Book of Genesis:

God said: "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky, to separate day from night. Let them mark the fixed times, the days and the years, and serve as luminaries in the dome of the sky, to shed light upon the earth." And so it happened: God made the two great lights, the greater one to govern the day, and the lesser one to govern the night; and he made the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky, to shed light upon the earth, to govern the day and the night, and to separate the light from the

darkness. God saw how good it was. Evening came, and morning followed—the fourth day.

(The family's Bible may be used for an alternate reading such as Psalm 90:1-4.)

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

**R/.** Thanks be to God.

*After a time of silence, members of the household offer prayers of thanksgiving for the past year, and of intercession for the year to come. On January 1, it may be appropriate to conclude these prayers with the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary (in Part VII: Litanies) since this is the solemn feast of Mary, Mother of God. In conclusion, all join hands for the Lord's Prayer. Then the leader continues:*

Let us now pray for God's blessing in the new year.

*After a short silence, parents may place their hands on their children in blessing as the leader says:*

Remember us, O God;  
from age to age be our comforter.  
You have given us the wonder of time,  
blessings in days and nights, seasons and years.  
Bless your children at the turning of the year  
and fill the months ahead with the bright hope  
that is ours in the coming of Christ.

You are our God, living and reigning, forever  
and ever.

**R/.** Amen.



*Another prayer for peace may be said:*

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:  
where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek  
to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to understand,  
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

**R/.** Amen.

—*Attributed to St. Francis of Assisi*

*The leader says:*

Let us bless the Lord.

All respond, making the sign of the cross:

Thanks be to God.

The prayer may conclude with the singing of a Christmas carol.



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