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**The Holy Family of Jesus,  
Mary and Joseph (Dec. 29)**



**LOVE**

For generations, various cultures regarded family life merely as a utilitarian necessity. Sirach introduces honor and respect. For Jews and Christians alike, the value of family goes even further. The family is seen as the indispensable school where love is learned. Paul addresses the Colossians and offers a list of virtues that make for a solid and happy church. These values also make for a happy family at ease with itself and its members: mercy, kindness, humility, meekness, patience, forgiveness. As a capstone, Paul urges love, which brings all of these domestic virtues to perfection. Paul seems to be on a roll as he lauds the virtues of the church at Colossae. With such heartfelt virtues, it is no wonder Paul bursts into song. Who wouldn't? It's clear that the center of the church is love. It is clear that no matter how far from home the members travel, the heart remains and all the members are connected by the gravitational pull of mutual love, a love first learned in family life.

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Sir. 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps. 128; Col.3:12-21 [12-17]; Matt.2:13-15, 19-23

<b>New Year's Masses</b>	Tuesday, December 31 <sup>st</sup>	5:00 pm
<i>(Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God)</i>	Wednesday, January 1 <sup>st</sup>	10:00 am

**The Solemnity of Mary, The  
Holy Mother of God (Jan. 1)**



**THE BLESSING WE  
RECEIVE**

The blessing we experience in Christ Jesus is proclaimed in Numbers as the special blessing for the people of Israel. They and we are to be blessed by the invocation of God's loving kindness, the shining glory of God's face turned toward us in love, not away from us in anger. We are blessed by God's own peace!

Our wish and our hope are fulfilled in this blessing, which is made visible in the coming of Jesus. In Jesus, the image of the invisible God, God's face is shown to us and God's presence is made known to us in faithful and loving kindness.

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Numbers 6:22-27; Psalm 67; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21.

**MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR THE  
CELEBRATION OF THE WORLD DAY OF PEACE,  
JANUARY 1: Fraternity, the Foundation and Pathway to  
Peace.** Link to the message: (<http://www.vatican.va>).

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

We are in the season of the Incarnation, the mystery of God's love poured out in Christ's birth. The word derives from the Latin *carnis* meaning "flesh." Throughout history, some Christians have distrusted the "flesh," and stressed a hatred of this world and its pleasures. Perhaps they have not paid enough attention to how "embodied" the sacraments are. One third-century author put it plainly in an image that may alarm diet-conscious Americans, explaining that we wash the body so the soul can be cleansed, that we anoint the body so the soul can be strengthened, and that we eat the body and blood of Christ so that "the soul can fatten on God."

Catholics "get" that God is revealed in this world. The sacraments use the "stuff" of creation: water and oil; the senses of the body, touch and taste and smell. We use the things of this world rightly. After all, God's love poured out into human flesh means the world has eternal value. Why else would Jesus describe the kingdom to come as a teeming city or a marriage banquet? Catholics are realists, and nowhere is that more evident than when we gather for a sacrament.

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**PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- Tuesdays:** *Legion of Mary - after 9:00 am Mass in the Small Assembly Room*
- Wednesdays:** *Liturgy of the Word or Mass at Redwoods - 2:00 pm*  
*RCIA - 9:15 am in the Pastoral Office*  
*Euchre - 1:00 pm in the Small Assembly Room*
- Fridays:** *Liturgy of the Word or Mass at West End Villa - 2:00 pm*
- Saturdays:** *Communion & Liberation Group - Board Rm 5:00 pm*
- Sundays:** *Children's Liturgy - at 10:30 am Mass*  
*Mass at Valley Stream Manor - 11:00 am*  
*Vespers - 4:30 pm in the Church*

Sat, Jan 4	Cursillo	9:30 am	Small Assembly Rm
Sun, Jan 5	Building Mortgage Collection all Masses		
Mon, Jan 6	Children's Religion	6:30 pm	Small Assembly Rm
Tues, Jan 7	Epiphany Mass at Our Lady of Victory	10:45 am	At school
	Liturgy Committee	5:00 pm	Board Room
	K of C Executive	6:00 pm	Small Assembly Rm
	K of C General	7:00 pm	Small Assembly Rm
Wed, Jan 8	Private Rental	6:00 pm	Small Assembly Rm
	Choir Practice (Divina's Group)	7:15 pm	Church
Thurs, Jan 9	Private Rental	6:00 pm	Small Assembly Rm
	Social Outreach Meeting	7:00 pm	Board Room
Sat, Jan 11	1 <sup>st</sup> Communion Enrolment	All Masses	
Sun, Jan 12			

The Parish Office will re-open on Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am.

**ARCHBISHOP'S RECEPTION FOR THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY:** At the Archbishop's Residence. **Sunday, January 5, 3:00 p.m.** Families of all ages welcome!

**ANNUAL HOMELANDS MASS:** At Notre Dame Cathedral on **Sun., Jan. 26, 2:30 p.m.** Multicultural communities are invited to bring traditional food to the Cathedral Hall by 2:15 p.m. The flag bearer and those wearing national dress are asked to be in the Hall by 2:00 p.m. (communities RSVP to 613-738-5025 x238 by **Jan. 13**). All are most welcome.

**Mass Intentions**

- Sat, Dec 28 – 5:00 pm**  
 † Anton Boehler by Heidi Chisholm  
 † Jeannette Ranger by Diane and Larry Ward
- Sun, Dec 29 – 8:00 am**  
 † Deceased members of the Grace family by Bill and Pat Berdnikoff
- Sun, Dec 29 – 10:30 am**  
 The intentions of all our Parishioners
- Tues, Dec 31 – 5:00 pm**  
 The intentions of all our Parishioners
- Wed, Jan 1 – 10:00 am**  
 † Deceased members of the Dawson & Randall families by Betty Randall
- Sat, Jan 4 – 9:00 am**  
 Life: conception to natural death
- Sat, Jan 4 – 5:00 pm**  
 † Sr. Nancy Wilson by the Dineen family
- Sun, Jan 5 – 8:00 am**  
 The intentions of all our Parishioners
- Sun, Jan 5 – 10:30 am**  
 † Gordon Henderson by Jackie Henderson  
 Doris Whitney by the SJA Bereavement Team  
 † Christopher Gleeson by Betty Gleeson & family
- Wed, Jan 8 – 9:00 am**  
 Intentions of Fr. Geoff Kerslake by Mom and Dad
- Sun, Jan 12 – 10:30 am**  
 The intentions of all our Parishioners  
 † *indicates deceased*

**Please remember the sick and their families who journey with them:** Lloyd Weatherdon, Leslie Roche and all those who are suffering from long-term chronic disease or mental illness. **Prayers and sympathy for those who have died, remembering especially Ivan Goodin, Doris Whitney, and Christopher Gleeson.**

**Attention:**

The Small Assembly Room is in use every Wednesday and Thursday evening from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm during January and February. *Access is not allowed during these times.*

<u>COLLECTIONS</u>	Reg. Collection	Valley Stream Manor	Redwoods	* Budget requirement	(Deficit) / Over	Building & Mortgage	
Dec 8	\$4,977.01	+ \$219.90	\$ 0.00	= \$5,196.91	- \$4,800.00	\$396.91	\$1,010.00
Dec 15	\$4,187.25	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	= \$4,187.25	- \$4,800.00	(\$612.75)	\$ 360.00
Sharing Our Christmas (Dec 8 + 15)	\$6,313.30			= \$6,313.30			
* Total Weekly requirement <b>\$5,350</b> = \$4,800 Basket collections + Pre-Authorized Contributions weekly average of \$550 (\$2,400/4.36)							

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