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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT & FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY



Saturday, December 21 St Peter Canisius

5:00 Vincent & Ruby Crowley req by the Family
Victor Lea req by Jeanne & Family

Sunday, December 22 Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 People of the Parish
9:30 Carole Finella req by Frank Lucia
Sam DiCarlo req by Mary DiCarlo & Family
11:30 Albina Tonet req by Ann Marie Rondinelli
Immacolata Luciano req by Alessandro Luciano & Family

Monday, December 23 St John of Kanty

8:00 Nancy & Nick DiPaolo req by Rosemary Panetta
Lucrezia Rizzo req by Mary, Patti, John, Steve & Families

Tuesday, December 24

8:00 Rocco Cavaliere req by his Nieces
Pietro Guerin req by Maria & Family

Tuesday, December 24, Christmas Eve The Nativity of the Lord

3:30 People of the Parish
5:30 People of the Parish
7:30 People of the Parish
12:00 People of the Parish

Wednesday, December 25 Christmas Day The Nativity of the Lord

8:00 People of the Parish
9:30 People of the Parish
11:30 People of the Parish

Thursday, December 26 St Stephen

8:00 Ruben Luardo req by the Family
Dec'd mem of the Picca & DiPaul Families req by Lucy, John & Family

Friday, December 27 St John

8:00 Madeline Rosati req by the Grandchildren
Carmine DeMizio req by Pasqualina DeMizio

Saturday, December 28 The Holy Innocents

5:00 Anita & Roger Archambault req by Jeanne Lea & Family
Cecil Shannon req by Charlene Shannon

Sunday, December 29 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

8:00 Bruno Pietrobon req by the Family
James & Flora Antonio req by the Antonio Family
9:30 Frank Ruberto req by Teresa Ruberto
Rosina Paonessa req by Tony & Rosa DeAngelis
11:30 People of the Parish

Monday, December 30

8:00 Oscar & Mercedes Bonaguro req by the Family
Agostino, Concetta & Tony Panetta req by Jim & Rosemary Panetta

Tuesday, December 31 St Sylvester I, New Year's Eve

8:00 Helen L & Kelly M req by Charlene Shannon
Margaret & John Pederi req by their Dtr: Margaret Pederi
5:00 Bruno Gagno req. by Nancy
Alex Craig req. by Linda Kremer

Wednesday, January 1 World Day of Peace, New Years Day

The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God
11:30 Mark & Wanda Solomon req. by Joe & Nancy Solomon
Dec'd mem. of the Sacco & Vilella Families req. by the Family

Thursday, January 2 St Basil the Great & St Gregory Nazianzen

8:00 Anthony Spadafora req by the Spadafora Family
Helen Buckley req by the Family

Friday, January 3 The Most Holy Name of Jesus

8:00 Carmela Rinaldi req by the Family
Fr. Bart Larkin req by Teresa & Cliff

Saturday, January 4

5:00 Ruben Luardo req by the Family
Marie Massolin req by Charlene Shannon

Sunday, January 5 The Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 Anselmo & Guiditta Pozzebon req by the Pozzebon Family
Marie Ange & Clarence Adams req by Aileen & Bryce
9:30 People of the Parish
11:30 Jozef Brzozowski req by Jean
Esther Nkoli Oburota req by St. Pat's Choir

Please pray for those who are ill. We are currently updating our sick list. This will be limited to parishioners and family members who are hospitalized or chronically ill. Please be advised that only an immediate family member can request a name to be added to this list.

Mary Power, Flori Heimbigner, Kenneth Power, Jacque Power, Connie Power, Emma Corfield, Muriel Lafford, Isabell Frost, Robert Orsini, Rick Woram, Enzo Bellon, Kurt Stevens, Barbara Conidi, Lindsey Luby, Norm Scott, Toni Brideau, Antoinette Vescio, Charlene Shannon, Scott MacLaren, Jim Crowley, Sherry Wales, Peter Meisenburg Jr., Leila Khan, Maureen Young, Maureen Tustin, Maureen Watson, Anna Hunt, Mary Jo O'Kell, Nancy Waters, David Gallina, John F, John Arnold, Leroy Collee, Andrew Zacharuk, Patrick Macri, Victor Pizzolato, Jeanne S, Christine Pritty, John & Laura Giampa, Jim & Betty Calzonetti, Eric Van Noort, Julian Cassidy, Lorraine Spence, Estelle Critelli, D.D., Missy Bilotta, Pasquale Abrunzo, Rita Ross, Leon French, Tony CuvIELLO, Kelsey Liles, Sr. Carol Forhan CPPS, JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Samantha Jayne, Laurie Crites-Warner, Norma Zanus, Judy, Jadwiga Wozniak, Kerrie Szuch, William JA DeFoe, Betty Crete, Sister Prem, Bob Marshall, Cameron Boyes, Danielle Barranca, Kelly Laslo, Mahmat, Lori Ann Pizzolato, Teresa Hebb, Rose MacDonald, Karen Bradley, Betty & Mary Ann Quigley, Arlene Collee, John Calder, Maria Guerin, Gregory Roulston, Anna Chayer, Denise Colalillo, Patrick McCarthy, Michelle Price, Francesco Albanese, Julie Nicholson, Emmanuel & Aline Chayer, Carmella Modenti, Bernard Martin, Joyce Weaver, Vicki Lea-Dawson, Margaret Waghorn, Evelyn Rose Baker, Patricia O'Reilly, Fran Smelko, Gloria Smelko, Jackie, Faith Amadio, Vanessa Athoe, Walter Wallace, Marie Brooker, Francois Chayer, Samuel Potapczyk, Jozefa Bilski, Elda Schneider, Susana Flego, Patricia Flego, Cynthia Alegre
Please help us update our list of those who are homebound, infirm, or hospitalized by calling the parish office.

Collections

December 15: \$9,501.15
Carmelite Missions: \$6,152.00 (to date)
Many thanks for your generosity!

Christmas Flowers

Envelopes are available at the doors of the church if you would like to donate toward the Christmas Flowers, in memory of your deceased loved ones. May they sleep in Heavenly peace.

Church Envelopes

Please make sure you pick up your Offertory Envelopes as soon as possible. They are in the sacristy, to the left of the altar. Many thanks.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve- Tuesday, Dec. 24th
3:30 PM -Children's Mass with Pageant
5:30 PM -Adult Choir Mass (Caroling at 5:00 PM)
7:30 PM -Mass
12:00 AM- Midnight Mass

Christmas Day- Wed., Dec. 25th
8:00, 9:30, 11:30 AM

A Child's Grace for Christmas Dinner

Dear God, we thank you for this day.
Bless all that we do and all that we say.
May we each enjoy your blessings great
As Jesus' Birth we celebrate.
And may the love that we share here
Remain in our family throughout the coming year. Amen!

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God- January 1st

Father, Source of light in every age,
the virgin conceived and bore Your Son
who is called Wonderful God, Prince of Peace.
May her prayer, the gift of a mother's love,
be Your people's joy through all ages.
May her response, born of a humble heart,
draw our Spirit to rest on Your people.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen

New Year's Mass Schedule

(Solemnity of Mary, Mother of Jesus)

Tuesday, December 31st, New Year's Eve: 5:00 PM
Wednesday, January 1st, New Year's Day: 11:30 AM



Dear Friends:

Today's bulletin is for the 4th Sunday of Advent and also for Christmas, Holy Family and New Year! It had to be submitted to the publisher on December 16th! Our next bulletin will be submitted on December 30, 2024 and published on January 5, 2025.

Fourth Sunday of Advent - December 22nd

The *Blessed Virgin Mary* is highlighted on this 4th Sunday of Advent! We pay special honour to Mary this day! Today's Gospel is the Visitation of Mary to her elderly cousin, Elizabeth! Remember, both are with child! When Mary greeted Elizabeth, John the Baptist leapt in Elizabeth's womb! How ironic that John would be the one who would usher in the Saviour of the world and baptize him! In many respects, John is the **hinge** between the Old and New Testament. May Mary intercede for us, and draw us closer to her Son! May we take the sacred time to reflect on Mary as the perfect role model for discipleship! As the old prayer says, "Keep Mary in mind and Jesus will grow in your heart!"



Christmas Message

On behalf of Fr. Joi and the Parish Staff, I wish you all the blessings of the Christmas Season! The Gospel for Christmas Mass during the Day proclaims, "**And the Word became flesh and lived among us!**" This is not just a theological doctrine about the Incarnation! This affirms that God **became one of us**, a person who relates to us at any time. The gift of Christmas is the gift that we are never alone. We have within us, **divine life, light and love**. There is absolutely no limit to the depth of God's love for us. Christmas is a season of great joy. It is a time to open our eyes and our hearts to the Newborn Child! Then, open our eyes and hearts to those around us. We need to bask in the fact that **God is with us, Emmanuel!** And God will always remain faithful to us! Let's do our best to remain faithful to God, by spreading peace, love and good will... and celebrating the gift of His presence with everyone! My prayer is that we will each do our blessed part to **Keep Christ in Christmas...** and to keep Christ in our lives and in our families. **May the New-Born Saviour fill your hearts and homes with love, joy and peace!** Merry Christmas! Joyeux Noel! Buon Natale!





"People are so worried about what they eat between Christmas and the New Year, but they really should be worried about what they eat between the New Year and Christmas!"

The best of all gifts around any Christmas tree:
the presence of a happy family all wrapped up in each other.



Many thanks for your generosity to our *Carmelite Missions*. Please continue to pray for the success of our Missions! God bless you for your kindness.



Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph- December 29th

Today is the Feast of the Holy Family! We can be tempted to look at the Holy Family as an **ideal** which we could never realize in our own families. Before we do that, may we never forget that **Mary, Joseph and Jesus** had their share of struggles! The trust which is fundamental to a marriage was challenged by Mary's pregnancy. Imagine Joseph having to bring Mary to a stable (cave) to give birth. Imagine living in a foreign land, Egypt, away from family and traditions. Still, the Holy Family made it through these difficulties for one reason only: **they had great faith**. Mary and Joseph's life was fueled by their faith, hope, joy and trust in God and his promises. This is a great feast to look at our own families. Is there **JOY** in my family? Are we able to laugh together? Are my family gatherings tense-filled? Do we have to walk on egg-shells around each other? Why not bring some joy back into our family... **for holiness sake!** Quality **TIME** together has something to do with being a **Holy Family!** And **PRAYER**. To have any chance at all at being a **Holy Family**, we must have the ingredient of **PRAYER**. We know the old saying, "**The Family That Prays Together, Stays Together.**" None of our families will ever be perfect, but there's absolutely no reason why our families can't be a little bit **holier and sacred and joy-filled**. May Jesus, Mary and Joseph intercede for us, and draw our families closer together.

Merry Christmas! Joyeux Noel! Buon Natale! Mligayang pasko! Nollaig Shona Dhuit! Kellemes Karacsonyi unnepeket! Froehliche Weihnachten! Mo'adim Lesimkha. Chena tova! Wesolych Swiat Bozego Narodzenia! Feliz Navidad! Geseënde Kersfees! Natale hilare et Annum Faustum! Eid milad majid! Crăciun fericit! Nollaig Shona! Feliz Natal! Sretan Bozic! Vrolijk Kerstfeest! Mërt karisamasa! Nollaig chridheil huibh! Sawadee Pee Mail! Sung Tan Chuk Ha! Gezur Krislinjden! Srozhdestvom Kristovym! Nadolig Llawn! Chung Mung Giang Sinh! Vesele Bozicne. Screcno Novo Leto! Gun Tso Sun Tan'Gung Haw Sun! Kung His Hsin Nien bing Chu Shen Tan! Sretan Bozic! Shinnen omedeto. Bara Din Mubarrak Ho! Kurisumasu Omedeto! Maligayan Pasko! Noeliniz Ve Yeni Yiliniz Kutlu Olsun! Milad Majeed! Webale Krismasii! Hristos se rodi! Sarbatori vesele! Merry Keshmish! Cestitamo Bozic! Linksmu Kaledu! Miitho Makosi Kesikansi!

A New Year's Prayer

May God make your year a happy one!
Not by shielding you from all sorrows and pain,
But by strengthening you to bear it, as it comes;
Not by making your path easy,
But by making you sturdy to travel any path;
Not by taking hardships from you,
But by taking fear from your heart;
Not by granting you unbroken sunshine,
But by keeping your face bright, even in the shadows;
Not by making your life always pleasant,
But by showing you when people and their causes need you most,
and by making you anxious to be there to help.
God's love, peace, hope and joy to you for the year ahead. Amen.

Save The Date: Pastor Turning 60!

Fr. Gerard will be turning 60 on Monday, December 30th. He turned 40 here in 2004. And the fun that was had when he turned 50 here in 2014. His mom was here to wheel him into the parish hall in a big baby carriage. Well, he doesn't want to have anything to celebrate 60 years, but he was talked into a little something. So on **Monday, December 30th at 6:00 PM** we are having a parish social! We invite all of you to a potluck buffet in the parish hall. Bring a dish, BYOB, bring your kids. We ask that you **call the parish office in advance** to let us know what dish you will bring, and how many people will be coming. We will need hot dishes, salads and desserts. Come one, come all and make it a fun and casual evening. We will have a few roasts and toasts, and a little **karaoke!** We ask everyone to bring a food item for Project Share.

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