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Feast of the Holy Family

## **FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY**

Readings	Liturgy	Intention	Please Pray for
Sunday, December 29 <sup>th</sup>	Masses		
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary &	9:00 a.m.	+Erlinda Belen	
Joseph			
1 Samuel 1.20-22, 24-28	10:30 a.m.	Our Parish Community	Feast of the Holy
1 John 3.1-2, 21-24			Family
Luke 2.41-52	12:00 p.m.	+Norma De Leon	
"Let the peace of Christ control your			
hearts"			
Monday, December 30 <sup>th</sup>			Maria Davi Maria
1 John 2.12-17	NO MASS		Very Rev. Msgr.
Luke 2.36-40			Cornelius O'Mahony
Tuesday, December 31 <sup>st</sup>	Mass	Intentions of Mathé Family	
St. Sylvester I	9:00 a.m.	,	
1 John 2.18-21			
John 1.1-18			
	New Year's Eve Mass		
	5:00 p.m.	+Elizabeth Alman	Rev. Felix Nwatu
	(Livestreamed)		
	6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.		
	Eucharistic Adoration		
	8:00 p.m.		
	(French)		
Wednesday, January 1st	New Year's Day Masses		
The Solemnity of Mary, the	9:00 a.m.	Sp. Intentions of	
Holy Mother of God		Agnieszka & Andrej	Calamanity of Many tha
Numbers 6.22-27	10:30 a.m.	+Henrietta & +Paul	Solemnity of Mary the
Galatians 4.4-7		Fernandes	Holy Mother of God
Luke 2.16-21	12:00 p.m.	Intentions of Christy	
		Ratnakumar & Family	
Thursday, January 2 <sup>nd</sup>			
St. Basil the Great &	Mass		Most Doy Doyglas
St. Gregory Nazianzen	9:00 a.m.	+Dr. Celine Rodrigues	Most Rev. Douglas
1 John 2.22-28			Crosby, O.M.I.
John 1.19-28			
Friday, January 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mass		
The Most Holy name of Jesus	9:00 a.m.	+Magdalena Gomes	Rev. Piotr Machnacki,
1 John 2.29-3.1-6	Eucharistic Adoration		S.A.C
John 1.29-34	9:30am-9pm		
Saturday, January 4 <sup>th</sup>	Mass		
1 John 3.7-10	9:00 a.m.	Intentions of Mrs. Tandon	
John 1.35-42	First Saturday		
	,		Very Rev. Ranjan D'Sa
	5:00 p.m.	+Lvdia Kahiling	O.C.D.
	5:00 p.m. (Livestreamed)	+Lydia Kabiling +Julian Martinez De Hoz	O.C.D.
	-	+Lydia Kabiling +Julian Martinez De Hoz +Eduardo Montano	O.C.D.



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## **POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION - JANUARY**

"Let us pray for migrants, refugees, and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected."

### **WORLD DAY OF PEACE- JANUARY 1**

The World Day of Peace was established by Pope Paul VI in 1968 who asked that "every year, this commemoration be repeated as a hope and as a promise, at the beginning of the calendar which measure and outlines the path of human life in time, that Peace with its just and beneficent equilibrium may dominate the development of events to come" Each year has a specific theme, chosen by the Holy Father.

On 12 December 2024, the Holy See published the Holy Father's Message for the 58th World Day of Peace, which will be celebrated on 1 January 2025, the liturgical Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, who is likewise the Queen of Peace. The theme chosen by Pope Francis is "Forgive us our trespasses: grant us your peace". This theme aligns with the spirit of the Jubilee Year, focusing on hope, forgiveness, and bringing people together. Inspired by Laudato Si' and Fratelli Tutti, the message highlights the need for change to build lasting peace in our lives individually, in communities, and worldwide.

In his message, the Holy Father states: "May 2025 be a year in which peace flourishes! A true and lasting peace that goes beyond quibbling over the details of agreements and human compromises. May we seek the true peace that is granted by God to hearts disarmed: hearts not set on calculating what is mine and what is yours; hearts that turn selfishness into readiness to reach out to others; hearts that see themselves as indebted to God and thus prepared to forgive the debts that oppress others; hearts that replace anxiety about the future with the hope that every individual can be a resource for the building of a better world." (SOURCE: <a href="https://www.cccb.ca/announcement/world-day-of-peace-2025/">https://www.cccb.ca/announcement/world-day-of-peace-2025/</a>)



The Catholic Community of St. Benedict Parish welcomes the following children who were baptized in *December*. We support them with our

prayers and ask that their parents nurture them so they can grow up to be faith filled people of God and our Parish Community.

Rohan Anthony Afonso, Janelle Chikaima Chikanaele, Aria Sofia Da Silva, Kamsiyonna Kasopefoluwa Egemonu, Lucas Nathaniel Arrogancia Lao, Easton Afonso Damiao Medeiros, Adia Rose Roberts, Greyson Sencich, Lincoln Sencich, Amilcar Pianki Soares Tavares, Malcolm King Soares Tavares, Amelia Alina Vassiliev



	OFFICE HOURS
December 30 <sup>th</sup>	9am to 430pm
December 31 <sup>st</sup>	9am to 12pm
January 1 <sup>st</sup>	CLOSED
January 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Regular office hours resumes
	(9am to 430pm)

## **PARENTING TIP OF THE MONTH #164**

December is an exciting month for children and families with the coming of Christmas. December is also the month we prepare for Christmas during Advent! Advent, by

definition, means we are preparing for something important, which is the coming of Jesus Christ. Celebrating with an Advent wreath allows us to light a candle each week, offering a chance to discuss, on four occasions, what Christ's coming to the world means to all of us. The candles (hope, faith, joy and peace) open up the opportunity to remind our children what each candle represents and, of course, the real meaning of the season. Santa comes one night per year, but Jesus is with us always and is a true gift in our lives. This Advent, remember to make Christ the reason for the season.

(From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

### MARRIAGE TIP OF THE MONTH #144



December can be a stressful month with all the preparation and planning that goes on before Christmas. This stress can cause us to lash out in ways we often would not, especially towards our spouses. This year make a conscious decision

to break the cycle. Get out your calendars and plan some quiet couple time: a shared coffee, a walk in your neighborhood, watching a shared movie, or a dinner out. At least once a week make the gift of the season time with each other because its impact will last much longer than any other material gift you might give. (From: Teresa Hartnett, Family Ministry Office; 905-528-7988 ext. 2250)

## The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within both humanity and
the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever.
Amen.



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