

DECEMBER 27, 2020

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

SIRACH. 3: 2-6, 12-14. Those who honor their parents will be greatly blessed.

PSALM 128. Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

COLOSSIANS. 3: 12-21. Be thankful; do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus.

LUKE. 2: 22-40. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom.

TODAY'S REFLECTION: The Cross and the Crib. We all have great hopes and dreams for our children; but we also seek to protect them from the realities that can destroy such dreams. Joseph and Mary confront those same hopes and fears in today's Gospel. Their spirits must have soared when Simeon proclaimed that their child would be a "light" for Israel; but that joy shattered into anxiety and horror when Simeon prophesied the suffering ahead of them. It is easy to welcome Jesus the innocent Child of Christmas; but God calls us to welcome Jesus, the humble Crucified of Holy Week and Easter. Luke's Gospel of the Child Jesus reminds us that the crib is overshadowed by the cross, that this holy birth is the beginning of humankind's re-birth in the Resurrection



INTENTIONS FOR OUR WEEKLY LITURGIES

MONDAY- 12/28

8:00 A.M.

Christmas Novena Intentions

The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

TUESDAY-12/29

8:00 A.M.

Scott Hine (Konosky & Owen Families)

Fifth Day within the Octave of Christmas

St. Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr

WEDNESDAY-12/30

Christmas Novena Intentions

The Sixth day within the Octave of Christmas

THURSDAY 12/31

4:00 P.M.

Alan & Paul Morcom (The Family)

The Seventh Day within the Octave of Christmas

FRIDAY 1-1-21

SOLEMNITY OF MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD

10:30 A.M.

Christmas Novena Intentions

SATURDAY 1/2-21

4:00 P.M.

Barbara Regan (M/M Henry Stachura)

SUNDAY 1-3-21 -THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

8:00 A.M.

Gloria Selvenis (Julie Rzucidlo)

10:30 A.M.

Jim Ruth (Pete & Sheila Wilkes)

12:00-Spanish Mass

People of the Parish



WORD OF LIFE: "Like our Blessed Mother welcomed Jesus we are called to cherish and protect the gift of human life, at every stage and in every circumstance."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

"Living Out Christmas in the New Year"

The Rectory Office Wednesday, 12/30,

Thursday 12/31, New Year's Eve & New Year's

Day 1-1-21.

C.C.D. CLASSES

Dec. 27 NO C.C.D. CLASS

January 3-NO C.C.D. CLASS

OUR WEEKLY OFFERING FOR DEC. 27, 2020

OFFERTORY	\$2,192.05
ON-LINE GIVING	\$150.00
SALARY/DUES	\$95.00
CHRISTMAS 2020	\$1,526.00
FLOWERS	\$25.00
SECOND COLLECTION	\$84.80
INCOME	=\$4,347.85
AVERAGE WEEKLY EXPENSES	-\$4,803.34



Counters for Monday, December 28th:

Phil Tochelli

Jim Perry

Kevin Toolan



WE ARE GOD'S FAMILY:

The Scriptures of Israel are filled with many stories of barren couples who were miraculously granted the gift of children by God. Surely, the best known among these is the first reading from today, from which Luke took inspiration when he recounted the miraculous birth of John the Baptist to Zechariah and Elizabeth and the more miraculous birth of Jesus to Mary and Joseph. In each instant, we are given examples or role models of those who trusted God.



More than examples of those who trust, they are models of self-surrender. They abandoned their own presuppositions and prejudices about the workings of the world and turned their lives over to belief in a God who can make like grow where none ought to; a God who can, today, take a tiny child of humble parents in an insignificant town and make him into a light for all the world. This is what we, as God's holy family, are called to do each day: to trust not in ourselves and the way we think things should be, but to open ourselves and surrender ourselves in faith to a God of endless promise.



A BLESSED CHRISTMAS: We certainly can relate to the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. They knew uncertainty, trouble, change and trust. They also trusted because they knew God was really with them. As we continue our journey into a New Year, we will certainly

find hope & the star of Jesus leads us onward. What a blessing to follow our Holy Family this Year. You and your family are in my prayers and Masses this Christmas Season.

Father John

CHRISTMAS OFFERING:

Our Parish counts on your Christmas Gift very much. You are our only support. Thank You for your financial Donation. It is truly appreciated this year more than ever.



SONNY SAYS:

"Dear God, would you please build a Post Office up in heaven so Grandma can send us Christmas Cookies with money inside just as she used to."

Love,
Johnny



CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY HELPER WINNERS:

\$1,000.00 Norma Errigo
\$500.00 Theresa Bebla
\$500.00 Gabby Piwoworski

Gas card winners Margaret Franks
Bob Chelik
Ali Machiesky

Congratulations to all the winners!!

C.C.D. RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES:

The Classes are on hold until Sunday, January 10, 2021. When all classes will resume. See you then.



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 granting you unbroken sunshine,
But by keeping your face bright,
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.



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP-RECOGNIZE GOD IN ORDINARY MOMENTS:

What a year it has been! How will we speak of these times a decade from now? As time goes by, our impression 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 people closest to you. Don't misuse or take for granted this precious gift. God gives us gifts on purpose.

