

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEKEND		
<b>SAT</b> 5:00 pm	12/28	All Holy Spirit Parishioners and Families, Maria Huong Vu, Maria Vinh Tran, Paul Ngac Vu, Joseph and Mary, All Souls of Relatives
<b>SUN</b> 10:00 am	12/29	All Holy Spirit Parishioners and Families, Joseph Loi Tran, Poor Souls, David Scarnato, Wadlington Family, Eidt & Vernetzy Family, Janice Newby
MASS INTENTIONS NEXT WEEKEND		
<b>SAT</b> 5:00 pm	1/4	All Holy Spirit Parishioners and Families, All Souls of Relatives, Poor Souls & Unborn Children, Deceased Members
<b>SUN</b> 10:00 am	1/5	All Holy Spirit Parishioners and Families, Joseph Loi Tran, Ngo & Nguyen Family Living and Deceased, All Souls of Relatives, Viola Smith Riley, Poor Souls & Unborn Children, Deceased Members

WEEKDAYS	
<b>MON</b> 12/30	Joseph, Viola Smith Riley
<b>TUE</b> 12/31	Mary
<b>WED</b> 1/1	All Souls of Relatives
<b>THU</b> 1/2	All Souls of Relatives
<b>FRI</b> 1/3	All Souls of Relatives.

**Fr.  
Bach  
and  
Staff**

**I again wish YOU ALL the most Joyful and  
Holiest Peace of The Infant Jesus, Our Lord,  
Emmanuel, God With Us!  
Thank You again for Your loving Cards and Gifts.  
May our Infant Jesus be the Best Gift from my hearts!**

**Reading 1** - is 62:1-5 - For Zion's sake I will not be silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her vindication shines forth like the dawn and her victory like a burning torch. Nations shall behold your vindication, and all the kings your glory; you shall be called by a new name pronounced by the mouth of the LORD. You shall be a glorious crown in the hand of the LORD, a royal diadem held by your God. No more shall people call you "Forsaken," or your land "Desolate," but you shall be called "My Delight," and your land "Espoused." For the LORD delights in you and makes your land his spouse. As a young man marries a virgin, your Builder shall marry you; and as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride so shall your God rejoice in you.



**Reading II** - COL 3:12-21 - Brothers and sisters: Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Wives, be subordinate to your husbands, as is proper in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and avoid any bitterness toward them. Children, obey your parents in everything, for this is pleasing to the Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children, so they may not become discouraged.

**Gospel** - Mt 2:13-15, 19-23 - When the magi had departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you. Herod is going to search for the child to destroy him." Joseph rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed for Egypt. He stayed there until the death of Herod, that what the Lord had said through the prophet might be fulfilled, Out of Egypt I called my son. When Herod had died, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." He rose, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go back there. And because he had been warned in a dream, he departed for the region of Galilee. He went and dwelt in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, He shall be called a Nazorean.



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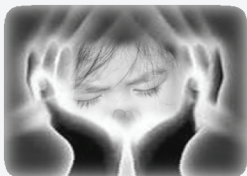
In a school, a class of children was presenting a Christmas play. In the act Joseph and Mary knocked on the door of the inn, they were quickly refused by the little innkeeper, "There is no room." The tiny couple knocked and pleaded again sorrowfully, the innkeeper hesitated a bit but then said to them again: "There is no more room." The couple this time pleaded and begged even more sorrowfully for a room. The little

innkeeper was about to refuse as having been taught in the script, but he finally broke down and sobbed: "Yes, you can have my own room." The teacher and audience were deeply touched and moved by the innocent spontaneity of the child. In him they saw demonstrated the true meaning of Christmas.

All of us play the role of innkeeper in life when Jesus comes asking for a room in our heart and our family, do we usually accept or reject him, him and him others. Sadly, there is actually "no vacancy" in our heart and family; our heart and family may be occupied by other guests and stuffs that seem to be more noble and lovable to us than Jesus. To welcome Jesus to be born in our heart and family sometimes request us to break down our "regular circle" of life.

**Open your Christmas presents, have you found a simple box wrapped with a poor paper? Help me to open it here and now. Yes, inside the poor wrapping paper, here we are, laying there a baby holding a card. Indeed, this is the gift given us by both God and Mary Themselves. But so often we have missed it and failed to appreciate it.**

*Fr. Bach*



Anna Massey, Beatrice M. McMillon, Brenda Thompson, Brandon, Bobbie Henry, Cameron Nedd, Chloe Pomes, Catherine Hernandez, Dawson Macera, Denise Wiltz, Elinor McKeon, Elizabeth Gale Hardy, Erena Hardy, Jr., Geneva C. Jones, Glynn Boyd, Jerod Boyd, Jeanne & Dan Schmitt, James Casby, Jason Boyd, J.W. Prejean,



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Carlos Gimenez 12/12, Celia Smith 12/17, Joseph Schmitt 12/2, Edwin Agwaramgbo 12/31, Charlotte Baham 12/23, Annette Nunez 12/19, Gilbert Crowden 12/20, Mack Sliman 12,16, 12/24, Chris Busby 12/27, Alejandro Gimenez 12/5, Hong-An Duong 12/13, Dottie Heck 12/6, Christopher Lewis 12/24, Patty Hebert 12/9, Elinor McKeon 12/10, Tahj Jackson 12/8, Gayla Rivera 12/4, Mary Preen 12/4,