

INTRODUCTION TO LITURGY OF THE DAY

The feast of the Holy Family was introduced into the liturgical calendar in 1921, promoted as a way to honor the Christian family. So today not only do we honor the Holy Family, we also focus on our own families and consider how we can be like the Holy Family. Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, in their devoted love and care for each other and in the way Mary and Joseph raised and cared for Jesus, can be a model for our own families.

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 Those who fear the Lord honor their parents.

or Gen 15:1-6; 21:3-1 The Lord's promise to Abram and Sarah is fulfilled..

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

or Psalm 105 "The Lord remembers his covenant for ever."

Col 3:12-21 Family life in the Lord.

or 3:12-17

or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 The faith of Abraham, Sarah, and Isaac.

Luke 2:22-40 The Child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom.
or 2:22, 39-40

The feast of the Holy Family has a choice of readings. Sirach and Saint Paul's Letter to the Colossians concentrate on the family and our calling to treat each other as believers in the Lord and as Christians. The alternative readings about Sarah and Abraham tell of God fulfilling the promise to Abraham that he would have descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky. The Gospel then portrays the devotion of Mary and Joseph, traveling to Jerusalem to present Jesus to God.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday,	Dec 30, Vigil, Holy Family
4:00 PM	Parishioners of Rosary
Sunday,	Dec 31, Holy Family.
8:30 AM	Parishioners of Rosary
10:30 AM	Elsie Keilen (RIP) Mother of Agnes Simet
Monday,	Jan 1, Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God (Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year)
8:30 AM	W. A. Brown (RIP)
Tuesday,	Jan 2, St. Basil the Great
8:30 AM	M. C. Brown (RIP)
Wednesday	Jan 3, Most Holy Name of Jesus
8:30 AM	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Thursday,	Jan 4, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
8:30 AM	Special Intention
Friday,	Jan 5, St. John Neumann
9:00 AM	Parishioners of Peace

NOTE: Please see Fr. Brown for Mass Intention requests. The Celebrant is not obligated to publicly announce the Mass intentions; this is a courtesy. If the Celebrant omits announcing the intention, the Mass is still offered for the donor's intention. If you would like to make a donation for the Sanctuary Lamp for a special intention, please see Father Brown. The Sanctuary Lamp intention for the month of January is Peyton Meyers (RIP).

(Please also give any announcements for the Bulletin to Fr. Brown on Monday.)

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Do I display the attributes described in today's readings when relating to my own family? As we are all brothers and sisters in Christ, do I show these qualities in my relations with friends, coworkers, strangers?

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS

Monica Pangaldi, Marianne Foreman, Peggy Ostertag, Richard Lawrence, Sig Mueller, Roberta Micele, Linda Warburton, Barbara Roben, Mona Fike, Jody Corroero, John Nicholson, Curtis Jackson, Greg Warner, Kelly Lightsey, Margi Bockweg, Cathy Banks, John Loria, Nathan Collins, Barbara Northrop, and Susan Tanney.

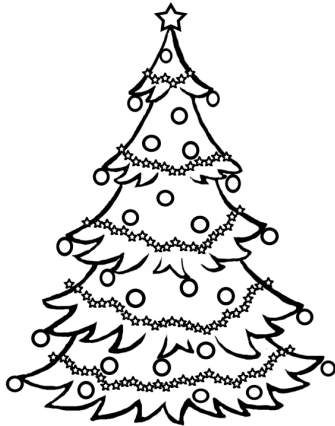
Please see Father Brown to update the list or to arrange for a visit to a homebound or hospitalized.

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

Retirement Fund for Religious (Dec 17) \$1,227.00
OFFERTORY (Dec 23/24) \$5,074.00
CHRISTMAS OFFERTORY (Dec 25) \$2,497.00
BUILDING FUND (Dec 17) \$11.00

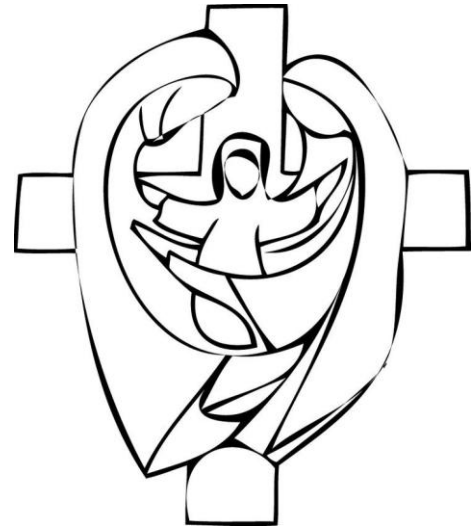
OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE

Retirement Fund for Religious (Dec 17) \$620.00
OFFERTORY (Dec 23/24) \$589.00
CHRISTMAS OFFERTORY (DEC 25) \$2,559.00



A CHRISTMAS BLESSING

God grant you the light of Christmas,
which is faith;
the warmth of Christmas,
which is purity;
the righteousness of Christmas,
which is justice;
the belief in Christmas,
which is truth;
the all of Christmas,
which is Christ.



THE HOLY FAMILY PRAYER

JESUS, Son of God and Son of Mary, bless our family. Graciously inspire in us the unity, peace, and mutual love that you found in your own family in the little town of Nazareth.

MARY, Mother of Jesus and Our Mother, nourish our family with your faith and your love. Keep us close to your Son, Jesus, in all our sorrows and joys.

JOSEPH, Foster-father to Jesus, guardian and spouse of Mary, keep our family safe from harm. Help us in all times of discouragement or anxiety.

HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH, make our family one with you. Help us to be instruments of peace. Grant that love, strengthened by grace, may prove mightier than all the weaknesses and trials through which our families sometimes pass. May we always have God at the center of our hearts and homes until we are all one family, happy and at peace in our true home with you. Amen.