

Holy Family Parish Cluster



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2020

THE HOLY FAMILY



The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom;
and the favor of God was upon him. - Lk 2:40

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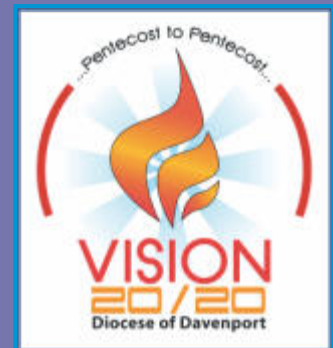
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*A family of God constituted
by the Holy Eucharist and
strengthened by the Holy
Spirit to make God known,
loved and served.*



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Bulletin Deadline

Tuesday 12:00 noon

(unless otherwise noted).

- Sacrament of Baptism: Please call the cluster office for arrangements.
- Sacrament of Matrimony: Please contact Pastor 9 to 12 months prior to wedding date.

ORDER OF MASS

Introductory Rites

Entrance Antiphon

The shepherds went in haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

Glory to God

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading [Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14](#)

Responsorial Psalm [Psalm 128](#)

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

Blessed is everyone who fears the Lord,
who walks in his ways!
For you shall eat the fruit of your handiwork;
blessed shall you be, and favored.

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

Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine
in the recesses of your home;
your children like olive plants
around your table.

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

Behold, thus is the man blessed
who fears the Lord.
The Lord bless you from Zion:
may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem
all the days of your life.

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

Second Reading [Colossians 3:12-21](#)

Gospel Acclamation [Colossians 3:15a, 16a](#)

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Let the peace of Christ control your hearts;
let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel [Luke 2:22, 39-40](#)

Profession of Faith

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Prayer after Communion

Soul of Christ, sanctify me; Body of Christ, save me; Blood of Christ, inebriate me; Water from the side of Christ, wash me; Passion of Christ, strengthen me; O good Jesus, hear me; Within your wounds hide me; Separated from you, let me never be; From the evil one protect me; At the hour of my death, call me; And close to you bid me; That with your saints, I may be, praising you forever and ever. Amen

Concluding Rites



Desmond Tutu, the South African Anglican priest who received the Nobel Peace Prize for his role in the opposition to apartheid once said, “You don’t choose your family. They are God’s gift to you, as you are to them.” Maybe this year more than any other we recognize the importance of family in our lives. This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family, a perfect example of what a family should be. But we may wonder, how can we possibly be a family as holy as that?

When asked to describe our family, we might begin by telling people about our parents, grandparents, or siblings. We might even describe what we have learned from researching our family tree. But no matter how wonderful our family may be, we are probably unlikely to describe our family as “holy.” And yet, this is God’s call. Every family, no matter what their circumstances, is called to be a holy family. Mary, Joseph, and Jesus faced challenges and trials, and yet they rose to the occasion, listened to and followed God’s will, and were assured of His love through it all.

God provides the grace for our families to be holy, but it is up to each one of us to do everything in our power to give His grace the opportunity to flow into our homes and into our hearts. Being holy is a lifelong process, a process of looking and acting less and less like the things of this world and acting and looking more and more like Jesus. And once again we are

given guidance on how to do that by listening to His Word.

Just look at today’s first two readings. The first reading speaks about honoring and caring for our fathers and mothers. When we honor them, we show gratitude for all that they have done for us. We acknowledge that we have not become the people we are by our own efforts alone. We have received great benefits from the sacrifices of others, especially our parents.

In the second reading we’re told to have patience and to forgive one another. We all know that we can say and do things, which hurt, irritate, frustrate, disappoint, anger, and sadden one another. Patience with each other’s faults, and a readiness to forgive and reconcile are keys to a peaceful family life. In a truly holy family all members are respected, cherished, nurtured and supported, and above all, united in the bond of love.

This year, as one of our New Year’s resolutions, we should all try to be holy families. The Church encourages us to look to the Holy Family for inspiration, example, and encouragement. Their love for the Father and their desire to be faithful to Him and to please Him in all things was what strengthened their love for each other. On the Feast of the only perfect family that ever lived on this earth, we need to pray for the grace of caring for one another in our own families. May God bless all our families in the New Year!

Colleen Burke
Evangelization Team



The Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

During the Twelve Days of Christmas, the Catholic Church celebrates many important feasts, including the feasts of Saint Stephen, the first martyr (December 26), whose martyrdom is recorded in Acts 6-7; Saint John the Apostle (December 27), who wrote the Gospel of John and the Book of Revelation, as well as three epistles; the Holy Innocents (December 29), the children who were slaughtered at the order of King Herod, when he was trying to kill the Christ Child; and the Holy Family (normally celebrated on the Sunday after Christmas, and on December 30, when Christmas falls on a Sunday).

None, however, is as important as the feast celebrated on the octave (eighth day) of Christmas, January 1: the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. The use of the word “solemnity” here is not about Mary’s personality. It is used for certain days within the liturgical calendar of the Church. Solemnities are the highest rank of liturgical celebration, higher than feast days or memorials. By celebrating a solemnity dedicated to Mary’s motherhood, the Church highlights the significance of her role in the life of Christ. (From “What Does the Solemnity of Mary Mean?” by Ginny Kubitz Moyer)

WEEKLY ANTIPHONS

Entrance Antiphon

Tuesday 12/29

God so loved the world that he gave his Only Begotten Son, so that all who believe in him may not perish, but may have eternal life.

Wednesday 12/30

When a profound silence covered all things and night was in the middle of its course, your all-powerful Word, O Lord, bounded from heaven's royal throne.

Thursday 12/31

A child is born for us, and a son is given to us; his scepter of power rests upon his shoulder, and his name will be called Messenger of great counsel.

Friday 1/1

Hail, Holy Mother, who gave birth to the King who rules heaven and earth for ever.

Weekly Recessional Antiphon

They looked up and saw a star shining in the east, beyond them far; and to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night.

From Words Among Us

Pope Francis Prayer Intention **For December**

For a Life of Prayer

We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

Cluster Parish Prayer List

1. Our Shepherds:

Bishop Thomas Zinkula, Archbishop
Michael Jackels, Fr. Francis Odoom,
Deacon Mike Shiel

2. The Aged & Infirm:

- Melvin Duwa, Dorothy Hasenmiller, Gloria Kagemann, Grace Kinney, & Dick Nodurft
- Betty Anderson, Jerica Christensen, Rich Kleineck, Leonard Lasack, Paul Lasack & Marilyn Stevenson

MASS SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Place	Intention
Saturday 12/26	5:00 pm	Toronto	Jim Wisor
Sunday 12/27	8:00 am	Grand Mound	Elmer Hassenmiller
	10:00 am	Oxford Junction	Glen Riggenniter
Tuesday 12/29	8:00 am	Grand Mound	Rev. Raymond Hannigan
Wednesday 12/30	5:00 pm	Grand Mound	Randy Reistroffer
Thursday 12/31	5:00 pm	Toronto	For the People
Friday 1/1	8:00 am	Oxford Junction	For the People
	6:30 pm	Grand Mound	For the People
Saturday 1/2	5:00 pm	Lost Nation	Irene Duwa
Sunday 1/3	8:00 am	Grand Mound	Syslo Family
	10:00 am	Oxford Junction	Rosine Regenniter

A gentle reminder that if you have not yet given to our Sacred Heart parish fund-raising goal, please try to do so before the end of December, 2020. We have many expenses during the winter, and we want to make sure Sacred Heart continues to be a safe, happy, holy place to gather with our parish family.

DAILY READINGS

Readings for the week of December 27, 2020

Sunday Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 /Col 3:12-21 /Lk 2:22-40

Monday 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18

Tuesday 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35

Wednesday 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40

Thursday 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18

Friday Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Saturday 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 1:19-28

Next Sunday Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

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