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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2021

THE HOLY FAMILY



He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man. - Lk 2:51-52

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 26, 2021

- Sunday:** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52
- Monday:** 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
- Tuesday:** 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18
- Wednesday:** 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35
- Thursday:** 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40
- Friday:** 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18
- Saturday:** Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
- Next Sunday:** Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

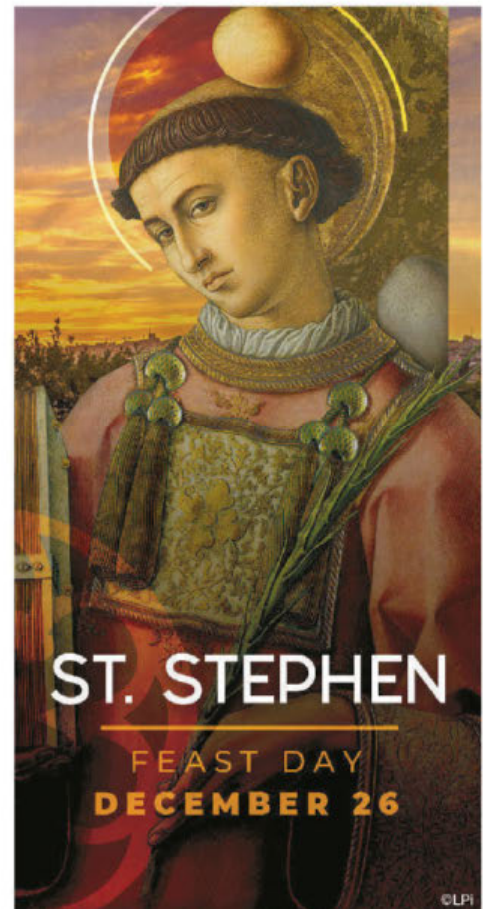
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 26, 2021

- Sunday:** The Holy Family
- Monday:** St. John, Apostle and Evangelist
- Tuesday:** The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
- Wednesday:** St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr
- Friday:** St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve
- Saturday:** New Year's Day; Mary, The Holy Mother of God; World Day of Peace
- Next Sunday:** The Epiphany of the Lord; Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

It was the best of times and it was the worst of times. Our families can bring out the best and the worst in us. This is true of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our church, our society, and the like. In all of our family experiences, what stands out as our most challenging memory? Everything human can be found on the pages of family life. But there is also a Divine story to be discovered as well. When life gets difficult and perplexing, today's Feast of the Holy Family stands to remind us that it is not just by human effort that we tread treacherous waters. We have to remember and learn from the Divine effort too. We need this perspective if our love lessons are going to be learned completely and well. We are all works in progress and we all come from homes that are broken by imperfection. In whatever life brings us and in whatever family we find ourselves, may the promptings we feel toward faith and hope lead us to greater love.



ST. STEPHEN

FEAST DAY
DECEMBER 26

SAINT OF THE WEEK

The Acts of the Apostles tells the story of St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr. A man filled with grace and power, he worked great wonders among the people. Some Jews debated with St. Stephen but could not match his wisdom and spirit. Eventually, a charge of blasphemy was brought up against him, and the local population demanded that he be tried and sentenced. He was seized and carried before the Sanhedrin.

Despite the danger he faced, in front of the Sanhedrin and his accusers, St. Stephen gave a long speech about the history of Israel and the blessings that God had given upon His chosen people. He talked about how Israel had become disobedient despite God's abundant mercy. This enraged his accusers, and eventually the crowd dragged him out of the city and stoned him to death.

Even in his final moments, St. Stephen displayed great forgiveness and even asked God not to hold the sins of his attackers against them. Hundreds of years after his death, he is still a role model for us to follow.



Save The Date!

Three Kings Feast

Saturday, January 8th at 6:30 pm

The Three Kings Feast is an Italian family style feast to support St. John Vianney parish. COVID has hit many parishes financially and St. John Vianney is no different. So, let's come together to raise funds by sharing a feast.

Three amateur chefs and their friends will come together to create a meal fit for the King's. Enjoy fresh homemade pasta while listening to the sounds of Italy. We will also toast the night away to you for your support and dedication to St. John Vianney.

Tickets on-sale after all Masses beginning

December 11th

Adult: \$25.00 Child: \$15

Table: \$260* - Includes complimentary bottle of wine

PRAYER FOR THOSE WHO HAVE LEFT THE FAITH

O Good Shepherd, you never cease to seek out the lost, to call home the stray, to comfort the frightened, and to bind up the wounded. I ask you to bring (names) back to the practice of the Faith, and to remove all obstacles that prevent them from receiving your abundant mercy, which flows sacramentally through the heart of your holy Church. Through the intercession of Mary, the Mother of God, their Guardian Angels, their Patron Saints and the ever-prayerful St. Monica, may you pardon their sins and unshackle them from whatever hinders their freedom to come Home. For you, O Good Shepherd, have loved us to the end and offered yourself to the Father for the salvation of all. Amen

Prayers for the return of a non-practicing Catholic also should be accompanied by sacrificial and private acts of fasting, and almsgiving in their name.

Qualified Charitable Distributions

A great planning tool if you are age 70 1/2 or older is to give money from an IRA directly to charity. This is called a "qualified charitable distribution (QCD)". This is an option if you wish to lower the taxable balance of an IRA, or if you are age 72 or older and you don't need the money from your required minimum distribution (RMDs).

Donating through a QCD is a good way to avoid paying taxes on the money you withdraw while helping a qualified charity. The money must go directly from the IRA to a charity to ensure the distribution doesn't count toward your taxable income for the year.

Please contact Pat Dold, our SJV Accountant via e-mail at pat@sjvssp.org or call the office on Tuesday/Thursdays between 11:30—2:30pm and speak with him directly to make any changes to your contributions for the new year.

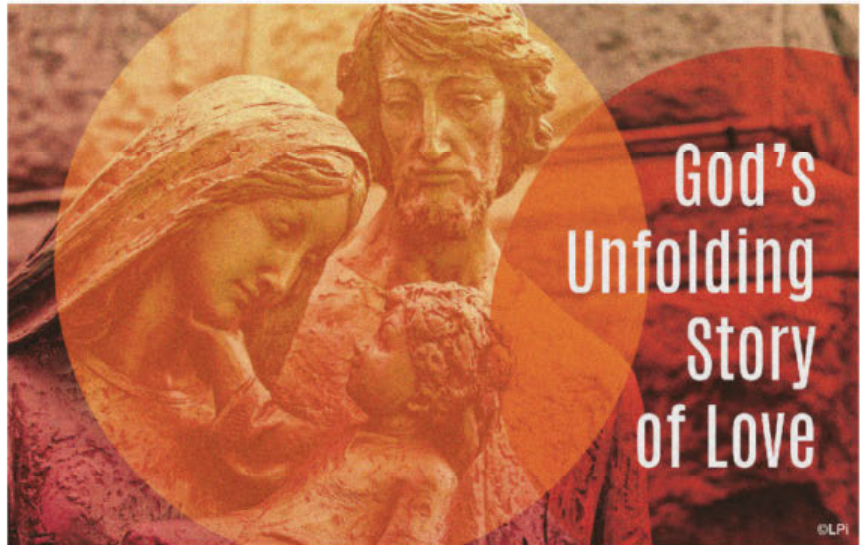


A New Year's Prayer

Lord, You make all things new
You bring hope alive in our hearts
And cause our Spirits to be born again.

Thank you for this new year
For all the potential it holds.
Come and kindle in us
A mighty flame
So that in our time,
many will see the wonders of God
And live forever to praise
Your glorious name.
Amen

WORSHIP & MEDITATION



GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Families can be very difficult things to negotiate. This is true not only of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our Church, our society, and our global family as well. Everything human can be found in family stories. Those stories speak of wonderful life-giving successes as well as painful spirit-robbing abuses. Our greatest joys and our greatest wounds are usually connected with the experience of family. Our needs, experiences, and unresolved baggage often color what we bring to our familiar relationships. They contribute to our level of defensiveness, how guarded and protected we become, and what prejudices we believe.

In order to break the cycle of dysfunction we have to remember that it is not only by human effort that we negotiate the difficult and challenging events of our lives. There is a Divine Effort at work as well. For sure, the human effort can create quite a mess and easily destroy lives. This is true of any family with which we are associated. Today's Feast of the Holy Family serves to help us understand that there is a Divine Story being told as well. It is a story of perseverance in the face of hardship, determination in the face of despair, healing when we see nothing but wounds, and light where there is darkness.

Do we believe that God is always working, guiding, restoring, and leading? Unless we do, we will never be free from the imperfections and wounds that bind us and never be able to understand what it really means to forgive. Pope Francis tells us that the "light which comes from the Holy Family encourages us to offer human warmth to other families." While this is most certainly true, we can only really begin to do this when we realize that we are still works in progress, not anchored to the wounds and sins of our past, and still a leading star in God's continually unfolding story of love. The Holy Family persevered and radiated warmth because they knew they were not alone. We can too.

Prayer Requests



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| <i>Myrt Milner</i> | <i>Robert Delia</i> |
| <i>Jim Schema</i> | <i>Kay Buhl</i> |
| <i>Bob Bringgold</i> | <i>Debbie Knoll</i> |
| <i>Becky Thomas</i> | <i>Marcy Jansen</i> |
| <i>Barb Thompson</i> | <i>Alice Hamilton</i> |
| <i>Mark Todd</i> | <i>Paul Rebholz</i> |
| <i>Gloria Powers</i> | <i>Sandy Thompson</i> |
| <i>Simon Scott</i> | <i>Jim Bruhn</i> |
| <i>Jack Barrett</i> | <i>Judy Fuglie</i> |
| <i>Linda Pelletier</i> | <i>Grayce Hartman</i> |
| <i>Dave Vonarx</i> | <i>Geri Loder</i> |
| <i>Katie Loder</i> | <i>Theresa Skillrud</i> |
| <i>Fran Delia</i> | <i>Jeri Boomgaarden</i> |
| <i>Kevin Conroy</i> | <i>Shari Bergman</i> |
| <i>John Cosgrove</i> | <i>Joann Krantz</i> |
| <i>Alex Larson</i> | <i>Frank Strut</i> |
| <i>Cathy Derr</i> | <i>Marla Hawley</i> |
| <i>Fred Friedrichs</i> | <i>Bill Holzmer</i> |
| <i>Kathy Olsen-Roebke</i> | <i>Randy Gillette</i> |
| <i>Joel Oberpriller</i> | <i>Alex Bussiere</i> |
| <i>John Rose</i> | <i>Gloria Perkovich</i> |
| <i>Dustin Bergh</i> | <i>Terry Delia</i> |
| <i>Sandy Lotzer</i> | <i>Jeanne Cosgrove</i> |
| <i>Lyndon Baker</i> | <i>Vi Stewart</i> |
| <i>Marge Willer</i> | <i>Tom Lehmann</i> |
| <i>Lily Kehler</i> | <i>Mildred Hoff</i> |
| <i>Carlos Garcia</i> | <i>Bill Reynolds</i> |
| <i>Steve Stremski</i> | <i>Steven Temes</i> |
| <i>Krista Marks</i> | |



Mass Schedule & Intentions

MONDAY	DEC 27	8:00 AM	NO MASS
TUESDAY	DEC 28	8:00 AM	JOAN GLEWWE+
WEDNESDAY	DEC 29	8:00 AM	MARGARET BERGMAN+
THURSDAY	DEC 30	8:00 AM	FOR ALL PARISHIONERS+
FRIDAY	DEC 31	8:00 AM	VIRGIL PAWLENTY+
SATURDAY	JAN 01	9:00 AM	FOR ALL PARISHIONERS+
		5:00 PM	FRANCIS FAMILY
SUNDAY	JAN 02	8:30 AM	FOR ALL SEMINARIANS
		10:30 AM	RUTH BAKER HAANEN KROPERLNICKI+

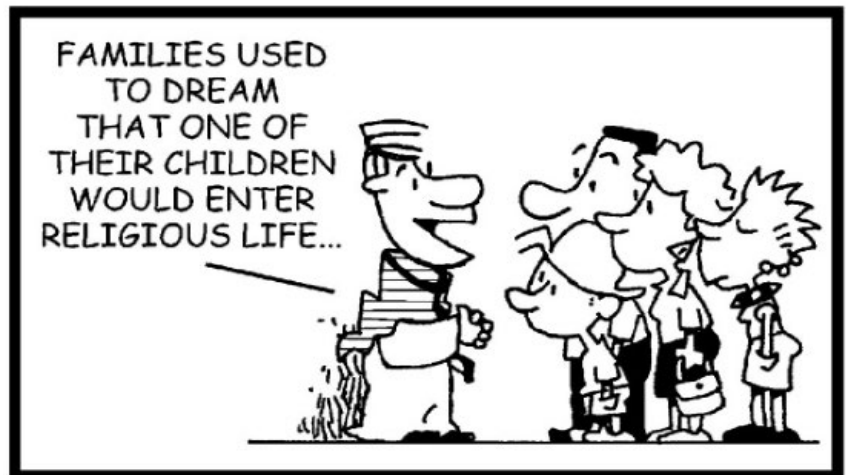
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