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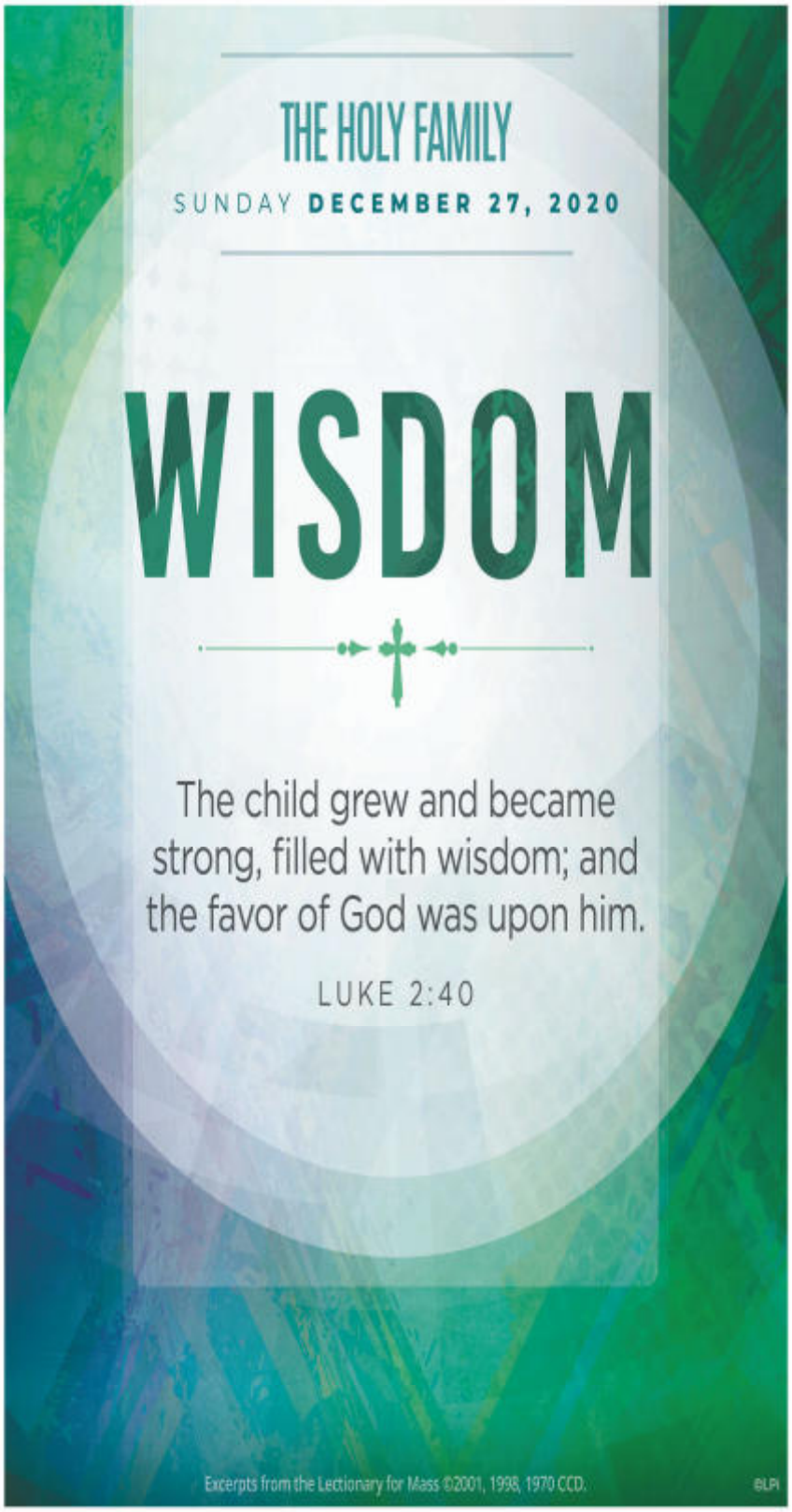

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Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, December 26
4:00 PM **St. Matthew Church**
†Richard Khoury by The Ross Family

Sunday, December 27
8:00 AM **St. Matthew Church**
For all parishioners
9:30 AM **Our Lady of Grace Chapel**
†Walter Cogean by the Cogean Family
11:00 AM **St. Matthew Church**
For all parishioners

Monday, December 28
8:00 AM **St. Matthew Church**
Mass

Adoration after 8:00 AM Mass

Tuesday, December 29
NO MASS

Wednesday, December 30
NO MASS

Thursday, December 31
8:00 AM **Our Lady of Grace**
Mass
Adoration 8:30 AM to Noon at North American Oratory

Friday, January 1
10:30 AM **St. Matthew Church**
Mass

Saturday, January 2
4:00 PM **St. Matthew Church**
†Richard Khoury by his wife, Jo-Anne
†Robert Riley by Brenda Connell

Sunday, January 3
8:00 AM **St. Matthew Church**
†Henry Ahern Sr. by the Ahern Family
9:30 AM **Our Lady of Grace Chapel**
For all parishioners
11:00 AM **St. Matthew Church**
For all parishioners

COMING UP THIS WEEK

Monday, December 28
AA Meeting, CLC Hall, 11:00 AM - Noon

Tuesday, December 29
AA Meeting, CLC Hall, 11:00 AM - Noon

Wednesday, December 30
AA Meeting, CLC Hall, 11:00 AM - Noon

Thursday, December 31
AA Meeting, CLC Hall, 11:00 AM - Noon

Friday, January 1
AA Meeting, CLC Hall, 11:00 AM - Noon

Saturday, January 2
AA Meeting, CLC Hall, 11:00 AM - Noon

Sunday, January 3
GIFT Program:
After 8:00 AM Mass - CLC Hall
After 9:30 AM Mass - Marian Hall

OFFICE HOURS
The offices will be closed on New Year's Eve, December 31st and reopen Monday, January 4th. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

INCLEMENT WEATHER CANCELLATIONS
As winter weather approaches, please watch WMUR or check our FB page, Holy Trinity News and Info before you set out for daily Mass, Adoration or other events. Cancellations are also emailed out to parishioners who have given us their email address. If you do not receive our emails, please email Chris at holytrinitybristol@gmail.com

Offertory for 12/19 and 12/20
Offertory amounts will be printed next week due to early publishing deadline.
Thank you for your continued generosity!

Would you Consider Online Giving?
The effects of COVID 19 have been wide spread, whether it be physically, emotionally, and financially just to name a few. The parish has also felt the effects financially. If you haven't already transitioned to online giving, would you please consider doing so? That way, we can continue to receive your weekly offerings even when you are not here, as the payments are automatic. We thank you for your continued generosity, prayers and participation at Holy Trinity Parish.

Mass For Feast of Mary, Mother of God

There will be a Mass for the Feast of Mary, Mother of God, on January 1, 2021 (New Year's Day) at 10:30 AM at St. Matthew Church.

Congratulations and welcome to Ryan Giard who was baptized recently during the GIFT program First Reconciliation Retreat! We are so happy to have you join our faith community!
Picture below: Christine and Dave Hemeon, Fr. Leo, James, Richard and Ryan Giard.

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday
4:00 PM at St. Matthew
Sunday
8:00 AM at St. Matthew
9:30 AM at Our Lady of Grace
11:00 AM at St. Matthew

Please wear a mask, sign the Guest book, practice social distancing and follow the instructions of the ushers. Thanks for helping to keep everyone safe!

Reflection on the Holy Family

No family is free from trouble. The holy family of Nazareth had their struggles. Joseph, who was betrothed to Mary, felt deceived when he knew that Mary was already with child. Mary and Joseph had no decent place to bring forth their son and Savior of the world, Jesus Christ. They had to take the infant and flee to Egypt overnight and live in a foreign land. They lost the child in the temple, and they spent two days searching for him. Mary had to witness her son being crucified on the cross, and she was left to the care of a non-relative. It needs no reminding that the Holy Family had their share of difficulties. They conquered their trials through their faith life. This must be the primary concern of our families. We can conquer every trial in family life to the best of our ability with our faith and trust in God. Family life today is a difficult pursuit. Many children grow up in single parent homes or live with grandparents or guardians. It is a reality of modern life. We must remember that a family is "a Christian home where children receive the first proclamation of the faith. For this reason, the family home is called 'the domestic church,' a community of grace and prayer, a school of human virtues and of Christian charity." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 16:66. To make family life holy according to the plan of God, we should pay attention to what St. Paul tells the Colossians: "Bear with one another. Forgive one another. Overall, these, put on love. Christ's peace must reign in your hearts."
As we go through this week, can we pray on this? In your family, besides working on your own prayer life, if you have children at home, do you teach them to have a relationship with God through a life of prayer? ***DC Dave Hemeon***

GIFT PROGRAM
COME AND JOIN US!

Men's Spirituality (one Saturday of the month) provides an opportunity for men to gather and discuss the Sunday Scriptures considering their own journeys of faith.
Moms Faith Sharing Circle (one evening per month) welcomes women at all stages of motherhood to enter deeper conversations and prayer within a safe and supportive environment.
If you are interested, please call GIFT program leader Dave Hemeon at (603) 496-7145.

Eucharistic Adoration

Please join us for Eucharistic Adoration from 8:30 AM to noon on Thursdays at North American Martyrs Oratory, following 8 AM Mass at Our Lady of Grace Chapel. If you would like to take a half hour slot for prayer it would be much appreciated. If you would be interested, please call Chris at (603)744-2700 or email holytrinitybristol@gmail.com.

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:
The Lord took Abram outside and said,
"Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can.
Just so," he added, "shall your descendants be." (Gn 15:5)

PSALM:
The Lord remembers his covenant for ever. (Ps 105)

SECOND READING:
By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called
to go out to a place
that he was to receive as an inheritance;
he went out, not knowing where he was to go. (Heb 11:8)

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

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 27, 2020

Sunday:	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Monday:	The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
Tuesday:	St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr
Thursday:	St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve
Friday:	Mary, The Holy Mother of God; New Year's Day; World Day of Peace
Saturday:	Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church
Sunday:	The Epiphany of the Lord; National Migration Week

REFLECT

FIRST READING
The story of Abram and Sarah and their struggle to have a family centers on Abram's faith in the Lord. When have you needed to rely on faith when it comes to your family?

SECOND READING
The author of Hebrews holds up Abraham as a model for the faith. When have you had to unconditionally trust in the Lord?

GOSPEL READING
Only Luke records the presentation in the Temple of the baby Jesus. Simeon reveals to Mary and Joseph insights into Jesus and his destiny. How do you imagine Mary and Joseph understood Simeon's words?

THE GIFT OF FAMILY

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

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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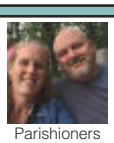
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