



December 26, 2021 | Holy Family

WELCOME!

Mass Times

Tuesday-Friday..... 8:30 am
Saturday Vigil..... 5:00 pm
Sunday Mass.....8:30 & 11 am

Solemnity of Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)

Mass Times:

Sat., Dec.31 @ 5:00 pm
Sun., Jan.1 @ 10:00 am

Reconciliation

Saturday..... 3:15 to 4:30 pm
or by appointment

Morning Prayers

The Divine Mercy Chaplet,
followed by the Holy
Rosary, are prayed in the
Chapel every weekday at
8:00 am.

Adoration

Tuesdays 9:00 am until
6:00 pm in the Chapel

Prayer Chain

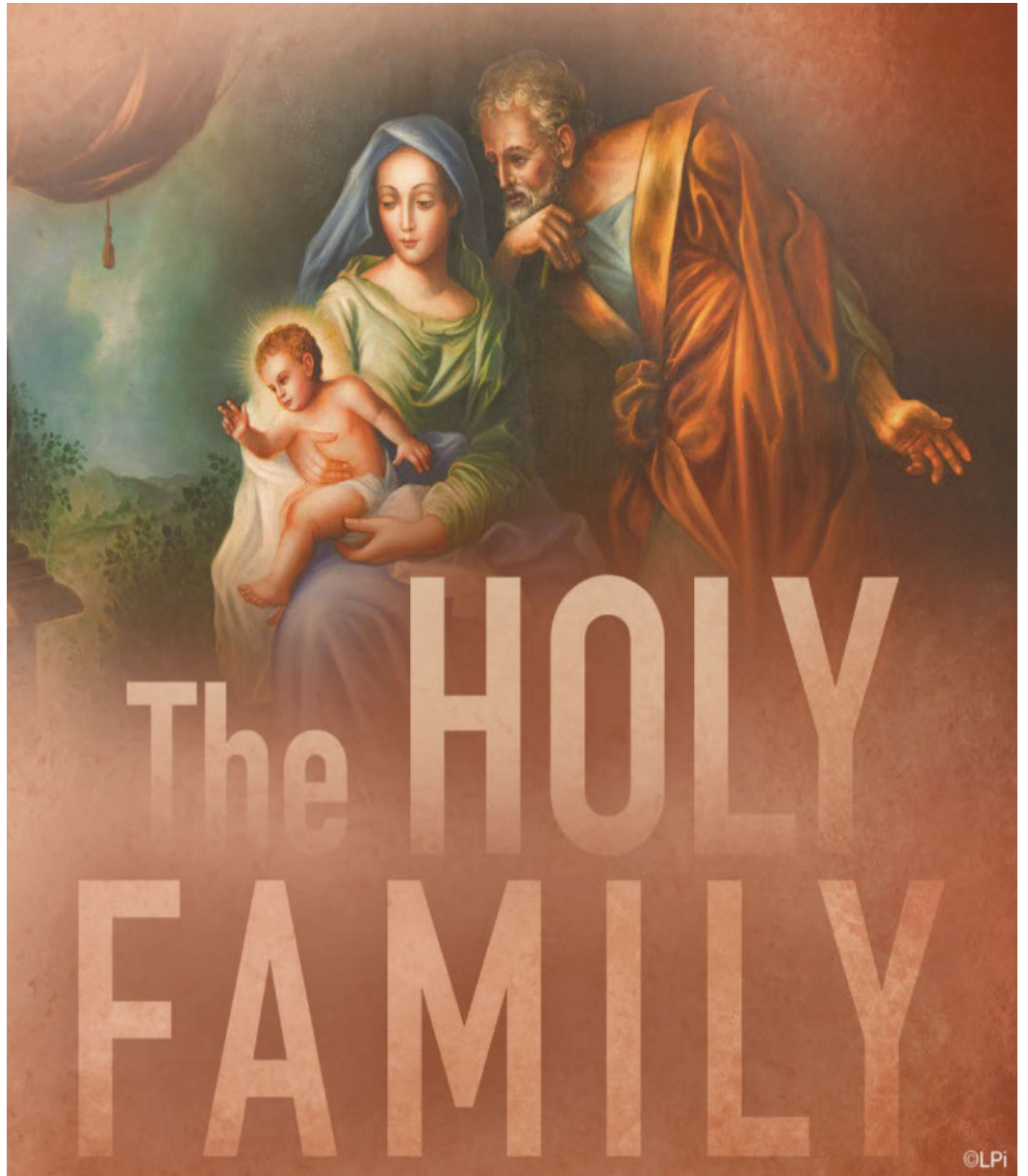
If you have a prayer
request or would like to
become a part of our
prayer chain, email us at:
PrayerChain@qpsalem.org

Stay Connected

Do we have your email?
Weekly messages are sent
out by email.

Parish Office Hours

Mon - Fri: 9:00 am-4:00 pm
Closed for the lunch hour.



OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Queen of Peace is a Eucharist-centered faith community in the Roman Catholic tradition that strives to live the gospel of Jesus Christ and share the gifts of the Holy Spirit by welcoming all to faith formation, ministry, sacraments, and evangelization.



MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Dec 25 (Sat) Christmas Day	10:00 am	Queen of Peace Parishioners
Dec 26 (Sun) Holy Family	8:30 am 11:00 am	+ Paul and +Eileen Valder + Ben and +Angela Wolke
Dec 27 (Mon)	No Mass	
Dec 28 (Tue)	8:30 am	+ Sr. Rita Carey
Dec 29 (Wed)	8:30 am	+ Don White
Dec 30 (Thur)	8:30 am	St. John Family
Dec 31 (Fri) Mary, the Holy Mother of God Vigil	5:00 pm	Queen of Peace Parishioners
Jan 1 (Sat) Mary, the Holy Mother of God	10:00 am	Queen of Peace Parishioners
Jan 1 (Sat) The Epiphany	5:00 pm	Queen of Peace Parishioners
Jan 2 (Sun) The Epiphany	8:30 am 11:00 am	+ Sr. Rita Carey + Desmarteau Family



WOMEN'S WINTER DAY RETREAT

"A Morning with Jesus"
led by Father Ray Carey

Jan.15th 9:00 am– noon in the Gathering Area.

Please RSVP by Jan.9, 2022. To RSVP call or text Laurena at 503-363-0829 or Naomi at 503-930-1384 or ndrettinger09@gmail.com

Coffee and refreshments will be served.

Suggested donation at the door is \$15. After expenses, the remaining amount will be donated to the Liberty House in Salem which offers a safe, comfortable, child friendly environment for children and their families who are facing concerns of abuse or neglect.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, December 27, 2021

7:00-9:00 pm Couples for Christ, Faith Room

Tuesday, December 28, 2021

7:00-8:30 pm RCIA, Charity Room

Friday, December 31, 2021

5:00 pm Solemnity of Mary Vigil

Saturday, January 1, 2022

10:00 am Solemnity of Mary Mass

Queen of Peace Parish staff position: Would you like to join a creative and collaborative team of parish ministers? Queen of Peace is looking for a "Pastoral Assistant and Liturgy and Spiritual Outreach Coordinator" to join our staff. It is an opportunity for those skilled in team ministry to bring the message of the Gospel to south Salem and to work with our parish liturgical ministers, the Pastor and staff to help organize and implement both pastoral and spiritual opportunities in parish life. Some technical skill would be most helpful especially in work with websites, You Tube and other creative ways to evangelize. Good social skills and a desire to serve the Church and its mission would be invaluable. The position is presently full time but can be negotiated to be one or two part time positions. A more extensive job description is available through the parish office or parish website. If interested, please contact the parish office or Fr. Tim at: 503-364-7202 or frtim@qpsalem.org

Ladies' PM Bible Study

Ladies' PM Bible Study will resume Wednesday (Jan.12) at 6:30 pm. The group will view and discuss the video series **The Chosen (Seasons 1 and 2)** using the study book **What Does it Mean to be Chosen?** If you have questions or would like to register, contact Jane Bartosz at janemir@msn.com

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

"I prayed for this child, and the LORD granted my request. Now I, in turn, give him to the LORD; as long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the LORD." (1 Sm 1:27-28)

PSALM:

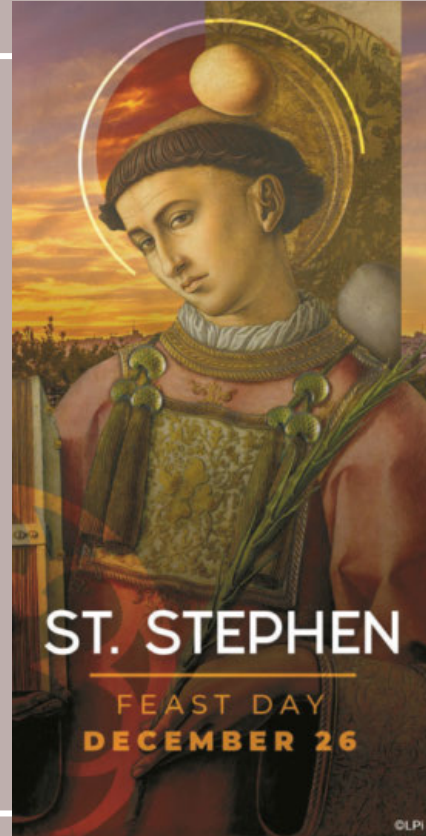
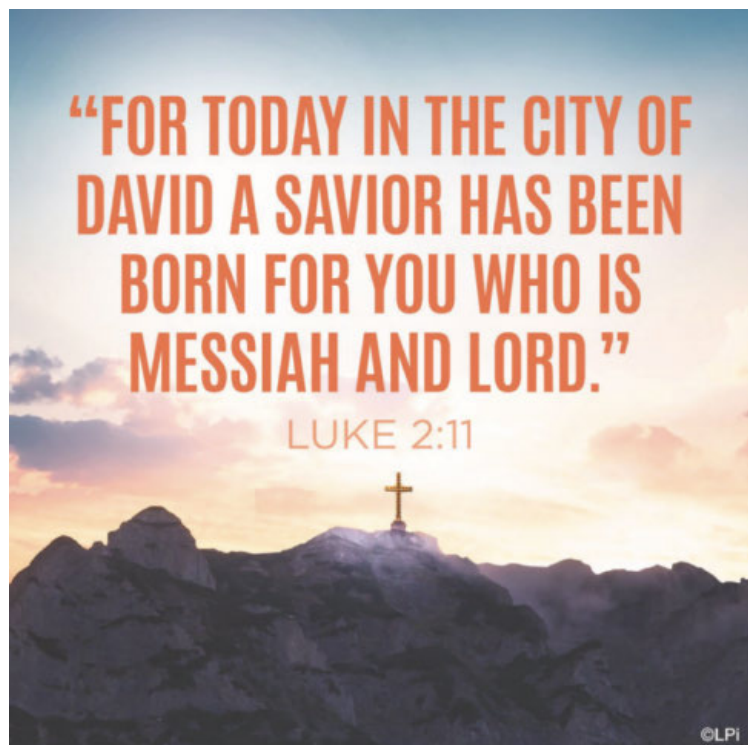
Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord. (Ps 84)

SECOND READING:

See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. And so we are. (1 Jn 3:1)

GOSPEL:

After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. (Lk 2:46)



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 spoke 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.

LIFE ISSUES

Mankind is a great, an immense family..... This is proved by what we feel in our hearts at Christmas.

— Pope John XXIII



If you have lost a loved one, a family member or friend, please join our grief support group. We will be starting a new session of GriefShare on **Saturday, January 8th at 1:00 pm**. Our support group can offer encouragement and prayerful support for you during your sorrow. For more information and to register, please call Sue Foster at 503-309-1985 or Mary Gorman at 503-580-1998.

REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

First Reading:

Hannah, the mother of Samuel, and Samuel's father are portrayed as parents of deep prayer and great faith. How would you describe the faith of your mother or father?

Second Reading:

John teaches us that if we believe in Jesus and love one another, "we may be called children of God." How do you show gratitude for being part of this holy family?

Gospel:

Luke is the only Evangelist to preserve a story about Jesus from his youth. In this account, Mary and Joseph are filled with "great anxiety" as they searched for Jesus who they thought was lost. How do you seek God's help for the anxious moments in your family?



\$300/\$600 TAX DEDUCTION IS AVAILABLE FOR CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS

There is an "above-the-line" tax deduction available for donations made up through December 31, 2021. (Prior to 2020, no donation tax break was available for those who took the standard deduction).

Tax payers who take the standard deduction (instead of itemizing), can still receive a \$300 tax deduction (\$600 for married filing jointly) for cash donations to eligible non-profit organizations.



LIVE THE LITURGY

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.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

All in the Family

At first glance, we can often find the image of the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph and the Christ Child intimidating — who are we to aspire to that level of discipleship? How could we ever hope to conform ourselves to that mold? Sometimes, it can even be painful — perhaps we hail from a broken family or struggle with a broken relationship within our family, or perhaps we long to be a mother or a father ourselves and that state in life has eluded us.

But the image of the Holy Family is, in reality, a beautiful invitation to us all, no matter our vocation or our state in life, and the example of Mary, Joseph and Jesus is rich with the symbolism of stewardship.

You need not be a biological mother who has carried a child in her womb to be a mother in spirit. Who in your world needs you to love them with the heart of a mother?

The same goes for fatherhood. The Church and the world are crying out for the courageous witness of Christian men like St. Joseph. Who can you love with the steadfast, selfless protection of a father?

Who in your life needs you to love them with the faithful, unconditional love of a son? Who needs your gentle and constant love as a daughter?

We are the Body of Christ, friends. Those of us rejoicing in heaven, those of us suffering in purgatory, and those of us struggling here on earth. We are the great family. Let us love each other well.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

I HAVE BEEN AWAY FROM THE CHURCH FOR A FEW YEARS AND REALLY WANT TO BECOME ACTIVE AGAIN, NOT SO MUCH FOR MYSELF, BUT FOR MY CHILDREN. IS THIS A BAD REASON TO COME BACK TO THE CHURCH?

If you are on your way to the supermarket, and you are forced to detour from your usual route because of road work, does the food you buy taste different? Is the meal less filling? Are the vegetables less tasty? Of course not.

In our faith journey, there are many detours called sin. Some are greater than others, some are even a bit longer. But God's grace comes to us in ways we understand, recognize, and need. Your children leading you back to the Church is not as important as the fact that you are back.

This is an opportunity for you to renew, strengthen, and deepen your faith. Regardless of how we get to Church, or what draws us closer to God, the fact is we are there. Do what you need to do to get right with God and the Church. Go to confession, begin good family religious practices, and be involved in the ministries your parish offers. Be more than a lukewarm parishioner. Be the kind of Catholic you want your children to be .



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**All is Merry
and Bright
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The annual painted Nativity scene decorated the school hallway this month and Ms. McHugh's first grade stitched their felt stockings to hang on their class bulletin board - a Ms. McHugh tradition!



MERRY
christmas



YOUTH MOVIE NIGHT

Mid -High: Friday, Jan.7, 6:30-9:00 pm

High School: Saturday, Jan.8, 7:00-9:30pm

- Bring a G or PG rated movie to vote on.
- Extra snacks are welcome. Popcorn and drinks will be provided.
- Adult volunteer needed. Contact lori@qpsalem.org if you can help.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

St. Luke and St. Raphael are the patron saints of?

- a. the blind
- b. physicians
- c. artists
- d. teachers

Answer: b

December 2021 Offertory Receipts

December 5	\$ 24,454
December 12	\$ 23,326

Thank you for your increased contributions.
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November 2021 Results

Total Income	\$ 95,251
Total Expenses	\$ 87,758
Net Income	\$ 7,493

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