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#### WEEKLY READINGS

#### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 26, 2021**

#### **SUNDAY 12/26**

#### THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Col 3:12-21/Lk 2:41-52

#### **MONDAY 12/27**

1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

#### **TUESDAY 12/28**

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

#### **WEDNESDAY 12/29**

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

#### **THURSDAY 12/30**

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

#### **FRIDAY 12/31**

1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18

#### **SATURDAY 1/1**

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

#### **NEXT SUNDAY 1/2**

#### THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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

#### **Merry Christmas**

What joy there is to celebrate the Birth of our Lord. It is a day to marvel at God's great plan for us and how surprisingly different from our own plans does God's plan work. Only God could create such a history and such a surprise. Only God would reveal the infinite wisdom of the universe by giving us such a scene as at that first Nativity: A Star. A virgin, a child and a father. Shepherds and angels. Ultimately Wise Men. All gather at this one point in time experiencing the eternity and immensity of God's love for us. The Star shines brightly and shines on God's little ones. Forever and ever, God's light will shine on us.

"For a child is born to us, a son is given us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace. His dominion is vast, and forever peaceful" (Isa 9:5-6).

It is truly a time of great wonder and joy for all who believe in the Lord. The trappings of the Christmas season pale in front of the simplicity of eternal love. For the child Jesus needs us – our God needs us to help him to live and grow. He cannot do it on his own. Our God needs a family so that He can teach us how to be more like God. Just like Mary and Joseph, they built a family

around respect, love and faith. And Jesus will build his new family first with the disciples and now with us. As we dwell on this moment when the Word became Flesh, may we build up God's family around respect, love and faith. May we be the one's with Jesus, respecting the rights of others and working for justice throughout the land. May we be the ones who call on Jesus so that we may work hard to bring goodness to life and an end to the darkness of despair. And may we be the family who are drawn to the Prince of Peace because we know he is here to love us, forgive us and lead us into a new day of grace. Without a doubt, this day is eternal and nothing can shut out the Light. May we live in the Light today and always so that we may know the way and help others find the way back into the loving arms of Christ.

God of every nation and people, from the beginning of creation you have made manifest your love;

when our need for a Savior was great

you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary.

To our lives he brings joy and peace,

justice, mercy and love.

Lord, bless all who gaze upon your Nativity,

may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus,

and raise up our thoughts to him who is God-with-us and Savior of all,

and who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

**REV. RON JOZWIAK**Pastor

#### **CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE**

DECEMBER 27
PARISH OFFICES CLOSED

DECEMBER 28 NO MORNING MASS

DECEMBER 29 NO MORNING MASS

DECEMBER 31

SOLEMNITY OF MARY,
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VIGIL

4PM

JANUARY 1
NO MASS

JANUARY 2
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
8AM AND 10AM

#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24

5:00 pm Families of Prince of Peace 7:00 pm Families of Prince of Peace 9:00 pm Families of Prince of Peace

#### **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25**

8:00 am Families of Prince of Peace 10:00 am Families of Prince of Peace

#### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26**

10:00 am Josaphine Karim 10:00 am Colleen Karim 10:00 am Jacob Jamil

# REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS...

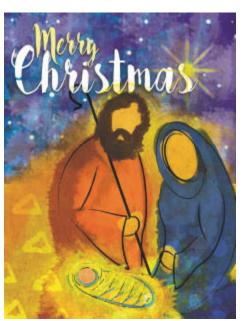
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#### LOVING MEMORY

Our sympathy goes out to the families of...

**BARBARA CAMPBELL** 



#### Christmas 2021

As we prepare to celebrate Christmas I have been reading and reflecting on the Scripture passages we will hear at Mass on Christmas. Even in the face of so much despair and distress in our world, I find a wonder and joy, a deep sense of peace and hope at their meaning. Words of Scripture have been circling through my mind, short phrases like...

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. Isaiah 9:1
They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace.
Isaiah 9:5

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus the whole world should be enrolled. Luke 2:1

She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. Luke 2:7

Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom favor rests. Luke 2:14

In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. John 1:1

And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth. John 1:14

To feel such wonder and awe of all that was written and foretold and what it means in our lives today. To feel such hope and peace even when the world around us doesn't reflect it.

We must be a people of hope, especially in the times we live in today, when so many have lost sight of hope. We must be a people who believe and have enough faith and hope to carry the lost through these tough times.

We must look at the past and learn from lived experiences. We must live in the moment, remembering to cherish the here and now even with all the distractions of daily life and the disruptions it brings. We must live with an eye to the future with hope of what is yet to come.

Wishing you and your family a blessed Christmas. May the lines of scripture run through your celebration bringing wonder and awe, joy and peace!

Linda



#### In Honor of

The Fallen 22 1/24
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Najib & Naima Sheeka
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#### 2021 Christmas Flowers

# In Memory and Honor of our family and friends...

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#### The Nativity of the Lord

"He so loved us that for our sake He was made man in time, through Whom all times were made; was in the world less in years than His servants, though older than the world itself in His eternity; was made man, Who made man; was created of a mother, whom He created; was carried by hands which He formed; nursed at the breasts which He had filled; cried in the manger in wordless infancy, He the Word without Whom all human eloquence is mute (St. Augustine, Sermon 188)." The miracle of what happens at Christmas is truly an awesome mystery. Revealed in the silent ordinariness of life is God's intimate love for humanity and all that he made. The Word, existing for all time, comes and dwells among us. God kisses us. We can seek and soar with playful delight as a joy never known before fills our heart.

Joy is best expressed through dance. There is just something truly wonderful about the self-abandon a beautiful melodic dance reveals. If we are able to let go and really be free, it celebrates life in a way few other experiences really can. With the birth of Jesus Christ, God takes the Divine Dance to a deeper and more tangible level. We can now not only see what we believe but believe what we see! This most perfect dance is a call to beauty, innocence, truth, purpose, hope, faith, and love. Today we know, beyond doubt, that we are a necessary part of God's beautifully choreographed masterpiece of life and not just a random happening without real intent or purpose. We are loved, treasured, and blessed.

Accepting the truth of God's birth in time we also accept an invitation to dance with God. We can let go of what tethers us to anxious concerns and superficial securities. Throw caution to the wind and go with God. We have been blessed with talents, gifts, and life eternal. Follow the rhythm of the dance with joy and listen to what the Word who became flesh tells us about what the next steps can be. Today, heaven remains the same, but earth has been profoundly changed.

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