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*Feast of the Holy Family*

# The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph – December 29, 2024

“Let the peace of Christ control your hearts.”

## MASS INTENTIONS:

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|---------------------|-------------|---|
| <b>Mon, Dec 30</b>  | <b>9am</b>  | Jean O’Boyle+ (O’Driscoll) by Eithne de Pencier   |
| <b>Tues, Dec 31</b> | <b>9am</b>  | In Honour of Our Lady of Lourdes & for Favours Received<br>by Marcel Desbiens                         |
| <b>Wed, Jan 1</b>   | <b>9am</b>  | Carmelo & Antonina Muratore+ by the family<br>Helen Bourdon+ by Jim & Cathy Klein                     |
| <b>Sat, Jan 4</b>   | <b>4pm</b>  | Ron Fournier+ by the family<br>Denise Gauthier+ by Marcelle Beaulieu                                  |
| <b>Sun, Jan 5</b>   | <b>9am</b>  | Intentions of all Parishioners by Father Francis  |
|                     | <b>11am</b> | Jean Guy Pharand+ & Deceased family members+ by Helen Pharand<br>Alfredo Celebre+ by Domenic Muratore |

**PRAYER LINE:** *In sorrow and suffering, go straight to God with confidence, and you will be strengthened, enlightened and instructed.* If you or any member of your family, or anyone you know, is sick, in distress or experiencing troubling times, we invite you to call the Parish Office to place that person on our prayer list.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK:** Marcel Desbiens

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED:** William “Bill” Demarco+

| SCRIPTURE READINGS <i>Dec 30 – Jan 5, 2025</i> |  |
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| Monday   | 1John 2:12-17; Luke 2:36-40<br><i>Sixth Day Within the Octave</i>  |
| Tuesday  | 1John 2:18-21; John 1:1-18<br><i>Seventh Day Within the Octave</i>   |
| Wednesday                                      | Numbers 6 :22-27<br>Galatians 4 :4-7<br>Luke 2 :16-21<br><br><i>The Solemnity of Mary<br/>The Holy Mother of God<br/>The Octave of the Nativity of the Lord<br/>World Day of Peace</i> |
| Thursday                                       | 1John 2:22-28; John 1:19-28<br><br><i>St. Basil the Great<br/>&amp; St. Gregory Nazianzen</i>  |
| Friday   | 1John 2:29 – 3:1-6; John 1:29-34   |
| Saturday                                       | 1John 3:7-10; John 1:35-42   |
| Sunday   | Isaiah 60:1-6<br>Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6<br>Matthew 2:1-12<br><br><i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i>  |

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2024

### The Holy Family

“Why were you searching for Me? Did you not know that I must be in My Father’s house?”  
Luke 2:49



Today we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family of Nazareth - a humble and simple family.

“Mary, Joseph and Jesus are united by an immense love and inspired by great trust in God.

The anxiety that they experienced in the three days that Jesus was missing should also be our anxiety when we are distant from Him - when we are distant from Jesus. We should feel anxious when we forget Jesus for more than three days, without praying, without reading the Gospel, without feeling the need of His presence and of His comforting friendship.

Mary and Joseph searched for Him and found Him in the temple while He was teaching. For us too, it is especially in the house of God that we are able to encounter the divine Teacher and receive His message of salvation. In the Eucharistic celebration we have a living experience of Christ; He speaks to us; He offers us His Word; He illuminates us, lights our path, gives us His Body in the Eucharist from which we draw vigour to face everyday difficulties.

Let us ask ourselves: Do I feel anxious when I am distant from Jesus?” Dec.30, 2018

*“Let us pray for all the families in the world, especially those in which, for various reasons, peace and harmony are lacking. And let us entrust them to the protection of the Holy Family of Nazareth. “*

Sunday December 15, 2024 \$3 539.60  
Building Fund balance to date \$184 099.03

**Building Fund Goal: \$200 000**

*Thank you for your generous contributions!*



**2025 Envelopes** are ready to be picked

up. Please call the Church office for more information: 705-472-1817 Please do not use your 2025 envelopes until January!



SOLEMNITY OF  
MARY, MOTHER  
OF GOD

January 1st

***Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God***

**Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>**

9:00 am Mass (St Peter's)  
11:30 am Mass (St. Elizabeth's)

***Epiphany***

**Saturday, January 4<sup>th</sup>**

4:00 pm Mass (St Peter's)

**Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 am Mass (St Peter's)  
11:00 am Mass (St Peter's)

**THIS WEEK**

Wednesday Jan. 1 **9:00AM – New Year's Day Mass**  
*Happy New Year!*

Thursday Jan 2 – Friday Jan 3 **OFFICE CLOSED**

**World Day of Peace: January 1, 2024**



Celebrated on January 1<sup>st</sup> every year, this Catholic feast day began in 1968 by Pope Paul VI. He asked that, "every year, this commemoration be repeated as a hope and as a promise ... that Peace

with its just and beneficent equilibrium may dominate the development of events to come." The benefits of a peaceful society have been the emphasis of every year's World Day of Peace. Each year a specific theme is chosen by the Holy Father. **To read the message for Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025:** <https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/peace/documents/20241208-messaggio-58giornatamondiale-pace2025.html>

**CWL News** *Why belong to the Catholic Women's League?* The CWL invites all Catholic women, 16 years of age and over, to share their gifts and make a difference. **Come, join us!**

For more information: Christine Osborne @ 705-303-3808

*Happy New Year*



St. Peter the Apostle Youth Choir  
Calling all youth, ages 8+yrs!  
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**January 10 @ 6:30 PM**

Meet new friends, and enjoy a fun evening together.  
Special Treat: Once a month, we'll have a fun activity!  
We can't wait to see you there!



**Pope Francis – January Prayer Intention**



**For the Right to an Education**

Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war. May their right to an education - which is necessary to build a better world - always be respected.

***The Jubilee Year 2025 – a Holy Year of Hope!***

The last ordinary holy year, the Great Jubilee Year of 2000, which took place under John Paul II, was one of the biggest events in the history of mankind. The Holy Father Francis has asked that the coming Jubilee Year 2025 to be



lived as a "year of hope. The jubilee year has become a Catholic tradition. It was originally intended to be celebrated every one hundred years; in 1343 Pope Clement VI reduced the gap between Jubilees to every 50 years. The rule to celebrate it every 25 years was established with the Holy Year of 1470 under Pope Paul II. Those who participate in a Holy Year pilgrimage are granted a plenary indulgence; those who are unable to attend in person for concrete reasons are invited to participate spiritually, "offering up the sufferings of their daily lives, and participating in the Eucharistic celebration."

**Jubilee of 2025: Tue, Dec 24, 2024 – Wed, Dec 24, 2025** Did you know? The official mobile app for the Holy Year 2025, "Iubilaeum25", is available for download!

**Website for Jubilee:** <https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en.html>

**Reminder: We are still collecting stamps!**



**Help fund Projects for Development & Peace.**

Please support this initiative by simply cutting off the stamps from your envelopes without damaging the perforations. Save them in baggies/ envelopes & drop them off at the church office.

**For tax purposes, any donations for the 2024 year that requires a tax receipt must be received by December 31, 2024**

For those that have moved and wish a tax receipt please let the church office know of any address changes by the second week of January 2025.



**Jubilee 2025:** Hallow has made its channels available to promote the message of Hope that the Holy Year aims to convey to pilgrims worldwide! [www.hallow.com](http://www.hallow.com)

**Eucharistic Adoration** - Spend an hour with Jesus! Please join us for Eucharistic Adoration **9:00am – 5pm** **Wednesday, January 7<sup>th</sup>** beginning at



**9:00am.** Everyone is invited. Please sign the sign-up sheet at the entrance of the Church and select your hour time slot as we do not want to leave Jesus alone. **The Church will remain open all day if all time slots are filled.** **Unscheduled drop-ins are welcome.**



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