

**DECEMBER 28, 2014**

**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH  
THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD, MARY THE HOLY  
MOTHER OF GOD, WORLD DAY OF PEACE, NEW YEARS DAY  
SS. BASIL THE GREAT AND GREGORY NAZIANZEN, FIRST FRIDAY,  
THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS, FIRST SATURDAY**

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — Those who honor their parents will be greatly blessed and will atone for sins (Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14) or *Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3*.

**Psalm** — Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways (Psalm 128) or *Psalm 105*.

**Second Reading** — Be thankful; do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus (Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17]) or *Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19*.

**Gospel** — The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom (Luke 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]).

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

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

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18

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

Friday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34

Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13;

Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday, December 29:** Jennie Quinn Rb Margie

**Tuesday, December 30;** Margurite Moran Rb The Family

**Wednesday, December 31:** Mike Starceвич Rb Aunty Dorothy

**Thursday, January 1:** Jacob Wheeler (1st Anniversary) Rb Mom & Dad & Mary & Mike Crowe.

**Friday, January 2:** Father Gregory Burke Rb Brother Pat McCormick

**Saturday, January 3:** Josh Mondloch Rb Bob & Bev York

**Sunday, January 4:**

**8:00 a.m.** Father Gregory Burke Rb Joe Boyle

**11:00 a.m.** Living & Deceased Members of St. Ann's Parish



## **WE ARE GOD'S HOLY FAMILY**

The scriptures of Israel are filled with many stories of barren couples who were miraculously granted the gift of children by God. Surely the best known among these is the first reading from today, from which Luke took inspiration when he recounted the miraculous birth of John the Baptist to Zechariah and Elizabeth, and the more miraculous birth of Jesus to Mary and Joseph. In each instance, we are given examples or role models of those who trusted in God. More than examples of those who trust, they are models of self-surrender. They abandoned their own presuppositions and prejudices about the workings of the world and turned their lives over to belief in a God who can make life grow where none ought to; a God who can turn death around into a new and unimagined life; a God who can, today, take a tiny child of humble parents in an insignificant town and make him into a light for all the world. This is what we, as God's holy family, are called to do each day: to trust not in ourselves and the way we think things should be, but to open ourselves and surrender ourselves in faith to a God of endless promise.

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## **TIPS FOR TODAY'S PARENTS**

1. Prepare Children for a world with great diversity by teaching respect & tolerance.
2. Give them opportunities to make responsible decisions, to gain self-esteem.
3. Encourage & praise but do not be afraid to discipline, to limit freedom of action.
4. Let your children know you are always ready to listen to their questions and problems.
5. Provide sex education and guidance.
6. Offer love that is unconditional but not over-indulgent.
7. Never abuse or allow others to abuse children physically or emotionally.
8. Teach children to pray: strong faith will help them become mature adults.

## **WEEK AT A GLANCE**

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>DEC. 29, 2014</b>
8:45 a.m.	Mass
7:00 p.m.	Prayer Group (Church Foyer)
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>DEC. 30, 2014</b>
8:45 a.m.	Mass
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>DEC. 31, 2014</b>
8:45 a.m.	Mass
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>JAN. 01, 2014</b>
8:45	Mass
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>JAN, 02,2014</b>
8:45 a.m.	Mass
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>JAN. 03, 2014</b>
4:30 p.m.	Mass
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>JAN, 04,2014</b>
8:00 a.m.	Mass
9:15am	R.C.I.A.
11:00a.m.	Mass

## **CHILDREN OF ETERNITY**

You are children of eternity. Your immortal crown awaits you, to reward your duty and love. You may indeed sow here in tears, but you may be sure there to reap in joy.  
—St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

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