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Peace on Earth

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH,
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***“Get up, take the child and his mother,
and flee to Egypt.”***

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY



The Sunday between Christmas and New Year is traditionally dedicated to the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. All families are called to be instruments of God’s love. As we remember the family of Jesus, let us thank God for the gift of our own personal family.

PRAY WITH THE SAINTS



Thursday, January 2nd is the *Feast of St. Basil the Great & St. Gregory Nazianzen*; bishops, doctors.

Join us in prayer in communion with St. Basil and St. Gregory and all saints in Heaven at the 8:00AM & 12:30PM Masses on weekdays, and 9:00AM on Saturday.

THE HOLY FATHER’S UNIVERSAL INTENTION FOR DECEMBER



Economic Development ~ That all may promote authentic economic development that respects the dignity of all peoples.

THE HOLY FATHER’S EVANGELIZATION INTENTION FOR JANUARY



Christian Unity ~ That Christians of diverse denominations may walk toward the unity desired by Christ.

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF CATHOLIC TRIVIA



What are the twelve fruits of the Holy Spirit?
(Check the next page for the answer!)

THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

- January 1st -



A reminder that New Year’s Day, the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God, is a Holy Day of Obligation for all Catholics. We begin each new year in company with Mary, Mother of God. She is the Mother of Jesus and mother of the great family we call the Church. As we move forward into the days and months of a new year, let us walk with Mary in the footsteps of Jesus her Son. He is the Way, the Truth and the Life. **Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. AMEN.**

WORLD DAY OF PEACE

January 1st

The World Day of Prayer for Peace is celebrated on January 1st. The intercessions should include petitions for peace in the world, for love and goodwill among nations, and for light and guidance for civil leaders. The meaning of the sign of peace in Mass could be highlighted. Families are encouraged to pause to discuss their responsibility to work and pray for peace.

“What does the Lord ask of every person in regard to peace?”

The Lord proclaimed ‘Blessed are the peacemakers’ (*Matthew 5:9*). He called for peace of heart and denounced the immorality of anger which is a desire for revenge for some evil suffered. He also denounced hatred which leads one to wish evil on one’s neighbour. These attitudes, if voluntary and consented to in matters of great importance, are mortal sins against charity. (# 480, *Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church*)

“What is peace in this word?”

Peace in this world, which is required for the respect and development of human life, is not simply the absence of war or a balance of power between adversaries. It is ‘the tranquility of order’ (Saint Augustine), ‘the work of justice’ (*Isaiah 32:17*) and the effect of charity. Earthly peace is the image and fruit of the peace of Christ. (# 481, *Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church*)

INSIDE
Annunciation Church:

A NEW YEAR'S GREETING

*May God's light shine
upon you, your family and
loved ones throughout the
coming year!*



*The Pastoral Team of Annunciation Parish:
Fr. Jude Coyle, Fr. David Okenyi,
Fr. Mardeo Reyes, Fr. Jon Bromley,
Fr. Joseph Chandrakanthan, and the entire
parish staff, wishes you a Happy New Year
filled with God's love, peace, joy, and
blessings!*

MANY THANKS!

We would like to graciously thank all those who helped make our Christmas celebrations so beautiful: Ministers of the Eucharist, Lectors, Musicians & Choir Members, Altar Servers, Ushers, Parish Staff and so many others. May God bless you all for your generosity and kindness!

GRADE 8 CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES'
CONFIRMATION SESSIONS BEGIN

The 1st Confirmation session begins next week.

Monday's First Session:

January 6th at 7:00PM

Wednesday's First Session:

January 8th at 7:00PM



Sessions take place in the Parish Hall.
Please attend the day you have chosen ONLY
(Monday or Wednesday)

Reminder: you must submit your volunteer form to the Office or Welcome Desk by Sunday, January 5th.

BUILDING FUND COLLECTION

This weekend we take up our monthly Building Fund Collection. Thank you for your continuing support.

**NEW YEAR'S EVE AND NEW YEAR'S DAY
MASS SCHEDULE**

Monday, December 30th, 2013

Mass at 9:00AM ONLY

Tuesday, December 31st, 2013

NEW YEAR'S EVE:

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Masses at 5:00PM & 7:00PM

[NO 8:00AM & 12:30PM Masses]

[No Confession]

Office CLOSED

Wednesday, January 1st, 2014

NEW YEAR'S DAY:

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Masses at 9:30AM, 11:00AM, & 12:30PM

Office CLOSED

**Regular Mass Schedule & Office Hours resume on
Thursday, January 2nd, 2014.**

THE TWELVE FRUITS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT:

1. Charity
2. Joy
3. Peace
4. Patience
5. Kindness
6. Goodness
7. Generosity
8. Gentleness
9. Faithfulness
10. Modesty
11. Self-Control
12. Chastity



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