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We saw his star in the East and have come to worship I Cim.



Feast of the Holy Family ~ 28 December 2014

"My eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." Luke 2: 30-32

First Reading + Genesis 15:1-6, 17.3b-5, 15-16, 21:1-7 Second Reading + Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 Gospel + Luke 2:22-40

#### **Mass Intentions for the Week**

Monday, December 29 NO MASS SCHEDULED Tuesday, December 30 5:30pm+Marian Cenacle

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7:00pm+Holy Souls in PURGATORY – J/F Gallant

Wednesday, December 31 – <u>New Year's Eve</u> 5:00pm+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Thursday, January 1 – <u>New Year's Day</u>

9:00am+Erna LEX, RIP – P/J Lynch 10:30am+Richard CRONIN, RIP – M Cronin

Friday, January 2

12:10pm+Andrej SVETINA, RIP – P/F Healy Followed by Adoration until Saturday morning Mass

Saturday, January 3

(Morning Mass at Immaculate Conception) 9:00am+Peter BROWN, RIP – J/C Orr 5:00pm+Bernard HEALY, RIP – K of C

Sunday, January 4

9:00am+Ron SMITH, RIP – D Geronimo 10:30am+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

#### Saint of the Week

Joy is a great remedy. I recommend it to you and I do so very enthusiastically...! Be joyful! I say it again 'be joyful'! When we are joyful, we are less aware of evil and are cured more quickly. Cast all your cares on God; He is the best of fathers and will look after you as well as possible.

-Blessed Giuseppina Nicoli (1863-1924), Feast Day December 31

#### FROM THE DESK OF FR. GLASS:

Feast of the Holy Family

This Sunday after Christmas is dedicated to the Holy Family — the family which consisted of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. We are today reminded that Jesus was raised in a home with a loving mother and foster-father. This family unit was part of a larger extended family of aunts, uncles and cousins, and also part a close-knit village community.

None of us live in perfect families, but where would we be without our families, despite all the challenges? Our Lord said, "Blessed are the peacemakers." Nowhere does this apply more than in our own families. It is not easy to live together in harmony, but as St. Paul wrote to the Colossians:

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Mother Teresa, serving the poorest of the poor in Calcutta, daily witnessed the challenges and the blessings of family life, and how the family can be a true school of love.

I had the most extraordinary experience of love. A gentleman came to our house and said: "Mother Teresa, there is a family who have not eaten for so long. Do something." So I took some rice and went there immediately. And I saw the children - their eyes shining with hunger. I don't know if you have ever seen hunger. But I have seen it very often. And the mother of the family took the rice I gave her and went out. When she came back, I asked her: "Where did you go? What did you do?" And she gave me a very simple answer: "My neighbors are hungry also." I didn't bring any more rice that evening because I wanted them to enjoy the joy of sharing.

But there were those children, radiating joy, sharing the joy and peace with their mother because she had the love to give until it hurts. And you see this is where love begins — at home in the family.

For we must bring the presence of God into the family, for the family that prays together, stays together. Love begins at home, and it is not how much we do, but how much love we put into what we do.



#### PARISH SCHEDULE

#### **Confessions**

Every Saturday: 4:00-4:45 pm (before 5:00 pm Mass) Every Tuesday 6:15-6:45 pm



### Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

At Saint Paul the Apostle Church Wednesday, December 31 at 5:00 pm Thursday, January 1st at 10:30 am

At Immaculate Conception Church Thursday, January 1st at 9:00 am

#### **Christmas Smiles Campaign:**

In the past we have raised \$200 -\$400 to give a healthy meal to children in developing countries.

**Answer Christ's Call** ~ by joining many Parishes around North America answering the call to serve the poor. During the Advent season, Parishes will place a metal container in front of the altar. At Offertory time, the pastor asks the children to come forward and drop coins in the tin. Along with the joyful noise, this special



moment in the mass teaches the importance of charity and stewardship. The Campaign goal is to give a nutritious meal to a child in a developing country. We begin the Campaign on Dec. 1st - at all weekend Masses until the Epiphany.

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#### **2015 Offertory Envelopes**

The 2015 Sunday Offertory Envelopes are now available at the Entrances of both Churches. The boxes will be in **Alphabetical order.** 

- \* For at least the first month of January, please record your name and <u>full address</u> (*including your 911 number and Conc/Side Road numbers*) on the front of the envelope.
- \*\* I have amended everyone's address that has an RR#, as the Post Office is phasing these numbers out. Eventually they will return as 'Address incorrect'.
- \*\*\* PS... I am stilling looking for the name and address of Envelope #14 to prepare a tax receipt.

#### **NEW YEAR'S OFFICE HOURS**

The Parish Office will be closed at 12noon on Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup> and will reopen on Friday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>.



Catholic Ministry to Grades 6-8

#### **FUN TIMES!**

#### **Calling All Edge Youth**

On December 29 starting at 1:00p.m.
Tobogganing at Riverdale Park
Walking back to St. Paul's for Dinner & a Movie

Saturday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> 6:15 p.m. Life Teen Mass 5:00 p.m.

#### "INSPIRED"

Through the saints lives we will help the youth Understand what makes a truly inspiring person.

# Thank (13 You

The Pastoral Staff at St. Paul's Parish would like to thank you all for your greetings and gifts we received over Christmas. It makes our job easier and more enjoyable to know that so many of you are thankful and appreciative of our ministry and are also praying for us. Let us keep the Christmas spirit of loving, sharing and giving throughout the whole year. And let us always be thankful to God for the greatest gift He could give us - the Gift of His Only Son, Jesus.

We are also very grateful to **all those parishioners that helped to decorate both churches for Christmas**. Thank you All and have a Happy and Blessed New Year!



#### Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul wishes to thank you for your continued support in our effort to assist less fortunate individuals and

families in our community. Our Christmas collection was successful and thank you for helping us to bring a little cheer this Christmas to approximately 20 families with 40 children and 18 single men and women.

Also, we desperately require 'volunteers' (especially more men) to assist with visits to distribute food vouchers. If you can volunteer a few hours a month and wish to help out, please contact Paul Healy, President at (705) 435-4951.

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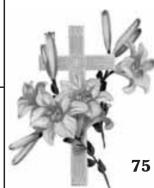
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