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## *Feast of the Holy Family*

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Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph ~ 27 December 2015

**H**e went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man.

— Lk 2:51-52

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**First Reading + Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28**  
**Second Reading + 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24**  
**Gospel + Luke 2:41-52**

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

**Monday, December 28**

NO MASS SCHEDULED

**Tuesday, December 29**

5:30pm+Marian Cenacle

6:00pm+HOLY HOUR

\*\*6:15pm – 6:45pm + CONFESSIONS

7:00pm+Giovanna POLSINELLI, RIP – J/P/L Ceresino

**Wednesday, December 30**

8:00am+Howard WEISER, RIP – K/A Holychuk

**Thursday, December 31 - Vigil**

5:00pm+Brian DURKAN, RIP – Family

12:00MN+ *Mass at Immaculate Conception*

For the Intentions of the Tardif Family

**Friday, January 1 Solemnity of Mary**

9:00am+ *Mass at Immaculate Conception*

FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

**Saturday, January 2**

(*Morning Mass at Immaculate Conception*)

9:00am+Marnie FLANAGAN, RIP – M Brown

5:00pm+Fr. Alan GLASS, Birthday Wishes – CWL

**Sunday, January 3**

9:00am+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

10:30am+Mass of Thanksgiving – Maribel Agoncillo

### **Saint of the Week**

Mercy is not the least of the beatitudes. Let us lay hold of this blessing, let us earn the name of being considerate, let us be generous. Not even night should interrupt you in your duty of mercy. There should be no delay between your intention and your good deed. Generosity is the one thing that cannot admit of delay.

- *Saint Gregory of Nazianzen (330-390), Doctor of the Church, Feast Day January 2*

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

*Adult faith formation — a personal responsibility.*

Maturity is about assuming responsibility. Most people only fully realize what it is to be an adult when they have their first child and they take on all the responsibilities that go along with that life-changing event. In our present culture, that moment of maturity is being put off to later and later in life. Adolescence is prolonged as much as possible. It is the “Peter Pan syndrome”:

I won't grow up / I don't want to wear a tie  
Or a serious expression / in the middle of July  
And if it means I must prepare /  
to shoulder burdens with a worried air  
I won't grow up / not me!

If we are to be fully human we need to grow up and become adults. St. Paul writes to the Corinthians: “When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became a man, I gave up childish ways.”

At some point in our lives we need to give up childish ways in matters of faith. Sadly, some people never reach this point. For the first part of their lives they are taken to Church by their parents, and later on they are taken to Church by their spouse. In matters of faith, they must constantly be led by the hand. They never learn to walk on their own. Spiritually, they remain toddlers.

Each of us is responsible for his own faith. You alone are responsible for your relationship with God. If you don't save your own soul, nobody else is going to do it for you.

Once, I was giving a presentation on the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* to a class of adults. One of the participants questioned the need: “Shouldn't we be told all this in the homily on Sunday?” The answer is “No.” A homily is not a catechism lesson, and some topics of grave importance taught in the *Catechism* are not appropriate for a congregation that includes children.

Every Catholic who is able to read the *Catechism* has an obligation to read the *Catechism*. For others, there is the *Youth Catechism*. For children, I suggest that parents go back to the old *Penny Catechism*. My father knew the children's *Catechism* by heart — because he taught it to all six of his children.

My own spiritual life was given an immense boost when I came across some writings of Cardinal Newman in the public library. It was an eye-opener. It was my introduction to mature Christian faith. And I realized that if I was going to continue to grow in faith, I would have to take responsibility for my faith. In addition to reading the Catholic spiritual classics, this also meant joining a Catholic Bible-study group and getting involved in parish ministry — rubbing shoulders with other committed Catholics.

At the start of this New Year let us resolve to grow to “mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; so that we may no longer be children.”

## 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

Thursday, December 31 at 5:00 pm

Friday, January 1st at 10:30 am

At Immaculate Conception Church

Thursday, December 31 at 12 midnight

Friday, January 1st at 9:00 am

**NOTE:** All Sunday Masses for the weekend of January 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> will be at regular Mass times.



Catholic Ministry to Grades 9 - 12

Tuesday, December 29<sup>th</sup>

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Catholic Ministry to Grades 6-8

Extended EDGE Night

Wednesday, December 30<sup>th</sup> ~ 2:00pm – 8:30p.m.

### Tobogganing, Dinner & Movie

To help the youth grow a deeper understanding of the season of Christmas and how we are called to say yes to Jesus Christ in our lives.

**(If no snow that day, come to the church for games)**

### 2016 Offertory Envelopes

The 2016 Sunday Offertory Envelopes are now available at the Entrances of both Churches.

The boxes will be in **Alphabetical order**.

\*\*After 20 years we have cleaned up our data base so as names and numbers are in order. We have deleted all your old envelope numbers and assigned new ones. Envelopes that have not been used or rarely used where also deleted from the data base. If you wish to contribute to your parish, please pick up a new box and fill in the registration form and drop it in the collection basket. We thank you all for your generous support.

\*For at least the first month of January, please record your name and full address (including your *gn* number and Conc/Side Road numbers) on the front of the envelope.

## Thank 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 - God Bless- Have a Blessed and Happy New Year!



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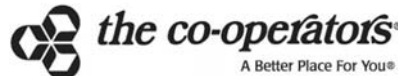
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