

# *St. Paul the Apostle and Immaculate Conception Churches*

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## Peace on Earth

## FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY



### Feast of the Holy Family ~ 29 December 2013

*And because he had been warned in a dream, he departed for the region of Galilee. He went and dwelt in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, He shall be called a Nazorean. — Mt. 2:22b-23*

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First Reading + Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14  
Second Reading + Colossians 3:12-21  
Gospel + Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

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

**Monday, December 30**

NO MASS SCHEDULED

**Tuesday, December 31**

5:00pm+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

**Wednesday, January 1 – Solemnity of Mary**

9:00am+Ralph ORSI, RIP – M Brett

10:30am+G/J Megraw, pers. int. – Family

**Thursday, January 2**

8:00am+Gene POWER, Pers. Int. – J/C Orr

10:30am+Mass at Kingsmere Community

**Friday, January 3**

12:10pm+Franz KREUZWIESNER, RIP – K/A Holychuk

Followed by Adoration until Saturday morning Mass

**Saturday, January 4**

(Sat. daily Mass at Immaculate Conception)

9:00am+Mass for the Unborn – K of C

5:00pm+FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

**Sunday, January 5**

9:00am+Michael QUEALEY, RIP – D Sandy

10:30am+Simon GAFFIERO, RIP – H Cyr

### **Our Saints and Feast Days**

December 31 + Saint Sylvester I

January 1 + Solemnity of Mary

January 2 + St. Basil the Great and St. Gregory Nazianzen

January 3 + The Most Holy Name of Jesus

### **Saint of the Week**

Remember then how our fathers worked out their salvation; remember the sufferings through which the Church has grown, and the storms the ship of Peter has weathered because it has Christ on board. - *St. Thomas Beckett (1118-1170), Bishop, Martyr, Feast Day December 29*

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

*Those who like it like it a lot.*

Growing up, the one food I could not stand was canned peas. We were not allowed to leave the dinner table until our plates were clean, and I remember staring, for what seemed like hours, at that little pile of peas, now cold on my plate. The only way I could finally get them down was to drown them in ketchup.

Fresh peas, however, are a totally different thing. In fact, they are my absolute favorite vegetable from the garden. One of the joys of summer is sitting on the verandah shelling just-picked pea-pods. Comparing the fresh to the canned, it is hard to believe that it is the same vegetable: canned, it is awful; fresh, it is awesome!

Some people experience the Mass as canned peas. I am thinking particularly of the teen who gets dragged to Mass every Sunday: “As long as you are living under my roof ...” Sitting through Mass is like staring down at one’s plate.

Could it be that some people actually like the Mass, the same way some people presumably like canned peas? Maybe it is just a matter of taste: “*De gustibus non est disputandum*” — in matters of taste there is no dispute.

Cardinal Newman (in the 1800s) spoke to the point about religious observance. He said: “It is unpleasant to those who do not like it: true; but it *is* pleasant to those who *do*.” He also made the point that it is *more* pleasant to those who like it, than anything else is to those who don’t. “The pleasures of holiness are far more pleasant to the holy, than the pleasures of sin to the sinner.”

There was a gardener (true story) who thought she would give her old neighbor a treat with a basket of fresh-picked pea pods. Inquiring later if her neighbor had enjoyed them she was told: “Oh, yes! I put up those peas in cans and they are just as good as the canned peas from the store!”

It is not that we like the Mass because we like canned peas. Just the opposite! We can’t stand canned peas. But what we experience in the Mass is not something canned but something fresh and exciting — the awesome presence of Christ in the Sacrament. We come to Mass and Christ comes to us! He is here. Emmanuel — God with us. With Peter we say, “Lord, it is good for us to be here!” We are standing on the threshold of heaven. How can anyone find this unpleasant or boring?

Cardinal Newman said: “Alas! This is the very thing that I lament, — that God’s service is not pleasant to you.... Until our eyes are opened spiritually, we shall ever think religion distasteful and unpleasant, and shall wonder how anyone can like it.”

How I wish that everyone who comes to Mass could taste what we taste. How I wish that instead of experiencing the Mass as canned peas they could experience it as the awesome goodness and freshness of God’s garden.

How I wish we could all sing with the psalmist: “Taste and see that the Lord is good!”

Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

At Saint Paul the Apostle Church  
Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>: at 5:00p.m.  
Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>: at 10:30a.m.



At Immaculate Conception Church  
Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>: at 9:00am



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**Thank You**

The Pastoral Staff at St. Paul Parish would like to **thank you for all 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 –

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**Calendar of Parish Events**

- Jan 3 – Euchre in the Fr. Bennett Hall at 7:30pm
- Jan 6 – CWL Executive Mtg. at 7pm
- Jan 8 – 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Gathering for Holy Family School
- Jan 8 – 1<sup>st</sup> of 3 scheduled Baptism Classes at 7:30pm
- Jan 9 – K Of C Executive Mtg. at 7:30pm
- Jan 10 – Euchre in the Fr. Bennett Hall at 7:30pm
- Jan 10/11 – Edge Retreat – Road Trip

**NEW to PARISH? Have you registered yet? New Address?**

It is important to be registered to receive the sacraments & support your faith community. Please fill in the registration form below and place it in the collection basket or hand it into the office. Offertory Envelopes can be picked up in the church foyer.

Welcome to St. Paul's Parish!

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

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