

# Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph December 31, 2017

Genesis 15. 1-6; 17.3b-5, 15-16; Hebrews 11.8, 11-12, 17-19; Luke 2.22-40

## Daily Readings for the week of January 1-7:

**Monday: Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God: World Day of Peace:**

Number 6.22-27; Galatians 4.4-7; Luke 2.16-21

**Tuesday: St. Basil the Great & St. Gregory Nazianzen:** 1 John 2.22-28; John 1.19-28

**Wednesday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus:** 1 John 2.29; 3.1-6; John 1.29-34

**Thursday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton:** 1 John 3.7-10; John 1.35-42

**Friday:** 1 John 3.11-21; John 1.43-51

**Saturday: St. Andre Bissette:** 1 John 5.5-13; Mark 1.4-5, 7-11

**Sunday: Epiphany of the Lord:** Isaiah 60.1-6; Ephesians 3.2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2.1-12

**New Parishioners:** Welcome to our St. Patrick's Parish faith community! Please take a moment to introduce yourself to our pastor and fill out a registration form found on the main bulletin board.

## **Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for January:**

That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practise their faith in full freedom.

### **Christmas Season Masses**

#### **Mary, the Holy Mother of God**

(Holy Day of Obligation)

January 1<sup>st</sup>

9 am & 11 am

#### **Epiphany of the Lord**

January 6/7

5 pm, 9 am & 11 am

### **Please call the parish office, or**

Fr. Marek, if you have a family member in the hospital or homebound and would like a pastoral visit and/or would like to have a family member included in the prayers of the faithful read during Mass.



**Words of Thanks!** A huge thank you goes out to everyone for their prayerful support and generosity of their gifts this past year. We are blessed to have many helping hands in our faith community, which was displayed during our Christmas Masses last weekend, and throughout the liturgical year. We look forward to another year with the many gifts of our parishioners – we are grateful and truly blessed! -Fr. Marek and Susan Waddell

**Announcement of New Bishop for Mackenzie-Fort Smith:** His Holiness Pope Francis announced on Friday, Dec. 15, 2017 that he has named **Fr. Jon Hansen, C.Ss.R.**, Bishop of the Diocese of Mackenzie-Fort Smith. Bishop-elect Jon Hansen is currently the pastor of Our Lady of Victory Parish in Inuvik. The ordination is in the planning stages for March 2018.

**2017 Donations:** St. Patrick's Year-End occurs on 31 December; therefore, we ask that all 2017 donations to the parish be received by the parish office by 31 December 2017. Donations received after this date will need to be recorded in 2018. If you wish to have a donation appear on your 2017 Tax Receipt, please ensure that the office has received it prior to 1 January. Thank you.

**2018 Collection Envelopes:** Offertory envelopes for 2018 are available in the foyer. The boxes are in numerical order. Please refer to the parish list available on the table to locate your name and envelope number for 2018; and take time to update your address. For those parishioners wanting to use envelopes in 2018, please choose a blank box and fill out the information on the sheet, remember to put your name and address on the first few envelopes. Thank you!

Offertory collection for Dec. 24/25-----	\$12,213.00
Other revenue-----	\$ 2,897.75
Total Income -----	\$15,110.00
Cost to operate our Parish per week-----	\$ 6,000.00
Surplus/(Shortfall) for the week-----	\$ 9,110.00



### **Stewardship Reflection**

"...as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must forgive." (Colossians 3.13)

Forgiveness - one of the hardest things for people to do. It's amazing how long we can hold a grudge or be angry with someone. As we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family, take this opportunity to give the gift of forgiveness to someone - maybe someone in your family, maybe a co-worker or neighbour or, maybe yourself.

**2018 Mass Intentions – Living or Deceased:** The normal stipend for a Mass intention is \$10.00. Please contact the parish office to schedule your Mass intentions.

## **Eucharistic Adoration**

The Lord would like to spend time quietly with you. Wouldn't you like to do the same with Him? That is why we have Eucharistic Adoration at St. Patrick's Co-Cathedral each Tuesday from noon to 5 pm. Many of you come to spend time with Him but some have had to stop due to health problems or change in work schedule. We hope to bring in more and more for Adoration so we are appealing to you to sign up on the sheet in the back of church. We are in need of Adorers on Tuesdays from 3-4 pm, and 4-5 pm; and we are always looking for persons to be present when the person scheduled at that time can't be there. We pray these openings will be filled. Contact Gail at [paquins@northwestel.net](mailto:paquins@northwestel.net) for more information.

Today's readings provide us with a glimpse of an extended Holy Family that is much larger than the nuclear family of Mary, Joseph and Jesus. Abraham and Sarah are the subjects of today's first two readings. As patriarch and matriarch of Israel they demonstrate their fidelity and trust in God and help us learn of God's fidelity to them and us.

In today's Gospel, Mary and Joseph as faithful Jews come to the temple with their newborn to fulfill the law of Moses. They meet two faithful Israelites; Simeon, a devout man waiting for the promised Messiah, and Anna, a prophetess who worshiped God with prayer and fasting day and night. These four remind us of the countless generations of Israelites through their fidelity and trust in God's promises to their people, now fulfilled in the child before them.

Simeon's prophecy about the child tells us that not only is this child the fulfillment of God's promises to Israel, but "a light of light of revelation to the Gentiles" His family includes all peoples.

This week as we meditate on the holy family in the temple let us seek to follow their example of faithfulness and **trust God's covenant** and look to the family that is holy to God, the family he came to save, the family of all peoples on earth.

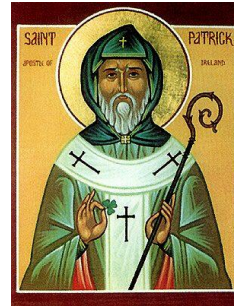


**Reflection:** "The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him." Luke 2:40

Do I realize God's favour is upon me? Or do I get upset when I feel like God is not with me or not answering my prayers.

What and I doing to continue to be a strong child of God? Do I read sacred scripture? I could join a ministry to help me on my faith journey.

I am a child of God. Do I always act as such? Do I help others to also grow on this path?



# St. Patrick Co-Cathedral Church

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## **The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph December 31, 2017**

**Weekend Masses:** Saturday 5:00 p.m. **Daily Mass:** Tuesday - Friday 5:30 pm  
Sunday 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** Tuesdays from 12:00 – 4:00 pm  
Please use the side door.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Priest available ½ hour before each Mass or by appointment

### **Pastoral Team**

#### Pastor

Fr. Marek Pisarek, OMI (444-8700)

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#### Pastoral Assistant

Susan Waddell

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### **St. Patrick's Vinnies**

920-4961

Tues-Sat 10:00 am – 5:30 pm

### **RCIA**

Andre Corriveau

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### **Catholic Women's League**

Tina Rivera - President

873-5900

### **Knights of Columbus**

Chris Wood – Grand Knight

[cwood11@theedge.ca](mailto:cwood11@theedge.ca)

### **Society of St. Vincent de Paul**

446-1934 (leave a message)

### **Development & Peace**

Suzette Montreuil 920-2765

### **Finance Council – Chairperson**

Gord Van Tighem

### **Sacrament of Marriage**

Contact the Parish Priest to set up an initial interview for Marriage at least one year in advance and prior to setting a wedding date. Marriage preparation is required.

**Sacrament of Baptism** Contact the parish office to pick up a Baptism Preparation Package (also on the bulletin board in the church). The next preparation session is Wed., January 17, 2018 at 7:00 pm.

**1st Eucharist/Reconciliation-** Next session on January 14, 2018 at 2:00 pm.

**CWL Prayer Line:** Prayer requests can be emailed to Barb McDonald at [barbmcd@theedge.ca](mailto:barbmcd@theedge.ca). The rosary is prayed every Monday evening for these requests.