

*December 22,
2013
Fourth Sunday
of Advent*

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*December 29,
2013
The Holy
Family*

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS: DECEMBER 21 TO JANUARY 5

Saturday	Dec. 21	Fourth Sunday of Advent	
4:30 pm	Melroy D'Lima	family	
Sunday	Dec. 22		
9:00 am	Our Parishioners		
11:00 am	Emilia Pawlak	Jean Bisson	
Monday	Dec. 23		
	No Mass		
Tues.	Dec. 24	Christmas	
4:00 pm	Millicent Desjardins (20 th Anniversary)	Vivian Doran and family	
6:00 pm	Susan D'Souza	Marolly family	
8:00 pm	Francis D' Souza	Ron & Joy Pinto	
10:00 pm	Giuseppe Lodico	family	
Wed.	Dec. 25		
10:00 am	Susan D'Souza	Eddie D'Souza	
Thurs.	Dec. 26		
8:30 am	Natale Fata	Maria & John Bastone	
Friday	Dec. 27		
8:30 am	Natale Fata	Rosemary & Joe Furino	
Saturday	Dec. 28	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	
4:30 pm	Deceased member of the Coelho family	Pat & Donny	
Sunday	Dec. 29		
9:00 am	Stella Hyjek	Linda Saukas	
11:00 am	Our Parishioners		
Monday	Dec. 30		
	No Mass		
Tues.	Dec. 31	Mary the Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)	
4:30 pm	Mildred Ross	her family	
Wed.	Jan. 01		
10:00 am	Miriam Stack	Denyse Fournier	
Thurs.	Jan. 02		
8:30 am	Willie Brandt	Walter and Mary Brandt	
Friday	Jan. 03		
8:30 am	Bing Encarnacion	his wife Mila	
Saturday	Jan. 04	The Epiphany of the Lord	
4:30 pm	Deceased member of the Coelho family	Pat & Donny	
Sunday	Jan. 05		
9:00 am	Stella Hyjek	Linda Saukas	
11:00 am	Our Parishioners		

Weekday Readings

Mon	Dec. 23	Mal 3: 1-4, 23-24	Lk 1: 57-66
Tues.	Dec. 24	Is 9: 1-6/Ti 2: 11-14	Lk 2: 1-14
Wed.	Dec. 25	Is 52:7-10/ Heb1:1-6	Jn 1: 1-18
Thurs.	Dec. 26	Acts 6:8-1-; 7:54-59	Mt 10:17-22
Fri.	Dec. 27	1 Jn 1: 1-4	Jn 20:1a, 2-8

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

December 22, 2013

Matthew 1: 18-24

Adults: Whom do you find it difficult to welcome in your life? What can you do to overcome that?

Child: What could you do this week to make someone feel welcome, as Joseph welcomed Mary?

December 29, 2013

Luke 2:13-15, 19-23

Adults: What can you do this week to help someone in your family feel more secure and loved?

Child: What good thing will you do this week to show your love for a parent or grandparent?

FAITH FIRST NEWS

Dear Faith First Families,

The last 3 months have just flown by and the season of Advent is upon us. In this time of preparation, anticipation and reflection, I would like to impart my warmest wishes to you based on the themes of the season.

May the season bring you a sense of **HOPE** that by the power of His birth, all will one day be right in the world.

May you really feel the **LOVE** of the Lord through your family and friends as you gather together.

May the **JOY** you experience this Christmas season carry over to every season.

And, may I wish **PEACE** to you and yours this season and to everyone around the world.

“And the angel said to them, ‘Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.’” Luke 2:10-11

Wishing you and yours a Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year!

Many blessings,

Elena

NB there are NO weekly reflections or stamping during Christmas and New Year masses

UPCOMING GATHERINGS

Confirmation Gathering #4: Tuesday, January 7, 2014

Don't forget to bring your completed sponsor forms AND your up-to-date pink Community Service Hours sheet to receive the 2014 hours sheet.

Below are some reflections that the children shared with us on Dec.15:

I was a disciple of Christ when I...

helped my parents. **Matthew O.**

helped clean the snow with daddy. **Alessandro F.**

pray. **Isabella B.**

gave food to the needy. **Isabella D.**

spent time with my brother and taught him how to play a game. **Julianne P.**

visited my grandparents. **Charles C.**

helped my parents. **Alex D.**

helped my grandma shovel. **Brady S.**

when I helped with the Christmas cards. **Juliana F.**

told my friend not to listen to a bully. **Gianluca P.**

SANCTUARY LAMP:

Week of Dec. 22: Stanislaw, Richard & Emilia Pawlak, requested by Jean Bisson.

Week of Dec. 29: Sean Richardson, requested by his family.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION: Jan 03, 2014, is the First Friday of the month. After Mass, you are invited to join us for an hour between 10:00 a.m. and midnight for exposition and adoration of the Holy Eucharist. Please sign up in the book at the back of the church.

PRAYING FOR YOUR FAMILY: Please join us every First Friday of the month from 5:00 to 6:00 pm to pray for your family in our church in front of the Blessed Sacrament.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS FOR DECEMBER 14/15

Contributions: \$ 4390.00

N.B. Contributions for Dec 22 to Jan 05 will be included in the bulletin of January 13, 2014.



Be sure to pick up our winter 2014 **Life and Faith Sessions Brochure!** It's filled with great topics and exciting speakers. Please feel free to visit our website for more detailed information. You can also follow us on Twitter or join us on Facebook for upcoming events.

Wishing you the precious gifts of Peace and Joy for Christmas.

~ *Elsa Rivera*

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS 2013 -2014

Christmas Eve Masses

Tues. Dec. 24

4:00, 6:00, 8:00 & 10:00 p.m.

Christmas Day Mass

Wed. Dec. 25, 10:00 a.m.

Holy Family

Sat. Dec. 28, 4:30 p.m.

Sun. Dec. 29, 9:00 a.m.

& 11:00 a.m.

Holy Hour of Prayer for God's Peace in the World

Tues. Dec. 31, 3:15 p.m.

Mary, Mother of God

(Holy Day of Obligation)

Tues. Dec. 31, 4:30 p.m.

Wed. Jan. 1, 10:00 a.m.

The parish and Faith First offices will be closed from Dec. 23 to Jan 07.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER

MEMORIAL: Thank you to all who helped to cover the cost of our beautiful Christmas flowers and plants. Dear Lord, grant your abundant blessing on all those on whose behalf these offerings were made: Stella & Stanley Szuszkowski, Anneliese Del Fabbro, Bill Leonhardt, Gerry Emsley, Maddocks & Floreani families, Antonio Cabral, Alfonso Mio, Giovanni Ambrosio & Gabriela Mastromonaco, Sean Richardson, Agnes O'Donnell, Jane & Peter Holloran, Anne Marie Watkinson, Rose Rivet, Violet Stanton, Adolphe James Stanton, Frances & Bill Cunningham, Maria Verdone Gerald Thompson, Pietro Salvatore & Mariannina Salvatore, Anthony & Grozdana Listes.

Donations can still be made! Include your donation in an envelope that is clearly marked "Christmas Flower Donations". Write the name of your loved one (memorial) along with your name (donor) on the envelope. Include your parish envelope number if applicable. Drop your envelope in the collection basket at Mass. Names of loved ones will be included in upcoming holiday bulletins.

