



Mass Intentions For 12/30/2017 Through 01/07/2018
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph



Saturday: Dec. 30 2017 1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40
St. John of Kanty - Priest

7:30 am St Mary: Paul Cheney† & Jennifer Moore & family
Saturday: Dec. 30, 2017 Gn 15:1-6, 21:1-3
 Hb 11:8,11-12,17-19; Lk 2:22-40

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

4:00 pm St. James: Deceased Parishioners of St. James†
 4:00 pm St. Mary: Winston Hammond†/Danielle Carpenter†
 6:00 pm St. Edward: Winston Hammond†/Danielle Carpenter†

Sunday: Dec. 31, 2017 Gn 15:1-6, 21:1-3;
 Hb 11:8,11-12,17-19; Lk 2:22-40

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

8:30 am St Edward: Leonard, Agathe, Claude & Norman Morin†
 10:00 am St Mary: David Keefe† & Robert Griffin†
 10:10 am St James: Parishioners of St. James
 11:30 am St Benedict: Parishioners of St. Benedict's
 7:00 pm St. Mary: Thanksgiving for George & Retha Piette

Monday: Jan 1, 2018 Nb 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

10:00 am St. Mary: Parishioners of Mater Dei Parish

PLEASE NOTICE NEW DAILY MASS TIMES

Tuesday: Jan 2, 2018 1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28
St. Basil the Great / St. Gregory Nazianzen

9:00 am St Mary: Oscar & Yvonne Desrochers†
 11:00 am Bel-Aire: Intentions of the Residents
 5:30 pm St. Edward: Adelard & Claire Riendeau†

Wednesday: Jan 3, 2018 1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Jn 1:29-34
The Most Holy Name of Jesus

9:00 am St. Mary: Bergeron Family†
 2:00 pm N.S.C.F.: Intentions of the Residents
 5:30 pm St. Edward: Intentions of Bishop Christopher Coyne

Thursday: Jan 4, 2018 1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

9:00 am St Mary: Leo & Jacqueline Isabelle† & Will Strouse†
 In Thanksgiving for George & Retha Piette
 4:00 pm St. James: Regina Boisvert†
 5:30 pm St. Edward: Yvette, Louis & Danny Patenaude†

Friday: Jan 5, 2018 1 Jn 3:11-21; Jn 1:43-51
St. John Neumann

9:00 am St Mary: Therese Metras†
 4:00 pm St. Benedict: Deacon John Gratton†
 5:30 pm St Edward: Florida Brodeur†

Saturday: Jan. 6, 2018 1 Jn 5:5-13; Mk 1:7-11
St. Andre Bessette

9:00 am St Mary: In Thanksgiving for Rosemary Hall
Saturday: Jan. 6, 2018 Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12
The Epiphany of the Lord

4:00 pm St. James: Lorraine Cauoette†
 4:00 pm St. Mary: Leo & Claudette Chaput†
 6:00 pm St. Edward: Arlene Ricard†
Sunday: Jan. 7, 2018 Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12
The Epiphany of the Lord

8:30 am St Edward: Mark Perry†
 10:00 am St Mary: David Keefe† & Robert Griffin†
 10:10 am St James: Benjamin Martin †
 11:30 am St Benedict: Health of Suzanne Daniels
 7:00 pm St. Mary: Deacon John Gratton†



If you would like to have your home blessed, or if you know of anyone in the parish who is sick, homebound or hospitalized, and would like to receive the Sacraments of Communion, Confession or the Anointing of the Sick, please call the parish office at (802) 334-5066 with their name, address and telephone number. We will contact them and arrange for a Priest to visit them.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO OUR PARISH

Weekend of December 23, 24 & 25, 2017

Offertory	\$5,031.00
Fuel	60.00
Repairs & Maintenance	127.00
Religious Retirement	80.00
Christmas Flowers	296.00
Christmas Collection	\$8,731.00
TOTAL	\$14,325.00

2017 PRAYER LIST

- Judy Barrup
- Dan Barry
- Tanner Blais
- Mary Anne Blake
- Rita Bouffard
- Yolande Brasseur
- Richard Campbell
- Stephen Campbell
- Ruth Carter
- Rev. Roger Charbonneau
- Audrey Charland
- Raymond Choiniere
- Alice Collins
- Thomas Collins
- Cleveland Cornell
- Cynthia Cornell
- Regis Dagesse
- Sue Dagesse
- Sarah Deloach
- Paul Diette
- Loretta Doucette
- Robert C Doucette
- Mary Dunbar
- Maureen Fountain
- Pauline Fournier
- Gerry Gagnon
- Evelyn Guilette
- Marie Hayes
- Loretta Hunt
- Evelyn Jenne
- Ruth Joseph
- Mason Judd
- Bernadette Kelley
- Bob Kelley (TX)
- Pam Landrigan
- Angele Lanoue
- Irene Lanoue
- Cam Laramie
- Rosalie Leblond
- Amanda Letourneau
- Jordyn Matten
- Reta Monfette
- Art McCormack
- Rita McCormack
- Phil B. Mesina
- Purie G. Mesina
- David O'Brien
- Leo Patenaude
- David Poginy
- Marcel Poulin
- Carrie Prue
- Micheal Quirion
- Roger Raboin
- Bob Risicato
- Nancy Morley Roberts
- Beth Robinson
- Beverly Robitaille
- Donald St. Onge
- Claudette Schoolcraft
- Gisele Seymour
- Fernand Tanguay
- Ron Tetreault
- 3ENBN Bravo Co.
- Denise Turner
- Elijah Turner
- Gabrielle Turner
- Daniel Westlake
- Westlake Family
- Ben Warren
- Christopher Warren
- Lindsey Warren
- Lucille Wing
- Alice Woodruff
- Annette Wright



We pray in a special way for the souls who have entered into eternal life and for their grieving families.

**Reflection
for this Sunday:**

**The Holy Family of
Jesus, Mary & Joseph**

Today we celebrate the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. As we do so, our Gospel invites us to consider Joseph's protection of Jesus in the face of danger. Just as in the announcement of Jesus' birth, an angel appears to Joseph in a dream and warns him of Herod's plans to harm Jesus. Joseph follows the command of the angel and takes Joseph and Mary to Egypt, returning only after receiving word in another dream that it was safe to do so.



This feast is part of the Christmas season, so we should look at today's Gospel in the context of what Scripture tells us about Jesus' birth. Today's reading is found in the Gospel of Matthew, following the story of the visit of the Magi. Among Matthew's themes in his infancy narrative is how Jesus fulfills the Old Testament prophecies about the Messiah. Indeed, the story of the Holy Family's flight to Egypt recalls the story of Moses in the Book of Exodus.

Notice that today's reading omits the verses that recount Herod's order of the massacre of infant boys in and around Bethlehem. We mark this event on the Feast of the Holy Innocents on December 28.

These events remind us of the difficult reality of Jesus' birth. While the story of the Magi's visit will be recalled on the Feast of the Epiphany, our Christmas celebration is made more sober by the recollection that not everyone received Christ's birth with joy or obedience. Herod's jealousy and malice contrast with Joseph's obedience to the words of the angel. The Holy Family's escape to Egypt and the massacre that Jesus is saved from remind us of the struggles and sacrifices that are required as we prepare for God's salvation.

Mary: Holy Mother of God

**Reflection
for January 1**



Today's reading is a continuation from the Gospel proclaimed at the Christmas Mass at midnight. In it the shepherds act upon the message they receive from the angel and go to find Jesus in the manger in Bethlehem. In their visit to the manger, the shepherds find things just as the angel had said. The shepherds' visit, therefore, is a moment of fulfillment, manifestation, and the beginning of the salvation we receive through Christ.

In the context of today's Solemnity, this reading also helps us focus on Mary as the Mother of God. The reading tells us at least three things about Mary as a mother. First, Mary is described as a reflective person, keeping the reports of the shepherds in her heart. Second, we are reminded of how obedient Mary was to God when she named the baby *Jesus* as the angel Gabriel had directed. Third, this reading shows Mary and Joseph faithfully observing their Jewish tradition by having Jesus circumcised.

Mary's faithfulness to God is evident in all three of these things. Her reflection upon the events in her life indicates that she was a person of prayer. This prayer made possible her obedience to God and God's will, even if the outcome was not clear. Finally, her faithfulness to a community of faith grounded her relationship with God and enabled her to participate in God's plan of salvation.

Because of Mary's faithfulness to God, she was able to receive the gift of God's Son and accept her role in God's plan for salvation. By doing so, she models for us the path of discipleship and is also called Mother of the Church.

Our call to discipleship also includes three aspects. First, discipleship means prayer and reflection on the events of our lives that we might see God's presence and work in our lives. Second, discipleship means obedience to God and God's will. Third, discipleship includes allegiance to a community of faith.



Join us for the Divine Mercy Chaplet

The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be said **every FRIDAY** at **St. Mary's Adoration Chapel** at **2:45 pm** with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by the **Chaplet of Mercy** at **3:00 pm**.

ST. EDWARD'S COFFEE SOCIAL

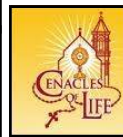
Sunday after the 8:30 Mass
Enjoy the company of other parishioners
Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus



St. Mary Star of the Sea Cenacle of Life

We will meet at St. Mary's every **TUESDAY** to pray two Rosaries for the Protection of All Life @ **2:00 p.m.** in the Adoration Chapel

Contact Kathy Baker at (802) 334-6955 for more information.



2018 Church Envelopes are Here!

2018 Church envelopes are now available in the back of the Church. If you cannot find your box at the Church you usually attend, write your name on the sign-up sheet next to the boxes of envelopes, and we will track them down for you.



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New Daily Mass Schedule

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
St. Mary's	9:00 AM	9:00 AM	9:00 AM	9:00 AM	9:00 AM	9:00 AM
St. Edward	5:30 PM	5:30 PM	5:30 PM	5:30 PM	5:30 PM	--
St. James	--	--	--	4:00 PM	--	--
St. Benedict	--	--	--	--	4:00 PM	--