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Monday DECEMBER 28 The Holy Innocents, Martyrs 1 Jn 1:5--2:2 Mt 2:13-18

Tuesday DECEMBER 29 Octave of Christmas 1 Jn 2:3–11 Lk 2:22–35

Wednesday DECEMBER 30 Octave of Christmas 1 Jn 2:12–17 Lk 2:36–40

Thursday DECEMBER 31 Octave of Christmas 1 Jn 2:18–21 Jn 1:1–18

#### Friday

JANUARY 1 Mary, the Holy Mother of God Nm 6:22–27 Gal 4:4–7 Lk 2:16–21

Saturday

JANUARY 2 Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church 1 Jn 2:22–28 Jn 1:19–28

Sunday

JANUARY 3 Epiphany of the Lord Is 60:1–6 Eph 3:2–3, 5–6 Mt 2:1–12



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Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28 + Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24 + Lk 2:41-52

A n old joke portrays an Irish couple with several children listening to the priest extolling the obedience of Jesus and the patience of Mary and Joseph and exhorting his congregation to be just like them. When the Mass was ended, the couple turned to each other and one muttered to the other, "Sure to heaven, they were patient—them and their one." The joke highlights one struggle for many parents: keeping patience while children learn the lessons of life. It's a job that may seem easier with one than with many.

Today, though, the Holy Family offers an example that applies to all families, whether large or small.



Since Jesus was born, Mary and Joseph knew that one day he was going to have to follow his own path. They couldn't choose it for him; they could only prepare him as best they could. After they found him in the Temple and he told them, "I must be in my Father's house" (which can also be translated as "I must be about my Father's work"), they knew he was growing into adulthood and that his time was coming. However, Jesus returned with them because it was not yet time for him to leave, and he remains obedient to them as he always is to his heavenly Father.

All of us who are parents know that we cannot dictate what our children can or should be. We can only help them discern what God has called them to be. In the meantime, we give them the best foundation we can give by praying with them, talking to them, and modeling our own

#### A Word From Pope Francis

"We need simplicity to pray as a family: simplicity is necessary!... Christian families are missionary families...in their doing everyday things, as they bring to everything the salt and the leaven of faith!" —Hendy for the Family Boy, Bouber 22, 2013 response to God's call.

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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

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EUCHARISTIC ADORATION Every Friday Adoration from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Both Before Mass and by Appointment. Mass Schedule for this Week Our Lady of Chartres Mass Schedule Sun 7:30 am +DeWayne Fazzio St. Ann Mass Schedule & Intentions Sat 4:00 pm Our Parish Family Sun 9:00am Our Parish Family Mon 8:00am LaRae H. Tues 8:00 am Mike K. McGough Sr. Wed 8:00 am +Fr Pete Thu 4:00 pm Mary Mother of God Fri 9:00 am Mary Mother of God \_\_\_\_\_+Gerard Armand

### From Father Khoa's Desk...

#### Dear Parishioners and Friends,

"He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them." We might be tempted to think that Jesus more or less raised himself. As the Son of God, it might appear on first glance that earthly parents would be a mere formality for this particular child. But it wasn't so. Mary and Joseph had real influence, and real authority, over their son. Although Jesus apparently understood from a tender age how he related to God ("Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?"), he also knew that he owed appropriate respect to his parents. This is why he stayed in their home in Nazareth and was obedient to them. And because of this obedience, clearly Mary and Joseph must have been deeply influential in his life. Their direction, their teachings, their example, and their rules would all have shaped Jesus in his humanity. It was thanks in no small part to the matriarch and patriarch of the Holy Family that Jesus "advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man." We should be advancing in these ways too! And those of us who are parents are likewise called to direct and guide our children to develop as Jesus did, not only forming our sons and daughters to succeed in the eyes of men, but also leading them on the path of "favor before God." The Holy Family serves as a beautiful model for us in this regard. They help us learn how to submit our lives to the loving leadership of our heavenly Father. But more than this, Mary and Joseph also serve as intercessors who, like any faithful family member or friend, want to pray with us and for us. Let us turn, then, to the intercession of the Holy Family asking that our families may be holy too.

Have a great week! May God bless all of us!

...Fr. Khoa

A Holy Day of Obligation January 1, 2016 Solemnity of Mary The Holy Mother of God Mass Times: Thurs Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> - Vigil Mass: 4:00 pm and Friday Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> 9:00 am

#### First Friday Adoration

Please join us at St. Ann this *Friday, January I*<sup>st</sup> for *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*. *Adoration* will begin after the 9:00am Mass and end about 11am. Please come as "*Jesus longs for your visit*".

<u>Christmas Flowers:</u> Thank you for your generosity.

#### ST. ANN STEWARDSHIP:\*\*

**<u>81</u>**Identifiable: **\$1,489.00**; Loose: **\$1,260.00**; Total: **\$2,749.00**; Children: **\$32.00**; Building Fund: **\$199.87**; All Saints: **\$6.00**; St. Vincent De Paul **\$15.00**; Christmas: **\$15.00**; Religious Retirement: **\$50.00**. <u>OL OF CHARTRES STEWARDSHIP:</u> Identifiable: **\$145.00**; Loose: **\$92.00**; Total:

\$237.00. Building Fund: \$10.00. \*\*Amount needed weekly \$2,908.84.

Thank you for your generosity.

<u>Christmas Basket:</u> Thank you Marlow, donors, and all the helpers for supporting to those who are in need.

<u>Church Cleaning:</u> WC and Lennell King cleans up the church on Dec 20 and 27. Marie Chasse will clean the church on Jan 2 and 9. Thank you

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MASS	LECTOR	EUCHARISTIC MIN.	SERVERS	USHERS	GIFT B.
Sat Dec 26 4:00pm	Henrietta	Richard Dunlap, Doris Snowden, Henrietta	Austin Scarengoas	Doug Kermit	Gerard & Kay VanPelt
Dec 27 7:30	Sandra Ammons	Daniel Squillante	(OLC)	Terry Mitchell	(OLC)
Sun 27 9am	Beverly Saucier	Kim W., Carolyn B, Robin P	Carson Kaiden	Robert Jimmy	Peterson Family
Sat Jan 02 5pm	Lanny Acosta	Sharon Ladner, Rita Acosta, Richard Dunlap	Austin Scarengoas	Doug August	Ira Necaise
Sun Jan 03 7:30am	Sandra Ammons	Daniel Squillante	(OLC)	Teny Mitchell	(OLC)
Sun Jan 03 9am	Lisa Cuevas	Dale Babin, Carolyn Brewer, Sharon Leimer	Will Dreher Bracken	Robert Pat Leimer	Lester Palmer Family

#### ST. ANN ACTIVITIES.

Altar Society: meet on second Sundays.

**<u>Lizana Light:</u>** For more information, please contact Doris or Diane. Thank you.

**Bereavement Committee:** Please contact **Sharon Leimer** at 539-9928. Lasagna, green salad, rolls, and deserts will be provided for the funeral reception upon request. Thank you.

<u>CYO:</u> meet every other week on Sunday 6:00pm. You can visit St Ann CYO contact **Katelyn Moran** and **Danielle Ladner** or on the website <u>www.facebook.com/stannslizanacyo</u>.

Parish Council: Meet third Saturdays.

<u>Knights of Columbus:</u> Meet next Sunday Jan 3. If you have any question, please contact Thomas Moran.

**<u>VISITATION OF THE SICK</u>**: Please keep the parish office informed so we may minister to those who are ill at home, in the hospital, or in a nursing facility. For those wishing to receive the Eucharist contact the parish office, 832-2560.

**MASS FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS:** You can have Masses offered for the deceased as well as for living family and friends. Mass cards are available at the office.

#### SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION MARRIAGE

Church regulations require at least six months of preparation for a wedding. Please contact us well in advance of that time if you wish to reserve a wedding date and receive info: one's own parish clergy are expected to supervise your Catholic prenuptial preparation and to officiate at the wedding.

#### **<u>RCIA:</u>** Please contact Henrietta Ladner.

**<u>Bible Study:</u>** We study the Chosen. Please join us. Classes are on Wed at 6:30pm and on Thurs at 9am. For more information, please contact Ruth and Henrietta.

#### **PRAYER REQUESTS** Those who are ill:

Leslie Cuevas, William DeMello, Dcn Jack Hunter, Lee James, Darlene Billingsley, Victoria Moran, Michael Gilbert, Jerry Malley, Vivian Clifford, Ezekiel Rutherford, Julia Perronne, John Moran, Jerry Rutland, Pat Leimer, Carolyn Brewer, Elizabeth Necaise, Loretta L., Regina Franke, Dalwin Cuevas, Colby Cagle, and Debbie Bowen.