



## The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

### Sunday, December 27, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

8:30 **BW** Parishioners and Friends of St. Rose

10:30 **BW** John Bose from Georgeann & Tom Raabe

12:00 **BW** Michael Clauder from Margaret & Michael Ferris

### Monday, December 28, The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

12:10 (Spec Int) Sharon Kemble from Kathleen Rafferty

### Tuesday, December 29, 5th day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

12:10 Frank Fobiano from Carol & Larry

### Wednesday, December 30, 6th day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

12:10 John H. Finn from Margaret & Michael Ferris

### Thursday, December 31, 7th day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

12:10 Marlene Steers from Helen Weartz

### Friday, January 1, The Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

8:30 **BW** Ron Haven From A Friend

10:30 **BW** Bob Trethel from Brian & Rose Ann

12:00 **BW** Mariann Kurtinitus from Kathleen Mason

### Saturday, January 2, St Basil the Great, Bishop

12:10 **BW** Sophie Cimino from Francie & Tom Hiltz

7:00 **JW** Howard Mushaben from Brian & Rose Ann

### Sunday, January 3, Epiphany of the Lord

8:30 **BW** Parishioners and Friends of St. Rose

10:30 **BW** John Sullivan from Chris Ryan & Family

12:00 **BW** Bill Earls from The Family

## From the Pastor's Desk

PUBLIC MASSES WITH RESTRICTIONS WILL BE HELD UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

PLEASE REGISTER FOR SATURDAY EVENING AND SUNDAY MASSES at [strosecincinnati.org](http://strosecincinnati.org)

**ALL INDIVIDUALS MUST WEAR A MASK WHILE INSIDE THE CHURCH. Thank you for your understanding, patience and cooperation.**

**THE CATHOLIC FAITHFUL WHO RESIDE IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CINCINNATI CONTINUE TO BE DISPENSED FROM THE OBLIGATION OF ATTENDING SUNDAY MASS.**

To join us for mass on your computer, iPad, smart phone, or smart tv go to our website [STROSECINNATI.ORG](http://STROSECINNATI.ORG) and click on [WATCH LIVE](#). I want to thank everyone who continues to support us with their generous contributions. God Bless, Fr. Barry

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## PRAYER AGAINST CORONAVIRUS

Lord Jesus Christ, our Divine Physician, we ask you to guard and protect us from Coronavirus COVID-19 and all serious illness.

For all that have died from it, have mercy; for those that are ill now, bring healing. For those searching for a remedy, enlighten them; for medical caregivers helping the sick, strengthen and shield them. For those working to contain the spread, grant them success; for those afraid, grant peace. May your precious blood be our defense and salvation. By your grace, may you turn the evil of disease into moments of consolation and hope. May we always fear the contagion of sin more than any illness. We abandon ourselves to your infinite mercy. Amen. -Pedro de la Cruz

HERE AT ST. ROSE

**Reagan Shea Huster** was welcomed into the Catholic Church and Christian Community through the sacrament of Baptism this weekend

In the charity of your prayers please pray for the soul of **Steven Kennedy** whose funeral was this past week here at St. Rose Church.

“Joyful persons do not necessarily make jokes, laugh, or even smile,” spiritual writer Henri Nouwen writes. “They are not people with an optimistic outlook on life who always relativize the seriousness of a moment or an event. No, joyful persons see with open eyes the hard reality of human existence and at the same time are not imprisoned by it... Joy is based on the spiritual knowledge that, while the world in which we live is shrouded in darkness, God has overcome the world.”

**Fr. Barry would like to wish all the parishioners and friends of St. Rose Church a very blessed and happy New Year.**

## SUNDAY FUNNIES

Coronacoaster (Noun): The ups and downs of a pandemic. One day you're loving your bubble, doing work outs, baking banana bread and going for long walks and the next you're crying, drinking gin for breakfast and missing people you don't even like.

We all get heavier as we get older, because there's a lot more information in our heads. That's my story and I'm sticking to it.

We come to love not by finding a perfect person, but by learning to see an imperfect person perfectly!

NEVER Look down on someone unless you're Helping Them Up!

If your trying to impress me with your vehicle it better be a food truck.



## Living Liturgy™



### Opening Prayer

O God, who were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that we may imitate them in practicing the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity, and so, in the joy of your house, delight one day in eternal rewards. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### Reflecting on Living the Gospel

Sarah was too old to have and raise a child. But God gave them Isaac, a child of promise and hope. The promised Messiah would come from this lineage and be given miraculously to Mary—a child of hope for the whole world.

Yet the stories of the matriarchs, Mary, and their unique children indicate to us the miraculous nature of every birth. True, our children will probably not be patriarchs of a nation, as Isaac was for Israel; and certainly none can be Jesus, the Messiah, the Savior, both God and man. But the mothers were real mothers, just like women today, who raise many children or one child, or yearn for a child. And their children were real children, who had to be loved and raised. God chose to work his miracles not in opposition to nature but through the most natural of ways: childbirth.

But every family, whether gifted with many children or none or one, has a role to play in God's dramatic story of salvation and shares in the miraculous gift of hope children represent. Each child has been willed by God to serve a unique purpose.

And it was through the birth of one child that all of us share in the hope of salvation. As Simeon says in Luke's gospel of the newborn baby boy Jesus, "My eyes have seen your salvation, / which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples, / a light for revelation to the Gentiles, / and glory for your people Israel."

Mary and Joseph were "amazed at what was said about him," for he was the fulfillment of all hopes. But in the reality of the Holy Family, we see the miraculous nature of every child and every family reflected.

### Closing Prayer

Saving God, prophets foretell the significance of your presence among us in all times and in all lands. Inspire in us the fortitude to speak your truth and live your love, for our eyes have seen your salvation . . . and glory for your people. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### For Reflection:

• In the gospel, we hear the promised Messiah referred to as "the consolation of Israel." How do you experience Jesus as consolation and comfort?

### Suggestions for group and individual use:

1. Pray aloud the "Opening Prayer" (in *The Roman Missal* called the "collect").
2. One person read aloud the gospel.
3. Each read prayerfully "Reflecting on Living the Gospel" and spend some time in personal prayer.
4. Share together responses to "For Reflection."
5. Pray the "Closing Prayer."

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## THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

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### Gospel Luke 2:22-40

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, *Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord, and to offer the sacrifice of a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons, in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord.*

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon.

This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him.

It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord.

He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, he took him into his arms and blessed God, saying: "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel."

The child's father and mother were amazed at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted—and you yourself a sword will pierce—so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed."



There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanneel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived seven years with her husband after her marriage, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer. And coming forward at that very time, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

### Readings for the week

Sunday Holy Family	Monday Holy Innocents	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday Mary, Mother of God	Saturday	Sunday Epiphany
Sir 52:6, 12-14 or Gen 15:1-6, 21:1-3 Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4, 5 Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or 19b 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 Luke 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40	1 John 1:5-22 Ps 124:3, 4, 5, 7-8 Matt 2:13-18	1 John 2:12-17 Ps 96:1-3a, 2b-3, 5b-6 Luke 2:22-35	1 John 2:12-17 Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 Luke 2:36-40	1 John 2:18-21 Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 John 1:1-18	Num 6:22-27 Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 Gal 4:4-7 Luke 2:16-21	1 John 2:22-28 Ps 98:1, 2, 3ab, 3cd-4 John 1:19-28	Isa 60:1-6 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Matt 2:1-12