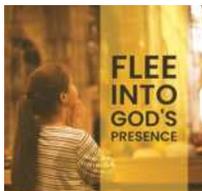


Meditation on this Week's Gospel

A Reflection by Fr. John Muir, ©LPi

When I was ten, my dad gathered our family around the table in small-town Vermont and told us we were moving to the big desert city of Phoenix, Arizona. We were leaving behind family, friends, and everything familiar. None of us knew what to expect.



But something beautiful happened. As we made the move together, our family grew closer. In retrospect, I'm amazed at my parents' courage to go on that adventure. Even as a kid I realized our family found, in that challenge, a deeper unity and mutual love.

In today's Gospel, Joseph is told: "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee..." (Matthew 2:13, 20). First to Egypt, then later to Israel. The Holy Family is frequently challenged to move and change, to adapt to God's will for them, in order to find safety in the midst of threat. It's not just an idiosyncratic story about survival. It's a spiritual pattern for all of us.

Every Christian family is called to be a kind of sanctuary, especially in a world full of noise, busyness, and fear.

May I make a practical application for us? The Lord's Day, Sunday, is perhaps the most practical way we imitate this dynamic we see in Joseph and his family. Sunday is not meant to be just like every other day, filled with errands and stress. It's meant to be a day set apart; a holy "escape" into rest, worship, joy, and peace. A day to rise, take your family, and flee, into God's presence.

Holy Day of Obligation this Week



**Masses on Wednesday, Dec. 31 at 5 PM
& Thursday, Jan. 1 at 9 AM**

The feast days of Mary mark the mysteries of her life and her part in the work of redemption. On the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, we take a moment as we start our new year to honor our Blessed Mother, who in her "yes" to God brought our Savior into the world to redeem us.

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December 28, 2025



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NOTE: Confessions will not be heard this Wednesday, Dec. 31 or Thursday, Jan. 1.

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|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | Budget | ACTUAL | ACTUAL |
| November Giving | \$176,984 | \$232,652 | \$174,104 |
| Total Giving through November | \$176,984 | \$232,652 | \$174,104 |
| <i>Monthly vs. Budget/Prior Year</i> | <i>\$55,668</i> | | <i>\$58,548</i> |
| FY 2024 through November | \$922,087 | \$966,933 | \$907,140 |
| <i>Annual vs. Budget/Prior Year</i> | <i>\$44,846</i> | | <i>\$59,793</i> |
| Special Collections in November | | | |
| Parish Charity Fund | \$8,846.00 | | |

The deadline for the Jan. 4 bulletin has passed.

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

To sign up or to be a sub, login to saintvdp.org/perpetual-adoration, or call JoAnne Newman at 763-420-4089.



Help is urgently needed for:

Sunday at 3 AM;
Thursday at 11 PM;
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Save the Date for our
Annual Dinner & Variety Show
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Our theme is "The Name Game"

Performers who would like to audition
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Readings for this Week

- Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/
Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
- Monday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35
- Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40
- Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18
- Thursday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Gal 4:4-7/
Lk 2:16-21
- Friday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28
- Saturday: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34
- Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13/
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Mass Intentions for Dec. 29—Jan. 4

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|-----------|----------|--------------------------------|
| Monday | 8:00 AM | † Roger Spotts |
| Tuesday | 8:00 AM | Jamie & Richard Green |
| Wednesday | 5:00 PM | Daryl & Jenna Baxa |
| Thursday | 9:00 AM | Parishioners |
| Friday | 8:00 AM | † George Huber |
| Saturday | 5:00 PM | † Jim Goering & † Jeanne Freed |
| Sunday | 7:30 AM | † Mable & Harold Trombley Sr. |
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| | 11:00 AM | † By Spaniol |

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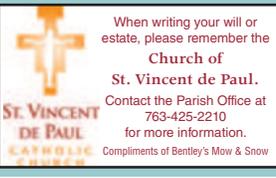
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