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Next Sunday's Readings

Isaiah 60:1-6
Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
Matthew 2:1-12

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FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

2017

Sunday, December 31

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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

10:30 **BW** Dan Fleming from Carol Wessel

12:00 **BW** Nancy Hogan

Monday, January 1

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

12:10 **Mary Rizzo** from Howard and Elaine

Tuesday, January 2

Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

12:10 **John Johnston** from Tom and Mary Ann Myers

Wednesday, January 3

12:10 Purgatorial Society

Thursday, January 4

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

12:10 **Gertrude Fobiano** from Carol and Larry

Friday, January 5

Saint John Neumann, Bishop

12:10 **Diane Zuk** from the Zuk Family

Saturday, January 6

12:10 **Michael Keller**

7:00 **BW** Vince Sawma (Birthday Remembrance) from the Family

Sunday, January 7

The Epiphany of the Lord

8:30 **TH** **Brian Finn** from the Reed Family

10:30 **BW** **James Michael Gangloff** from the Family

12:00 **BW** Parishioners and Friends of St. Rose

Lectors and Lay Distributors for January 6th and January 7th

7:00 **J. Christmann, M. Gregorio, M. Luehrmann, F. McCune, W. Russ, L. Solimine**

8:30 **Matt Howland, Tom Perrino, Michael Trotta**

10:30 **Michael Alfieri, Roland Becker, Timothy McMahon, Dennis O'Connor**

12:00 **Jim Condo, Ron Frey, Matt Schwietering**

Would you like to remember St. Rose in your will? It is one way to say thank you for the many things for which you have been given.

From the Pastor's Desk

Nora Eileen Smith, Maria Joan Coffaro, Hunter Elizabeth Hardigg and Harper Paige Hajjar were welcomed in to the Catholic Church and Christian Community this past week here at St. Rose Church.

In the charity of your prayers please pray for the souls of **Carol Carter** and **Marjorie Berger** whose funerals were this past week here at St. Rose Church.

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

Today, December 31st, is our quarterly St. Vincent DePaul collection. The ushers will be at the doors.

January 1st, the feast of the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God is a holy day but **NOT** a holy day of obligation. Mass is at 12:10.

An envelop marked "From Gram Janet" was found in the collection. If this is yours please call the office. 513-871-1162.

We feel it is important to celebrate anniversaries. If you and your spouse are celebrating your 25th, 50th or 60th anniversary in 2018 please call the office.

You are invited to join Fr. Barry for a **10-day trip to Italy** next fall, October 2-12, 2018 for five days in Florence and five days in Rome with side trips. The brochures are here and we will gladly send you one.



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

Luke tells us a rather unique story, often referred to as "The Presentation of the Lord" or simply "The Presentation." While still an infant, Jesus is taken to the temple by his parents. There they meet two people about whom we know nothing other than what this story tells us: the righteous and devout Simeon, and the prophetess Anna. It is typical of Luke to pair his stories, one with a male character followed by one with a female character. We see that here with Simeon and Anna. In this way, and in many others, Luke shows a concern for women. Simeon's canticle begins in English with the words, "Now, Master, you may let your servant go / in peace." The gospel was written in Greek and later translated into Latin. This verse thus began in Latin, "Nunc dimittis servum tuum, Domine . . ." This is why it is often referred to today as the *Nunc Dimittis*. Immediately after Simeon exits the scene, the eighty-four-year-old widow prophetess Anna steps to the fore. Her worship is punctuated with fasting and prayer, much like the early Christians we will hear about in Luke's second volume, the Acts of the Apostles. Luke refers to Anna as a prophetess, foreshadowing the equality women enjoy in the ideal Christian life.

Finally, the gospel reading concludes with some fairly innocuous sounding words: "The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; / and the favor of God was upon him." Jesus was not a divine puppet on the human stage, but he was a real human being, born into a family, and raised to maturity. This gospel story, unique to Luke, reminds us of the equality of women and men, the relationship of the family, and the importance of human development as a place for God's favor.

Closing Prayer

Hear the prayers of your family gathered around your table, O Lord. As Jesus taught us to call you "Father," may we learn to respect and love one another as brothers and sisters. We offer these prayers to you in the name of your Son, Jesus, the Christ. Amen.

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 Phanuel, 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.

For Reflection:

- Who are the Simeons and Annas in my life and community?

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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Readings for the week:

Sunday Holy Family	Monday Mary, Mother of God	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday Epiphany
Sr 3:2-6, 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 Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 Luke 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40	Nam 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	1 John 2:29-3:6 Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6 John 1:29-34	1 John 3:7-10 Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 John 1:35-42	1 John 3:11-21 Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 John 1:43-51	1 John 5:5-13 Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 Mark 1:7-11 or Luke 5:23-38 or 3:23, 31-34, 35, 38	Isa 60:1-6 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Matt 2:1-12