

Our Lady Queen of Peace

December 26, 2021



The Holy Family

OF JESUS, MARY,
AND JOSEPH

After three days Jesus' parents
found him in the temple,
sitting in the midst of the teachers,
listening to them and
asking them questions.

Luke 2:46

Copyright © J.S. Paluch Co. Inc. • Photos: © zatlatic / AdobeStock • Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass © 2001, 1998, 1997, 1986, 1970, CCD.

Served by

Rev. Antonio L. Ricarte, Pastor

frtony@olqp.org

Rev. Paul C. Houllis, Parochial Vicar

frpaul@olqp.org

Rev. Msgr. Peter J. Zaccardo, Pastor Emeritus

Rev. Mr. Joseph L. Mantineo, Permanent Deacon

dcnjoe@olqp.org

Deacon Anthony A. Balestrieri, Deacon Emeritus

Justine Garcia, Pastoral Associate for Religious Ed.

ReEd@olqp.org

Giovanni Longo, Director of Music

dirmusic@olqp.org

Christopher Innis, Principal, St. Peter Academy

Dorothy Feula and Harriet Sottile, Lay Trustees

Mass Schedule

Saturday - 5:00 PM

Sunday - 8:00, 10:00 AM* and
12:00 Noon

Monday-Saturday 8:30 AM

Holy days - See Bulletin

*Livestreamed on Facebook

Reconciliation

Saturday - 1:00 PM or by
appointment

Emergency Contact

(funerals, anointings, etc.)
(201) 845-9566 ext. 3

Baptism - Please call to arrange for your child's
baptism soon after birth.

RCIA

Adults desiring to be baptized, confirmed or
become a Catholic, please contact the Parish Office

Anointing of the Sick

Please call for a priest to schedule this Sacrament
of healing and forgiveness for someone who is
seriously ill or in danger of death. Do not wait
until the sick person is unconscious.

Matrimony

All Catholics should seek to have their marriage
blessed by the Church so as to live in God's good
grace and receive the Holy Eucharist. Contact a
priest a year prior to the intended date of marriage
to ensure proper preparation.

Parish Center Office Hours Monday through Thursday: 9AM - 12N / 1PM - 3PM; Friday: 9AM - 1PM

www.olqp.org

parish@olqp.org

Parish Center

201-845-9566

Fax: 201-845-3742

Religious Education

201-845-9566 ext. 117

ReEd@olqp.org

St. Peter Academy

201-261-3468

www.spare.org

✝ Mass Intentions

December 26, 2021 to January 2, 2022

Sunday - THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH *Feast*

12/26 8:00 am The Georgetti Family
 10:00 am Loretta Moylan
 12:00 pm People of the Parish

Monday - Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist *Feast*

12/27 8:30 am Evienne James Razal - 4th Birthday (Living)

Tuesday - The Holy Innocents, Martyrs *Feast*

12/28 8:30 am Bryan Izquierdo

Wednesday - Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord [Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr]

12/29 8:30 am Jimmy and Lydia Delacruz

Thursday - Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

12/30 8:30 am James O'Reilly

Friday - Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord [Saint Sylvester I, Pope]

12/31 8:30 am The Beninca and Scuccimarri Families
 5:00 pm Lawrence Lyons

Saturday - SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord *Solemnity [not a Holy Day of Obligation]*

1/1 10:00 am Jorry Murphy
 12:00 pm George and Mona McGowan
 5:00 pm People of the Parish

Sunday - THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD *Solemnity*

1/2 8:00 am Angelo Pagan
 10:00 am Frank Buffa
 12:00 pm Editha G. Cifra

December 26, 2021 - Today's Readings

First Reading — Hannah gives her son Samuel back to the LORD, leaving him in the temple at Shiloh: "As long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the LORD" (1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28) or *Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14*.

Psalm — Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord (Psalm 84) or *Psalm 128*.

Second Reading — We are children of God when we believe in the name of God's Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us (1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24) or *Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17]*.

Gospel — Joseph and Mary find the lost Jesus in the temple in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking questions (Luke 2:41-52). *The English translation of the Psalm Responses from the Lectionary for Mass © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.*



Please Remember in Your Prayers

Sick Relatives and Friends

Mary Adamo Cristina Aguilar Josefina Baldoza Mary Ellen Barberia Dcn. Anthony Balestrieri Claire Borrello Dorothy Brush Cardinal Burke Ginny Cattaneo Carmen Cepeda Carmen Maria Colon Brian Connors Joseph Cortese Richard DeSpagna Sally DeSpagna Emily DeStefano Phil Dimitri Eileen Diverio Mark Diverio Mario Elia Emily Ferreira	Yancey Garcia Gardenia Hougbo Richard Ivors Dominic Jengo Rosemarie Kaminski Rev. Michael Kreder Alice Liso Diane Lohrer Deacon Joseph Mantineo Gerry Marcincavage John McMullen Sonia Medrano Andrew J. Mendez Frankie Monnecka Deanna Mooney Jim Moran Barbara Nelson Gemma Olliges Sharon Osnowitz Mike Panasuik Harriet Pellicione Mia Pensari Vallie Pompilio	Mary Pontilla Christopher Quinn Francis Quinn Robert Raimo Melissa Finck-Ruisch Elsy Ruiz Fran Sampson Wilbert Santos Cindy Sommers Pat Sommers Joanne Sontag Joseph Steiner Carolyn Sobering Jacqueline Sullivan Liam Justin Torres Maria Viva Mary Walker Andrew Wey Julia Whitney Joyce Wilson *Names in bold are new to the list
--	--	--

Weekly Memorials

Blessed Mother Candle
 in Memory of John Hrablook
by Lauren Hrablook



Please keep in your prayers all of our active military personnel here and overseas. We especially pray for our parishioners: Joshua Ashley, Ryan O'Connell, and John Velazquez.

Blessing of Prayer Shawls



If you are adding someone to our Parish sick list, please consider the healing power of these beautiful shawls. They are prayed over by the Prayer Shawl Ministry and blessed by our Pastor. If you know of someone you think is in need of a Prayer Shawl, please contact the Parish Center: 201-845-9566 or email prayershawl@olqp.org

Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40

Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18

Saturday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Congratulations to Our Newly Baptized!

Congratulations to Sarah Valentina Fernandez, Joseph Robert Maiocchi, Jr., Olivia Jo Morolla, Izabella Rose Peralta, their parents, Godparents, families and friends!



The Feast of the Holy Family

O Lord Jesus Christ, who when Thou wast subject to Mary and Joseph didst sanctify the home life with ineffable virtues: grant that by their assistance, we may be instructed by the example of Thy Holy Family and become partakers of their eternal happiness. – From the Collect for the Feast of the Holy Family

“In today’s individualistic culture, many people think that the individual is the basic unit of society. But in reality, it is the *family*, not the individual, that forms the fundamental unit of human living.

In the beginning, God said “It is not good for man to be alone” (Gen 2:18), revealing that we were made for community. The community we are called to reflect, in a sense, the fundamental community of the Triune God. Just as God in His Three Persons is never “alone,” so too are we not to be alone. This is true from the beginning of each person’s existence, as we are first connected to another person—our mothers—and then are born into a community of people, the family.

When God the Son became man, he wanted to experience the fullness of human existence. He did not appear suddenly as a full-grown man; no, he was conceived in the womb of a woman and then born into a family—the family *par excellence*, the Holy Family. He lived with his family until he was ready to begin his public ministry, spending each day with them, learning from them, and helping in the daily tasks of family life in his time. But most mysteriously, Jesus “was subject to” his parents, Joseph and Mary. Even though Mary is the greatest of creation and Joseph was “a just man” (Mt 1:19), they were still mere creatures, nothing compared to the God-Man Jesus Christ. Yet “Christ, to whom the whole universe is subject, was subject to his parents” (St. Augustine, *Sermons* 51, 19).

St. Paul describes the ideal attitude toward family life in Sunday’s Epistle: “Put ye on therefore, as the elect of God, holy, and beloved, the bowels of mercy, benignity, humility, modesty, patience: bearing with one another and forgiving one another if any have a complaint against another.” This is what Jesus did: imagine the mercy, benignity, humility, modesty, and patience necessary for Our Lord to stoop down to the level of his creation, being obedient to his creatures, all in order to save us. It would be like us making ourselves subject to ants.

As St. Paul writes elsewhere (Phil 2:3-11), our humility must model itself on Christ’s humility. Many teenagers today are (rightly) criticized for thinking they know better than their parents, even when they have not yet gained the wisdom to know better. Yet how often do each of us have a similar attitude, believing ourselves more knowledgeable and more wise than our superiors, and thus refusing, at least in our hearts, to be subject to them? Yet Christ himself—who was infinitely more knowledgeable and wise than any creature—made himself subject to his human parents. Our pride resists humility, but as the Scriptures say, “God resists the proud, and gives grace to the humble” (Jas 4:6). Humility is not only a necessary component for a peaceful family life, but also to be in God’s good graces.

The Feast of the Holy Family is a good reminder of the importance of living in community, and the humility necessary to do so without conflict. Let us model ourselves on Our Lord, who humbled himself not only to become a man, but even an obedient child. “

<https://onepeterfive.com/scripture-tradition-feast-of-the-holy-family/>

Luz Y Vida (Light and Life)



The Luz y Vida prayer group invites the Hispanic community to hear the word of God and receive His blessings every Thursday at 7 pm in the Auditorium . If you have a questions, please call Susana - (201) 403-6319.

Él Grupo de Oración Luz y Vida . Invita a la comunidad Hispana a escuchar la Palabra de Dios y recibir sus bendiciones cada Jueves a partir de las 7pm en el Auditorio de la iglesia. Él Señor les espera con los brazos abiertos. Preguntas, (201) 403-6319.

Please Consider Donating Your Used Car

We have a family who is great need of a used vehicle. If you are interested in donating your used automobile, please contact the parish center.



A Note About Our New Hymnals



In addition to many beautiful hymns, please note that our new hymnals also contain the readings for all three liturgical years A, B and C.

Our Mother of Perpetual Help Novena



Daily Prayer for Pope Francis and Our Clergy



Almighty and everlasting God, have mercy upon Thy servant, Francis, our Supreme Pontiff, and direct him, according to Thy loving-kindness, in the ways of eternal salvation; that, of Thy gift, he may ever desire that which is pleasing unto Thee and may accomplish it with all his might. Through Christ our Lord. Amen. Jesus, Savior of the world, sanctify Thy priests and sacred ministers. Amen.

2022 Calendars



2022 calendars are now available at the doors of the Church. Thank you to Trinka Faustini for their most generous donation of calendars this year! Every year our friends at Trinka supply us with enough calendars for our entire parish family.

New Email List Sign-Up!

Sign Up ▶

For announcements, bulletin updates, and the latest news happening at Our Lady Queen of Peace, please sign up for our email mailing list by visiting www.olqp.org!

Devotions Before Holy Communion

An Act of Faith

O my God, I firmly believe that by the words of consecration spoken during Mass, bread truly becomes the Body of Christ and wine His most Precious Blood, and that Thy Divine Son is offered to Thee upon the altar under appearances representing that separation of His Body and Blood which took place on Calvary. Therefore, do I believe with my whole heart, that this holy Victim is the same as that of the cross, whom I am about to receive, in order to unite my sacrifices to His own, by immolating myself with Him for Thy glory. Amen.

An Act of Hope

O my God, I place all my hope in Jesus, my loving Saviour, truly present before me on the altar. He, who on the cross offered to Thee the superabundant merits of His Divine Blood, shed for our sins. Do Thou graciously accept the offering, which I now make to Thee at the hands of Thy priests, of the holy Victim who has reconciled us to Thyself, and being fully appeased by Him, grant to my soul the graces it needs in order to receive my Lord worthily and obtain through Him all the effects of Thy Fatherly goodness. Amen.

An Act of Contrition

O my God, at the moment of receiving within myself the Divine Victim of Calvary, I confess sincerely before Thy Divine Majesty and before the whole court of heaven, that I have offended Thee by thought, word and deed. By my sins I have contributed to the death of Jesus on the cross; but Thou hast forgiven me, washing my soul in the Blood of Thy Son and clothing it with the wedding garment of Thy grace. I come, therefore, contrite and repentant, but with a heart overflowing with boundless gratitude, to the holy table which Thou hast prepared for the prodigal child, who had abandoned Thee, and whom in Thy goodness Thou wouldst nourish with Heavenly Bread. Amen.

An Act of Love

O my God, I love Thee with all my heart, with all my soul, with all my strength and with no other desire than to be inseparably united to Thee. It is through Thy Divine Son that this union is about to be realized within me. In Holy Communion I long to identify myself with Him, that it will no longer be myself, but Him, who lives in me; and when I have received Jesus within myself, then I shall love and be loved by Thee in that same measure, in which I am united to Him. Hasten then, to give me Thy Divine Son, at the hands of Thy priest, that through Jesus, I may unite myself forever to Thee, O God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

What is the SYNOD?



FOR A SYNODAL CHURCH
COMMUNION • PARTICIPATION • MISSION

Our Parish will be participating in the Archdiocesan/Universal Church SYNOD.

What is the SYNOD?

The Synod on Synodality is intended to inspire people to dream about the church we are called to be, to make people's hopes flourish, to stimulate trust, to bind up wounds, to weave new and deeper relationships, to learn from one another, to build bridges, to enlighten minds, warm hearts,

and restore strength to our hands for our common mission.

For more information on the SYNOD please visit www.rcan.org/synod2023. We will also be posting more information in the following weeks on how our community will be able to participate.

Family Life

Christmas celebrates the Incarnation, the "en-flesh-ment" of God as a human person. In Jesus, God is bodily present in the human story. Today we honor the Holy Family, helping us to see that God is active in daily family life. God is near at hand, amidst the tensions, joys, and uncertainties of family life. As our Gospel passage describes, even with family miscommunications and with limited understanding of Jesus' mission, the Holy Family persevered in their life together. Like many family conflicts, there was no immediate or clear resolution of the issues raised by Jesus and by Mary. God's intentions for the family, and for Jesus, were still unfolding. They continued to stay connected with each other and with God. Within the turbulence of family life, they trusted God to actively sustain and guide them into an uncertain future. We are invited to follow their example.

Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



Please park in designated parking spaces only. To ensure everyone's safety, please do not park on the fire lanes by the driveways. Thank you

The 2022 Mass Book



The Church teaches us that our prayers are invaluable to the living as well as those who have died. We commend them to God's mercy when we pray for them. The living and the dead are helped not only by our daily prayers, but by the offering of Masses in their

name for the benefit of their souls. Please visit the Parish Center to select your preferred dates for 2022.

Christmas Season Schedule

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Friday, December 31st at 5 pm
Saturday, January 1st at 10 am and 12 pm

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Saturday, January 1st – 5 pm
Sunday, January 2nd - 8 am, 10 am and 12 pm

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Saturday, January 8th – 5 pm
Sunday, January 9th - 8 am, 10 am and 12 pm

Thank You Knights of Columbus!

Thank You to the Knights of Columbus for their very successful sale of Christmas trees, wreaths and grave blankets!



Thanksgiving after Holy Communion

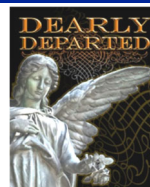


Anima Christi (Soul of Christ)

SOUL of Christ, sanctify me.
Body of Christ, save me.
Blood of Christ, inebriate me.
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
O good Jesus, hear me.
Within Thy Wounds hide me.
Suffer me not to be separated from Thee.
From the malignant enemy, defend me.
In the hour of my death, call me,
And bid me come to Thee.
That with Thy saints, I may praise Thee.
Forever and ever. Amen.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, may the whole world burn with love for Thee! (x3)

Prayer for Our Dearly Departed



V. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.
R. And let the perpetual light shine upon them.
And may the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Stewardship Results

	12/5/21	Weekly Goal
Offertory	7,322	5,000
Repairs	380	1,500
Total	\$7,702	\$6,500

	12/12/21	Weekly Goal
Offertory	5,710	5,000
Repairs	1,212	1,500
Total	\$6,922	\$6,500

Decorations \$2,289
Retired Religious \$1,604

Thank you for your faithful contributions this past year and may God reward you for your generosity!

On-Line Giving Program



Please consider participating in our on-line giving program. Registering takes just a few minutes. Please visit:

www.olqp.org/parish-giving.html
or call 1-866-307-7140

Treasures from Our Tradition



Today's feast is new as feasts go, and it sets us this year in a very modern crisis. Amid conflicting schedules and commitments, a young man, testing the limits, has strayed from his parents and gone off to the big city. Mary and Joseph search frantically, only to find the child Jesus in the temple, conversing with the elders and scholars of the law, who are amazed at his wisdom.

In the time of Jesus, the temple was the religious center of Jewish ritual. Outside of Jerusalem, people gathered in the synagogues, centers of learning, for daily prayer and study. Still, everyone longed to journey to the temple to participate in the offerings, and to fulfill certain obligations of the law that could only be done there. On this feast, we catch a glimpse of the family of Jesus: parents dealing with the normal stresses of raising a child, and yet completely grounded in the ways of faith and tradition.

There has always been an appreciation in Christianity for the value of pilgrimage—the journey to holy places that is a symbol of our life's journey to God, and a sense of connection to important events in our family history. During the Christmas season, many of us undertake pilgrimages to the family homestead for festival meals, to the parishes where we were formed in the faith, or perhaps even to a beautiful manger scene or festival of lights. There are few better days than this in our calendar for spending time with the family, especially on a short pilgrimage to a favorite place. Just make sure that no one gets left behind!

James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
Monday: St. John, Apostle and Evangelist
Tuesday: The Holy Innocents
Wednesday: Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Thomas Becket
Thursday: Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
Friday: Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Sylvester I; New Year's Eve
Saturday: **The Octave of the Nativity of the Lord;** Mary, the Holy Mother of God; World Day of Prayer for Peace; First Friday; New Year's Day; First Saturday

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

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, God, for ever and ever.

Reflection question:

How can I imitate the Holy Family this week?

Collect text from the English translation of *The Roman Missal*, © 2010, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

Copyright © J. S. Paluch Company, Inc.

THE NAME FOR GOD

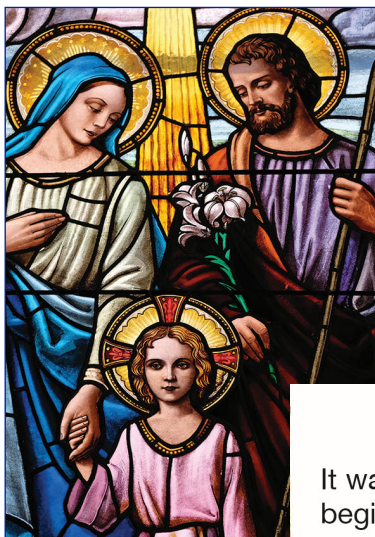
Mother is the name for God on the lips and in the hearts of little children.

—William Makepeace Thackeray

Why should I register in the parish?

All members of the parish should be formally registered as members of the parish. You must be formally registered if you wish to arrange a Baptism, a Confirmation, or a Wedding in the parish Church or wish to register in the Parish School or the Religious Education (CCD) Program. You must also be a registered member of the parish for at least three months before you can obtain a Sponsor Certificate or schedule a Baptism or a Wedding.

Please call the Parish Center at 201-845-9566 to register or visit our home page at www.olqp.org, scroll down to the middle of the page and click where it states "Parish Registration" to download the form. Thank you and welcome to Our Lady Queen of Peace!



The Holy Family

OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

December 26, 2021

*After three days Jesus' parents found him in the temple,
sitting in the midst of the teachers,
listening to them and asking them questions.*

Luke 2:46

FAMILY LIFE

It wasn't at all what Mary and Joseph expected their life to be like. Almost from the beginning, there were indications that something extraordinary was at work: Mary's angelic annunciation; Joseph's strange dream; the puzzling words of Simeon and Anna in the Temple. And now this: during Mary and Joseph's annual Passover journey to Jerusalem, the discovery that their son Jesus was lost—and even when he was found, they didn't totally recognize their twelve-year-old boy. Today's feast of the Holy Family reminds us of the perplexities and promise of family life. The mystery of “the Word made flesh” becomes very tangible indeed in the routines and foibles of family life—our Christmas gatherings were likely unmistakable reminders of that! From the pure flesh of a newborn child to the wizened flesh of a beloved grandmother, families are ground zero for glimpsing the wondrous mystery of the Incarnation.

DID YOU NOT KNOW?

A child's first words are usually a source of excitement and joy for family members. Today we hear the first words of Jesus in the Gospel according to Luke. And they are challenging ones. “Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?” The words astounded, astonished, and great anxiety are used to describe Jesus' extended visit to the Temple. How familiar those emotions are to most parents! Had Jesus' parents forgotten the angel Gabriel's words or the prophecy of Simeon? In Luke's Gospel this passage foreshadows Jesus' final journey to Jerusalem where he will experience his own Passover and again be “lost” for three days. The story of Hannah in the first reading confirms the need and nature of trusting in God's activity in our lives. It seems clear that faithful attention to a family's spiritual life is no guarantee that life will be free from hardship.

EMMANUEL: GOD IS WITH US

Could Tolstoy have gotten it wrong when he wrote that all happy families are alike and that unhappy families are each unhappy in their own way? It seems that the opposite is equally true. Because happy families foster the unique talents and interests of each member, each person shines according to their own lights. A happy family's faith, goals, and challenges will be uniquely their own. Unhappy families, on the other hand, might look very similar in their woundedness, their fears and confrontations, and their tendency to give negative interpretations to another's actions.

It is tempting to conclude that family life today is more problematic than ever. It might be reassuring to learn that the feast of the Holy Family was added to the Church's universal calendar because of Pope Leo XIII's concern for the state of family life—one hundred years ago! During this season of Christmas when families are everywhere, we welcome Emmanuel—the God who has pitched his tent among us.

TODAY'S READINGS

1 Samuel 1:20–22, 24–28
Psalm 84:2–3, 5–6, 9–10
1 John 3:1–2, 21–24
Luke 2:41–52