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*December 31, 2023 - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph*



Jan. 01 -  
Mary, The Holy Mother  
of God; New Year's Day;  
World Day of Peace



Jan. 02 -  
Sts. Basil and Gregory  
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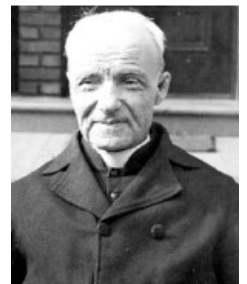
Jan. 03 -  
The Most Holy Name of  
Jesus



Jan. 04 -  
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton



Jan. 05 -  
St. John Neumann



Jan. 06 -  
St. André Bessette

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## PRAYER OF POPE FRANCIS TO THE HOLY FAMILY



Jesus, Mary and Joseph,  
in you we contemplate  
the splendour of true love,  
to you we turn with trust.

Holy Family of Nazareth,  
grant that our families too  
may be places of communion and prayer,  
authentic schools of the Gospel  
and small domestic Churches.

Holy Family of Nazareth,  
may families never again  
experience violence, rejection and division:  
may all who have been hurt or scandalized  
find ready comfort and healing.

Holy Family of Nazareth,  
may the approaching Synod of Bishops  
make us once more mindful  
of the sacredness and inviolability  
of the family,  
and its beauty in God's plan.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph,  
graciously hear our prayer.

## Act of Spiritual Communion



My Jesus,  
I believe that You  
are present in the  
Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things,  
and I desire to receive You into  
my soul. Since I cannot at this  
moment receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my  
heart. I embrace You as if You were  
already there and unite myself wholly  
to You. Never permit me to be  
separated from You. Amen.

## Peace Prayer Of St. Francis



Lord, make me an  
instrument of your **peace**;  
where there is hatred,  
let me sow **love**;  
where there is injury, **pardon**;  
where there is doubt, **faith**;  
where there is despair, **hope**;  
where there is darkness, **light**;  
and where there is sadness, **joy**.

O Divine Master,  
grant that I may not  
so much seek  
to be consoled, as to **console**;  
to be understood, as to **understand**;  
to be loved, as to **love**;  
for it is in giving that we **receive**,  
it is in pardoning that we are **pardoned**,  
and it is in dying that we are  
**born to eternal life**.

*While this prayer has always  
been attributed to St. Francis,  
the author is actually unknown.  
The prayer does wonderfully  
represent the spirit of St. Francis  
and the Franciscan Orders.*

Amen.

## Weekly Readings

### Readings for the week of December 31:

Sun: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3,  
4-5 or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17  
or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40  
Mon: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk  
2:16-21  
Tue: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28  
Wed: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34  
Thur: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42  
Fri: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Jn 1:43-51  
Sat: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mk 1:7-11  
or Lk 3:23-38 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38  
Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see  
11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

**STILL AVAILABLE !!**



**Daily Reflections for Advent & Christmas**

Waiting for Joyful Hope, with reflections for the days of the Advent and Christmas seasons (**thru Jan 8**), is available after all the Masses for a \$1 donation (\$2.99 on Amazon).



**VOLUNTEER SCHOOL COUNSELOR NEEDED**

In 1990, a statement entitled *“In Support of Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools”* was released by the Catholic Bishops of the United States. This statement affirmed a strong conviction that catholic schools *“are of great value to our church and nation”* and *“the entire ecclesial community...is called to value ever more deeply the importance of this task and mission, and continue to give it full and enthusiastic support”* (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2005).

Our parish school is in need of a volunteer school counselor to support the spiritual, intellectual, social, and psychological development of our TK - 8th grade students.

**About the Volunteer Position:**

Seeking one (1) volunteer school counselor with an LMFT or LCSW professional designation. The time commitment would be any weekday(s) with no minimum or maximum time requirement.

**IF INTERESTED IN SERVING OUR PARISH SCHOOL, PLEASE CONTACT:** mmccrimons@stfranciselem.org or ihrga@stfranciselem.org

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**Five (5) Month Report to the Parish**

July 1, 2023 to November 30, 2023

**Operational Income**

Offeratory Collections	\$178,157.04
Sacramental Services	\$ 3,680.00
Assistance to the Needy	\$ 5,905.00
Building Fund	\$ 11,685.00
Covenant of Sharing	\$ 1,119.95
Donations & Unrestricted Gifts	\$ 3,187.88
Parish Programs	\$ 195.00
Parish Fundraising Activities	\$ 4,929.32
Religious Education	\$ (1,500.00)
Other Receipts	\$ 9,511.32

**Total Operational Income \$216,880.51**

**Operation Expenses**

Salaries, Wages, and related expenses	\$ 90,834.24
Assistance to the Needy	\$ 298.32
Parish Programs	\$ 321.00
Parish Fundraising Activities	\$ --
Diocesan Assessment	\$ 59,674.06
Parish Center-Office Supplies	\$ 4,738.66
Building Maintenance	\$ 7,947.82
Property & Liability Insurance and	
Propert Taxes & Assessments	\$ 71,042.12
Religious Education	\$ --
Other Expenses	
Church Utilities	\$ 2,685.56
Church Supplies	\$ --
Parish Center Utilities	\$ 4,810.39
Rectory Utilities	\$ 2,298.46
Friary Utilities	\$ 2,425.26

**Total Operational Expenses \$247,075.89**

**Net Income/Loss from Operations \$ (30,195.38)**

**Note: Beginning in 2024, this Financial Report will be published on a quarterly basis.**



**Church Pyx**

Can anyone who borrowed a Church pyx return it? We have a number of them, and for the past few weeks there have not been any in the sacristy.

**Thank You!**



# OPEN HOUSE

*St. Francis of Assisi Elementary*



**SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2024**

**8:00am**  *Pancake Breakfast*  
Enjoy a yummy pancake breakfast surrounded by the St. Francis community

**9:30am**  *Mass & Choir*  
Mass will be held at 9:30am with Father Rey in St. Francis Parish. You can enjoy first hand the Parish and School community and the joyful singing from our choir.

**11:00am - 12:30pm**  *School & Tours*  
Check out everything that St. Francis has to offer through a self-guided tour or take a tour with our students. You will get a chance to visit every classroom, and chat to faculty and staff.



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# The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

St. Francis of Assisi Parish  
December 30-31, 2023

We adore you Most Holy Lord Jesus Christ, here and in all your churches in the world,  
And we bless you, because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world. Amen.

## Gathering:

### **Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**

Felix Mendelssohn



Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all you nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;  
With angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ the everlasting Lord:  
Late in time behold him come, offspring of the Virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the God-head see: Hail the incarnate Deity,  
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.  
Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

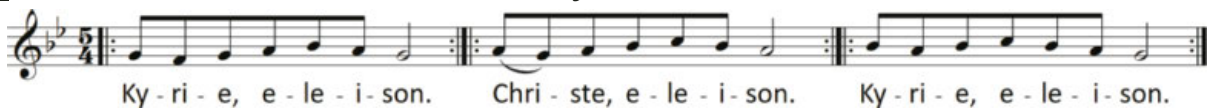


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## Kyrie:

### **Mass of Creation**

Curtis Stephan

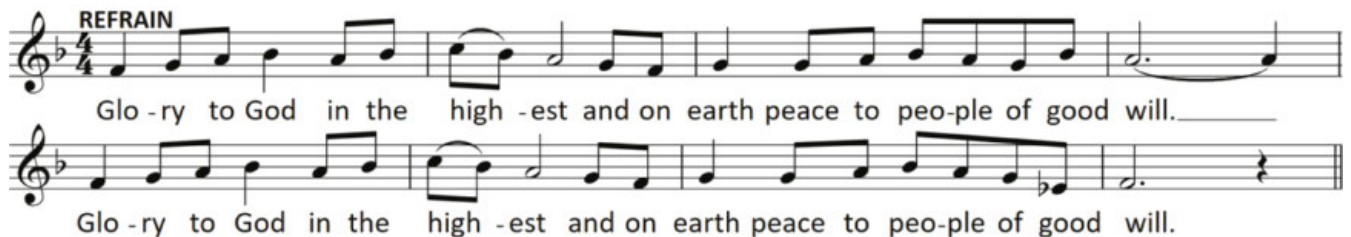


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## Gloria:

### **Mass of Remembrance**

Marty Haugen



We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King, O God almighty Father. **(Refrain)**

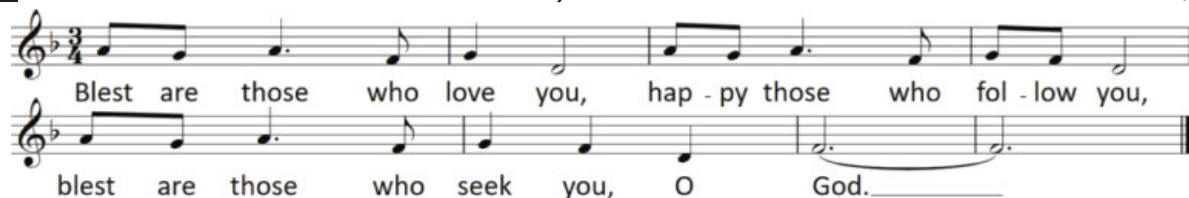
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. **(Refrain)**

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen. **(Refrain)**

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## Psalm: Psalm 128: "Blest are those who love you"

Marty Haugen



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# The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

## Gospel Acclamation:

Marty Haugen



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## **APOSTLE'S CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. AMEN+

## Preparation of Gifts:

### ***O Little Town of Bethlehem***

Phillips Brooks



O little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep The silent stars go by;  
Yet in the dark streets shineth The everlasting Light.  
The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary And, gathered all above  
While mortals sleep, the angels keep Their watch of wond'ring love.  
O morning stars, together Proclaim the holy birth,  
And praises sing to God the King, And peace to all on earth!

How silently, how silently The wondrous gift is giv'n!  
So God imparts to human hearts The blessings of his heav'n.  
No ear may hear his coming, But in this world of sin,  
Where meek souls will receive him, still The dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, Descend to us, we pray;  
Cast out our sin and enter in, Be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels The great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Emmanuel!

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## Liturgy of the Eucharist:

### ***Mass of Creation***

Marty Haugen

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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# The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

## Communion:

### *Welcome the Child*

Marty Haugen



This is the night our God comes to meet us: Welcome, O God! Welcome, O God!  
Deep in the silence loves come to greet us: Welcome, O welcome the God of us all!  
Star of the heavens, shine on to guide us: Welcome, O Star! Welcome, O Star!  
Echo the light that burns on inside us: Welcome, O welcome the Star for us all! **(Refrain)**

**REFRAIN: Sing out the wondrous story, sing now the wondrous birth;  
Sing how God's grace and glory shines out over all the earth.**

Now is the dawn when creation arises: Welcome, O Dawn! Welcome, O Dawn!  
One in its praise to the God of surprises: Welcome, O welcome the Dawn in us all!  
Welcome the Word that is peace to the nations: Welcome, O Word! Welcome, O Word!  
Sounding and ringing through all of creation: Welcome, O welcome the Word for us all! **(Refrain)**

Here is the Child that will topple the mighty: Welcome, O Child! Welcome, O Child!  
Here is the Child that will raise up the lowly: Welcome, O welcome the Child in us all!  
Here is the Child that is hope for the nations: Welcome, O Child! Welcome, O Child!  
Here is the Child who is one with the broken: Welcome, O welcome the Child in us all! **(Refrain)**

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## Meditation:

### *Song of Simeon*

Janet Sullivan Whitaker

Musical notation for the Song of Simeon. It consists of three staves of music in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes.

Now, O God, let your ser- vant go. Let me go in peace ac- cord- ing to your word.  
For my eyes be- hold your sav- ing work; a light for all the world, al- le - lu - ia.  
Al- le - lu - ia, al- le - lu - ia. Al- le - lu - ia, al- le - lu - ia.

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## Sending Forth:

### *Joy to the World*

Marty Haugen

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king;  
Let every heart prepare him room and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing. **(Music interlude)**  
Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let us our songs employ;  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy. **(Music interlude)**

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove  
The glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love,  
And wonders, wonders of his love.

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