



AND HIS MOTHER KEPT ALL THESE THINGS IN HER  
HEART. - LK 2:51

THE HOLY FAMILY



**Saint Paul**  
the Apostle

DECEMBER 29, 2024



# SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT - ALL GOD'S FAMILY!

BY MARY PENICH

My husband wondered what I was up to because he heard me laughing in my office. He rolled his eyes when I told him that Luke's gospel had elicited my giggles. When I explained, my husband reminded me, "You weren't laughing back then!" No, I wasn't.

It was thirty-five years ago. Our twelve-year-old had walked down the block to his friend's house. They'd planned to spend the evening exploring a new video game. A few hours later, when he failed to return home on time, I called that neighbor to ask her to send our son home. She responded that he wasn't there. When my neighbor asked her husband if our son had come by, he said he hadn't seen him. This was completely out of character. Our son was always good about sharing his whereabouts and checking in with us. After calling the parents of a few of his other friends with no results, I was frantic. Things could happen to kids in a split second, and I knew our son wasn't immune.

With that, my husband decided to look for him. I stayed home with our younger son hoping for news. Though Tim was only four years old, he sensed trouble easily, and he reacted with inconsolable fear. Tim was worried about his big brother. Just as my husband headed out the door to begin his search, I called our neighbor again to ask that she let us know if our son appeared there. After commiserating with me, she hung up the phone and went to check on her own sons who'd been playing in the basement. When she headed down the stairs, our son bolted up. Mike Jr. confessed that he'd lost track of the time. When he realized how late it was, he decided to run home. By the time my neighbor called to apologize for inadvertently inspiring our worst fears, my out-of-breath son walked through the door to a most unexpected hug!

Though I laughed as I read today's gospel (Luke 2:41-52), my husband was absolutely correct.



I didn't laugh when I experienced what Mary and Joseph had. Luke wrote that Jesus and his parents had walked from Nazareth to Jerusalem to observe the Feast of Passover. They'd traveled in the company of

numerous neighbors and friends. In those days, the men and women often walked in separate groups. The younger children stayed near their moms, while the older ones drifted toward their dads or their own

friends. When the group arrived in Jerusalem, they all celebrated Passover in the temple there. All the while, Mary and Joseph seem to have allowed Jesus to mingle freely amidst the caravan. After all, Jesus was almost a teenager.

All seemed to have gone well until they began the trek home. It was nightfall when Mary and Joseph realized that Jesus wasn't with the group. Though Luke wrote that they made this discovery three days into their walk, I think Luke used a bit of literary license here. Scripture scholars tell us this might have been Luke's attempt to relate Jesus being lost for three days to his being in the tomb for three days after his death. As for me, I can't imagine any parent remaining calm after three days of not seeing his or her child!

Left to travel alone, Mary and Joseph hurried back to Jerusalem to search for Jesus. When they finally found him in the temple, Jesus seemed bothered by their worry. He asked, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" I know many of us could have advised Mary and Joseph regarding how to respond to their seemingly overconfident son! However, Mary and Joseph had taught Jesus compassion, patience and forgiveness. They seem to have chosen to practice what they'd preached that day. As for Jesus, he returned to Nazareth "...and was obedient to them." As for my elder son, I'm quite certain that he's proud of the fact that, in a similar situation, he pleased his parents far more successfully than Jesus had pleased Mary and Joseph that day!



We all have reason to celebrate today's Feast of the Holy Family. Being human is so important that God sent Jesus, not to "act" as one of us, but to truly "be" one of us. This explains Jesus' inability to understand his parents' worry. Twelve-year-old that he was, Jesus simply did what he knew he had to do. This also explains Jesus' persistence in revealing God's love for us. Just as Jesus' parents searched until they found him, Jesus kept and keeps track of us. Whether we are twelve months, twelve years, twenty, thirty-five, sixty-four or eighty-seven, God asks only that we do the same: That we care for those we've been given to love as only we can!

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# YOUR SUNDAY WORSHIP AID

## *The Holy Family*

### GOSPEL MEDITATION



As a first-time pastor in a parish, I received a phone call one afternoon from a young married couple, “Father, our 2-year-old son drowned in our pool this morning. We are at the hospital. Please help us.” I sped over. The little boy was gone, his body cold, slightly blue, laid out on a bed. His parents were distraught and in shock. For the next few years, I walked with the couple along their difficult and painful road. They openly shared with me how they were often tempted to blame and accuse each other for the loss. And yet, by God’s grace, their love for each grew stronger and deeper as the years went by.

The Holy Family was not without its pain and loss, either. Luke tells us, after losing their twelve-year-old son, Joseph and Mary “after three days found him in the temple area, sitting among the teachers...” (Luke 2:46). We don’t know specifically what those three days were like for them except for what Mary says: “Your father and I have been looking for you anxiously.” The three days of his absence foreshadow his death and burial. His finding in the temple is a kind of resurrection for his family. They had to learn, again and again, that their family was becoming a place where death and resurrection was not only accepted but welcomed and celebrated. But surely they deeply felt the dangerous agony of their loss — just like every couple who has lost a child.

What losses in your experience of family still cause you anxiety? In what ways has God’s presence seemingly vanished in your family? Will you keep searching for Jesus? Remember, he will rise and be found. Your family may be suffering, but when he is found, it will be stronger than ever before.

— Father John Muir ©LPI

### MASS HYMNS

*Opening Song:* **Gather #380** *Once In Royal David's City (IRBY)* by Henry J. Gauntlett and Cecil Frances Alexander  
*At Sunday 5:00pm:* **Sing of Mary (PLEADING SAVIOR)** arranged by Jesse Manibusan

*Gloria:* **A Joyful Christmas Gloria (GLORIA)** adapted by Tony Alonso and Jeanne Cotter

*Responsorial Psalm:* **Blessed Are They Who Dwell in Your House, O Lord** by Iván Díaz

*Gospel Acclamation:* **Christmas Gospel Acclamations on GESU BAMBINO (GESU BAMBINO)**  
arranged by Paul Hillebrand  
*At Sunday 5:00pm:* **MASS OF RESTORATION** by Josh Blakesley and Grae McCullough

*Preparation of the Gifts:* **Gather #387** *What Child Is This? (GREENSLEEVES)* lyrics by William Dix  
*At Sunday 5:00pm:* **Spirit & Song #153** *What Child Is This? (GREENSLEEVES)* arranged by Tom Booth

*Eucharistic Acclamations/Agnus Dei:* **MASS OF RESTORATION** by Josh Blakesley and Grae McCullough

*Communion Song:* **Gather #359** *O Little Town of Bethlehem (ST. LOUIS)* by Lewis Redner and Phillips Brooks  
**Gather #365** *Away in a Manger (MUELLER)* by James R. Murray  
*At Sunday 5:00pm:* **Spirit & Song #323** *Let It Be Done* by Chris Muglia | **Spirit & Song #115** *Song of Simeon* by Janet Sullivan Whitaker

*Closing Song:* **Gather #353** *Joy to the World (ANTIOCH, CM)* by George Frideric Handel and Isaac Watts  
*At Sunday 5:00pm:* **Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy) (ANTIOCH, CM)** by George Frideric Handel, Isaac Watts, Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, and Matt Gilder



**READING I***SIR 3:2-6, 12-14*

God sets a father in honor over his children;  
 a mother's authority he confirms over her sons.  
 Whoever honors his father atones for sins,  
 and preserves himself from them.  
 When he prays, he is heard;  
 he stores up riches who reveres his mother.  
 Whoever honors his father is gladdened by children,  
 and, when he prays, is heard.  
 Whoever reveres his father will live a long life;  
 he who obeys his father brings comfort to his mother.

My son, take care of your father when he is old;  
 grieve him not as long as he lives.  
 Even if his mind fail, be considerate of him;  
 revile him not all the days of his life;  
 kindness to a father will not be forgotten,  
 firmly planted against the debt of your sins  
 —a house raised in justice to you.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM***PS 128:1-2, 3, 4-5.*

Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

**READING II***COL 3:12-21*

Brothers and sisters:  
 Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved,  
 heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness,  
 and patience,  
 bearing with one another and forgiving one another,  
 if one has a grievance against another;  
 as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do.  
 And over all these put on love,  
 that is, the bond of perfection.  
 And let the peace of Christ control your hearts,  
 the peace into which you were also called in one body.  
 And be thankful.  
 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly,  
 as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another,  
 singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs  
 with gratitude in your hearts to God.  
 And whatever you do, in word or in deed,  
 do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,  
 giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Wives, be subordinate to your husbands,  
 as is proper in the Lord.  
 Husbands, love your wives,  
 and avoid any bitterness toward them.  
 Children, obey your parents in everything,  
 for this is pleasing to the Lord.  
 Fathers, do not provoke your children,  
 so they may not become discouraged.

**GOSPEL***LK 2:41-52*

Each year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover,  
 and when he was twelve years old,  
 they went up according to festival custom.  
 After they had completed its days, as they were returning,  
 the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem,  
 but his parents did not know it.  
 Thinking that he was in the caravan,  
 they journeyed for a day  
 and looked for him among their relatives and acquaintances,  
 but not finding him,  
 they returned to Jerusalem to look for him.  
 After three days they found him in the temple,  
 sitting in the midst of the teachers,  
 listening to them and asking them questions,  
 and all who heard him were astounded  
 at his understanding and his answers.  
 When his parents saw him,  
 they were astonished,  
 and his mother said to him,  
 "Son, why have you done this to us?  
 Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety."  
 And he said to them,  
 "Why were you looking for me?  
 Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?"  
 But they did not understand what he said to them.  
 He went down with them and came to Nazareth,  
 and was obedient to them;  
 and his mother kept all these things in her heart.  
 And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor  
 before God and man.



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## GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.  
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.  
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.  
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.

## APOSTLES' 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.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday:** 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 (see a)/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

**Monday:** 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40

**Tuesday:** 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18

**Wednesday:** Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3,5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

**Thursday:** 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28

**Friday:** 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34

**Saturday:** 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42

## WEEKDAY PSALMS

**Monday: Psalm 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10**  
Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice!

**Tuesday: Psalm 96:1-2, 11-12, 13**  
Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice!

**Wednesday: Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8**  
May God bless us in his mercy.

**Thursday: Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4**  
All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

**Friday: Psalm 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6**  
All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

**Saturday: Psalm 98:1, 7-8, 9**  
All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday:** The Holy Family

**Tuesday:** St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve

**Wednesday:** Mary, The Holy Mother of God, New Year's Day, World Day of Peace

**Thursday:** Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

**Friday:** The Most Holy Name of Jesus

**Saturday:** St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

**Next Sunday:** The Epiphany of the Lord

## MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2024

5:00pm: Gerry & Chuck Suhling | Robert Thiemeyer | John Carter Bennett | Marion & Jack Henderson | Fred & Joan Harold

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2024

7:30am: Victor Peccioli | Rosa Krissek  
9:30am: Larry & Mary Helen Connelly | Tony Mengarelli | Winston Casis | Honesto & Consolacion Garibay | Szymoniak Family  
11:30am: Peter Bohdanowicz | Silvestre & Crescencia Elefanté | Paulina Negrillo | Rosita Nazareno  
5:00pm: Rachelle Turano Wojcik

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2024

7:30am: Wilfredo Rivera

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2024

7:30am: Our Parish Family  
7:00pm: RM Poole | Matthew Vallely

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2025

9:00am: John Konieczny Family | Menchavez-Siap Family | Levasty and Pettengill Family | The Hilo & Cacal Family | Aida Sison-Levasty | Pettengill Family | Levasty Family

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 2, 2025

7:30am: Our Parish Family

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 3, 2025

7:30am: Ryan Balbag | Gail DeValle | John & Zella Drury

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 4, 2025

5:00pm: Gerry & Chuck Suhling | John Carter Bennett | Kenneth Braniff | Loida Busa Phelps | Edward Skowron | Ron Stanczak | Roy Hilo, Sr. | Tito J. Levasty | Ninay R, Sison

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2025

7:30am: Elsa Kurien | Walter Krissek  
9:30am: Doreza & Dizon Families | Tito J. Levasty | Ninay Sison | Aida Sison Levasty | Paula E. Stevenson | Honesto & Consolacion Garibay  
11:30am: Our Parish Family  
5:00pm: Our Parish Family

## DONATIONS SUMMARY

### Week of December 22, 2024

Sunday- \$10,705  
Sharing- \$0  
SVdP- \$1,035  
Let There Be Light- \$1,000  
Retirement Fund for Religious- \$2,176

Online Sunday- \$9,307  
Online Sharing- \$1,043  
Online SVdP- \$537

### Month to Date - December

Sunday- \$49,875  
Online Sunday- \$30,914  
Sharing- \$265  
Online Sharing- \$2,699  
SVdP- \$12,179  
Online SVdP- \$1,340  
Let There Be Light- \$7,551  
Turkey Dinner- \$447  
Retirement Fund for Religious- \$5,065



\*Please see next weeks bulletin for updated collection numbers

## PRAY FOR THE SICK

Joe Laureano	Richard Kot
Cherry Laureano	Charles Smith, Jr.
Margaret Gaubhran	Adriana Aparicio
Tom Asna	Pearla Villareal
Orietta Giannetti	George Pratscher
Marquetta Wilson	Suzelle Conze
Maria Iwinska	Kathy Hunt
Victoria Magat	Jackie Herrera-Giron
Teresita Villamorán	Kaz Wilk
Martha Andradi	Rose Scarpelli
Doan Pham	Portia Tinker
Kim Liwanag-Lynn	Donna Kalinoski
Karen Lopez	Kathy Pozniacki
Joy Matubang	Frank Shade
Melody Cook	Roberto Dacumos
Jane Heraty	Alfredo "Doy" Martija
Jacob Bereles	Antonio "Tony" Alvarado
Bob Franz	Charlie Lucas
Cortney Kinahan	Laura Hopkins
Marie Kloss	Rosa LaBellarte
Rod Reyes	William Otero
Betty Falotico	Brian Hickey
Carmen Torres	Marcy Davis
Daniel Alfaro	Emily Meyer
Luis Fernando Mathieu	Laura Hopkins
Dorothy Stratten	Rosa LaBellarte
Keith Kellogg	Ruben Querubin
Lisa Mischke	Rachel Ciullo
Loretta Miranda	Patricia Freeman
Dave Erickson	Toni Lynn Mengarelli
Darrel Alfonso	Monica Nash
Carla Irwin	Shannon Bremmer
Alice DeSilvia	Karen Swazas

Please know that we pray for all of the sick at every Mass. However, if you would like your name or that of a sick loved one to be included in the list above, please email or call Catherine in the Parish Office: [info@spa.church](mailto:info@spa.church) or 847-918-0600



*In loving memory of our recently deceased parishioners. May God's perpetual light shine upon them.*

*Corazon Aves*

*Larry Boston*

*Elizabeth Kopachis*

*Charles Smith, Jr.*



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2024**

11:00AM RECONCILIATION  
 12:30PM BAPTISM - OBENAUF  
 1:00PM BAPTISM - KIEFER  
 5:00PM MASS

### **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2024**

7:30AM MASS  
 9:30AM MASS  
 11:30AM MASS  
 1:00PM BAPTISM - VALVERDE  
 4:00PM TEEN CHOIR REHEARSAL  
 5:00PM MASS

### **MONDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2024**

7:30AM MASS

### **TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2024**

**NEW YEAR'S EVE**  
 7:30AM MASS  
 8:00AM HOLY HOUR  
 5:00PM NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS

### **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2025**

**NEW YEAR'S DAY**  
 9:00AM MASS

### **THURSDAY, JANUARY 2, 2025**

7:30AM MASS  
 8:00AM HOLY HOUR  
 7:00PM BAPTISM PREP CLASS  
 7:00PM K OF C OFFICERS MEETING

### **FRIDAY, JANUARY 3, 2025**

7:30AM MASS  
 7:00PM STO. NINO CHOIR PRACTICE

### **SATURDAY, JANUARY 4, 2025**

6:30AM MEN'S LEGACY/PAUL'S GARAGE  
 11:00AM RECONCILIATION  
 5:00PM MASS

### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2025**

7:30AM MASS  
 9:30AM MASS  
 11:30AM MASS  
 4:00PM TEEN CHOIR REHEARSAL  
 5:00PM MASS  
 6:00PM LIFETEEN NIGHT

## JANUARY 4/5 | LITURGY SCHEDULE

	LECTORS	COMMUNION MINISTERS	GREETERS	PRESIDER
SATURDAY 5:00PM	Judy Macrowski Warren Kati	P. Balmes      E. Wicinski T. Boswell K. Gorajski C. Wicinski	Julie Wedell Pam Balmes	Fr. Chris Dn. Andy
SUNDAY 7:30AM	Keith Kouba Tom Krissek	T. Burns      D. Nieman K. Calendo L. Holland D. Mumm	Bob Zorc Mary Zorc	Fr. Joe Dn. Bob
SUNDAY 9:30AM	Tom Maus Nancy Tayborn	C. Anderson   P. Moriarty J. Bautista R. Gbur M. Klemann	George & Renee Pratscher	Fr. Joe Dn. Ivan
SUNDAY 11:30AM	Conchita Manalo Anna Richardt	S. Estorque   A. Richardt M. Fernandes G. Galano M. Parreno		Fr. Chris Dn. Mike
SUNDAY 5:00PM	Nancy Fink Teen or Lector 1	C.Karl      A. Wattlelet T. Marchioni JJ Plamoottil T. Robb		Fr. Chris Dn. Brent



# Holy Child Jesus, Señor Santo Niño

**January 18, 2025**

1:00pm - Novena  
2:00pm - Mass  
3:00pm- Food  
4:00pm - Dancing



Sinulog is a celebration of the Christianization of the Philippines. It is marked by a rosary novena, Holy Mass, food, dancing & fellowship. Similar to Simbang Gabi, it is another aspect of the Filipino faith that is meant to be shared with everyone.

Donations will go to Sinulog expenses, Saint Paul the Apostle Teen ministry, and Catholic Rogationist Priests.



## BAPTISM PREP CLASS



The **Baptism Preparation Ministry** prepares parents for their children's baptisms by reflecting upon the Sacrament of Baptism, parents' and godparents' roles after children are baptized, and the family's place in our faith community. First-time parents are requested to attend before their child's baptism.

**The next class is  
January 2, 2025  
at 7pm in the Church.**



## KNIGHTS CORNER

Divine Mercy Council thanks all parishioners who supported us in 2024 to raise money for our parish and other charities. Our Christmas tree sales were down a little again this year, but we were still able to share our Keep Christ in Christmas message to more than 200 families in our St Paul community. A St Paul the Apostle parishioner won one of 20 cash prizes in our annual Vocations Raffle. Congratulations!

We wish your family a blessed and safe New Year. We welcome those men 18 years or older to join our council to continue our mission in 2025. Please contact a member of our council or scan the QR code.

*Vivat Jesus, Greg Johnson,  
Grand Knight, Divine Mercy  
Council #11112*







# THE ROSARY IN A YEAR

WITH FR. MARK-MARY AMES, CFR

Register on our website

Ascension has announced its 4th "In a Year" podcast: The Rosary in a Year (with Fr. Mark-Mary Ames, CFR). On January 1, 2025, daily episodes will be posted to the Ascension App, Apple Podcasts, and Spotify. The small group would meet with Sharon Harrigan virtually every other week to share thoughts and insights.

## SPRED Grateful for support

Spred catechists and friends would like to thank the church community for its generous support of the holiday candy sale. We are grateful that with your help, we can continue to serve our special needs children and adults with the resources they need to enrich their faith. The candy sale will be back in the spring before Easter.

## Knit Purl Pray Ministry

Knit, Purl, Pray - our prayer shawl ministry is a special way to reach out with love to others in need of knowing they are remembered, prayed for while on a difficult life journey, and sometimes to celebrate an accomplishment or change in direction. We could use your help: more knitters & crocheters are needed to create prayer shawls and lap blankets. While you are welcome to attend any of our monthly meetings (first Tuesday, 11 am - 1 pm, or third Tuesday, 7 pm - 8:30 pm) in the lower level gathering space, members can participate solely from home. Please use machine wash & dry acrylic yarn in 'worsted' weight (often designated as size 4 on the skein's label) in colors that bring you joy as you work with it. Rectangular shawls should be 60" long by 20-24" high; triangular shawls should be 60" long by 28" high. Lap blanket size is recommended 40" X 40".

If you would like to learn how to knit or crochet, we have supplies to get you started. It is helpful to know a new learner will be joining us in the event a special technique lesson has been planned for a particular month or if a meeting would be canceled due to inclement weather. Thank you for your consideration!

Questions?  
Contact the parish office: [info@spa.church](mailto:info@spa.church)





**St. Paul's Annual Baby Bottle Campaign and Baby Shower, sponsoring "Aid for Women", is coming soon!**

**Please take a baby bottle home the weekend of January 11th and 12th. Fill your bottle and bring the bottle back the weekend of February 1st and 2nd. You may also donate online through the parish website.**

**In addition, "Aid for Women" is in need of the following items:**

**Diapers (sizes newborn - #6), fruit/vegetable baby food (no meat), sleepers, crib size blankets, pack & play sheets, baby wash, pacifiers, wipes, and swaddlers.**

**Labeled "Baby Shower" carts will be in the upper and lower level for items dropped off beginning January 11th and 12th.**

**The last day to drop off items is Sunday, February 2nd.**

**Thank you in advance for your continued generosity! God Bless!**



The Women's Fellowship Angel Trees are displayed in the gathering space. You may donate by taking an envelope from the tree or online via our website.

All donations will be used to support our Parish, food pantries, Aid for Women, and the needs of our neighboring communities.

**SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT EVERY DAY?**

*Mary Penich*



If you enjoy reading Mary Penich's reflections in our parish bulletin, try her daily online editions. These shorter reflections - just a few paragraphs - offer a bright start to your day every day. Don't worry! They're good for afternoon and evening reading, too! Just go to [www.marypenich.com](http://www.marypenich.com) to see what you've been missing. If you like what you see, sign up to receive a short post every day. Of course, there is no charge.

- ⇒ Are you age 55+?
- ⇒ Are you active and single?
- ⇒ Are you looking for a new way to meet friends or partners, share interests and laughter?

**SINGLE SENIORS SOCIAL CLUB**

If you answered **YES** to these questions, then this is the social club for you!



Friday, January 24th 6:00 - 10:00 p.m.

Club Tiki, 3500 Sunset Avenue, Waukegan

\$25 per person due at time of registration; Cash Bar; Food provided by Catered Productions

**PLEASE REGISTER BY 1/15 AT:**

[saintpaultheapostle.church](http://saintpaultheapostle.church);

Select Single Senior Social Club; Hawaiian Luau

Questions? Please call or email: Mary Ross 847.912.0033 [mary\\_ross@comcast.net](mailto:mary_ross@comcast.net)



The Surgeon General has stated that "Parental Stress is a Significant public health issue."

The Council of Catholic Nurses of Lake County (CCNLC) will host their Winter meeting on Saturday, January 11 at St. Gilbert Church.

All local nurses are welcome to attend!

Beginning with mass at 8:00 am in the Chapel, followed by light breakfast in the Chapel Hall at 8:30. Our speaker will be Kate Mariani, PA who will talk about Managing Parental Stress and lead a discussion. **Admission is \$15**, which will be donated to St Gilbert's Family School Association.

Enjoy networking with nurses in the community, discussing managing parental stress for ourselves and/or tools to assist us in supporting our family members or patients.

Please contact Debbie at (847) 975-7115 or [debbieboucher48@gmail.com](mailto:debbieboucher48@gmail.com) to RSVP. Hope you can join us! St. Gilbert is located at 301 E. Belvidere Rd. in Grayslake.

## CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

**Question:**  
*According to tradition, who were Balthasar, Melchior, and Casper?*

**Answer:**  
*The three kings who visited baby Jesus.*

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## Jesus' Grandparents

**Question:** July 26 is the feast of Joachim and Anna. Who are they and what do we know about them?

**Answer:** Joachim and Anna are the parents of Mary, the mother of Jesus, yet there is absolutely no biblical reference to them whatsoever. So where do we get their names, and what is their story?

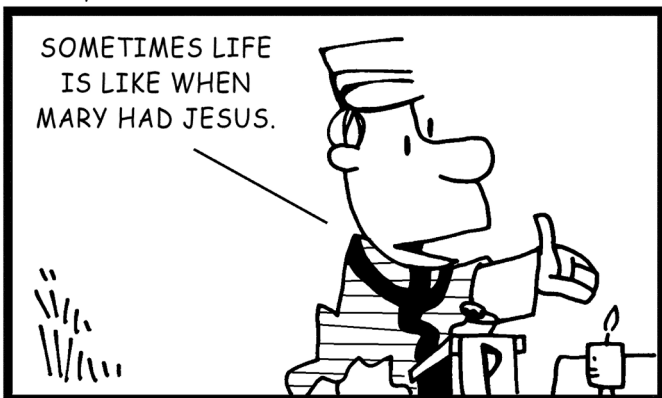
Their names are found in an apocryphal (hidden) gospel known as "The Infancy Gospel of James." Apocryphal, or hidden gospels, consist of accounts of Jesus' life that were ultimately not accepted as inspired works, and thus were not included in the Bible. However, they sometimes captured the Christian imagination, spilling into the devotional dimension of the community.

James' infancy gospel begins with the parents of Mary and their desire for a child. In their prayer and petitions to God, they are heard and given the blessings of a child, whom they named Mary. While we have no idea who Mary's parents really were, the fact that we celebrate the feast of Joachim and Anna indicates that the bond of family love is important in the Christian life.

Long before Grandparents' Day was established, the church had a feast that honored the presumed grandparents of Jesus. While their names are part of non-inspired apocryphal legends, the fact of the Savior's human ancestry is not. Christ, the incarnate Word, dwelt among us in the flesh in a human family. In honoring the grandparents of Jesus we really proclaim our faith in the Incarnation--God becoming human!

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### MARY, MOTHER OF GOD



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St. Gianna Beretta Molla (1922-1962) was born in northern Italy, near Milan. Her parents were both Third Order Franciscans and she was the tenth of 13 children. At just 12 years old Gianna became a member of Catholic Action, a movement which advocated for a more intense spiritual life for Catholic laity. She would continue as a member and leader of the movement her whole life.

In 1942, both of Gianna's parents died, only four months apart. Despite the loss, she continued to be active joining the St. Vincent de Paul Society, serving the elderly and sick. In 1949 Gianna completed her degrees in Medicine and Surgery from the University of Pavia. She opened her own medical office in 1950. Two years later she earned a specialty in pediatrics. While medicine was her calling, she also enjoyed skiing and mountaineering, the theater, the opera, and concerts.

She and Pietro Molla fell in love and were married in September 1955, fulfilling Gianna's vocation. Their first child, Pierluigi, was born the next year. By 1959 they had been blessed with two more children, Maria Zita, and Laura. Gianna was pregnant with her fourth child in 1961 when unusual pains revealed a uterine tumor. She elected to have a surgical procedure to remove the tumor but continued the pregnancy. This was incredibly risky for her at the time, but she insisted that whatever happened to her, the child should be saved. Gianna carried the baby to term, and Gianna Emanuela was born by C-section in April 1962. One week later the saint succumbed to septic peritonitis, giving her life for her daughter's.

Gianna is the first woman doctor and working mom to be canonized. She was beatified by Pope John Paul II on April 24, 1994, and officially canonized on May 16, 2004. St. Gianna Beretta Molla, pray for us!

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## Prayer for Family

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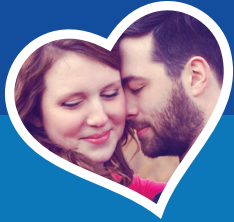


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