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December 31, 2017

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### St. Paul Parish, Mass Schedule

**Saturday:** 4:00 PM  
**SUNDAY:** 8:15 AM  
**Weekdays:** Tuesday & Friday at 8:00 AM  
**Holy Day:** To be determined

### Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Mass Schedule

**Saturday:** 5:30 PM  
**SUNDAY:** 10:15 AM  
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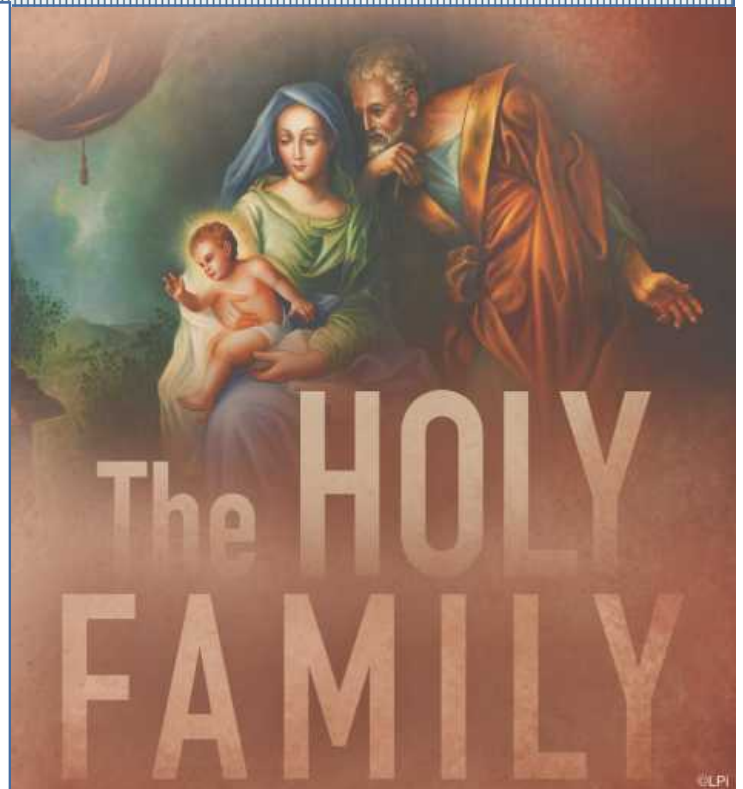
### ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

1st Weekend of the month, at all Masses

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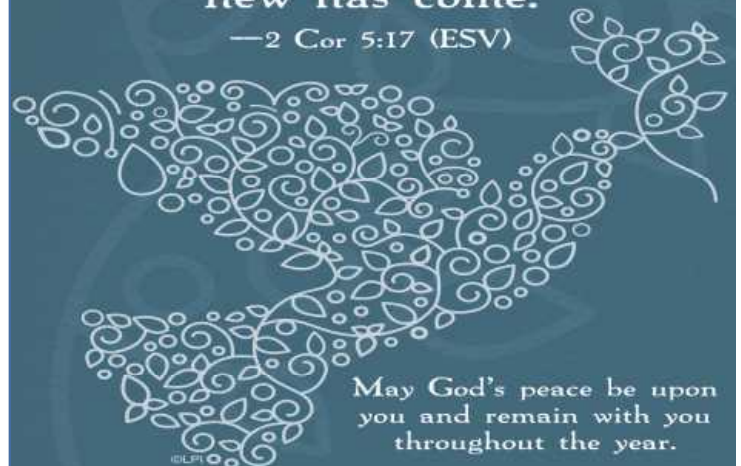
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Christ, he is a new  
creation. The old has  
passed away; behold, the  
new has come.

—2 Cor 5:17 (ESV)



May God's peace be upon  
you and remain with you  
throughout the year.


**MASS INTENTIONS  
FOR THE WEEK**

Sunday, December 31-The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

8:15 AM † Davis, Burant & Sansone, Families  
Int. Family

Saturday, January 6-Evening Mass

4:00 PM † Ed Maurus  
Int. Candy & Dan Gerrish

Sunday, January 7-The Epiphany Of The Lord

8:15 AM \* St. Paul Parishioners



**Adoration, Holy Hour  
St. Paul Church, 6-7pm  
Tuesday January 2nd**

**Readings for the Week of December 31, 2017**

**Sun:** Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3 or Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9, [7a, 8a] or Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/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 [3cd]  
Jn 1:19-28

**Wed:** 1 Jn 2:29--3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6 [3cd]  
Jn 1:29-34

**Thu:** 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [3cd]/Jn 1:35-42

**Fri:** 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [2a]  
Jn 1:43-51

**Sat:** 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/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 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

***Please pray for our sick Members & Others:***

|                             |                     |                         |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
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**Gospel Reflection, December 31, 2017**

Luke 2:22-40

***"Behold, this child is destined to be the fall and rise of many"***

The feast of the Holy Family which we celebrate each New Year is one that each of us can easily relate to. After all – regardless of how happy or strained our individual families are – we each entered this world with a mother and a father. Children grow up and become mothers or fathers; and the human race continues.

The rules of genealogy are absolute. Only ONE in all of history deviated from the rules of reproductive biology: the Son of God – Jesus Christ. But His earthly parents – Mary and Joseph - were entirely human.

So as Luke describes Jesus' presentation at the temple and the prophetic pronouncements made by Simeon and Anna ~ I try to wrap my head around what Mary and Joseph must have been thinking and feeling as they absorbed the enormity of their responsibility as parents.

There is not a parent alive that hasn't made major mistakes along the way. There is not a parent alive that has the perfect answer or solution for every issue faced while raising a child. I am NOT a perfect mother (it's true... and my husband and kids can tell you stories) so I can't even imagine the awe and absolute fear that would run through me if two known holy elders of the Church had come to me during one of my kid's baptisms and said "this child is destined to be the fall and rise of many."

Talk about the pressure being on! (Imagine scene: Vivian: "so let me get this straight Simeon – if I mess up while raising my kid...all of humanity is effected?" Simeon – "yep – that's about right; also: you yourself a sword will pierce." Vivian: "Oh! Sure, OK... Please excuse me while I faint.")

Luckily ~ God no doubt had legions of guardian angels around to ensure that no human mom or dad could jeopardize the plan for Jesus. The rest of us – on the other hand – are charged to just do our best. And as we enter a new year – we recognize that 2018 America is a very difficult place to raise God-fearing and virtuous kids. There are temptations and challenges pulling our kids towards secularism in a way that I never experienced as a kid. Yet – we are all still called to do our best to emulate the Holy Family. We look to Mary to be our example of mother; we look to Joseph to be our role model as father.

Let's really contemplate this. In truth ~ at a much smaller scale ~ each living person actually has the capacity to be the rise or fall of others. Through our love – or lack of love; through our good will or ill will; through our care or indifference; through our ACTION or INACTION... each of us profoundly affects others. **It is God's design.**

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