

Today's Readings: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14/Colossians 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

GOSPEL GLIMPSES

How far will you go?

Technology has shrunk this world of ours. Tasks that took our grandparents hours take only minutes. We fly thousands of miles in mere hours. How we love the convenience! In fact, we've grown so accustomed to this easy access we begrudge the simplest effort. Why else would we need a remote control when any TV switch is only a few steps across the room? It's a drive through, microwave dinner, pizza delivery sort of world, and we're proud of it.

How difficult it is, then, to imagine the weary travelers in today's gospel. Questing magi trudged thousands of miles to seek a newborn Jesus and then went back again. Joseph leads a newly delivered mother and child over dark, arduous roads to Egypt, and back again. How can we understand these willing sacrifices while we sit in our homes pining for self-loading dishwashers? If our refrigerator is too far a walk from the couch, how far would we go for God?

Next Sunday's Readings: Isaiah 60:1-6/Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6/Matthew 2:1-12



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**The office will be closed
Tuesday, January 2.**

Prayer for the New Year

Dear Lord,
at the beginning of this New Year, I remember that you are a God of beginnings and endings. You created the world, with all its eternal patterns. Winter begins in frost, and ends in Spring's thaw. Spring begins in new, green life, ending in Summer's heat. Summer begins in sunshine, and ends in Autumn's breezes. And Autumn's color leads to the white of Winter again. As another year ends and begins in our lives, help us to remember that you have made a world of cycles. When fortune turns to trials, or hardship turns to joy, help me take delight in the life I've received from you. Remind me that I will one day pass from this world and enter a new life like those who've gone before me.
Amen.

A Family Perspective: It is good Joseph was tuned into God for directions. He was "warned" to flee to Egypt, then to return to Israel and later to move to Galilee. Open your heart to God's direction in your life. What new place is God leading you in 2008? Listen and let the Lord lead.



Parish Finances– Stewardship of Treasure

Last Week You Gave.....	\$12,590.00
Need Weekly	\$10,885.00
Above Budget.....	\$1,705.00
One Time Gift.....	\$17,500.00
Contributions to Date	\$294,785.55
\$10,885 x 26 Weeks	\$283,010.00
Year to Date <i>Above Budget</i>	\$11,775.55

The following have completed their Reconciliation Preparation and will begin preparing for their First Eucharist which will take place in the Spring.

- Kaylee Blunt
- Cailin Hamet
- Nicole Keller
- Drew Klausing
- Jacob McGuire
- Delaney Monnin
- Kyle Nicely
- Noah Olivo
- Britta Salinas
- Connor Stanfield
- Britney Steyer
- Livia Tolek

First Saturday Devotion: “They went in haste and found Mary and Joseph and the Baby lying in the manger.” (Luke 2:16) In Vatican II’s teaching on the church, Mary is proclaimed as a sure sign of hope. When we pray the Hail Mary Queen, we realize many of us are in the valley and are experiencing the banishment due to our sins. We know that Jesus is our only Hope and He chose our Blessed Mother to be part of the way He gives us hope. By faith at the side of our Blessed Mother, look at Jesus, the only Hope we need. Plan to attend at St. John on Saturday, January 5 for Mass at 8:00 am followed by video teaching, rosary and confession.

WELCOME to our parish community! We are happy to have you here with us. A *special welcome* to any guests who may be visiting. May your visit be blessed.

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 31

- 8:00 AM Communion Service
- 5:30 PM John H. Kummerer

Tuesday, January 1

- 9:30 AM All St. Mary Parishioners

Wednesday, January 2

- 9:15 AM Communion Service

Thursday, January 3

- 8:00 AM Communion Service

Friday, January 4

- 8:00 AM Communion Service

Saturday, January 5

- 4:30 PM Gerald DeVeaux Anniversary

Sunday, January 6

- 8:00 AM Bill Small
- 9:30 AM Richard Trame Anniversary
- 11:30 AM Gerald Nussbaum

Events For This Week

Tuesday, January 1

Office Closed

Wednesday, January 2

- Shep of Christ Prayer Grp 6:00 pm Church
- Folk Group 7:30 pm Church

Thursday, January 3

- Cantor Rehearsal 5:00 pm Church
- School Council 7:00 pm School

Friday, January 4

- Spanish Prayer Group 7:00 pm Chapel

Sunday, January 6

- Celebrate the Word 9:30 am School
- RCIA 10:30 am PMC
- Youth Mass 11:30 am Church

**Daily Readings for This Week
Readings for the Week of December 30, 2007**

Monday:	1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18
Tuesday:	Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
Wednesday:	1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28
Thursday:	1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Jn 1:29-34
Friday:	1 Jn 3:7-10/Jn 1:35-42
Saturday:	1 Jn 3:11-21/Jn 1:43-51