

# December 31, 2017

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*We are a Welcoming Community of Believers, Hopers and Lovers. We are One Family in Baptism and the Holy Spirit, nourished with the Word of God and the Body and Blood of Christ. All are Welcome in this place!*

## **Cycles of Faith—Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

"When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned ... to their own town of Nazareth." Mary and Joseph were faithful Jews who followed the norms of their religion. Today's Gospel describes the event we call "The Presentation." Jesus' parents, like every Jewish family, presented their infant son to the Lord in a formal ceremony at the temple in Jerusalem. Having done what their religious rites required (and having heard the prophetic words of Simeon and Anna), Mary and Joseph returned home. It was back in their native region of Galilee, amidst the daily routine of domestic life, that Jesus "grew and became strong, filled with wisdom."

As Christians, we too consecrate our children to the Lord when we have them baptized in the Church. Seeing our children receive this sacrament of initiation is always a moment of great joy and hope as we anticipate the life that lies ahead for them, both on earth and in eternity. But the baptism of a baby is only the beginning of this journey towards heaven. In truth, the little daily details, the simple living of family life in our own home paves the way for our children to reach their eternal home.

And so it was with the Holy Family. Jesus' childhood, his formation and development took place not primarily amidst the public drama of the temple, but in the quiet privacy of his home. How important this home was, where his parents raised him in their faith and helped him live in such a way that "the favor of God was upon him." May we too, in our homes and our families, remember that although our mission may be lived out in very small moments, taken together they have an eternal significance.

Liturgical Publications

**Offertory Last Week: \$2,255.50    Maintenance: \$30.00**  
**Christmas: \$4,533.86**  
**Christmas Flowers: \$30.00**  
**Religious Retirement: \$250.00    Priest Benefit: \$250.00**  
**Online Giving Last Week: \$50.00**

### FISCAL YEAR JULY 1 - DECEMBER 24

**Offertory Y-T-D Last Year: \$65,613.92**  
**Offertory Y-T-D This Year: \$65,676.92**

**Maintenance Y-T-D Last Year: \$5,642.85**  
**Maintenance Y-T-D This Year: \$5,775.50**

**Online Banking Y-T-D Last Year: \$8,757.00**  
**Online Banking Y-T-D This Year: \$12,078.00**

**Second Collection Next Week for Maintenance**

### Attendance Last Week:

4:30 p.m.: 70    9:30 a.m.: 97  
Christmas: 7:00 p.m. 236    10:00 a.m.: 120

### ANNOUNCED MASS INTENTIONS:

**Sat. Dec. 30 4:30 p.m.** For the deceased members of the Auger, Nadeau & Cookson Families requested by M. Cookson.

**Sun. Dec. 31 9:30 a.m.** (No Intention)

**Sun. Dec. 31 4:30 p.m.** For Emmanuel and Celinda Nadeau requested by Marie Cookson

**Sat. Jan. 6 4:30 p.m.** For James Case requested by Sue and Stan Haselton

**Sun. Jan. 7 9:30 a.m.** For the Parishioners of St. Jude and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parishes.

## Pray for Vocations

### Schedule of Counters: Tuesday, January 2, 2018

Stan Haselton  
Anne Donegan  
Lee Cross

### Schedule of Ministries: January 6 and 7, 2018

4:30 p.m.	Greeters:	Dawn Griswold
	Altar Server:	Becca Syverson Kaitlin Murphy
	Lector:	Deirdre Bissonette
	Extraordinary Min.:	Dawn Griswold Deirdre Bissonette Peggy Cioffi
9:30 a.m.	Greeters:	Tom Giroux Jim Ross
	Altar Server:	Alex Gutierrez Allison Gutierrez
	Lector:	Sue McGuire
	Extraordinary Min.:	Doug Taff Ted Barrett Sue McGuire

### Calendar of St. Jude Events:

-01/05 Eucharistic Adoration at 8:30 a.m.  
-01/07 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Confirmation Class at 10:30 a.m.

**Question of the Week:** Do I display the attributes described in today's readings when relating to my own family? As we are all brothers and sisters in Christ, do I show these qualities in my relations with friends, coworkers, strangers?

**Rosary:** The Rosary is being said each Saturday at St. Jude's before the 4:30 p.m. Mass beginning at 4:10 p.m.

**New Year's Eve and Day:** The Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation this year because it falls on a Monday. However, Mass will still be celebrated as follows:

Sunday, December 31 at **4:30 p.m.** at St. Jude  
Monday, January 1 at 10:00 a.m. at OLMC