

Holy Family - December 31, 2017

Intentions - December 31 - Parishioners of St. Gabriel Parish..
- January 01 - Holy Souls in purgatory: requested by
 Janne Campbell.
 Intentions are \$15.00

Offertory Collection
 December - 24 am - \$501.10
 December - 24 pm - } \$ **1,628.85**
 December - 25 am - }
Thank You

December 31



Saint Sylvester 1: Sylvester was the first pope to be elected after the Edict of Milan (314) granted the Christian religion recognition and freedom. He led the Church as bishop of Rome for almost 21 years. Huge basilicas were built during Sylvester's reign by Emperor Constantine and various other leaders. Sylvester was a strong defender of the Church against heresies. The first general council was held at Nicaea during his pontificate; the "Nicene Creed" was formulated at this council. Sylvester died in 335.

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph: Devotion to the Holy Family flourished in the Renaissance. The leading artists of the time - Michelangelo, Raphael, El Greco, Rembrandt, Rubens, to name a few - often portrayed the Holy Family in their work. When this feast day was instituted in 1921, it was originally assigned to the third Sunday after Christmas. It is now observed on the first Sunday following Christmas, unless Christmas itself falls on a Sunday, in which case Holy Family is celebrated on December 30th.

Juan Simón Gutiérrez 1680

Today's Gospel Reflection: All the wonderful gifts of grace bestowed on the Holy Family did not preserve this family from hardship and suffering. These simple parents surely had their own apprehensions-"you yourself a sword shall pierce." Yet they responded faithfully and obediently. This is the interface of our own modern families and the Holy Family: as they did, we too all face challenges in responding to God faithfully and obediently. The holiness of a family is not dependent upon perfection or an easy road. Whether we are a traditional family or a single parent, whether we have biological or adopted or foster children or no children, whether we live in an expensive home or a subsidized rental unit makes no difference for living as a holy family. What makes the difference is believing and trusting in God, responding to both hardships and God's wonderful gifts of grace in fidelity and obedience. Trust in God's ways. You, too, are a holy family. (Living Liturgy, p. 28)



About Liturgy

Lectors, assembly and proclamation of the word: Proclamation involves more than just speaking and hearing. True proclamation demands a commitment on the part of both lector and assembly that is evident in the way one lives. This is why being a lector is much more than being a good reader. One might read flawlessly, but the word would not necessarily be proclamation. True proclamation comes from the lived experience of the lector (the individual has already lived God's word during the week before proclamation) and rings so true that it moves the assembly to live the word as well. In other words, proclamation demands something of the proclaimer and something of the hearer. If either is lacking, then the proclamation is lacking. (from "Living Liturgy")

Lost and Found
 Periodically, please check the lost and found basket at the church entrance for articles you may have left behind.

The world is a book, and those who do not travel read only a page.
 - Saint Augustine

West Carleton Food Access Centre: When you grocery shop this week, please remember the West Carleton Food Access Centre. They are particularly in need of healthy lunch box items (nut free), canned fruit and canned pasta noodles., Please check the expiry dates, as the Food Bank cannot accept expired cans.



2017-18 Sunday missals: now available at the back of the church. - \$6.00 each.

2018 Envelopes: available at back of church.

Children's Nylon Winter Jackets: St. Isidore's Knights of Columbus, have available for school children ages approximately 7 to 14, the aforesaid Jackets. If you know a need, please recommend a call to St. Gabriel's contact Mr. Don Pajot (613) 832-2693.

Thank you: to everyone who participated in our Christmas Fundraiser! Our great total is \$1,724.20 with over 115 pies sold.

Prayers for the Sick. Please pray for the sick among our families and friends, especially Joan Barfoot, Monique Beaupre, Jason Beaupre, Maurice Bergeron, Gerry Borris, Patricia Cassidy, Bernie Costello, Christine Fraser, Mary Jardine and Trishtan Peck. *The names will remain on the list until we are otherwise advised.*

Upcoming

- **Parish Council Nomination to be accepted in January.**
- **Parish Council Election in February**
- **Please consider joining Council.**

Volunteer Corner
 St. Gabriel's is in need of a new choir director. The pay is not good (\$0) but the company is wonderful. Please see Martine Messier.
 Would you like to join the fundraising committee or do you have any ideas to suggest to the group? Please see Martine Messier.