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**MASS SCHEDULE**

Weekday 7:15 a.m. Sat. 7:30 a.m.  
Sept. – May, Friday 8:00 a.m.  
Weekend, Saturday 5:00 p.m.  
Weekend, Sunday 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.  
Holy Day, Evening 6:30 p.m.  
Holy Day, Day 7:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. (*unless noted*)

**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE**

Saturday, 3:30-4:30 p.m.  
Anytime upon request.

**BAPTISM**

Sunday after 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday  
Call Rectory to make arrangements.

**WEDDINGS**

No date should be set without consulting the Pastor. Call for an appointment at least six months in advance.

**PARISH MEMBERSHIP**

Please register by calling the Parish Office.

**BULLETIN DEADLINE:** Monday, 4:00 p.m.

**NOTE:** Please notice the Holy day schedule change:  
Vigil 6:30 p.m. on December 31<sup>st</sup> and 9:00 a.m. only on  
January 1, 2010.  
Also, no evening First Friday Mass on January 1, 2010.

**PAC NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE:** Come celebrate the last day of the 100th year of St. Ann! St. Ann PAC will hold a New Year's Eve Dance on Thursday, December 31st from 7:00 PM - 1:00 AM in the school cafeteria. Tickets are \$25.00 per person. Music, heavy hors d'oeuvres, soft drinks, beer and champagne at midnight will be provided. Space is limited, so purchase your tickets now! Tickets are available at the school office. Feel free to contact Janice Hare for more details at 233-5852 or [jmhare@c@cinci.rr.com](mailto:jmhare@c@cinci.rr.com).

*Blessed are they  
who dwell in  
Your house,*  *O Lord.*

The story in the Gospel of Luke about the twelve-year-old Jesus and his parents going up to Jerusalem to celebrate the Feast of Passover says much about the perspectives that guide the lives of both Jesus and his mother. Whereas Matthew speaks about the family of Jesus by highlighting Joseph, Luke throws the spotlight on Mary.

First, let us look at the role of Jesus in this passage. He stays behind after the festival and is found in the temple asking the teachers questions (2:43, 46). He is also answering questions put to him with an acuity that astonishes everyone (2:47). When asked why he has done this without telling his parents, he replies with a question that can be translated in two ways: (1) "Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" or (2) "Did you not know that I must be about my father's business?" (2:49b). The words can mean either and in fact they seem to mean both, as the later ministry of the Lukan Jesus will be largely focused on doing God's will in the temple or while journeying to the temple. Already at an early age Jesus focuses on pursuing the particular ministry that God has given him.

As for Mary, she is legitimately worried and puzzled. These emotions are expressed in her words to Jesus after finding him: "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety" (2:48). There is much that Mary has experienced that has been perplexing and much that she will experience in the life of her son that will be difficult to grasp in the light of his role as God's Son. But Mary has the disposition to grow in her faith because she is willing to reflect on her experiences of God in her life. Following Jesus' enigmatic answer to her question we hear, "and his mother kept all these things in her heart" (2:51). This is a habit of hers; she does the same thing when she hears what the shepherds say about Jesus after his birth (2:19).

The focus of the child Jesus on his Father's will is balanced by his mother's equally intense focus on seeking this will

*Commentaries by Dennis D. Sylva and Rev. James A. Wallace, C.Ss.R*

**Readings for the Week of December 27, 2009**

Sunday: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph  
Sir 3:2-7, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 128;  
Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24;  
Lk 2:41-52

Monday: The Holy Innocents, martyrs  
1 Jn 1:5—2:2; Ps 124; Mt 2:13-18

Tuesday: Saint Thomas Becket, bishop, martyr  
1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96; Lk 2:22-35

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96; Lk 2:36-40

Thursday: Saint Sylvester I, pope  
1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96; Jn 1:1-18

Friday: The Blessed Virgin Mary, The Mother of God  
Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Saturday: Saints Basil the Great; Gregory Nazianzen,  
bishops, doctors  
1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98; Jn 1:19-28

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord  
Is 60:1-6; Ps 72; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH



**This Week in our Parish**

**Sunday, December 27<sup>th</sup>**

7:40 a.m. Rosary before Mass  
10:10 a.m. Rosary before Mass

**Wednesday, December 30<sup>th</sup>**

8 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction  
7:00 p.m. R.C.I.A.  
8:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul

**Thursday, December 31<sup>st</sup>**

7 p.m.-1:00 a.m. P.A.C. New Year's Eve Dance

**Saturday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>**

3:30-4:30 p.m. Confessions  
4:40 p.m. Rosary before Mass

**Sunday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>**

7:40 a.m. Rosary before Mass  
10:10 a.m. Rosary before Mass

**The Giving Tree** gifts have been delivered! Thank you to all who made tags, sorted gifts and helped deliver gifts. Thank you most of all to those who took the time and money to purchase gifts for those less fortunate. This is the true spirit of Christmas! May God Bless you!

**MAX & ERMA'S FUNDRAISER:** A date has been set, so mark your calendars. St. Ann's day at Max & Erma's will be Wednesday, January 13th for lunch, dinner & carryout sales. We receive a check for 20% of your total bill when you present the flyer we will be inserting in the bulletin the Sunday before. Please make copies and pass them on the family and friends. If you have a St. Ann Kroger Card, you can purchase Max & Erma's Certificates at Kroger using your St. Ann's Kroger card and St. Ann's will make another 4%. Last year we did very well with this fundraiser. Hope to see you there!

**Interested in some FREE good entertainment?** Celebrate the Year For Priests at St. Max! Come see the 1st showing in Ohio of Faith of Our Father: The Story of a Priest. Produced by nationally recognized Theater of the Word, Inc, this is a funny, profound, and heartwarming story dedicated to those who dedicate themselves to us—our priests. This play is geared toward a general audience. It is appropriate for adults, teenagers, and older children. Younger children (under age 10) may be able to understand parts of the play, but it is not specifically geared to them. "Faith of Our Father" is a four person play (three actors and one actress). Each actor plays multiple parts throughout the story. The live performance will be Saturday, January 16th, 2010, at 7:30pm in the main church. Seating is limited – RSVP at the St. Max website, [www.saint-max.org](http://www.saint-max.org). A free will offering will be accepted. For more information about Theater of the Word, Inc visit [www.thewordinc.org](http://www.thewordinc.org).

**See the real Shroud of Turin!** Are you interested in going on a pilgrimage to Italy, seeing the Shroud of Turin (which is displayed to the public only about every 50 years), seeing Rome (papal audience), Assisi, Milan, Florence, Padre Pio's town, etc.? Fr. Paul Bader will be leading this spiritual pilgrimage, from May 3 - May 14, 2010, saying Mass for us in each of the locations we visit. This would be the PERFECT Christmas gift to request or to receive! It is truly a once in a lifetime opportunity! Contact Kathy Klich, from Our Lady of the Rosary Parish in Cincinnati, 513 825-8626, or [kjklisch@yahoo.com](mailto:kjklisch@yahoo.com) or for more information if you are interested in going to Italy. We are late in putting this together so contact as soon as possible. Reservations are due by January 29.



**Saturday, December 26<sup>th</sup>** Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph  
5:00 p.m. Walter & Theresa Reumann (Helen Keller & Family)

**Sunday, December 27<sup>th</sup>** Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph  
8:00 a.m. Damon Jones (Mindy Jones)  
10:30 a.m. For the Intentions of St. Ann People

**Monday, December 28<sup>th</sup>** Holy Innocents, martyrs  
7:15 a.m. For the Intentions of Jeri Brennon (Carol Gibbemeyer)

**Tuesday, December 29<sup>th</sup>** Thomas Beckett, bishop & martyr  
7:15 a.m. Jodi Sherlock (Janey Sherlock)

**Wednesday, December 30<sup>th</sup>** Sixth day in the Octave of Christmas  
7:15 a.m. David Eschenbrenner (Ted & Libby Fontaine)

**Thursday, December 31<sup>st</sup>** Sylvester I, pope  
7:15 a.m. Don Hingsbergen (Ellie Nartker)  
6:30 p.m. Elmer Howard (The Howard Conn Family)

**Friday, January 1<sup>st</sup>** The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God  
9:00 a.m. William R. Grosse (Cleaning Crew)

**Saturday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>** The Epiphany of the Lord  
7:30 a.m. Sylvia Williman (Joan Jost)  
5:00 p.m. Robert Hogan (Paul Fenzl)

**Sunday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>** The Epiphany of the Lord  
8:00 a.m. Vera Sackenheim (Lois Baumann)  
10:30 a.m. For the Intentions of St. Ann People

St. Ann Financial Stewardship <i>Thank you!</i>	
<b>Budgeted Weekly Offering</b>	<b>\$ 12,072.00</b>
<b>12/20/2009</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>Year to Date Budgeted Offering</b>	<b>\$ 289,728.00</b>
<b>Year to Date Actual Offering</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>NOTE: Figures not available at the time of this printing.</b>	
APPLEBEE'S FUND RAISER	\$ 174.48
RUMPKE CAN RECYCLING	\$ 83.70



a reminder:

Fr. Mondiek will be exposing the Blessed Sacrament on the Altar from 8 a.m. until Benediction at 6:30 p.m. every Wednesday. We need more people to commit on a regular basis to an hour at noon, 1, 2 and 3 p.m. We also need persons who would be available to Sub for these same hours as well as hours 10am and 11am. Please call the Parish office if you can commit to an hour each week. If you currently are an Adorer on a different day and could switch to Wednesday, please consider doing this. NOTE: All Adorers, please be sure to sign the Eucharistic Adorers log so we know who is there. *Thank you to all who make this day possible!*

- We appreciate your continued support of the St. Ann Grocery / Gift Card fund raiser. *We even deliver!*
- Donate your inactive cell phones, **no** chargers or accessories. Proceeds benefit the St. Ann Respect Life Committee. Boxes for used phones are at all the church doors. *Thank you!*
- We continue to sell LaRosa Buddy Cards....call the parish office at 863-4963 for yours (\$10).