

BRINGING HOME THE GOSPEL

The Holy Family

Jesus is born in Bethlehem, and following Jewish law he is circumcised eight days later. While Mary and Joseph are at the Temple they encounter two people. Simeon is a very old devoted man. God has promised him that he would not die until he had set eyes on the Christ. Anna was a prophetess. They both proclaimed Jesus as Israel's salvation.

On the night of Jesus' birth the shepherds came to the stable to see if the message they received from the angels was true. How wonderful it must have been for Mary to hear their amazing story. Eight days later, when Jesus is taken to be circumcised, two others proclaim Jesus' greatness. Simeon and Anna and the shepherds reaffirmed for Mary the message to which she had said yes to nine months earlier.

Jesus' mother was certainly a woman of faith, but I wonder what went through her mind when Joseph told her there was no room for them at the inns. She must have been concerned about giving birth to the future Messiah in a stable. No doubt, Joseph made the space as clean and comfortable as possible. But Mary was a first-time mom, away from her family in a strange town;

she must have been afraid and confused.

In the afterglow of giving birth, Mary undoubtedly forgot all of her concerns. Certainly her faith was

reaffirmed as she looked at her beautiful baby boy. However, God, being a gracious God, also sent the shepherds, Simeon and Anna so they could confirm the message, leaving no doubt in Mary's mind that all was well.

God may not send shepherds or prophets, but if we keep our eyes and ears open we may well discover God's messengers in our own life, people who affirm our faith

and let us know that all is well. Like Mary, we need to remember those moments, reflecting on them often in our hearts, especially in times when our faith needs a lift.



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"Put on heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another."

Sheepish Question:

Who especially needs my compassion today as a beloved sister or brother in God's family?

FAMILY RESPONSE

As a family, talk about who are or have been the angels and messengers in your life.

PERSONAL RESPONSE

How has your child been God's messenger to you? What have they taught you about God or your faith? What do you want to remember from last week? What are you looking forward to next week? What are your concerns?

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Justice Challenge

December 27, 2020 • Feast of the Holy Family

One of the most beautiful messages of Christmas is that of peace. The prophets of the Old Testament put their hope in a Messiah who would bring peace to a war-torn world. That is what Jesus did. In the Incarnation, we experience God's desire for all human persons, for all families and communities, and for all of creation (even lions and lambs) to live in harmony with each other. The angels proclaimed "peace on earth, goodwill to all" at Jesus' birth. Your challenge during this Christmas season is to be people of peace in your actions, words, and thoughts. Can you make it through the week without starting any fights or arguing with your family or co-workers? Can you share quiet moments of conversation instead of frantically running here and there? Can you rest peacefully in God's arms in your prayer time? What are ways you can be peacemakers instead of peace-breakers in your relationships during this special time of year?

St. James Parish acknowledges the Jaggera People of Coorparoo as the traditional owners of the land on which we live.

St James Parish Sacristy

The vessels and sacramental that we use at church are either donated by our generous parishioners or purchased by the parish, which is also out of the generosity of everybody's giving. And we are always grateful for your continued support. Lately, if one would take a look at the vessels and sacramentals in our sacristy, it is not hard to notice that some of them would need to be changed already. Here below are some pictures of the current ones we have:



*Baptismal water
receptacle*



Thurible



Presider's Chalice



Aspergelium Set



Communion Bowls

The parish has ordered some new items already from overseas (where they cost lower compared to when buying them here in Australia), although COVID-19 conditions on freights and delivery is causing some delays for their arrival. Be that as it may, we would like to appeal to your generous hearts, if you wish to make a donation towards any of the vessels or sacramentals below, please contact the parish office by email or by calling to indicate your interest. Thank you very much for your continued support of our Parish! Happy Holidays!



*Baptismal Shell
\$65 AUD*



*Thurible and Boat
\$ 445 AUD*



*1 Presider's Chalice
\$498 AUD*



*Aspergelium Set
\$ 690 AUD*



*Communion Bowls /
Stacking Ciboria
\$ 335 AUD*



*Baroque Monstrance
(22.44in x 14.17in)
(24 kt Gold Plated)
\$ 2360 AUD*

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Please pray for recently deceased:

Rodolfo Ignacio Jr; Joseph Chinh Nguyen;
Joseph Quy Ngo; Beth Mennie; Noel
Harris; Lyn Janouris; Peter Hung Dang;
Maggie Simpliciano; Rodrigo Urbano.

And these anniversaries: Fernando family; Mary &
Gordon Dungan; William Palakkal; Treasa William;
Daniel Reilly; Flaviana & Eulogio Diaz; Tom Lunney;
John Girard; Carmen Lunney; Adela Herrera; Lourdes &
Regina John.

Please pray for these unwell: Jocelyn Tibayan;
Mariena Corzo; Paul & Esme Gannon; Bill & Carmel
Trewern; Beth Mennie; Laurie Sheehan;
Tina Romano; Pauline Donaldson; Rex
Ducat; Dennis Moritcho; Peter Herman.

**Give prayers to our Baptismal
Children:** Birdie Basso.



DECEMBER

26/27 Saturday 4.30-5.30pm Reconciliation (book through
Eventbrite); **Year B Holy Family**

28-30 Monday-Wednesday 8am services will be Liturgy of
the Word and Communion Service led by Dcn Tuan
Anh.

28-30 Fr Francis away on annual leave

JANUARY (no Anointing Mass in January)

1 Friday Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God 9am mass
only

2/3 Year B Epiphany of the Lord

4-9 Augustinian Australian Province (Series of Meetings)
[No Communion Service on Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri, Sat
8am and Church Closed]

4 Parish secretary in the Parish Office at work

5-11 Tues-Mon Parish secretary on annual leave (Office
Closed)

9/10 Saturday 4.30-5.30pm Reconciliation (book through
Eventbrite); **Year B Baptism of the Lord**

10-30 Dcn Tuan Anh on annual leave

16/17 Saturday 4.30-5.30pm Reconciliation (book through
Eventbrite); **Year B/1 2nd Sunday Ordinary Time**

Today's Readings

**Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and
Joseph**

First Reading *Genesis 15: 1-6, 21: 1-3* Your own son shall
be your heir.

Second Reading *Hebrews 11: 8, 11-12, 17-19* The faith of
Abraham, Sarah, and Isaac.

Gospel Reading *Luke 2: 22-40* The child grew to maturity,

Counters:

December 26 / 27 Karleen & John

January 2 / 3 Anne & Margaret

NEXT WEEK January 2 / 3	SATURDAY 6 PM (SIGN AT DOOR)	SUNDAY 7AM (SIGN AT DOOR)	SUNDAY 9AM (SIGN AT DOOR)
COMMENTATOR	Karleen O'R	Merina M	Cathy M
LECTOR	Bill S	John D	John W
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION (2)	Paul D Collette S	Jan L Heather L	Pat P Yen N
HOSPITALITY	None	during	CV19
ALTAR SERVER/S	Joe	Gene	Leah
POWERPOINT	Paul	John D / Gilbert	Di / June S
MARSHAL	Dew / Karl M / Lorie	Brendon G / Trish R	Doreen C / Cathy M

Next Sunday's Readings:

Epiphany of the Lord

shines upon you.

Second Reading *Ephesians 3: 2-3, 5-6* The revelation means that pagans now share the
same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body.

Gospel Reading *Matthew 2: 1-12* We have come from the East to worship the King.
For complete Sunday's readings, visit our [St James website](http://www.stjames-coorparoo.org.au) (look for the Prayer tab).

