Joseph rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed for Egypt. Matthew 2:14
Mass Intentions

SAT, December 24th Christmas Eve
2:30 PM Choir
3:15 PM Confessions
4:00 PM The Murphy Family; Dorothy, Charles, Michael & Shawn
7:00 PM Brazilian Mass
12:00 Midnight Pauline Jankowski & Nadeau Family

SUNDAY, December 25th
9:30 AM Choir
10:00 AM Christmas Day Mass
5:30 PM Brazilian Choir
6:00 PM Brazilian Mass

MONDAY, December 26th
8:00 AM Flower Novena

TUESDAY, December 27th
8:00 AM Flower Novena

WEDNESDAY, December 28th
8:00 AM Flower Novena

THURSDAY, December 29th
8:00 AM Flower Novena

FRIDAY, December 30th
8:00 AM Flower Novena

SATURDAY, December 31st
2:30 PM Choir
3:15 PM Confessions
4:00 PM Flower Novena
7:00 PM Brazilian Mass

SUNDAY, January 1st 2017
8:00 AM Vicki Stamp
9:30 AM Choir
10:00 AM Flower Novena
6:00 PM Brazilian Mass
those who are ill, those who are now or have recently been in the hospital, and those who have requested our prayers, especially:


May they experience God’s healing love and comfort.

The Devine Praises

Blessed Be God
Blessed by His Holy Name
Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man.
Blessed be the Name of Jesus
Blessed be His Most Sacred Heart
Blessed be His Most Precious Blood
Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.
Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.
Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy.
Blessed be her holy and Immaculate Conception.
Blessed be her glorious Assumption.
Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.
Blessed be St. Joseph, her most chaste spouse.
Blessed be God in His Angels and in His Saints.

Amen

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO “JESUS”

Alaskan Cruise and Tour

Join Father John Hanley, OMI on an Alaskan Cruise/Tour from July 8 to July 21, 2017 on Cruise Line/Ship: Celebrity/Millennium The starting cost for this Alaskan Cruise/Tour/Air is $3934.00. An informational meeting will be held on January 8, 2017 at 2:00 PM in the Blessed Joseph Gerard Room at St. William’s Parish, 1351 Main St, Tewksbury, Mass.

For additional information contact Jerry Dockett
Tel: 978-808-4505 or Email: wdockett@cruisesinc.com
John Hanley, OMI
Financial Update

Week Ending: 12/11/2016
Offertory Needed to meet Budget 3796
Offertory Collection 2820
Br. Offertory Needed to meet Budget 550
Brazilian Offertory 633
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Brazilian Dizimo 1117

Prayer and Reflection
The Nativity of the Lord
December 25, 2016

This feast is for those who are sitting in darkness or waiting to hear a meaningful word from God. Today we celebrate that Jesus is truly light for those who cannot see and that God has said everything that can be said in the Word made flesh. God is among us, showing us everything we need to know and lighting our way. If we have never really looked at who Jesus is and what he is for us, the glorious time to do so is now.

Let us pray for all people waiting for light, truth and God’s healing presence. Minister For the church and for all Christians: that we may be clear signs of God’s light and wonderful word to the world … we pray,™

For all who long for the light of lasting peace and for peacemakers everywhere … we pray,

For those who sit in the darkness of refugee camps, prisons, mental illness, abuse or poverty … we pray,

For all families who struggle to care for one another, especially those who seek the comfort of a healing word … we pray,

For those who experience the darkness of loneliness during this holiday season … we pray,

For first responders, caretakers, service workers, members of the military and all who work on our behalf during the holidays … we pray,™

For all who seek the comfort of God’s healing word in sickness or grief; and for those who have died … we pray,

PRAYER: God of light and life, give us hearts that open to receive the generous gift of your Son, Jesus, whose coming we celebrate on this holy day. In this season of giving and receiving, he is the most wonderful gift of all. Grant us the power to live and to serve others in his name, so that he may be known to all who dwell in any kind of darkness. In his holy name, we ask this. Amen

We Pray....

For all our men and women serving during this holiday season.
Domingo da Sagrada Família – O evangelho deste domingo chama a nossa atenção para a relação de Jesus com o Pai, sinalizando que sua missão ultrapassa os limites da família a que pertence. Aos 12 anos, tendo atingido a maturidade ele vai em peregrinação a Jerusalém. Após o término da festa, permanece em Jerusalém e os pais voltam para procurá-lo. Depois de três dias, o encontram no templo, sentado entre os mestres da Lei, participando ativamente do ensinamento. As pessoas ficavam maravilhadas com a sabedoria de Jesus. Ao vê-lo, Maria disse: Filho, por que agiste assim conosco? A resposta de Jesus é um anúncio de sua identidade: Por que me procuravam? Não sabeis que devo estar na casa de meu Pai? (v.49). O Filho está envolvido com as coisas do Pai, pois foi enviado para realizar a sua vontade. Jesus desce com os pais para Nazaré e era obediente a eles. Maria guardava todas estas coisas no coração (v.51). Como discípula, ela conserva os acontecimentos para compreender a missão do Filho. Jesus ia crescendo em sabedoria, idade e graça diante de Deus e dos homens (v.52), seguindo as etapas normais do crescimento humano.

A 1ª leitura orienta as relações familiares, lembrando aos filhos o dever de honrar pai e mãe, conforme ensina o quarto mandamento (cf. Ex 20,12; Dt 5,16). No salmo, a fidelidade aos ensinamentos do Senhor leva a trilhar os seus caminhos de felicidade. Que o Senhor te abençoe cada dia de tua vida. A 2ª leitura exorta a revestir-se das virtudes e atitudes essenciais para seguir o caminho da vida nova. Coloca o amor como vínculo da perfeição, pois leva a formar um só corpo em Cristo, solidificado por sua palavra.

A Sagrada Família de Nazaré cumpre seus compromissos religiosos e ilumina as relações entre pais e filhos, sendo modelo para todos os lares. Maria conserva no coração a palavra e os acontecimentos, acolhendo com fé o plano de amor do Pai que se revela no Filho.+

Oração

Ó Deus de bondade, a santa família de Nazaré é para todos nós um exemplo de obediência à tua vontade. Dá-nos a graça de vivermos em nossos lares a mesma comunhão de fé que uniu a família de Nazaré. Assim irmãos pelos laços do amor, possamos morar sempre em tua casa, com todos os que te são fiéis. Por Cristo, nosso Senhor. Amém

LEITURAS DA SEMANA:

2a feira: 1Jo 2,3-11; Sl 95(96); Lc 2,22-35.
3a feira: 1Jo 2,12-17; Sl 95(96); Lc 2,36-40.
4a feira: 1Jo 2,18-21; Sl 95(96); Jo 1,1-18.
5a feira: Nm 6,22-27; Sl 66(67); Gl 4,4-7; Lc 2,16-21.
6a feira: 1Jo 2,22-28; Sl 97(98); Jo 1,19-28.
Sábado: 1Jo 2,29–3,6; Sl 97(98); Jo 1,29-34
Epifania: Is 60,1-6; Sl 71(72); Ef 3,2-3a.5-6; Mt 2,1-12.
Christmas Conversation

What is the best Christmas gift you ever received? ____________________
What is something your family does as a Christmas tradition? ___________
What is your favorite part of Christmas dinner? _________________
What makes Christmas special for you? _________________
What are three Christmas gifts you could give that cost no money? _________
If someone never heard of Christmas, what would you tell them it was about? _______________

Christmas Word Scramble

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Meet Msgr. McDonough—
A Priest and a General

As a native of Boston, Msgr. John P. McDonough never dreamed he would travel the world, bringing the presence of Christ to our military serving abroad. But for thirty years, that’s exactly what he did. As a two-star general, Msgr. McDonough’s call as a military chaplain was to ensure that men and women were able to practice their faith—Catholic or otherwise—as they served their country.

Now at 88 years of age, Msgr. McDonough reflects on a priesthood well-lived and well-served. He resides at Regina Cleri, a retirement home for senior priests in Boston, where he ministers to his brother priests, celebrates Mass with them daily, and continues traveling to parishes around the Archdiocese to assist with services.

To help ensure priests like Msgr. McDonough are cared for as they age, please support the Christmas collection this year.

To see Msgr. McDonough’s full video story, visit clergytrust.org.

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