

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Presider: As members of God's family we bring our needs before the Lord, confident that our prayers will be heard.

- ☺ For the Church, that we may look to the Holy Family as a model of devotion to and love for each other, we pray;  
▶ **Receive our prayers, O God.**
- ☺ For families around the world, that they may be able to enjoy the fruits of their bond, free from conflict and strife, we pray;  
▶ **Receive our prayers, O God.**
- ☺ For those who struggle with illness, disability, or old age, that they may find care and assistance from others in their lives, we pray;  
▶ **Receive our prayers, O God.**
- ☺ For those who are dedicated to caring for those who are unable to care for themselves, that they may know the value of what they do and not lose heart, we pray;  
▶ **Receive our prayers, O God.**
- ☺ For those in our community who are unable to attend Mass with us today, that they may be united with us in spirit, we pray;  
▶ **Receive our prayers, O God.**
- ☺ For those who have died, that they may rejoice as they are welcomed into the new and heavenly Jerusalem, especially Margaret Myhra, Richard Kovac and Pete Kabat, we pray;  
▶ **Receive our prayers, O God.**
- ☺ That God hears the intentions of our baskets, Michael Slowinski, Sylvester Pliska, the Diocesan Annual Appeal, the continued success of the Renovation projects and the needs of St. Joseph and St. Stephen Parishes, we pray;  
▶ **Receive our prayers, O God.**

*(Pause for intentions from the heart to be prayed.)*

Presider: Eternal God, we trust in you, for throughout history you have kept your promises to all who are faithful. Listen now to the prayers of your family, and grant them according to your will, through Christ our Lord.

**ALL: AMEN!**

## ***FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH***

December 30-31, 2017



### **MASS INTENTIONS:**

†Michael Slowinski

†Sylvester Pliska

### ***PENITENTIAL RITE:***

Lord Jesus, you are the word made flesh:

Lord, have mercy;

**.....Lord, have mercy.**

Christ Jesus, you are Son of God and Son of Mary:

Christ have mercy;

**....Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you are the way to everlasting life:

Lord have mercy;

**.....Lord, have mercy.**

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### **GLORIA**

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

A reading from the book of Sirach.

God sets a father in honor over his children; a mother's authority he confirms over her sons. Whoever honors his father atones for sins, and preserves himself from them. When he prays, he is heard; he stores up riches who reveres his mother. Whoever honors his father is gladdened by children, and, when he prays, is heard. Whoever reveres his father will live a long life; he who obeys his father brings comfort to his mother. My son, take care of your father when he is old; grieve him not as long as he lives. Even if his mind fail, be considerate of him; revile him not all the days of his life; kindness to a father will not be forgotten, firmly planted against the debt of your sins—a house raised in justice to you.

The Word of the Lord.  
**THANKS BE TO GOD!**

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

#55, Gather - Psalm 128  
Blest Are Those Who Love You

A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Colossians.

Brothers and sisters: Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Wives, be subordinate to your husbands, as is proper in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and avoid any bitterness toward them. Children, obey your parents in everything, for this is pleasing to the Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children, so they may not become discouraged.

The Word of the Lord.  
**THANKS BE TO GOD!**

A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke.

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord," and to offer the sacrifice of "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons," in accordance with the dictate of the law of the Lord. Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, he took him in his arms and blessed God, saying: "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel." The child's father and mother were amazed at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted—and you yourself a sword will pierce—so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived seven years with her husband after her marriage, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer. And coming forward at that very time, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**PRAISE TO YOU LORD, JESUS CHRIST!**

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I believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven; and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death, and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.