

## Merry Christmas!

Christmas is too important to just celebrate for one day. The Church celebrates the joys of Christmas for an octave - eight days. Be sure to set aside time with your family for real recreation. The sort that truly re-creates and rejuvenates your spirits.

If you are like me, you have a stack of books that are waiting to be read. What if we make an "appointment" and schedule some good time with them? For parents of smaller children, one of the best things you can do is to read to your children. Our Formed.org subscription has a bunch of e-books available. These three would be good to check out: *Bible Stories for Little Children*, *Christmas with Bernadette*, or *Read-Along Book of Bible Stories*.

## The Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God

We celebrate this feast on January 1. This year it falls on a Saturday so it is not a holy day of obligation. However, we will have a Mass Saturday morning at Our Lady of the Snows at 8:30 a.m. in honor of the Mother of God.

## New Collection Envelopes

We are trying something new for our collection envelopes. Rather than having boxes available at each of the churches, they will be mailed to your address quarterly. Each year we have a stack that are never picked up, and this will allow us to order fewer amounts. If your address has changed, please call our office to let us know. You can also contribute electronically by going to our website and clicking on "Donate Online."

## Are You Signed up with Flocknote?

Keep in touch with us via email and text! Holiday Mass times, weather cancellations, ministry news & more. Text the word **Grand** to 84576 or sign up online at [grandcatholic.flocknote.com](http://grandcatholic.flocknote.com)

Pray for parishioners in need by joining the Prayer Line group on Flocknote to get short prayer requests.

## A Pastoral Letter for Families

We all have a knowledge of what a family is from our own experiences. Have you thought about what God's plan for families is? A few years ago Archbishop Samuel wrote a letter for families called "Family: Become What You Are." Read the full letter at <https://archden.org/archbishop/pastoral-letters/>

*Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,*

*Pope Saint John Paul the Great wrote in 1981, "The*

*future of humanity passes by way of the family. It is therefore indispensable and urgent that every person of good will should endeavor to save and foster the values and requirements of the family."*

*The truth and timeliness of this statement is as relevant now as it was more than 30 years ago. In fact, many of the challenges our society is facing today can be tied to the breakdown of the family.*

*This is because, as St. John Paul explained, the family "is the basic cell of society. It is the cradle of life and love, the place in which the individual 'is born' and 'grows.'"*

*Family life is a great gift of God. Yet many families today feel weak and demoralized. Family life throughout the world is wounded, broken in many cases, and misunderstood.*

### **Mass Collections, December 18 & 19**

St. Anne	\$920
St. Bernard	1510
Our Lady of the Snow	1827
St. Peter	947
St. Ignatius	<u>503</u>
Total	\$5,707

### **Vocations Prayer Calendar**

*Please pray for our seminarians every day.*

Sun – Blaise Buches & Jose Delgado

Mon – David Hall & Owen Limarta

Tue – Jacob Machado & Ryan Mack

Wed – Zachary Michalczyk & Paolo Mori

Thu – Michael Pitio & Jhan Pierre Sainea Reyes

Fri – Daniel Viana Pereira & Patricio Chuquimarca Pucuj

Sat – Kevin Kasel & Anthony Duc Phan

### **Mass Intentions and Schedule for StA, StB, and OLS**

KEY: StA = St. Anne; StB = St. Bernard;

OLS = Our Lady of the Snow

-Sun, Dec 26, StB, 7 a.m., +Robert Davlin

-Sun, Dec 26, StB, 8:15 a.m., Parishioners and Visitors

-Sun, Dec 26, OLS, 9:30 a.m., Parishioners and Visitors

-Sun, Dec 26, StA, Noon, Chrissy and Rich Carpenter

### **Weekday Masses**

-Mon, Dec 27, StA, 8:30 a.m., Melissa and Tom Surface

-Tue, Dec 28, OLS, 7:30 a.m., Fr. Peter's Intention

-Tue, Dec 28, OLS, 7:00 p.m., Fr. Mathias' Intention

-Wed, Dec 29, StB, 8:30 a.m., Jake and Amy Mahon

-Thu, Dec 30, OLS, 8:30 a.m., Mary Wells

-Thu, Dec 30, OLS, 6:00 p.m., Pepper and Scott Whittlef

-Fri, Dec 31, StB, 6:00 p.m., Fr. Mathias' Intention

### **Mass Intentions and Schedule for StP and StI**

KEY: StP = St. Peter; StI = St. Ignatius (Walden)

-Sun, Dec 26, StP, 10 a.m., +Kedran Kuzelka

-Sun, Dec 26, StI, 1 p.m., Fr. Peter's Intention

-Fri, Dec 31, StP, 1 p.m., Fr. Peter's Intention