



† This symbol signifies repose of the soul.

Sunday, December 28

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

9:00 a.m.

For the parishioners of St. Theresa Parish

10:30 a.m.

For the intentions of the Handmaids of the Lord.

Tuesday, December 30

9:00 a.m.

Wednesday, December 31

4:30 p.m.

†For the souls in purgatory.

Thursday, January 1

The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

10:30 a.m.

Friday, January 2

St. Basil the Great and St. Gregory Nazianzen

9:00 a.m.

Saturday, January 3

4:30 p.m.

For the protection of Canada & for the well-being of all its citizens, by a parishioner.

†Wayne Quan, by Martha Quan & family.

Sunday, January 4

The Epiphany of the Lord

9:00 a.m.

For the parishioners of St. Theresa Parish

10:30 a.m.

For the intentions of the Handmaids of the Lord.

†Andrea Neill.

†Gordon Reid, by Margaret Kilby.

Please remember these sick people in your prayers:

Michelle Boyer, Nickie Shaw, Marie-Andrée Boyer, Raechel McIntyre, Zygmunt Wysocki, Lily Harmon, Debby MacAdam, Michael Budge, Robby Felteau, Elaine Taylor, Wanda Staples, Judette & Marie, Marilyn & Jim Donoghue, Aline Lafleur Raymond, Paul O' Leary, Michaela Fong, Julie Robinson

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION

For the prevention of suicide ~ Let us pray that those who are tempted to commit suicide might find the support, care and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH
(Year A)**

First Reading: Sirach 3.2-6, 12-14

Second Reading: Colossians 3.12-17

Gospel: Matthew 2.13-15, 19-23



Lectors & Commentators

Saturday, January 3

4:30 p.m. Lyn Fong

Sunday, January 4

9:00 a.m. George Hack

10:30 a.m. Eleanor Ryan

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, January 3

4:30 p.m. ---

Sunday, January 4

9:00 a.m. ---

10:30 a.m. Peter Landry – Choir & EM

Vocation Prayer:

- That those the Lord is calling to be a priest, deacon, or consecrated brother or sister will listen to Him, and proclaim His name, we pray to the Lord.



May the Holy Spirit grant all of us wisdom and prudence to choose good and discard whatever that is bad as the new year dawns...

All those destructive events and elements occurred in the past year be rooted out and in the present year, let us plant the seeds of Love, Justice and Peace so that all peoples may coexist peacefully and freely. This requires peoples of good will – a mindset according to the heart of the Gospel. Happy New Year,

Fr. Vincent Pereira, JCD, JV.

OFFICE HOLIDAY CLOSURE NOTICE

Please note that the office will not be staffed from December 23rd to January 5th, so please direct all communication to our email (SaintTheresaChurch@outlook.com) rather than telephone!

NEW YEARS MASS REMINDER

Wednesday, December 31st: 4:30 p.m. (NO MASS at 9:00am)

Thursday, January 1st: 10:30 a.m.

WINTER CLOTHING

Please continue to donate your gently used winter clothing to those in need.

Many organizations are in need of coats, hats, mitts, boots, sweaters, scarves etc. for the homeless, new refugees and the less fortunate. Share the heat.

ENVELOPES

Please collect your 2026 envelopes at the back of the church if you have not already!

SAINT OF THE DAY:

John of Kanty

(December 23rd)

John was a country lad who made good in the big city and the big university of Kraków, Poland. After brilliant studies he was ordained a priest and became a professor of theology. The inevitable opposition which saints encounter led to his being ousted by rivals and sent to be a parish priest at Olkusz. An extremely humble man, he did his best, but his best was not to the liking of his parishioners. Besides, he was afraid of the responsibilities of his position. But in the end he won his people's hearts. After some time he returned to Kraków and taught Scripture for the remainder of his life.

John was a serious man, and humble, but known to all the poor of Kraków for his kindness. His goods and his money were always at their disposal, and time and again they took advantage of him. He kept only the money and clothes absolutely needed to support himself. He slept little, ate sparingly, and took no meat. He made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem, hoping to be martyred by the Turks. Later John made four subsequent pilgrimages to Rome, carrying his luggage on his back. When he was warned to look after his health, he was quick to point out that, for all their austerity, the fathers of the desert lived remarkably long lives.

Reflection

John of Kanty is a typical saint: He was kind, humble, and generous, he suffered opposition and led an austere, penitential life. Most Christians in an affluent society can understand all the ingredients except the last: Anything more than mild self-discipline seems reserved for athletes and ballet dancers. Christmas at least is a good time to reject self-indulgence.

BAKE SALE RECAP

The Social Outreach committee is happy to report that a grand total of \$1563 was raised by the recent bake sale and Christmas Raffle!

The proceeds of the raffle alone were \$401 which was donated to the Knights "Coats for Kids" fund. Thank you St Theresa parish, your generosity is greatly appreciated.