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Weekday Mass	Tuesday - Friday 9:00am
Eucharistic Adoration	Thursday 9.30am—12.00pm
Reconciliation	Saturday 5:00pm - 5:30pm
Weekend Masses	Saturday 6:00pm
	Sunday 8:30am
	Sunday 10:00am
	5:00pm

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The Holy Family
Year C 2021

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26 December, 2021

Fr Jeronimo Flamenco
Parish Priest



*Merry Christmas and Blessings from
El Salvador*

During 2021 like 2020 the world and all of us have been faced with many challenges. Lock downs, closed borders, job losses, financial burdens just to mention a few. Of course, the inability to travel to see our loved ones who are living either overseas or interstate has challenged us to face, in some cases the passing of family members and close friends. Not being able to travel to attend funerals and support our close family and friends has been very difficult. Whilst in Western Australia we have not experienced the full reality of COVID-19 we cannot discount the affect it has had on many of us.

With all these overwhelming factors around us how can we say we are rejoicing in celebrating Christmas this year? Pondering over this question again and again, the gospel truth hit my whole being. We don't hide our sorrows or ignore them while celebrating Christmas, we in fact truly celebrate the message of 'God-incarnate' with us. We may be feeling overwhelmed with our experiences and thoughts but the truth is that God is truly present among us, with us in this Christmas. Jesus our saviour, who is God-incarnate, is with us. He is Emmanuel - God with us. This is what makes us to rejoice even in our suffering. We rejoice and give thanks!

I am happy to advise you that having the opportunity to be in El Salvador with my mum during her illness and to be able to share with her the news that at this time she is as good as can be is a reminder to me of the Incarnation. Also, I will be able to share in the happiness of the wedding of my brother I can truly say that I feel very blessed. I wish you, my parish community of St Peter the Apostle a joyful and blessed Christmas and a safe and new beginning to 2022. The opening up of the WA borders means that I will be able to return in early February without the need to isolate for two weeks. I am very much looking forward to seeing you all.

Feliz Navidad
Merry Christmas.
Fr Jeronimo



MASS TIMES

The Feast of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph— Sunday, 26 December -
Boxing Day - usual Sunday timetable - being 8.30am, 10am and 5pm
Tuesday 28/12-Friday 31/12—usual 9am Mass
The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God—Saturday, 01 January— 9am
Mass and then the usual 6pm Mass.
Sunday , 2 January—usual Mass times.

Readings for Christmas Masses

Friday, 24 December at 9.00pm & Midnight & Saturday, Christmas Day at 9.00am

First Reading: Isaiah 9: 1-7
Second Reading: Titus 2: 11-14
Gospel: Luke 2: 1-14

Saturday, 1 January at 9.00am

(Mary, Holy Mother of God)

First Reading Numbers 6: 22-27
Second Reading Galatians 4: 4-7
Gospel Luke 2: 16-21

GOSPEL REFLECTIONDianne Bergant CSS

Today the Christmas celebration gains a new depth of theological meaning. At midnight, the birth in history was proclaimed. At dawn, the initiative of God's gift was declared and the community's joyful gratitude was announced. In this third celebration, the identity of Christ and the new way of life that he brings is announced.

If our eyes are open and alert, we can see that God has won a victory for us, one that is tangible and realised in our midst. It is an overwhelming victory, one that permanently conquers the enemy. This victory has a profound impact on every place, every time and every people. The birth of the infant, the king in David's line, promises salvation to all who long for it. This salvation is a new vision of wisdom, one that has been realised in Christ, God's agent of grace in the world. It is a new world, one of inclusivity and of righteous honour. It is a new age, one that is ushered in by the child who is leading a victory procession.

Ultimately, only eyes of faith allow us to see the fullness of God's revelation. The glory of the infant king is the very presence of God made flesh. Jesus is the eternal incarnate Word who has pitched his tent among us. Ours is not a distant God; the incarnate wisdom of God is among us, and we are called to a change of heart that will allow us to see this wonder.

Feast Days this week

Mon 27 Dec—**St John**—A Galilean fisherman, son of Zebedee, who, with his brother James, left their nets to follow Jesus. With Peter, these 'sons of thunder' form an inner group among the twelve. Remembered for his contemplative reflection on the life and death of Jesus and for his emphasis on Christian love.

Tues 28 Dec—**The Holy Innocents**— In an attempt to kill the child Jesus, Herod ordered the massacre of all male children, two years old and under, in and around Bethlehem. In remembering them, the Church laments the suffering and death of children everywhere and honours all who die in innocence.

Parish Finances

Planned Giving	19 Dec	\$1,879.75
D/Debit	(Nov)	\$2,304.00

WEEKDAY MASS RESPONSES

Available at the back of the church

**THESE READINGS ARE FOR
SUNDAY, 26 DECEMBER ONLY-
THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY**

A Reading from the first book of Samuel 1: 20-22, 24-28

Hannah conceived and gave birth to a son, and called him Samuel 'since' she said 'I asked the Lord for him.'

When a year had gone by, the husband Elkanah went up again with all his family to offer the annual sacrifice to the Lord and to fulfil his vow. Hannah, however, did not go up, having said to her husband, 'Not before the child is weaned. Then I will bring him and present him before the Lord and he shall stay there for ever.'

When she had weaned him, she took him up with her together with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour and a skin of wine, and she brought him to the temple of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was with them. They slaughtered the bull, and the child's mother came to Eli. She said, 'If you please, my lord. As you live, my lord, I am the woman who stood here beside you, praying to the Lord. This is the child I prayed for, and the Lord granted me what I asked him. Now I make him over to the Lord for the whole of his life. He is made over to the Lord.'

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm: 83: 2-3, 5-6, 9-10

- R: How happy they who dwell in your house, O Lord.**
- I. How lovely is your dwelling place,
Lord, God of hosts.
My soul is longing and yearning,
is yearning for the courts of the Lord.
My heart and my soul ring out their joy to God, the living God. **R.**
2. They are happy, who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.
They are happy, whose strength is in you; they walk with ever growing strength. **R.**
3. O Lord, God of hosts, hear my prayer,
gave ear, O God of Jacob.
Turn your eyes, O God, our shield,
look on the face of your anointed. **R.**

A Reading from the first letter of St John 3: 1-2, 21-24

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us.

My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed, all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation: Acts 16: 14

Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son. **Alleluia!**

A Reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 2: 41-52

Every year the parents of Jesus used to go to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up for the feast as usual. When they were on their way home after the feast, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem without his parents knowing it. They assumed he was with the caravan, and it was only after a day's journey that they went to look for him among their relations and acquaintances. When they failed to find him they went back to Jerusalem looking for him everywhere.

Three days later, they found him in the Temple, sitting among the doctors, listening to them, and asking them questions; and all those who heard him were astounded at his intelligence and his replies. They were overcome when they saw him, and his mother said to him, 'My child, why have you done this to us? See how worried your father and I have been, looking for you.' 'Why were you looking for me?' he replied. 'Did you not know that I must be busy with my Father's affairs?' But they did not understand what he meant. He then went down with them and came to Nazareth and lived under their authority. His mother stored up all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom, in stature, and in favour with God and men.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**