

## Readings and Mass Intentions



**SUN, DEC. 28**

### *Feast of the Holy Family*

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/  
Col 3:12-21/Col 3:15a, 16a/  
Lk 2:22-40

**8:00 a.m. Mass**

**10:30 a.m. Mass .....Irene Palafox**

**MON, DEC. 29 - St. Thomas Becket**

1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/  
Lk 2:32/ Lk 2:22-35

**TUE, DEC. 30**

1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/  
Lk 2:36-40

**WED, DEC. 31**

### *St. Melania the Younger*

1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/  
Jn 1:14a, 12a/Jn 1:1-18

**No Daily Mass**

**THU, JAN. 1 - Solemnity of Mary**

Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8/  
Gal 4:4-7/Heb 1:1-2/Lk 2:16-21

**10:30 a.m. Mass**

**FRI, JAN. 2 - St Zdislav Berka**

1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/  
Heb 1:1-2/Jn 1:19-28

**No Daily Mass**

**SAT, JAN. 3**

1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/  
Jn 1:14a, 12a/Jn 1:29-34

**5:30 p.m. Mass**

Returning our Treasure in Thanksgiving  
**Financial Information thru the week  
of Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>:**

Weekly Need:.....\$11,350.00

**(Offering totals and attendance not  
available at time of print)**

Church Debt Loan Balance:.\$753,427.00  
Property Loan Balance:.....\$475,661.01  
(as of 11/10/14)

## Blessed Among Us

**Sara Salkahazi  
Martyr (1899-1944)**

As a young woman growing up in Hungary, Sara Salkahazi described herself as a “light-hearted reveler”. She explored various careers, including teaching and journalism. For some months she was engaged to marry but ultimately felt the irresistible draw of a different calling. In 1929 she astonished her friends by entering the Sisters of Social Service. Though she had never given the impression of deep piety, her diaries reveal the passion with which she embraced her vocation: “Oh, my Lord, my God, how have I become worthy of your goodness? How have I deserved that you have granted me such a beautiful, a deep, a blissful and a meaningful life?”

With Hungary’s alliance with Nazi Germany, Sara watched in horror the rise of race hatred. In a hostel for working women, which she directed in Budapest, she hid hundreds of Jews. In 1943 she took a vow before her superiors, offering her life to spare the members of her Society, should persecution arrive.

On Dec. 27, 1944, the house was raided. Four Jews along with a religion teacher were arrested. Sara turned herself in and with the others was marched to the banks of the Danube, where they were stripped and shot. Before dying she knelt in the snow and signed herself with the cross. She was beatified in 2006.

*“Burning love is like a burning lamp; only burning love can enlighten the dark of the road; only the warmth of burning love can turn the cold of this journey friendly, and burning love can make its ruggedness surpassable.”—Blessed Sara Salkahazi*

## SOLEMNITY OF MARY JANUARY 1, 2015

We celebrate the liturgical feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Jan. 1st, which is in the Octave of Christmas. Only Christmas and Easter enjoy the privilege of an octave, which is an eight day extension of the feast.

The feast is a celebration of Mary’s motherhood of Jesus. The title “Mother of God” is a western derivation from the Greek Theotokos, which means “God-bearer”. On this day, we are reminded of the role that the Blessed Virgin played in the plan of our salvation. Through the Holy Spirit, God the Father prepared Mary to be the dwelling place where His Son and His Spirit could dwell among men. Christ’s birth was made possible by Mary’s fiat, or sanctioning of God’s plan with her words, “Be it done to me according to thy word”. Calling Mary “Mother of God” is the highest honor we can give to her. Just as Christmas honors Jesus as the “Prince of Peace”, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God honors Mary as the “Queen of Peace”. New Year’s Day is also designated as the “World Day of Peace”, further acknowledging the role of Mary in our hearts and in our world.



## FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY



The *Feast of the Holy Family* is a liturgical celebration in the Roman Catholic Church in honor of Jesus of Nazareth, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and Saint Joseph, as a family. The primary purpose of this feast is to present the Holy Family as a model for Christian families. The Feast of the Holy Family is celebrated on the Sunday following Christmas, unless that Sunday is Jan. 1, in which case it is celebrated on Dec. 30.

In the calendar promulgated in 1969, the feast was acknowledged on the Sunday within the Octave of Christmas, between Christmas and New Year’s Day (both exclusive), or when there is no Sunday within the Octave (if both Christmas Day and the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God are Sundays), it is held on Dec. 30, a Friday in such years. (In other words, the feast is on the same day as the Tridentine-rite Mass of the Sunday within the Octave of Christmas.)

## UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

<b>Jan 1:</b>	<b>Solemnity of Mary</b>	<b>Dec 31 &amp; Jan 2:</b>	<b>No Daily Mass</b>
	<b>Mass 10:30am</b>	<b>Jan 4th:</b>	<b>No CCD or Confirmation Classes</b>
<b>Dec 29- Jan 2:</b>	<b>Parish Office Closed</b>		
	<b>No Classes or Meetings</b>		

### Year End Giving

As this year draws to a close, you are likely to be reviewing your important financial matters, including your charitable giving for 2014. Now is a good time to think about *what* to give and *when* to give it.

It is also an important time to reflect on the call to stewardship - to give back to God in gratitude. Please remember your parish where your gifts can make a lasting difference.



### Rachel's Corner

After abortion, we may find it hard to believe that God will really forgive us. Others of us just can't forgive ourselves. And we have all struggled with forgiving others. God longs to give you His great gift of forgiveness. It is the key to spiritual and emotional freedom.

*Next retreat April 10*  
817-923-4757



Since 2007, Holy Redeemer has been working to save the environment by collecting used cell phones, inkjet cartridges and hand held video games. (Printer cartridges must fit in the palm of your hand and be sealed in a zip lock bag to prevent leakage.) You can drop off your items in the collection center located in the cabinet near the office. Items are sent for proper disposal or resale and proceeds are donated to the building fund.

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## Thank you for 2014

*We would like to thank all those who during this year have shared their blessings to support our parish. It takes faith and trust to share and support the church. We greatly appreciate you for sharing your gifts of service, money and prayers with God through Holy Redeemer Parish. We use these blessings as God would have us use them: in service to him and to our fellow humans. Do you know what particular gift God has given you? Are you using that gift so that God will be honored and pleased? As we receive, so we are moved to give.*

*We wish you a happy and blessed 2015.*  
*Monsignor Publius and Parish Staff*



### HOLY REDEEMER'S PRAYER INTENTION BOOK

Please continue to remember and pray for all those listed in the prayer intention book and those listed below.  
Remember in Prayer - Recuerde en Oración

### THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ARE CALLED TO SERVE:

**SAT, JAN. 3 • 5:30 PM**

#### ALTAR SERVERS

PS - Rachel Knesek PS - Tanner Wheaton

#### LECTORS

#### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

#### USHERS

Dave Knesek Monica Knesek  
Rose Young Wayne Mohr

#### SOUND BOARD

**SUN, JAN. 4 • 8:00 AM MASS**

#### ALTAR SERVERS

PS - Michaela Mott PS - Wyatt Mott

#### LECTORS

#### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

#### USHERS

Lorren Mott John Brown  
Duane Knesek Kandi Smith

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**SUN, JAN. 4 • 10:30 AM MASS**

#### ALTAR SERVERS

PS - Adam Williams PS - Scott Tudor

#### LECTORS

#### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

#### USHERS

Rocco Rotundo Caitlyn Andrews  
Rene Chavez Sheila Hill

#### SOUND BOARD