



January 1st, 2012

## Our Lord's Ascension Parish of the PNCC

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HOLY FAMILY

### MARY CHRISTMAS

MY DEAR IN CHRIST!  
IN THE HOLY FAMILY'S  
PRESENCE, MAY YOU  
FIND CHRISTMAS JOY  
AND ABIDING PEACE  
THROUGHOUT THE  
CHRISTMAS SEASON AND  
INTO THE NEW YEAR!

### The Readings

Is 62, 11-12

Psalm 97

**R. A LIGHT WILL SHINE  
ON US THIS DAY; THE  
LORD IS BORN FOR US**  
Ti 3, 4-7

### Eucharistic Prayer IV

(Mass Book p. 88)

### Holy Masses

**TODAY - January 1st -  
HOLY FAMILY -  
SOLEMNITY**

09:00 A.M. - Holy Mass

**SUNDAY - January 8th -  
EPIPHANY -  
SOLEMNITY**

09:00 - Holy Mass.

### The Lectors

January 1st - Tara Broczkowski

January 8th - Joseph Jurnock

**Blessings of homes** - If you  
would like to bless your house  
let me know, so we can  
schedule a day and the time.

### Entrance Rite

*V. The shepherds said to one another, "Let us go, then, to Bethlehem to see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us."*

**R. So they went in haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Infant lying in the manger.**

*V. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.*

**R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen**

### The Gospel (Lk 2, 22-40)

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons." Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed – and a sword will pierce your own soul too." There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by 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 favour of God was upon him. **This is the Gospel of the Lord.**

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. **OUR FRIENDS:** Our prayers are needed for: Gertrude Gron, Anthony Getsko, Jennie O'Callaghan, Amelia Stankus, Elana Todd, Gerry Matla, Helen Heath, Francis Heath, Gerry & Dorothy Villa. Our Father...
- b. **Calendar** - If you would like to purchase a calendar - please see Joseph Jurnock. Price in 2012 - \$25.