**WEEKDAY MASS SHEET**

**CHRISTMASTIDE**

*29th December 2013 — 4th January 2014*

**OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK**

*We pray especially for: Openness to the Word of God, Migrants and Refugees and Expectant Mothers.*

**THE HOLY FATHER’S INTENTIONS (December)**

***General Intention****: That children who are victims of abandonment or violence may find the love and protection they need.*

**(January)**

***General Intention:*** *That all may promote authentic economic development that respects the dignity of all peoples.*

**(December) *Missionary Intention****: That Christians, enlightened by the Word incarnate, may prepare humanity for the Saviour’s coming.***(January) *Missionary Intention****: That Christians of diverse denominations may walk towards the unity desired by Christ.*

**MONDAY**

**Sixth Day of Christmas Octave**

*Entrance Antiphon:*

**When a profound silence covered all things and night was in the middle of its course, your all–powerful Word, O Lord, bounded from heaven’s royal throne.**

*First Reading*: I John 2: 12-17

*Anyone who does the will of God remains for ever.*

*Responsorial Psalm:*

**Let the heavens rejoice and earth be glad.**

*Gospel Acclamation:*

**Alleluia, Alleluia! At various times in the past and in various different ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through his Son. Alleluia!**

*Gospel*: Luke 2:36-40

*She spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem.*

*Communion Antiphon:*

**From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.**

**TUESDAY**

**Saint Sylvester I, Pope**

*Became Pope in 314 and ruled the church during the reign of newly converted Constantine. Built the Basilica of Saint John Lateran and other churches. Sent legates to the First Council of Nicaea, and was involved in the controversy over Arianism.*

*Entrance Antiphon:*

**A child is born for us, and a son is given to us; his sceptre of power rests upon his shoulder, and his name will be called Messenger of great counsel.**

*First Reading*: 1 John 2: 18-21

*You have been anointed by the Holy one and have all received the knowledge.*

*Responsorial Psalm:*

**Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad.**

*Gospel Acclamation:*

**Alleluia, Alleluia! A hallowed day has dawned upon us. Come, you nations, worship the Lord, for today a great light has shone down upon the earth. Alleluia!**

*Gospel*: John 1: 1-18

*The Word was made flesh.*

*Communion Antiphon:*

**God sent his Only Begotten Son into the world, so that we might have life through him.**

**WEDNESDAY**

**Solemnity of   
Mary the Mother of God**

*Entrance Antiphon:*

**Hail, Holy Mother, who gave birth to the King, who rules heaven and earth forever.**

*The Gloria is said*

*First Reading:* Numbers 6:22-27

*They are to call down my name on the sons of Israel, and I will bless them.*

*Responsorial Psalm:*

**O God, be gracious and bless us.**

*Second Reading:* Galatians 4:4-7  
*God sent his Son, born of a woman.*

*Gospel Acclamation:*

**Alleluia, Alleluia! At various times in the past and in various different ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through his Son. Alleluia!**

*Gospel:* Luke 2:16-21

*They found Mary and Joseph and the baby… When the eighth day came, they gave him the name Jesus.*

*The Creed is said*

*Communion Antiphon:*

**Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and for ever.**

**THURSDAY**

**St Basil the Great &**

**St Gregory Nazianzen,   
Bishops & Doctors**

*Basil was born in 330 at Caesarea, and died there on 1st January 379. He was first a hermit, then bishop of his native city. He is remembered for his writings which developed the doctrine of the incarnation and the divinity of the Holy Spirit.*

*Gregory was born in Turkey in 329 and died in 389 he was also a hermit before becoming a bishop of Constantinople and he was known as the “Theologian” because of his learning an eloquence in maintaining orthodoxy against the Arians.*

*Entrance Antiphon:*

**Let the peoples recount the wisdom of the Saints, and let the Church proclaim their praise. Their names will live on and on.**

*First Reading*: 1 John 2:22-28

*Keep alive in yourselves what you were taught in the beginning.*

*Responsorial Psalm:*

**All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**

*Gospel Acclamation:*

**Alleluia, Alleluia! The Word became flesh, and dwelt among us. To all who received him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!**

*Gospel*: John 1:19-28

*One is coming after me who existed before me.*

*Communion Antiphon:*

**We proclaim Christ crucified; Christ, the power of God and the wisdom of God.**

**FRIDAY**

**Most Holy Name of Jesus**

*Entrance Antiphon:*

**He name of Jesus, every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

*First Reading*: 1 John 2:29-3:6

*Anyone who lives in God does not sin.*

*Responsorial Psalm:*

**All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**

*Gospel Acclamation:*

**Alleluia, Alleluia! A hallowed day has dawned upon us. Come you nations, worship the Lord, for today a great light has shone down upon the earth. Alleluia!**

*Gospel*: John 1:29-34

*Look, there is the lamb of God.*

*Communion Antiphon:*

**O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name through all the earth!**

**SATURDAY**

**Saturday of the Christmas Season**

Entrance Antiphon:

**God sent his Son, born of a woman, so that we might receive adoption as children.**

*First Reading:* 1 John 3: 7-10

*He cannot sin when he has been begotten by God.*

*Responsorial Psalm:*

**All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**

*Gospel Acclamation:*

**Alleluia, Alleluia! The Word became flesh, and dwelt among us. To all who received him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!**

*Gospel:* John 1:35- 42

*We have found the Messiah.*

*Communion Antiphon:*

**From his fullness we have all received grace upon grace.**

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