



*He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man. - Lk 2:51-52*

**Readings for the Week of December 31, 2006**

Sunday:	Sir 3:2-7, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52
Monday:	Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
Tuesday:	1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28
Wednesday:	1 Jn 2:29-3:6/ Jn 1:29-34
Thursday:	1 Jn 3:7-10/Jn 1:35-42
Friday:	1 Jn 3:11-21/Jn 1:43-51
Saturday:	1 Jn 5:5-13/Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38
Next Sunday:	Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

## Religious Education News

### Question of the Week

**Adults:** What is one concrete, specific action I can take this week that will support family values, either in my own family or in the families of others?

**Children:** How can I be more obedient to my parents as Jesus was in today's Gospel?

**CONFIRMATION PICTURES** are in and can be picked up in the parish office during business hours.

**NEW CONFIRMATION CLASSES** for High School students will start Sunday, Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> from 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. following the 10 a.m. Mass. Late registrations can be picked up in the parish office.

**CLASSES** for our Religious Education Program, Gr. 1-9 will resume Sunday, Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>. A blessed Christmas and a healthy New Year to our Religious Education students and their families!

**THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY:** We are seeking students for the upcoming Epiphany Procession which begins our liturgical celebration of the Solemnity Of The Epiphany Of The Lord. Students grades 4 - 12 are requested for non-speaking roles such as angels, wise men, shepherds, and a servant. We are also looking for an infant, 2-8 months of age, to play the Christ Child. This event is scheduled for the feast day, **Saturday, Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m.** If you are interested, please call Mrs. Susanne Demetri (978) 283-5096 for rehearsal dates and permission slips.

**WHOLE PARISH CATECHESIS:** Beginning at the 4 p.m. Mass Saturday, Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> our next Whole Parish Catechesis will focus on the Feast of the Epiphany. Afterwards, we will gather in the parish hall for hot chocolate, refreshments, and a raffle! Don't miss this celebration!

## YOUTH GROUP

**Jr. High Students:** Please join us for a hike at Ravenswood **Saturday, Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> 10 a.m. to 12 noon.** Meet in the parking lot no matter what the weather. For further information please call Mark/Carol Bedrosian (978) 282-7421 or Andy/Jodi Bertolino (978) 281-1828.

**High School Students:** Our next gathering will be **Monday, Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 8 p.m.**

## RCIA

There will be no RCIA on Monday, Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>. Classes will resume on Monday, Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in the parish office.

## Reflections by Father Bullock

**"The Other Wise Man" by Henry Van Dyke, beloved for over eighty years.**

"You know the story of the three Wise Men from the East and how they traveled from far away to offer their gifts at the manger cradle in Bethlehem. But have you ever heard the story of the Other Wise Man, who also saw the star in its rising, and set out to follow it, yet did not arrive with his brethren in the presence of the young child Jesus? Of the great desire of this fourth pilgrim, and how it was denied, yet accomplished in the denial; of his many wanderings and the probations of his soul; of the long way of his seeking and the strange ways of his finding the One whom he sought....."

This is the story of a Persian Magi (Wiseman) named Artaban who, at the age of forty, is preparing to join three fellow-Magi in their search for a new King who is to arise in Judah. They have heard of him from reading the prophets of Judah and they are expecting the appearance of a star that is to announce his arrival. Artaban has sold all of his possessions to buy three precious stones – a sapphire, a ruby, and a pearl – to give them as gifts to the King when he finds him.

The star appears and Artaban sets out; he must meet his friends at the temple near Babylon. They will only wait ten days and it will take him that long to get there. At nightfall of the tenth day in Babylon, he has a three hour journey left to go to join the friends who will wait until midnight. Going through a palm grove, he sees a Jewish man stretched out in the road, apparently dead. About to remount, he hears a sigh. What to do? To wait is to chance losing the quest; to go is to leave the man to certain death. He pauses for a moment of prayer, and then begins to minister to the man. After several hours, he restores him. The man asks who and why. Artaban explains his quest and the man blesses him and tells him to look in Bethlehem; there the prophets say he will be found.

Long after midnight Artaban comes to the meeting place now empty. A note remains, "We have waited past midnight and can delay no longer. We go to find the King. Follow us across the desert." Artaban in despair thinks, "I must return to Babylon and sell my sapphire to buy camels and provisions for the desert. Only God the merciful knows whether I shall not lose sight of the King because I tarried to show mercy.

After a long journey to Bethlehem, three days after his friends have gone; he comes to an open cottage door with a young mother and child inside. Evil is abroad. Men fear a new tax and have hidden in the hills. Many have gone to Egypt. There is a commotion, a cry that soldiers of Herod are here killing children. The woman shrinks into the corner with the child. Artaban stands in the doorway and does not budge when a captain approaches. "I am alone and waiting to give this jewel to the prudent captain who will leave me in peace."

Ruby in his hand, the eyes of the captain widen in greed. "March on. There is no child here. The house is empty."

And Artaban turns to the East and prays, "God, forgive my sin. I have said the thing that is not to save the life of a child. And two of my gifts are gone. Shall I ever be worthy to see the face of the King?"

Years of searching all over Egypt follow and Artaban is told by a rabbi, "Look for him among the poor and lowly." So Artaban goes to the world of anguish, where he feeds, clothes, heals, and comforts. But the quest is still there. In private, he would often take out the pearl, the one gift left. Now seventy-three, after thirty-three years of searching, he comes to Jerusalem. It is the season of Passover and there is great excitement because a man named Jesus is to be executed because he called himself the King of the Jews. For Artaban the question, "Is this the same one for whom I've been searching? If so, my pearl will ransom him."

He follows the crowd. At the guardhouse a girl is being dragged by soldiers. She manages to break away and clings to Artaban. "I also am Persian and to be sold as a slave for my father's debts – save me!" The old conflict resurfaces. Twice his gifts are drawn into the service of humanity. No real choice, he gives her the pearl for a ransom. The earth shakes, but all Artaban feels is peace. His quest is over and a failure, but he knew he had done the best he could from day to day.

## THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

(Reflections cont'd.)

A piece of tile fell from the road nearby and struck Artaban a crushing blow. Fearing he was already dead, the girl bent over him. As she did, there came a voice, as if from a distance. She turned, but saw no one. Then the old man's lips began to move, and she heard him say in his native tongue, "Not so my Lord, for when saw I thee hungered and fed thee? Or thirsty and gave thee drink? When saw I thee a stranger and took thee in? Thirty and three years have I looked for thee; but I have never seen thy face or ministered to thee, my King."

He stopped, and that same sweet voice came again. It seemed faint and far away, but now it seemed as though she understood the words. "Verily I say unto thee. Inasmuch as thou has done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, thou has done unto me."

A look of wonder and joy lighted the face of the old man. A long breath of relief exhaled from his lips.

And Van Dyke ends his story with these sentences: His journey was ended. His treasures were accepted. The Other Wise Man had found the King.



*We commend into God's care our deceased brothers and sisters who were buried from our Parish recently:*  
*Elliott Collins     Joan Monbourquette*

### Few Raffle Tickets Remain

Less than 75 tickets are still available for the Holy Family raffle, which will be drawn at the Gloucester House on Sunday, Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 7 p.m. A total of 300 tickets were printed and the purchase of a ticket will admit two to the gala party celebrating the second anniversary of the formation of Holy Family Parish. A total of eight cash prizes will be drawn, including a \$10,000 first prize. Tickets are available at the parish office, the Building Center, the Cape Ann Chamber of Commerce, and from members of the Guild. Call Raffle Chairman Mike Costello (978) 283-1601 or (978) 546-7140 for more information.

### Parish Council

The Holy Family Parish Council will meet at **7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> in the Rockport Community House.**  
*Everyone is welcome to attend!*

### Holy Family Parish Guild

The next meeting of the parish guild will be **Tuesday, Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7 p.m. in the parish hall.** A game night will follow the business meeting. Members are asked to bring games. New members and guests are welcome to participate in a fun filled evening.

### Fuel Assistance



You may be eligible for savings and discounts on your heating bill if your income meets 2006-2007 fuel assistance guidelines.

Gross monthly household income:

<b>One person</b>	<b>\$1,633</b>
<b>Two people</b>	<b>2,200</b>
<b>Three people</b>	<b>2,766</b>
<b>Four people</b>	<b>3,333</b>
<b>Five people</b>	<b>3,900</b>

Receive discounts on your gas, electric, telephone, and oil bills. You may also be eligible for repairs, cleanings, or replacement of heating systems (homeowners). Weatherization is also available for your home or apartment. If your refrigerator or freezer is a high energy guzzler, National Grid may replace it free of charge. Your water bed may be replaced with a regular mattress. The energy manager will provide energy saving light bulbs and water conservation devices, also at no cost to you. The goal of this program is to help conserve energy as well as to lower your high energy costs. **Please call (978) 281-3900 for more information.**



### Memorials & Donations

*Holy Family Parish gratefully acknowledges the following donations in memory of:*

*Elliott Collins*

LISA CARTER

MIKE & NINA FAVAZZA

MILLIE LEVELLE

THE MARINOS & THE FRONTIEROS

*Seamus Densmore*

MR. & MRS. THOMAS LUPO

*Giuseppe Saputo*

FRANCESCA PIRAINO

### Cevicos Mission

Members of the Holy Family Parish Mission are preparing for our second trip of the year to our sister parish in Cevicos, Dominican Republic on Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>. Parishioners from Holy Family have always been generous in supporting our continuing need for basic medical supplies. If able, we are in need of the following items:

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| Adult vitamins              | Advil  |
| Pre-natal vitamins          | Antifungal cream   |
| Pediatric chewable vitamins | Antibacterial ointment                                   |
| Adult Tylenol               | Selcin Blue shampoo                                      |
| Pediatric chewable Tylenol  | Pediatric liquid Tylenol                                 |
| Pediatric liquid Tylenol    | Prilosec (or any over-the-counter antacid tablets/pills) |

Please leave supplies at the rear of St. Joachim or St. Ann worship sites by Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>.

### Cursillo Ultreya/Pot Luck Supper

The Cape Ann Cursillo Community will be hosting their January Ultreya on Jan 6<sup>th</sup> in the St. John the Baptist Church Hall in Essex (across from the Village Restaurant) immediately following the 4 p.m. Mass. The Pot Luck starts at 5 p.m. with the Ultreya beginning at 6 p.m. All are welcome and need not have been on a Cursillo Encounter to attend. **Call Al Mitchell (978) 281-0536 or Marcia Savory (978) 768-7886 for more info.**

### Host & Wine

*The Host & Wine for January was donated in loving memory of:*

*Thomas & Rose Lupo*

*Tommy, Rosemarie, & Jennie Faye Lupo*

*From Family*



### In Appreciation

Thank you to all who decorated the churches so splendidly and to the choir/musicians whose talents made the Christmas Masses so beautiful!

### A Big Thank You

The Holy Family Choir would like to take this time to express a very gracious thank you to all the people who attended the Advent/Christmas Concert. Your presence, as well as your participation, truly enhanced the true meaning of the sacred season of Advent and Christmas. Thank you so much!

### Adult Education

We are considering offering the **LITTLE ROCK SCRIPTURE STUDY ON INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLE** on Saturday mornings at 10:30 beginning in January. We need at least six people to start the class. **If you are interested in participating in this study, please call Kathleen McCabe (978) 281-4820 x0121.**



December 30, 2006 – January 7, 2007

**Saturday, Dec. 30, 2006**  
 4 p.m. (St. Ann Church).....**Salvatore Storniolo**  
*Randazzo Family*

**Sunday, Dec. 31, 2006 – NEW YEAR'S EVE**  
 8 a.m. (St. Ann Church).....**Joseph Barbagallo**  
*From Family*

9 a.m. (St. Joachim Church)  
 10 a.m. (St. Ann Church).....**Thanks for God's Blessings**  
*Simon Twalipo & Family*

11 a.m. (St. Joachim Church).....**Pro Populo**

**Monday, Jan. 1, 2007 – NEW YEAR'S DAY**  
 9 a.m. (St. Mary Chapel).....**World Peace**

**Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2007**  
 9 a.m. (St. Joachim Church).....**Elizabeth C. Ramsden**  
*From Family*

**Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2007 – LIVING INTENTION**  
 9 a.m. (St. Mary Chapel).....**Dominic E. Tocco**  
*From Grandparents*

**Thursday, Jan. 4, 2007**  
 9 a.m. (St. Joachim Church)

**Friday Jan. 5, 2007**  
 9 a.m. (St. Mary Chapel)

**Saturday, Jan. 6, 2007**  
 4 p.m. (St. Ann Church) – **HOLY FAMILY ANNIVERSARY MASS**

**Sunday, Jan. 7, 2007**  
 8 a.m. (St. Ann Church).....**Andrew & Margaret Orlando**  
*From Family*

9 a.m. (St. Joachim Church).....**Pro Populo**  
 10 a.m. (St. Ann Church).....**Angela A. Vitale**  
*From Family*

11 a.m. (St. Joachim Church)



**Eucharistic Adoration**

**Mondays – 7 to 9 p.m. (St. Joachim Church)**  
 7:30 p.m. - Chaplet of Divine Mercy  
 8 p.m. – Rosary  
**Thursdays – 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (St. Mary Chapel)**

**Parish Office Hours**

Beginning Thursday, Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> the parish office will close at **5 p.m. instead of 6 p.m. on Thursdays.** Other office hours will remain the same.

**Church Parking**

Parking maps, with six suggested sites around St. Joachim Church in Rockport are available in the back of St. Ann Church, in the parish office, and on our website [www.holyfamilycapeann.org](http://www.holyfamilycapeann.org). Parking maps for St. Ann Church are also on the website.

**Bulletin Deadline**

Please have all items for submission to next week's bulletin in our office **by 12 noon on Tuesday.** Items submitted after that time will be considered for the following week. *Thank You!*

**Last Week's Collection**

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Collection</u>
<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent (Dec. 23/24)</b>		
St. Ann (4 p.m.)	305	\$2,350.00
St. Ann (8 a.m.)	170	1,290.00
St. Joachim (9 a.m.)	219	2,401.00
Office		471.00
	694	\$6,512.00
<b>Christmas Collection for Clergy Benefit Trust (Dec. 24/25)*</b>		
St. Ann (4 p.m.)	1,200 sro**	\$4,387.00
St. Joachim (5 p.m.)	450 sro**	1,291.00
St. Ann (6 p.m.)	282	1,604.00
St. Joachim (12 a.m.)	215	1,169.00
St. Ann (10 a.m.)	252	2,083.00
St. Joachim (10 a.m.)	205	1,080.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,604</b>	<b>\$11,614.00***</b>

\*will help care for sick and retired priests of the Archdiocese of Boston  
 \*\*standing room only  
 \*\*\*10% of this collection will be retained by the parish.

**Thank you for your generosity!**

**Memorial Benches**

We are pleased to announce that the first memorial bench has been installed at St. Joachim Church. A second bench is on the way. Our hope is that we will be able to place additional benches along the walkway. **Anyone interested in purchasing a bench or obtaining more information should contact John Rosetti at the parish office (978) 281-4820 x0112.**

**With Gratitude**

Fathers Bullock, Harrison, and Gariboldi wish to thank all who sent the many gifts and greetings to the Rectory. You may notice a few more inches around our wastelines! Health and happiness to all in 2007 - Happy New Year!

**New Year's Eve Bingo**

Game Time: 5:30 p.m./Doors open at 3 p.m. Fun for all 18+ - A great way to help support our parish and school!

**New Year's Day Office Closing**

The parish office will be **closed Monday, Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>** in celebration of the New Year and reopen at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**St. Ann School**

The school's new shop "**Where Angels Go, an Opportunity Shop**" will be closed during school vacation. It will reopen Friday, Jan. 8<sup>th</sup>. Store hours for the public are Saturdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and for school families only, Fridays 1 to 3 p.m.

We need donations of vintage items including furniture, working lamps, chairs, dishes, glassware, and other "too good to throw out" pieces on an ongoing basis. **Drop-off hours are Monday mornings and Friday afternoons only.**

**Holy Family Parish Registration**

If you wish to register as a member of Holy Family Parish, please print the following information and deposit in the offertory.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Comments:** \_\_\_\_\_

*We look forward to hearing from you!*