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Sunday December 31st Holy Family

In St. Luke's Gospel, we read that Jesus' parents brought him to the temple to comply with the Jewish rite for firstborn males. Forty days after the child's birth, Mary would complete a period of purification and present her child to the rabbi at the Temple. The family would offer an animal for sacrifice and a sum of money. This practice recalled the Tenth Plague [Exodus] during which the firstborn in every Egyptian household died. Following this tragedy, the Pharaoh allowed the Israelites to leave Egypt.

We read about animal sacrifice, a financial offering, and the commemoration of a widespread massacre of firstborns. The Gospel presents Mary and Joseph as traditional parents who conformed to these laws. However, Jesus' experiences would be anything but traditional.

Later in his life, their son would call into question some of the religious laws, including those associated with celebrating the Sabbath and purification rites. He would distance himself from Temple customs involving animal sacrifices and propose a religion that came from the heart. How did Mary and Joseph's son evolve in this way? We won't simply answer that he was God's son. This would ignore the Incarnation and that God assumed our human condition. The Gospel passage continues: The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him (Lk 2:40).

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His parents guided Jesus' development throughout his youth. Our Saviour grew up with love, confidence and attention. His family was his source of life, though he did question aspects of his tradition.

Families guide and support children throughout life's challenges and enable them to make choices that lead to the Source of life.

Gilles Leblanc

Translated by Honore Kerwin Borrelli

Announcements and Activities

The Week at a Glance

Sat Dec 30 7:30pm Mass in Zenon Park **For †Daniel Revoy**
Sun Dec 31 9:00am Mass in Arborfield **For †Aurel Soucy**
11:00am Mass in Carrot River **For the people**
7:30pm Mass in Zenon Park **For †Andre Laforge**
Mon Jan 1 9:00am Mass in Arborfield **For the people**
11:00am Mass in Carrot River **For Jerry Martin**
Tues Jan 2 no Mass
Wed Jan 3 9:00am Mass in Zenon Park **For †Etienne & Theresa Potie**
Thurs Jan 4 6:00pm Adoration in Carrot River
7:00pm Mass in Carrot River
Fri Jan 5 10:00am Mass in Arborfield Care Home
Sat Jan 6 5:00pm Mass in Carrot River **For †Andre Laforge**
Sun Jan 7 9:00am Mass in Zenon Park **For the people**
11:00am Mass in Arborfield **For †Gerry Riou**

Mass Times for New Year's Day

9:00 am Arborfield
11:00 am Carrot River

<u>Ministry</u>	<u>Dec 31</u>	<u>Jan 1</u>	<u>Jan 7</u>
Hospitality	James & Flo	TBA	Bob & Lisa
Readers	Pam	TBA	Jeanne
Offerings	Gabe & Mary	TBA	Louis & Jean
Ministers of the Cup	Neil, James	TBA	Guy & Neil
Commentator	Neil	TBA	Neil

Mass Times for January /February

Sat 7:30pm – Carrot River

Sun 9:00am – Zenon Park

Sun 11:00am – Arborfield

Mass Time	Jan Feb	Mar Apr	May Jun	Jul Aug	Sep Oct	Nov Dec
7:30 PM	CR	ZP	AR	CR	ZP	AR
9:00 AM	ZP	AR	CR	ZP	AR	CR
11:00 AM	AR	CR	ZP	AR	CR	ZP

Bishop's Annual Appeal:

Are you willing...to commit yourself to working in the Lord's Vineyard?

October 1- December 31 2017

Every gift is greatly appreciated!

As of **December 4** our parish has had **9** pledges. The amount pledged is **\$4,060.00**

Please join us for a **potluck dinner** after 11 am Mass on Sunday January 7, 2018. Lets ring in the New Year with fellowship.

The new **Liturgy schedules** are available at the back of the church

Last week's collection total: **\$ 357.00**

Christmas eve: **\$ 595.00 Thank You**

Our three parishes now have a website!

<https://pasquiacatholic.com/>. Check it out!! St Lucy Parish also has a Facebook page: **StLucyArborfield**