

**Tuesday, January 01, 2019**

Readings: 1) Numbers 6:22-27    2) Galatians 4:4-7    3) Luke 2:16-21

**Sunday Liturgy****The focus for today's Mass is:****Mary, the first to believe, is the model for all believers.**

The first reading recalls the blessing given by God to Moses, which Aaron and his sons were to use in blessing the Israelites. The second reading reminds us that God sent his Son to free us from the slavery of sin, so that we might live in the glorious freedom of God's dearly beloved sons and daughters. Today's Gospel tells how the shepherds, after making their way to Bethlehem and finding Jesus lying in a manger, related to Mary and Joseph all that had been told to them regarding the child, Jesus.

**GENERAL INTERCESSIONS**

PRIEST:

**Trusting in God's love and faithfulness,  
let us bring our petitions before him.**

**For the pope and the whole Church, may we continue to share  
God's gifts of love, mercy and peace through our words and actions.**

We Pray to the Lord.

**For our nation and world, may this New Year be filled with peace.**

We Pray to the Lord.

**For all those suffering in body, mind or spirit;  
may Christ be their constant companion.**

We Pray to the Lord.

**For all those who have died,  
may they be welcomed into the new and heavenly Jerusalem.**

We Pray to the Lord.

**For our parish, may we resolve to follow Christ more faithfully this year.**

We Pray to the Lord.

**For our own personal intentions, ..... (long pause).**

We Pray to the Lord.

PRIEST:

**Gracious and loving God,  
please hear and answer our prayers according to your will.  
We ask this through Christ, our Lord.**