**The Congregation at Prayer**

*A Guide for Daily Meditation and Prayer*

*for First Sunday after Christmas December 26, 2021*

*Pray and confess aloud as much from the order of meditation and prayer, as you are able, or as your family size and ages dictate. Learn by heart the verse, catechism, and hymn of the week.*

***Invocation***

**In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

***Apostle’s Creed***

**Psalm of the Week: Psalm 127**

**Bible Readings for the Week**

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| Sunday | **Saint Stephen, First Martyr – Acts 7:51-60** |
| Monday | **St. John, Apostle and Evangelist – John 21:20-25** |
| Tuesday | **The Holy Innocents, Martyrs – Matthew 2:16-23** |
| Wednesday | Circumcision, Purification of Mary and Presentation – Luke 2:21-24 |
| Thursday | Simeon and Anna Receive the Christ-child – Luke 2:25-40 |
| Friday | The Epiphany of Our Lord – Matthew 2:1-12 |
| Saturday | The Flight Into Egypt – Matthew 2:13-15 |

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| **Catechism: Third Article of the Creed** | **Grades** |
| I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen. | K+ |
| *What does this mean?*  I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. | 1st+ |
| In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.  This is most certainly true. | 2nd+ |