

December 20, 2020

Parish Mission Statement

A welcoming and joyful community committed to making disciples, by igniting and strengthening faith in Christ, and the celebration of Gods grace.

December

DAILY MASS

Monday - Friday 7:30 am
 Confession before Daily Mass 7:00 am - 7:30 am

WEEKEND MASS

Saturday - Attend/Livestream 4:00 pm
 Sunday 7:00 am, 9:00,am ,11:00 am

Attend And Livestream @ the 11am

RECONCILIATION

Monday - Friday 7:00 am
 Saturday -Church 2:45 pm – 3:45 pm

RECITATION OF THE ROSARY

Monday - Friday 7:00 am

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 8:30 am - 4:00 pm
 Fridays 8:30 pm - 12:00 pm

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WEEKEND MASS

Sunday 9:00 am

RECITATION OF THE ROSARY

Sunday 8:30 am

ADORATION

Thursday 7:00 am – 5:00 pm

Readings for the week of December 20, 2020

Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [2a]/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

Monday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd]/Lk 1:46-56

Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66

Thursday: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79

Friday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25. **Night:** Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14. **Dawn:** Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20. **Day:** Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

Saturday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 [6]/Mt 10:17-22



Sunday, December 20, 2020

- 7:00 am All Parishioners
- 9:00 am +Mary Albrecht
- 9:00 am +Theodore Eugene Roberts
- 11:00 am +Lucia Lamperelli
- 7:00 pm Dumlao, Seno & Villarino Families

Monday, December 21, 2020

- 7:30 am +Lourdes & Benjamin Manzano
- 7:00 pm Crist, Manalang & Samonte Families

Tuesday, December 22, 2020

- 7:30 am +Mary Albrecht
- 7:00 pm Andres, Raguindin & Villanueva Families

Wednesday, December 23, 2020

- 7:30 am Tess Bello—Thanksgiving
- 7:00 pm Capobianco, DeJesus Policarpio Families

Thursday, December 24, 2020

- 12:00 pm Cristulo & Ester Villarino—Thanksgiving
- 2:00 pm Constance & Kristen Hunn—Healing
- 4:00 pm +Bob Ottaviani
- 6:00 pm +Daniel Horneman
- 8:00 pm Sal Augone—Healing

Friday, December 25, 2020

- 7:00 am +Jerry Stawicki
- 9:00 am +Lucille Barragan
- 9:00am +Anna Gervais
- 11:00 am +David Strongin

Saturday, December 26, 2020

- 4:00 pm +Dionisio & Victoria Salonga

December 5th and 6th

ST. ROSE: \$17,689
(includes online giving of \$7,180)

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TOTAL PARISH GIVING: , \$18,714
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Thank You!



Pastors Corner

Feast of the Holy Family LK 2:22-40

The first reading is a commentary of Ex. 20:12: *Honor your Father and your mother, that you may have a long life.* At this time, the Jews do not know yet much about life hereafter; a long life for a Jew was the highest honor. Anyone who honors a parent atones for sins. A truth based on the belief; that it also atones for many other sins. Sirach also asks children to love their parents, especially when they grow old when their health starts to fail.

St. Paul recognizes that in baptism, one takes off the old clothes and puts on new clothing, the symbol of being a chosen one, holy and beloved. They shall put on heartfelt mercy, kindness, humility, patience: *Over all these virtues put on **love**, which binds the rest together and makes them perfect. Love keeps all other clothes, all other virtues in place so that he who loves; practices all virtues.* (Rom. 13:8-9)

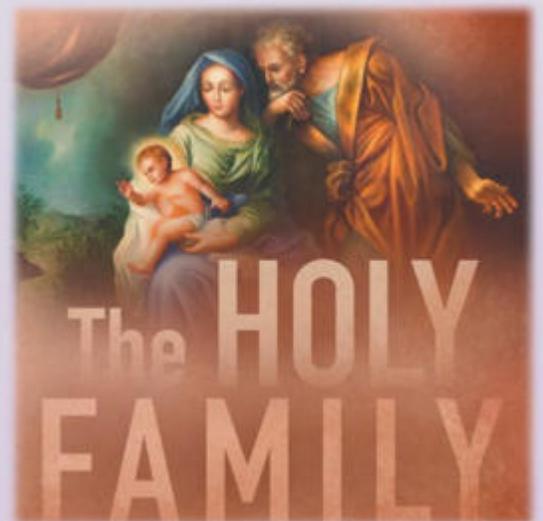
Three rites after the birth of the Baby Jesus. (1) Jesus was circumcised and given a name a week after His birth (not mentioned in the Gospel today). (2) Forty days after giving birth, Mary performed the ritual of purification according to Lev. 12:5-8 in the Temple at the Nicanor gate on the east side of the court for women. (3) Every first-born son is *bought free* in recognition of the gracious power of God in giving human life, with five shekels. The redemption can take place before any priest anywhere in Palestine, and only by the father.

The Church proposes the Holy Family of Joseph, Mary, and Jesus as the model of all family and societal life. In the first reading: *Honor your father and mother, especially in their old age.* Bear with one another and forgive and love one another: husband, wife, parents, and children. As the child Jesus grew in a family, it would be good if every child does.

Jesus, like all of us, was born of a human mother and grew up in a human family. Since the beginning of the Church, the Holy Family is the model of every family life. This family was small, composed of Joseph, Mary, and Jesus. For a Jew, the first-born male was special, in a way, a gift from God. The presence of Joseph is essential. It assured that Mary was not a single parent; she was a married woman. And that marriage is the fundamental foundation of family life.

People sometimes make an excuse that because the family of Jesus includes the holiest man and woman who ever lived, there is a tendency to distance the experience of family life from them. They think that the Holy Family is not the same as a regular family, with all its ups and down and the challenges that go within a family. In short, although they are the Holy Family, they lived a regular life. Holiness is the daily dynamic of the family work, play, and prayer. God gives us opportunities and challenges to grow in love – and love is the essence of holiness. It comes from the heart of God, leads us to God, and reveals the plan of God in the world.

Joseph and Mary found joy seeing Jesus grew up in their company. It was their joy to watch the physical and spiritual deepening of Jesus, just as it should be the joy of every parent also. *He grew in size and strength, filled with wisdom, and God's favor rested on Him.* (Lk. 2:40) They witnessed the mystery of God and grew in understanding the ways of God for the happiness of man. This happiness is in the simplicity of life, where daily work and prayer bind the family, and where Jesus Christ reigns in the family. The simple joy of their family life is the blueprint for every Christian family life.



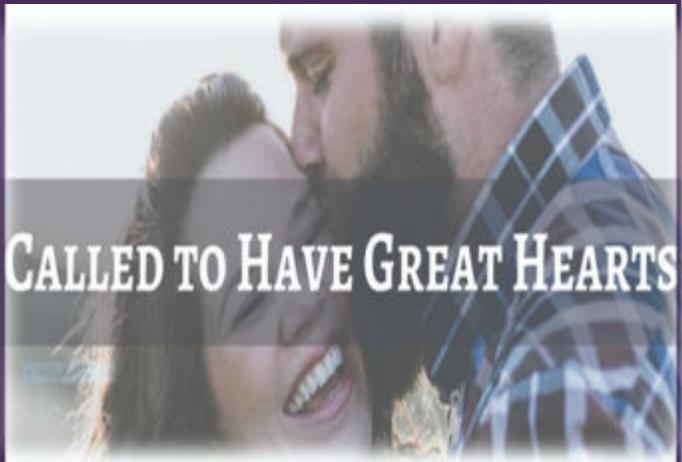
The Journey

Advent comes along every year and will continue to do so until Jesus returns. As this season draws to a close, we can each ask ourselves, "Am I now any better a disciple of Jesus Christ and more of a steward of all my gifts than before the Advent season started?" I have been on this earth for 40+ years. I have had 40+ Advents to draw closer to God and to work on taking more seriously my baptismal call. Some have gone better than others, but I would like to think my spiritual life progressed at least a small amount during each of them.

Conversion is a process. Stewardship is about a way of living and it is about more than simply being generous when a situation calls for it. Stewardship and conversion go hand-in-hand and we are always moving closer to holiness in Jesus Christ. Living in this way takes practice and commitment. If this Advent didn't go as you had hoped, remember is not really an end. It is just another step along your journey.

This Christmas, while you are giving and receiving gifts and hopefully spending time with those you love, may you take the time to cherish the true gift that came to us over 2000 years ago and continues to call us to this day: Jesus. Let us be grateful beyond measure for this gift above all gifts, let us continue on our journey, and let our lives give testimony to the one who leads us.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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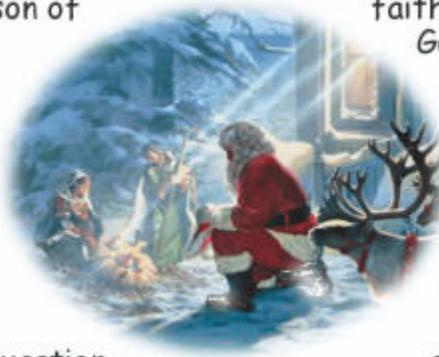
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Even though we are experiencing a "new way of living", one thing can never change. It will truly be a joyous Christmas day in which we join Catholic Christians all over the world in welcoming into our hearts the King and Ruler of all creation born of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Celebrating the Nativity of the Lord Jesus Christ gives us the opportunity to once again return to the true spirit and joy of this blessed season. There is a danger for us to get too caught up into the commercialized holiday; however I am confident that we will not forget the heart of what we celebrate - Jesus Christ.

You and I must be witnesses of the Lord Jesus, reminding those we come into contact with of the great birthday celebration of the Lord. In the midst of this worldwide pandemic, we must make it a season of faith and charity, announcing to the world the great love and mercy of God. Only then can we rediscover the true spirit of Christmas. Al- low the light of Christ to penetrate deep into your hearts and souls so that when rediscovering your faith, renewing your commitment to Him, and reliving the mysteries we celebrate, you will truly have a Blessed and Merry Christmas. May our Lord Jesus and his most Blessed Mother, Mary, grant you the joy and peace of this holy season and keep you and your loved ones safe.



On behalf of the Religious Education department staff and volunteers, "We wish you a Blessed Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

Fourth Sunday of Advent Sunday, December 20, 2020

This Sunday we read the story of the angel Gabriel's announcement to Mary about the birth of Jesus. This story is found only in Luke's Gospel. On this fourth Sunday of Advent, the liturgy shifts our attention from John the Baptist to Mary, the mother of Jesus.

Both John and Mary serve as important figures for our reflection during the season of Advent; they both played instrumental roles in preparing the way for Jesus. Last week we reflected on John the Baptist's announcement that the Savior was among us, although not yet recognized.

This week we reflect upon Mary's example of faith and obedience to God, traits which permitted her to receive the angel's message that God's Son would be born as a human person, as one of us.



The Nativity of the Lord

John announces that in Jesus, the Word became flesh and dwelt among us. At Christmas we celebrate the great mystery that God became flesh and dwelt among us. We call this mystery the Incarnation ("to take on flesh"), and it changes everything.

Today's Gospel reminds us that we can also look upon the Nativity from God's perspective to better appreciate the significance of the Incarnation. The mystery we proclaim at Christmas is that God, the very God who created all things from nothing and who is light itself, took on our humanity in order to transform us. Through his birth among us, we have seen the face of God and have become nothing less than God's own children.



Mary, Mother of God

Mass schedule for the Solemnity

Vigil Dec 31 at 7:00 pm at St Rose
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11:00 am at St Rose



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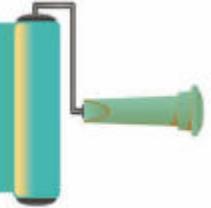
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