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SUNDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD DECEMBER 29, AD 2019

CLERGY & STAFF

Very Rev. R. Msgr. Michael Schmitz,
STD, JCD, Vicar General of the Institute

Rev. Canon Matthew Talarico, Provincial Superior of
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David Hughes, Sunday Organist and Choirmaster

Jonathan Barney, Saturday Organist and Director

Debra Guerrero, Parish and Oratory Secretary

Rectory Office Hours

Monday-Wednesday 8:30am - 3:00pm
Thursday 8:30am - 12:30pm

MASS TIMES

Saturday: 3:15-3:45 P.M. Confessions
4:00 P.M. Vigil Mass in the Ordinary Form
in English, celebrated by archdiocesan
priests

Sunday: 8:30 A.M. Low Mass (Extraordinary Form)
10:30 A.M. High Mass (Extraordinary Form)

Monday-Saturday: 8:00 A.M. Low Mass
(Extraordinary Form)

DAILY CONFESSIONS

30 minutes before each Holy Mass every day

DEVOTIONS

First Friday, an additional Mass at 6 p.m. preceded by
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament beginning at 5 p.m.

First Saturday, after Holy Mass, Exposition of the Blessed
Sacrament, Holy Rosary, 15 minute Adoration & Benediction.

Mass Schedule

December 28 to January 5

Saturday, December 28

Holy Family (Anticipated)

4:00 p.m. Ordinary Form English Mass

† Cathryn Quill, requested by husband, Dennis

Sunday, December 29

Sunday within the Octave of the Nativity of our Lord

8:30 a.m. Low Mass

Missa Pro Populo

10:30 a.m. High Mass

† Helen M. Kelly, requested by Adam & Deborah Mocciole

Monday, December 30

Sixth Day in the Octave of Christmas

8 a.m. Low Mass

Tuesday, December 31

Seventh Day in the Octave of Christmas

8 a.m. Low Mass

Wednesday, January 1

THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

8:30 a.m. Low Mass

10:30 a.m. High Mass

Missa Pro Populo

Thursday, January 2

Feria in Christmastide

8 a.m. Low Mass

First Friday, January 3

Mass in Honor of the Sacred Heart of our Lord

8 a.m. Low Mass

5 p.m. Holy Hour

6 p.m. Low Mass

First Saturday, January 4

Mass in Honor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

8 a.m. Low Mass

Epiphany (Anticipated)

4:00 p.m. Ordinary Form English Mass

Sunday, January 5

The Most Holy Name of our Lord

8:30 a.m. Low Mass

Missa Pro Populo

10:30 a.m. High Mass

† Visus Vizgaiciu Mirusius, requested by the Liutkus family

Wisdom from Saint Francis de Sales

Patron of the Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest

“Nothing makes us so prosperous in this world as to give alms.”

Schola Cantorum

Volunteer choristers are welcomed for singing at the Sunday 10:30 High Mass. Rehearsals of the chant and, as circumstances permit, polyphony will be on Sundays prior to Mass. For further information, please contact David Hughes: david@chantwith.us .

Saint Patrick Parish and Oratory Collection

December 15

Weekly \$3093.00

Utility \$1620.00

Christmas Flowers \$520.00

Monthly Support \$20.00

December 22 and 25 will be reported next week due to an earlier than usual bulletin submission deadline.

May God reward your generosity!

Please kindly note to make your offering payable to “Saint Patrick Parish”. We are unable to accept checks payable to Saint Blaise anymore. We will only accept envelopes that are for Saint Patrick Church into the collection basket. You can also mail them to Saint Patrick or to OLMC (for Saint Joseph Parishioners). Thank you for your understanding!

The Knights of Columbus Council #73727 wants to thank all the parishioners of St. Joseph and St. Patrick who donated gifts for the Advent Giving Tree Program. We received a total of 201 gifts which were distributed to the Shelter, Safe Haven and the Wellmore Foundation. Your generosity and kindness expresses the true example of the Christmas spirit in assisting people, who live among us, who need help, and who can hopefully find the love of God, and their fellow neighbors by your actions. We thank especially Knight Bob Orintas and his dedication for organizing this special program.

We thank you for participating in the Duggan School Winter Clothing Drive. Duggan School expresses their gratitude for all those who donated much needed Winter clothing for our neighboring children across the street. A special thank you to all our donors and to our organizers, especially Marge Vallillo who made this very successful.

Looking for year-end giving ideas? This may be your last chance to help the Archbishop's Annual Appeal achieve the goal of \$10 Million for the 2019 tax year!

Please visit the Appeal website at www.archdioceseofhartford.org and follow the link Sharing the Joy of the Gospel for Generations, to learn more and make your gift today. All pledges can be paid through December 31st 2019 towards this year's Appeal.

All funds contributed to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal are used exclusively for the purposes outlined in the Appeal literature, which can be found at <https://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/>. No Appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements.

Please pray for the following for healing:

Diane Andrew, Anna, Arthur, Janet Blucker, Edith Bruno, Jim Danauskas, Patricia Danauskas, Louis Dantino, Jim and Claudette Doyle, Ellissa, David Kerscher, Karen Knapp, Dawn Laliderte, Donald Maloney, Mark Pavao, Bob Piche, Jerry and Charlotte Sepe, Lorraine Shaw

Please pray for our Military:

Peter Crochet, United States Navy , USS Gravely (DDG 107)
Mathew Nardella, United States Navy, USS Bulkeley (DDG 84)

FROM THE PASTOR, REVEREND CANON JOEL ESTRADA

Dear Faithful, Merry Christmas!

There are 12 days from the time of Christmas until Epiphany, hence the origin of the famous catechetical Christmas carol of *The Twelve Days of Christmas*.

Beginning with the reign of Queen Elizabeth I of England in 1558, the Roman Catholic Church and any practice of the faith was strictly forbidden. The Mass was outlawed. Priests were expelled from the realm, and threatened with the charge of high treason with the punishment of being hanged, drawn, and quartered for returning and offering Mass. Any Catholic harboring a priest in the home or allowing him to offer Mass was subject to the same penalty. Catholic citizens were not allowed to vote, to hold property, to be witnesses in court, or to have weapons. Anyone who did not attend Protestant services was fined and imprisoned for repeated offenses. All Catholic schools were closed and instruction in the faith was forbidden. Anyone appointed to a civil office had to take an oath denouncing the Pope and the belief in transubstantiation, thereby in effect preventing any Catholic from holding such positions. These laws remained in effect until April 1829 when King George IV reluctantly signed the Emancipation Bill, granting political and religious freedom to Catholics. However, to this day the King or Queen of the United Kingdom cannot be a Roman Catholic. These same laws were enforced in Virginia until the time of the Revolutionary War. Also, the intensity of enforcement of these laws depended upon the particular reign: for example, during the time of the Commonwealth under Oliver Cromwell (1642-60), the Puritan Parliament even outlawed the celebration of Christmas.

Therefore, the song *The Twelve Days of Christmas* was written in England using seemingly secular images or symbols to help catechize children in the faith. The “true love” mentioned in each stanza does not refer to an earthly suitor, but to Almighty God. The “me” to whom the gifts are presented refers to any baptized Catholic. The purpose of the repetition is not only for the sake of pedagogy, but also emphasizes God’s continual renewal of His gifts to mankind.

The partridge in a pear tree is Christ. In nature, a mother partridge will feign injury to lure predators away from her defenseless nestlings. In the same way, our Lord protects us, vulnerable human beings, from Satan. The pear tree symbolizes the salvation of mankind, just as the apple tree symbolizes Adam and Eve’s Fall from Grace.

Two turtle doves represent the Old and New Testaments. Also, Jewish couples of modest income offered two turtle doves instead of the customary lamb as a sacrifice to God when they presented their newborn child in the Temple. Interestingly, our Blessed Mother Mary and St. Joseph offered a sacrifice of two turtle doves for the presentation of our Lord (cf. Luke 2:22-24).

Known for their beauty and rarity, **the three French hens** signify both the gifts of the Magi (gold, frankincense, and myrrh), and the three theological virtues of faith, hope, and charity.

The four calling birds are associated with both the four evangelists and their gospels: Saints Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John; and the four major prophets: Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and Daniel.

Five golden rings has a two-fold significance. A ring, or a circle, has no beginning or end but is continuous. Thereby, the ring reminds us of both God’s eternity: His permanent, faithful, and continuous love for us and the circle of faith: God’s love for us, our love for Him, and our love for our neighbors. The number five also signifies the first five books of the Old Testament: the Pentateuch or Torah (the books of law for the Jewish people).

The six geese a-laying represent the six days of creative work recounted in Genesis.

However, in Judaism, seven was a number of perfection. **The seven swans a-swimming** continues the Genesis theme, reminding us that God’s plan included not just the six days of creating but also the seventh day of rest; **we in turn must not forget to make SUNDAY a holy day by worshiping God at Mass**, spending time with our loved ones, and praying and recreating. Moreover, the seven swans a-swimming refers to the seven gifts of the Holy Ghost, the seven corporal works of mercy, the seven spiritual works of mercy, and the seven deadly sins.

The eight maids a-milking signifies the eight beatitudes and, at that time in our Church, the eight times during the year prescribed for the faithful to receive Holy Communion.

The nine ladies dancing are the nine fruits of the Holy Ghost and the nine choirs of angels.

The Ten Commandments are represented by the **ten lords a-leaping**.

Eleven pipers piping are the eleven faithful apostles at the time of the resurrection and ascension. (Remember that Judas, one of the Twelve, **the one who left early the First Mass, the Last Supper, before it was finished**, betrayed our Lord and committed suicide.)

Finally, the number twelve for the Jewish people represented completion and fullness. Therefore, **the twelve drummers drumming** are the twelve minor prophets, the twelve precepts of the Apostles Creed, the twelve apostles (particularly the original 11 plus St. Matthias who replaced Judas), and the twelve tribes of Israel.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Wednesday, January 1st, 2020

OCTAVE DAY OF CHRISTMAS
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

8:30am Low Mass

10:30am High Mass

Sunday, January 5th, 2020

Solemn Blessing of Epiphany Water

Please bring your water and salt to be solemnly
blessed and exorcised before Mass, as well as chalk
and incense for the blessing of homes during
Epiphany-tide

Monday, January 6th, 2020

Feast of the Epiphany 8:00am Low Mass

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