

Mass Schedule

Weekends

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM

Sunday: 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM

Weekdays

Monday through Friday:

9:00 AM

No Tuesday Mass

Holy Days

9:00 AM and 7:00 PM

Confessions

Saturday

3:30-4:00 PM in church

Office Hours

**Monday through Friday
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM**

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve

Tuesday, December 24

Vigil - 4:00 PM

11:00 PM Solemn Mass

Christmas Day

Wednesday, December 25

10:00 AM

**Solemnity of the Mary,
Mother of God—New Year's**

This is a Holy Day of Obligation

Tuesday, December 31

4:00 PM

Wednesday, January 1

9:00 AM

**There will be NO 9:00 AM Mass on
December 26 and 27.**

Mass Intentions Prayers and Sacraments

Saturday 4:30 PM	December 21 Bernadette Romano r/b Terri & Mike Fanfarillo Vincent Stango r/b Sandy & Andrea Edith & Harry Francis r/b Annadora & family
Sunday 9:00 AM	December 22 Anthony & Dorothy Baran r/b the Baran family John Silvestri r/b wife, Evelyn & family Deceased members of the Duca, Giunta & Flamma families Jack McDermott r/b Louise McDermott
11:00 PM	Robert Love and Robert Iacovelli r/b the Ziegler family
Monday 9:00 AM	December 23 For the Sick
Tuesday 4:00 PM 11:00 PM	December 24 For our Parishioners For our Parishioners
Wednesday 10:00 AM	December 25 For our Parishioners
Thursday	December 26 No Mass
Friday	December 27 No Mass
Saturday 4:30 PM	December 28 Joseph Gulli r/b Barbara Ernst Pucilowski Ralph Shipley r/b wife, Annadora Carol Tavani r/b Joe & Ann Marie Santore
Sunday 9:00 AM	December 29 Doris Kamerer r/b Maureen & Bill Compton James William Garofola r/b Barbara Ernst Pucilowski Fr. Richard Hadyka r/b Paul & Mary Ellen Cavaliere In Thanksgiving for a favor received r/b Nirmala Jayamaha
11:00 AM	For all Veterans

Sanctuary Candle

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week in memory of Edith & Harry Francis r/b Annadora & Family

Pray for the Deceased

Nicholas Mitcho has returned to God our Creator.
We pray for him and his family.

Merry Christmas

PRAYER LIST

Donna Albert, Elena Balsama, Bonnie & Jim Bates, Joseph Books, JoAnne Carothers, Susie Carter, Mark Cowin, Amy DiBenedetto, Margaret DiAngelo, Margaret Doyle, Mae Flynn, Linda Frank, Tom and Maria Genovese, Christian Harch, Louis Hill, Sloane Heart, Theresa Kalapos, Michael Kurmlavage, Mike Limbaugh, Megan Lipnitz, Basil Masso, Susan McCloskey, Marie Mitcho, Sr. Janice Novak, Anne Ward O'Neill, Rosemarie Palombi, Sam Raffa, Joseph Petrucci, Elizabeth and James Resetar, Jaxson Rivera, Julia Rivera and Jackson Thummelr.

Please call the parish office at 856-881-2753 to have your name put on the prayer list. If you wish, you may receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. Contact the parish office at 856-881-2753 to make an appointment with the priest.

We pray for the safety and the Lord's protection of our men and women in the military, especially Colonel Eric Baus; Anthony R. Brown, Jr., USANG; Ensign Matthew Cottrell, USCG, Matthew Lisa, USAF; Ensign William Stephens, USCG; Sean Patrick Stailey, USN and Luke Wible, USMC, Captain Vernon Nicholson.

PRAYER CHAIN: Do you or someone you know need the blessing of prayer? That's why the St. Bridget Prayer Chain is here for you. Please contact Annadora Shipley, Coordinator, at 856-589-0334, and



Sacraments

Baptisms: 1st and 3rd Sundays during or after the 11:00 AM Mass. Please contact the parish office to register for a baptism and an instructional class.

Weddings: Arrangements should be made with the priest prior to one year before scheduling a date and before booking a Hall.

Sacrament of the Sick: A priest may be called at any time day or night for the Sacrament of the Sick. If anyone is sick or homebound and unable to attend Mass and wishes to receive Communion, please notify the parish office.

A Prayer to Remember What Christmas is All About



Lord, I thank You for coming to earth so You could redeem me. When I think of the extent to which You were willing to go in order to save me, it makes me want to shout, to celebrate, and to cry with thankfulness. You love me so much, and I am so grateful for that love. Without You, I would still be lost and in sin. But because of everything You have done for me, today I am free; my life is blessed; Jesus is my Lord; Heaven is my home; and Satan has no right to control me. I will be eternally thankful to You for everything You did to save me! I pray this in Jesus' name! ~ Rick Renner

Reading I Mi 5:1-4a

Thus says the LORD: You, Bethlehem-Ephrathah too small to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel; whose origin is from of old, from ancient times.

Therefore the Lord will give them up, until the time when she who is to give birth has borne, and the rest of his kindred shall return to the children of Israel.

He shall stand firm and shepherd his flock by the strength of the LORD, in the majestic name of the LORD, his God; and they shall remain, for now his greatness shall reach to the ends of the earth; he shall be peace.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19.

R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Reading II Heb 10:5-10

Brothers and sisters: When Christ came into the world, he said: "Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me; in holocausts and sin offerings you took no delight. Then I said, 'As is written of me in the scroll, behold, I come to do your will, O God.'" First he says, "Sacrifices and offerings, holocausts and sin offerings, you neither desired nor delighted in." These are offered according to the law. Then he says, :Behold, I come to do your will." He takes away the first to establish the second. By this "will," we have been consecrated through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Alleluia Lk 1:38

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Lk 1:39-45

Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."

Primera Lectura Miq 5, 1-4a

Esto dice el Señor: "De ti, Belén de Efrata, pequeña entre las aldeas de Judá, de ti saldrá el jefe de Israel, cuyos orígenes se remontan a tiempos pasados, a los días más antiguos. Por eso, el Señor abandonará a Israel, mientras no dé a luz la que ha de dar a luz. Entonces el resto de sus hermanos se unirá a los hijos de Israel. Él se levantará para pastorear a su pueblo con la fuerza y la majestad del Señor, su Dios. Ellos habitarán tranquilos, porque la grandeza del que ha de nacer llenará la tierra y él mismo será la paz".

Salmo Responsorial

Salmo 79, 2ac y 3b. 15-16. 18-19

R. Señor, muéstranos tu favor y sálvanos.

Segunda Lectura Heb 10, 5-10

Hermanos: Al entrar al mundo, Cristo dijo, conforme al salmo: No quisiste víctimas ni ofrendas; en cambio, me has dado un cuerpo. No te agradaron los holocaustos ni los sacrificios por el pecado; entonces dije –porque a mí se refiere la Escritura–: "Aquí estoy, Dios mío; vengo para hacer tu voluntad".

Comienza por decir: "No quisiste víctimas ni ofrendas, no te agradaron los holocaustos ni los sacrificios por el pecado –siendo así que eso es lo que pedía la ley–; y luego añade: "Aquí estoy, Dios mío; vengo para hacer tu voluntad".

Con esto, Cristo suprime los antiguos sacrificios, para establecer el nuevo. Y en virtud de esta voluntad, todos quedamos santificados por la ofrenda del cuerpo de Jesucristo, hecha una vez por todas.

Aclamación antes del Evangelio Lc 1, 38

R. Aleluya, aleluya.

Yo soy la esclava del Señor; cúmplase en mí lo que me has dicho.

R. Aleluya.

Evangelio Lc 1, 39-45

En aquellos días, María se encaminó presurosa a un pueblo de las montañas de Judea y, entrando en la casa de Zacarías, saludó a Isabel. En cuanto ésta oyó el saludo de María, la criatura saltó en su seno. Entonces Isabel quedó llena del Espíritu Santo y, levantando la voz, exclamó: "¡Bendita tú entre las mujeres y bendito el fruto de tu vientre! ¿Quién soy yo, para que la madre de mi Señor venga a verme? Apenas llegó tu saludo a mis oídos, el niño saltó de gozo en mi seno. Dicho tú, que has creído, porque se cumplirá cuanto te fue anunciado de parte del Señor".

December 24 4:00 Vigil Mass The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

Reading I Is 62:1-5

For Zion's sake I will not be silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her vindication shines forth like the dawn and her victory like a burning torch. Nations shall behold your vindication, and all the kings your glory; you shall be called by a new name pronounced by the mouth of the LORD. You shall be a glorious crown in the hand of the LORD, a royal diadem held by your God. No more shall people call you "Forsaken," or your land "Desolate," but you shall be called "My Delight," and your land "Espoused." For the LORD delights in you and makes your land his spouse. As a young man marries a virgin, your Builder shall marry you; and as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride so shall your God rejoice in you.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Reading II Acts 13:16-17, 22-25

When Paul reached Antioch in Pisidia and entered the synagogue, he stood up, motioned with his hand, and said, "Fellow Israelites and you others who are God-fearing, listen. The God of this people Israel chose our ancestors and exalted the people during their sojourn in the land of Egypt. With uplifted arm he led them out of it. Then he removed Saul and raised up David as king; of him he testified, 'I have found David, son of Jesse, a man after my own heart; he will carry out my every wish.' From this man's descendants God, according to his promise, has brought to Israel a savior, Jesus. John heralded his coming by proclaiming a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel; and as John was completing his course, he would say, 'What do you suppose that I am? I am not he. Behold, one is coming after me; I am not worthy to unfasten the sandals of his feet.'" Alleluia

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Mt 1:18-25

This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child through the Holy Spirit. Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame, decided to divorce her quietly.

Such was his intention when, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet:

Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means "God is with us." When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home. He had no relations with her until she bore a son, and he named him Jesus.

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) 11:00 PM Mass during the Night

Reading I Is 9:1-6

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone. You have brought them abundant joy and great rejoicing, as they rejoice before you as at the harvest, as people make merry when dividing spoils.

For the yoke that burdened them, the pole on their shoulder, and the rod of their taskmaster you have smashed, as on the day of Midian. For every boot that tramped in battle, every cloak rolled in blood, will be burned as fuel for flames. For a child is born to us, a son is given us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace. His dominion is vast and forever peaceful, from David's throne, and over his kingdom, which he confirms and sustains by judgment and justice, both now and forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this!

Responsorial Psalm Ps 96: 1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13

R. (Lk 2:11) Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.

Reading II Ti 2:11-14

Beloved: The grace of God has appeared, saving all and training us to reject godless ways and worldly desires and to live temperately, justly, and devoutly in this age, as we await the blessed hope, the appearance of the glory of our great God and savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to deliver us from all lawlessness and to cleanse for himself a people as his own, eager to do what is good.

Alleluia Lk 2:10-11

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Lk 2:1-14

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. So all went to be enrolled, each to his own town. And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Now there were shepherds in that region living in the fields and keeping the night watch over their flock. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were struck with great fear. The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

**La Natividad del Señor (Navidad) 11:00 PM Misa de medianoche****Primera Lectura Is 9, 1-3. 5-6**

El pueblo que caminaba en tinieblas vio una gran luz; sobre los que vivían en tierra de sombras, una luz resplandeció. Engrandeciste a tu pueblo e hiciste grande su alegría. Se gozan en tu presencia como gozan al cosechar, como se alegran al repartirse el botín. Porque tú quebrantaste su pesado yugo, la barra que oprimía sus hombros y el cetro de su tirano, como en el día de Madián. Porque un niño nos ha nacido, un hijo se nos ha dado; lleva sobre sus hombros el signo del imperio y su nombre será: "Consejero admirable", "Dios poderoso", "Padre sempiterno", "Príncipe de la paz"; para extender el principado con una paz sin límites sobre el trono de David y sobre su reino; para establecerlo y consolidarlo con la justicia y el derecho, desde ahora y para siempre. El celo del Señor lo realizará.

Salmo Responsorial Sal 95, 1-2a. 2b-3. 11-12. 13 R. (Lc 2, 11) Hoy nos ha nacido el Salvador.

Segunda Lectura Tt 2, 11-14

Querido hermano: La gracia de Dios se ha manifestado para salvar a todos los hombres y nos ha enseñado a renunciar a la irreligiosidad y a los deseos mundanos, para que vivamos, ya desde ahora, de una manera sobria, justa y fiel a Dios, en espera de la gloriosa venida del gran Dios y Salvador, Cristo Jesús, nuestra esperanza. Él se entregó por nosotros para redimirnos de todo pecado y purificarnos, a fin de convertirnos en pueblo suyo, fervorosamente entregado a practicar el bien.

Aclamación antes del Evangelio R. Aleluya, aleluya.

Evangelio Lc 2, 1-14

Por aquellos días, se promulgó un edicto de César Augusto, que ordenaba un censo de todo el imperio. Este primer censo se hizo cuando Quirino era gobernador de Siria. Todos iban a empadronarse, cada uno en su propia ciudad; así es que también José, perteneciente a la casa y familia de David, se dirigió desde la ciudad de Nazaret, en Galilea, a la ciudad de David, llamada Belén, para empadronarse, juntamente con María, su esposa, que estaba encinta. Mientras estaban ahí, le llegó a María el tiempo de dar a luz y tuvo a su hijo primogénito; lo envolvió en pañales y lo recostó en un pesebre, porque no hubo lugar para ellos en la posada. En aquella región había unos pastores que pasaban la noche en el campo, vigilando por turno sus rebaños. Un ángel del Señor se les apareció y la gloria de Dios los envolvió con su luz y se llenaron de temor. El ángel les dijo: "No teman. Les traigo una buena noticia, que causará gran alegría a todo el pueblo: hoy les ha nacido, en la ciudad de David, un Salvador, que es el Mesías, el Señor. Esto les servirá de señal: encontrarán al niño envuelto en pañales y recostado en un pesebre".

De pronto se le unió al ángel una multitud del ejército celestial, que alababa a Dios, diciendo: "¡Gloria a Dios en el cielo, y en la tierra paz a los hombres de buena voluntad!"

MERRY christmas

December 25—10:00 AM The Nativity of the Lord

Reading I Is 52:7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings glad tidings, announcing peace, bearing good news, announcing salvation, and saying to Zion, "Your God is King!"

Hark! Your sentinels raise a cry, together they shout for joy, for they see directly, before their eyes, the LORD restoring Zion. Break out together in song, O ruins of Jerusalem!

For the LORD comforts his people, he redeems Jerusalem. The LORD has bared his holy arm in the sight of all the nations; all the ends of the earth will behold the salvation of our God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6

R. (3c) All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

Reading II Heb 1:1-6

Brothers and sisters: In times past, God spoke in partial and various ways to our ancestors through the prophets; in these last days, he has spoken to us through the Son, whom he made heir of all things and through whom he created the universe, who is the refulgence of his glory, the very imprint of his being, and who sustains all things by his mighty word. When he had accomplished purification from sins, he took his seat at the right hand of the Majesty on high, as far superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. For to which of the angels did God ever say: *You are my son; this day I have begotten you?* Or again: *I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me?* And again, when he leads the firstborn into the world, he says: *Let all the angels of God worship him.*

Alleluia

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Jn 1:1-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came to be through him, and without him nothing came to be. What came to be through him was life, and this life was the light of the humanrace; the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came to be through him, but the world did not know him.

He came to what was his own, but his own people did not accept him. But to those who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to those who believe in his name, who were born not by natural generation nor by human choice nor by a man's decision but of God. And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth. John testified to him and cried out, saying, "This was he of whom I said, 'The one who is coming after me ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.'" From his fullness we have all received, grace in place of grace, because while the law was given through Moses, grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. The only Son, God, who is at the Father's side, has revealed him.



***On behalf of Fr. John Rossi, Deacon Sam Soto,
Campus Minister, Kari Janisse,
our Sisters, Staff and all our parish ministers,
we wish everyone Very Merry Christmas!***

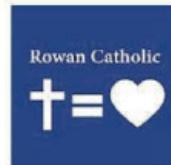
Father's Christmas Wish and A Possible New Year's Resolution



Please be extra careful crossing the street to our parking lots now that it is getting darker in the winter months. Last January, while I was away on retreat, I heard of a terrible incident where someone was seriously injured and almost hit by a car. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we had a safety ministry- a team of parishioners looking out for each other? In some big Evangelical Churches, the hospitality ministry starts in the parking lot before people enter the building. Similarly, I am looking for volunteers to serve as crossing guards before and after weekend Masses. We could provide the vests and lighted stop signs. Yes, it would be a sacrifice to get here early and leave a little later than others... can you make that commitment for our Church family? If you are interested in forming this new ministry, please contact the parish office and we can discuss the next steps.

Peace and Blessings,
Fr. John

Rowan Catholic Campus Ministry News



Picture from our Christmas party & white elephant gift exchange on 12/4.

We wish you a Merry Christmas and blessed 2025!

Highlights from the Fall 2024 Semester:

- Several successful evangelization/outreach table events on campus
- Over 200 service hours logged by our students
- Largest Fall Retreat; 43 students attended
- Largest numbers of OCIA students and largest number of student altar servers installed



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Prayer of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

which he used during his visit at the Church of Our Lady Victorious in Prague on the 26th September 2009

O my Lord Jesus, we gaze on You as a child and believe that You are the Son of God, who became Man through the working of the Holy Spirit in the womb of the Virgin Mary. Just as in Bethlehem, we too, adore You, with Mary, Joseph, the angels and the shepherds, and acknowledge You as our only Savior. You became poor to enrich us with Your poverty. Grant that we may never forget the poor and all those who suffer.

Protect our families, bless all the children of the world and grant that the love You have brought us may always reign amongst us and lead us to a happier life. Grant, O Jesus, that all may recognize the truth of Your birth, so that all may know that You have come to bring to the whole human family light, joy and peace. You are God, who live and reign with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Amen.



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