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Monday: Closed

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 9am-2pm

Wednesday: 12pm-5pm

December 25, 2021



GLORY
TO GOD
IN THE
HIGHEST
AND ON
EARTH
PEACE TO
THOSE
ON WHOM
HIS FAVOR
RESTS.

LUKE 2:14

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

Monday, December 27

Office Closed.

Our Mother of Perpetual Help.....11:00am

Tuesday, December 28

Daily Mass –OLW.....9:00am

Wednesday, December 29

Daily Mass-OLW.....5:00pm
(Consecration of Altar by Bishop Olka)

Thursday, December 30

Daily Mass –OLW.....9:00am
Holy Hour (Both OLW & SPC).....6:00pm

Friday, December 31

Office Closed

Daily Mass –OLW.....9:00am
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament &
Divine Mercy Chaplet.....After Mass

Saturday, January 1—Solemnity of Mary Holy Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)

Mass-OLW.....9:00am
Mass-SPC.....12:00 Noon
Vigil Mass.....4:30pm

Sunday, January 2—Epiphany

Mass-OLW.....9:00am
Carols & Hymns after Mass
St. Martin's Food Pantry.....10:30am
Mass-SPC (Confession after).....12:00pm



MERRY
Christmas



GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

"He so loved us that for our sake He was made man in time, through Whom all times were made; was in the world less in years than His servants, though older than the world itself in His eternity; was made man, Who made man; was created of a mother, whom He created; was carried by hands which He formed; nursed at the breasts which He had filled; cried in the manger in wordless infancy, He the Word without Whom all human eloquence is mute (St. Augustine, Sermon 188)." The miracle of what happens at Christmas is truly an awesome mystery. Revealed in the silent ordinariness of life is God's intimate love for humanity and all that he made. The Word, existing for all time, comes and dwells among us. God kisses us. We can seek and soar with playful delight as a joy never known before fills our heart.

Joy is best expressed through dance. There is just something truly wonderful about the self-abandon a beautiful melodic dance reveals. If we are able to let go and really be free, it



celebrates life in a way few other experiences really can. With the birth of Jesus Christ, God takes the Divine Dance to a deeper and more tangible level. We can now not only see what we believe but believe what we see! This most perfect dance is a call to beauty, innocence, truth, purpose, hope, faith, and love. Today we know, beyond doubt, that we are a necessary part of God's beautifully choreographed masterpiece of life and not just a random happening without real intent or purpose. We are loved, treasured, and blessed.

Accepting the truth of God's birth in time we also accept an invitation to dance with God. We can let go of what tethers us to anxious concerns and superficial securities. Throw caution to the wind and go with God. We have been blessed with talents, gifts, and life eternal. Follow the rhythm of the dance with joy and listen to what the Word who became flesh tells us about what the next steps can be. Today, heaven remains the same, but earth has been profoundly changed.

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." - Lk 2:10-12

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS - STEWARDSHIP TIES

There is a lot of imagery around Christmas that has to do with adoption — or, more specifically, with a child being loved by another as if they belonged to that person and loved in such a profound way that in time, they do come to belong to that person.

We see this with Joseph and the infant Jesus. Joseph is not Jesus' biological father. But through a series of actions, and through his faithfulness in small, everyday matters, Joseph becomes the foster father of Jesus.

Perhaps we are parents who have adopted children, or we ourselves were adopted. We have also seen how, through a series of actions of love and sacrifice, someone can become the parent of a person who is not their "blood." A lot of times these families celebrate the day of the adoption. I've heard it called a "gotcha day," and it's marked joyously, like a birthday.

Most of us are not descended from the Israelites, God's Chosen People. But through a series of extraordinary actions of love and sacrifice, God has made Himself our parent,


too. And through our own actions, and through faithfulness in small and everyday matters, we are His children.

But in this family, instead of blood ties, we have stewardship ties. It's not about who we look like, it's about how we treat one another. How we take care of one another.

So this Christmas, let's think about how we will celebrate our adoption. As much as it is Jesus' birthday, it's also our "gotcha day" — the day we received the gift of eternal family.


— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



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HOLIDAY Mass Schedule

Sat., January 1, Solemnity of Mary Holy Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation),
9:00 AM-OLW, 12:00 Noon-SPC; 4:30 PM-OLW (Vigil Mass for Sunday)
Sun., January 2, Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, 9:00 AM-OLW & 12:00 Noon-SPC

DEDICATION OF THE NEW MENSA

Bishop James Golka will dedicate the our new MENSA at Our Lady of the Woods on Wednesday, December 29th at 5:00 PM.

CAROLS, COOKIES AND HOT CHOCOLATE

Join us Sunday, January 2nd after Mass for Christmas Carols, Cookies and Cocoa! We will end the Christmas season singing carols! We invite you to bring your favorite cookies to share

INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Chesterton Academy of Our Lady of Walsingham invites you to an informational meeting on Friday, January 14, 2022 at 7:00 PM at St. Gabriel the Archangel Catholic Church (8755 Scarborough Dr., Colorado Springs) in the St. Joseph Room. Visit their website at www.olwclassical.org.

RETURNING GOD'S GIFTS

Thank you to all who have responded generously to the 2021 Returning God's Gifts Annual Appeal. Each year the success of the appeal depends on you. You have once again done a wonderful thing – your gifts have helped provide assistance to the members of our diocesan family. Remember that we will receive back all funds collected over 100% of our goal. Your prayers and support are what enable our diocesan ministries to achieve wonderful things. If you have not yet made your gift, please do so today by completing a pledge envelope and dropping it in the collection basket. You can also donate online at www.dioc.org and click on "Give Now."

COMMUNITY FIREWOOD MINISTRY

The OMG Community Firewood Ministry has partnered up with Community Partnership in Teller County. A grant was received from the government called Energy Outreach Colorado. To sign up for wood, please call Community Partnership at 719-686-0705. If you'd like to contact an OMG member directly to receive wood or to help with the Firewood Ministry (cutting, splitting & delivery to needy families), contact Barry Mellen at 620-482-3206, Dany Keuhlen at 719-687-2645, or Pete Tysdal at 719-685-6816.

MASS Intentions

Saturday, December 25-Christmas Day

OLW 12:00 AM (Midnight): Jim Rocco †
Req. by: Deb Rocco

OLW 9:00 AM: For the People of the Parish

Req. by: Fr. Marek Król

Sunday, December 26

OLW 9:00 AM: Allen Dinkel †

Req. by: Mike & Cindy Weiss

SPC 12:00 PM: Jeanie Devine †

Req. by: Office Staff

Tuesday, December 28

OLW 9:00 AM: Bob Mury †

Req. by: Kelly & Margit McCarthy

Wednesday, December 29

OLW 6:00 PM: Roger Jacobs †

Req. by: Carol Jacobs

Thursday, December 30

OLW 9:00 AM: Adrienne Paledin †

Req. by: Kelly & Margit McCarthy

Friday, December 31

OLW 9:00 AM: Ben Frevert Sr. †

Req. by: Pauls family

Saturday, January 1, 2022

Solemnity of Mary Holy Mother of God

OLW 9:00 AM: For the People of the Parish

Req. by: Fr. Marek Król

SPC 12:00 Noon: Kenneth P. Ruzella

Req. by: Carl Poch †

Sat. Vigil Mass-OLW 4:30 PM: Louis Baska †

Req. by: Kelly & Margit McCarthy

Sunday, January 2

OLW 9:00 am: For the People of the Parish

Req. by: Fr. Marek Król

SPC 12:00 PM: Alejandro Mora

OUR CHARITABLE GIVING

Each month, 10% of our general offertory goes to charity; 6% goes to charities chosen by the Diocese and 4% is allocated by us to local charities. Continuing our parish's help in Teller County, we will be sending our October charitable tithe to **Habitat for Humanity of Teller County**. Habitat is working to put God's love into action by bringing people together to build strength, stability, and self-reliance through shelter. Thank YOU for helping our parish be a part of their mission. Learn more about them at <https://www.tellerhabitat.org>.

Love. Grow. Serve.



FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK December 26, 2021

LISTEN **MARRIAGE AND FAMILY: LOVE UNVEILED** BY DR. SCOTT HAHN
This presentation combines recordings of Fulton Sheen's timeless reflections on the meaning of Christmas, mixed with Gregorian chant and seasonal music. It is sure to become a family favorite!

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY DR. SCOTT HAHN

LISTEN **THE TRUE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS** BY FULTON SHEEN
This presentation combines recordings of Fulton Sheen's timeless reflections on the meaning of Christmas, mixed with Gregorian chant and seasonal music. It is sure to become a family favorite!

The True Meaning of Christmas ARCHBISHOP FULTON SHEEN

Financial Update-Fiscal Yr. 7/1/2021-6/30/2022

Offertory

Our Lady of the Woods **St. Peter Chapel**

Annual Budget \$373,000 \$44,000

Year to Date \$173,280 \$21,782



OLW Capital

Received \$24,560



St. Peter Hall

Owed for Loan & Shrine \$111,575

November 2021 Hall Income \$1,270

2021 RGG Campaign

Annual Goal \$45,074

Paid to Date \$33,719

**“The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
upon those who lived in the land
of gloom a light has shone.”** (Is 9:1)

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our last year brought upon us many unknowns. People are facing the challenges of inflation, fear of getting sick, losing the loved ones, etc. Even having the blessings of wonderful things, the darkness of evil seems to be overwhelmingly present in many areas of our life. Is this something new?

The prophet Isaiah comes to us with a promise scattering every darkness. “The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.” This is a light that never dies. Our Christmas celebration tells us about the true love of God that conquers every evil of this world. “... be courageous: I have conquered the world.” (J 16:33b)

This year, I encourage you to drop all your fears and truly trust in God’s providence. He sent His only begotten Son to this world when all of Israel was occupied by Romans. This Son was born in the poorest of the poor places and welcomed by those that had nothing. The same God so loves His creation those who trust in Him will receive more that can be handled. Do you think God forgot about us? No. He still comes with the same message:

**“Glory to God in the highest
and on earth peace to those on
whom his favor rests.”**

I wish all of you the peace that can only come from our Savior. May His presence make your heart joyful and calm.

Merry Christmas

Fr. Marek Krol

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 Messiah 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.”

Luke 2:1-14

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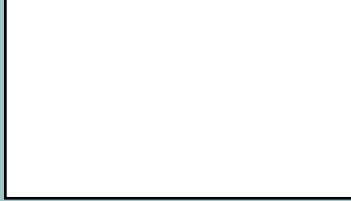
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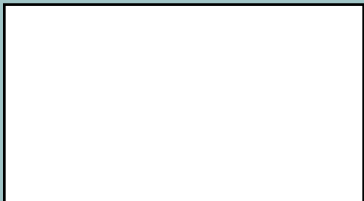
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