



SAINT MARIA GORETTI CATHOLIC CHURCH

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December 25, 2021

Merry
Christmas!

AND THE WORD BECAME FLESH

JOHN 1:14

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Love. Serve. Give.



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2 Our mission is to *learn* the faith to pray better, *love* the faith to serve better, *live* the faith to give better.

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday: 8:30 am - 4:00 pm
Friday: 8:30 am - Noon
Saturday & Sunday - Closed

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday 8:00 am
Saturday (vigil) 5:00 pm
Sunday - 8:00 and 10:00 am
Holy Day - Please call the Parish Office

ADORATION CHAPEL

Monday - Saturday 7:00 am - 4:00 pm
Sunday - 7:00 am - 1:00 pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:30-4:30 pm
Thursday 8:30 am - 9:30 am (following morning Mass) and by appointment.

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ONLINE GIVING

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SACRAMENT OF HEALING

Anointing of the Sick: Administered on the 3rd Tuesday of each month after the 8:00 am Mass and upon request.

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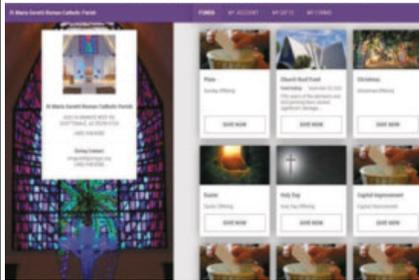
Christmas Greetings!

Our hearts are aglow with the joy of Christmas!

Our senses are alive with the season, from the rich smells of evergreen and gingerbread to the feel of crisp air and the warmth of a loved one's embrace. At some point in the holiday hustle and bustle, take a few moments of quiet. In the silence, reflect on the other senses of the season. Imagine the cool damp of an animal stable, the earthy smell of hay and feed, and the crisp night air blowing softly. Imagine kneeling beside an exhausted, joyful mother and a relieved, protective father. Imagine an infant wrapped in cloth scraps held out to your open arms. Imagine holding the infant Jesus. As his eyes meet yours, welcome into your heart the greatest gift of Christmas!

May you know the joy that comes from the mystery of Christ's birth among us, and may we continue to be witnesses of Christ's mercy to one another.

Christmas blessings to all!



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St. Maria Goretti welcomes you to Pray . . . to Serve . . . to Give

Prayer Ministry * Sanctity of Life * Eucharistic
Adoration * Secular Franciscans
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults * Catechesis of
the Good Shepherd * Sacramental Preparation
Bridges & Crossroads Youth Ministry * Women's Book Discussion Group
Women's Bible Fellowship * Liturgical Ministry
Santa's Workshop * Pastoral Care * Charismatic Prayer Group
Crafters Group * Guadalupe Outreach
St. Vincent de Paul * Women's Guild
Men's Club * Knights of Columbus * Bingo
Bible Study * Faith Fitness Stretch * Christ Child Society
Retrouvaille (troubled marriages) * Prison Ministry

Out of the silence,

Music

Out of the darkness,

Light

Out of uncertainty,

Promise

Hope was born that night.

*Christmas Blessings from
Fr. Paul, Deacon Carmene, Deacon Gary
& the Staff of St. Maria Goretti*



The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) – All Masses

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

Psalm 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 11-12, 13

To - day is born our Sav-ior, Christ the Lord. To -
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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.

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."