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Sunday, December 27, 2020 — The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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OUTDOOR MASSES:

Monday—Saturday: Morning Prayer 7:30 AM.
Monday—Saturday: Mass 8:00 AM (English)

Saturday: 5:30 PM (CANCEL) & 6:45 PM (Spanish).
Sunday: 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, (English),
11:30 AM (English) 5:30 PM (CANCEL)

Holy Days: The schedule will be announced.

DUE TO COVID-19 THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION HAS
BEEN DISCONTINUED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE:

SACRAMENTS: Contact the Parish Office

Tuesdays, 5:00 - 6:00 PM: Prayer Hour for Peace.

First Fridays, 8:30-10:00 AM: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Holy Hour for Vocations, Benediction.

Fridays, 7:00-8:00 PM (Spanish): Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Holy Hour, Benediction.

First Saturdays, 8:30-9:15 AM: Devotion to Our Lady of

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Merry Christmas!

For us Catholics, Christmas does not end, but rather it begins on Christmas day. We just started celebrating on Friday or Thursday evening, for those of you who attended the Christmas eve Mass. We celebrate that the Word of God manifested himself being born as a baby.

The Gospel reading used during the day on Christmas day, was the prologue of St John's Gospel. We heard that "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."

The very Word that sprang all the universe into being became a human being like us. From his innermost being, the divine power of God was present alongside a total goodness, understanding, and kindness...full of what we mean by humanity in the best sense of the word.

Unlike wise figures of the past such as Socrates or Buddha, compared to them we have relatively few sayings of Jesus. Although Jesus was a teacher full of wisdom, it was his presence both authoritative and kind, powerful enough to calm storms and full of mercy to forgive sins, that made a difference. His personal encounter with his disciples and the women like Mary Magdalen, that connected their desire for God with the everlasting love present in Him.

The pure humanity of Jesus Christ allowed him to connect with anyone with an open heart. He related to us as a brother at times, when he taught us to call God "Our Father," and at other times, he related to us as a father figure himself, like when he called his disciples "little children." In all cases, he was compassionate, and he experienced the breadth of all human emotions.

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That same connection is available to us. Although we cannot experience his physical presence like they did, through one another, we can make his love present, and through the Scriptures, and the Sacraments, he becomes present for us as well.

Whenever we decide to be present to someone, and to give ourselves by our time and resources, especially to someone who cannot repay us, and perhaps even anonymously when we gain nothing, except the joy of giving, we are in touch with our own humanity in its pure form. Christmas is a season that elicits from us these desires to be like Christ.

Christ's birth brings joy because the long awaited Messiah came in such purity to cleanse humanity of all impurity. He was born in a precarious situation, and would die a shameful, painful death --yet through his human assent to the will of the father, and his human love for us, he truly is God present. He rose from the dead, and ascended into heaven, yet he remains with us in various ways, but in a special way through the sacraments. In the Eucharist Jesus Christ is made present by the power of the Holy Spirit to offer us His love, His mercy, His joy, His very Self for these times of 2020 and for all times.

God bless,

Fr. Carlos, OSA

Designated Donations

January 3 - Hogar Infantil: Help us care for orphan children in Tijuana.

January 10 – Building Fund: Help us to maintain and beautify the Parish buildings.

January 17 - For the Poor:

Support Catholic Non-Profits such as Fr. Joe's Village or grocery gift cards to aid our parishioners.

January 24 - For the Endowment

Support the future of the parish become more sustainable.

Please make checks payable to: **CCFSD** and write **St. Patrick Endowment in the memo line.**

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Sacrificial Giving

December 13: \$ 2,422.61

December 20:

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Endowment Gifts: \$ 47,611.51

Market Value: \$ 53,200.57

The Good King by Dan Keays, Parishioner

(Adapted "Good King Wenceslas," written in 1853 by John Mason)

Prince Vaclav of Bohemia rose from his chair and strode slowly, pensively, across the upper room of his castle. The sun had just set, and a full moon was rising over the soft, gentle, snow-covered landscape. It was the day after Christmas, the feast of St. Stephen, in the year of Our Lord, 931.

The young prince had much to consider. He was heir to the throne of this immensely beautiful land, but there was treachery afoot. Rivals coveted his authority and were actively plotting against him. His Catholic faith was dear to him, but it placed him on the wrong side of the political power struggle. He feared for his kingdom, for his family, and for his own life.

As he looked out upon the moonlit panorama, the sight of a poor man gathering firewood caught his eye. The night was bitterly cold, and this man had little to wrap him. Vaclav called his young page to his side and enquired about the forlorn peasant. The man lived about three miles from the castle, near the fountain of Saint Agnes. Forgetting his own troubles, the prince called for food, wine, and pine logs. He and the page would trek to the man's home and share a warm meal with him and his family.

As they set out, the harsh winter weather worsened. The temperature dropped even further, the wind was fierce, the journey arduous. Suddenly, the young page dropped to his knees, looked up at the monarch and feebly proclaimed he could go no longer. He felt he was to die there. Prince Vaclav looked at him with understanding, and told him to walk in his own footsteps. As he did, warmth from the earth where the prince had walked filled his body, and he was revitalized. The two made their way to the peasant's home, and the prince's charity and love prevailed.

(Prince Vaclav was, indeed, later killed, by his own brother. After his death, word of his love and charity spread, and he became known as Wenceslas the Good. He was canonized a saint).

Parish Office Closed

Please note that the office will be closed From **Monday, December 28 and it will reopen its doors on January 4, 2021** for the **Christmas Holiday**.

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December 28 — January 2

Mon. 8:00 AM	George † & Emma Benich Paul E. Dato †
Tues. 8:00 AM	Socorro Cazares Hunt Joseph Patrick Sawaya †
Wed. 8:00 AM	Art & Dee Specht † Beth Ann Foley †
Thurs. 8:00 AM	Olive Kohmescher † Intentions of the Meador Family
Fri.	Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God Rev. Harry Neely, OSA
Sat. 8:00 AM	Gerald Lapointe † Phalo Hien Dao †

† Rest In Peace **HB** Happy Birthday **HA** Happy Anniversar

FB Report

MASS AND FEASTS

Mass continues to be live streamed on Saturday and Sunday. Holy Hour is streamed on Fridays at 7 p.m. These videos are available on the Parish Facebook page. Feasts celebrated this week include the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.

COVID-19 UPDATE

Mass continues to be hosted outdoors. Current mass times were posted on Dec. 5th.

CONVERSATIONS

Frs Carlos and Sarfraz launched a YouTube series titled "Conversations" with discussions on Happiness, Covenant, and Sacraments.

THANKS AND REFLECTIONS

YouTube video links were shared featuring Thanksgiving food distribution by parishioners and a talk by Laurie Brink, OP titled "Advent Reflections on the Humanity of Jesus."

VIRTUAL ADVENT

The Hispanic Society's virtual Advent calendar continues with weekly guest speakers.

VIRTUAL 5K EVENT

Parishioners are invited to support Hogar Infantil orphanage with a \$20 donation and entry fee for a self-guided run/walk/bike event.

Report From Amici Bible Study

The Core team of Amici has been reading and discussing the book of Job, currently focusing on Job's friends. Job's friends did at least three things right. First, they came to him when he was suffering. Second, they empathized with him. Third, they spent time with him. They were with him for seven days before they offered their advice. The complex speeches of Job's friends however include insightful truths sprinkled with inaccuracies and bad assumptions about God. Amici has discussed how we can never presuppose what God is thinking, and how sometimes faith is not about having all the answers.

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Hispanic Society—Sociedad Hispana

Queridos hermanos y hermanas,

Deseo que este fin de año lo terminemos lleno de bendiciones. Pidamos al Espíritu Santo que nos siga llenando de sabiduría para seguir en el camino de Dios, aun en tiempos difíciles. Feliz Año Nuevo!



Readings for the Week

December 28 – January 3

Sundays: Year A — Weekdays: Year II

Monday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2; Ps 124:2-3,4-5,7b-8;
Mt 2:13-18

Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-2a,2b-3,5b-6;
Lk 2:22-35

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-8a,8b-9,10;
Lk 2:36-40

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2,11-12,13;
Jn 1:1-18

Friday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3,5,6,8;
Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1,2-3ab,3cd-4;
Jn 1:19-28

Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2,7-8,10-11,12-13;
Eph 3:2-3a,5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Feliz Navidad!

La humanidad ignorando la justicia de Dios y deseando construir su propia justicia, no fue obediente a la justicia de Dios. Así, se llenó de oscuridad. Pero un día, la luz divina brilló al nacer de la Virgen María. María, creatura como todos nosotros, fue la puerta por quien entró la salvación al mundo.

Y ese niño indefenso y mortal crecería con perfecta obediencia para ajustar lo que se había desajustado. Nosotros no podemos alumbrarnos a nosotros mismos, sino al creer en Aquel que nació de María, quedamos reconciliados con Dios.

Aunque ya no podemos experimentar su presencia física como la Virgen y los discípulos, a través de nuestras vidas, podemos hacer presente Su amor, y a través de las Escrituras y los sacramentos, él también se hace presente para nosotros.

Siempre que decidimos estar presentes para alguien, y entregarnos con nuestro tiempo y recursos, especialmente si es de corazón, estamos en contacto con nuestra propia humanidad en su forma pura. La Navidad es una temporada que nos suscita estos deseos de ser como Cristo. Yo tengo la bendición de ver cuanto hacen ustedes por su parroquia.

El nacimiento de Cristo trae alegría porque el Mesías tan esperado vino con tanta pureza para limpiar a la humanidad de toda impureza. Nació en una situación precaria y sufriría una muerte vergonzosa y dolorosa; sin embargo, a través de su asentimiento humano a la voluntad del Padre y su amor humano por nosotros, él es verdaderamente Dios con nosotros. Resucitó de entre los muertos y ascendió a los cielos, pero permanece con nosotros de diversas maneras, pero de una manera especial a través de los sacramentos. En la Eucaristía Jesucristo se hace presente por el poder del Espíritu Santo para ofrecernos Su amor, Su misericordia, Su alegría, Su propio Ser para estos tiempos de 2020 y para todos los tiempos.

Que mejor regalo, que Aquel que vino de lo alto? El vino por pura bondad, Y no porque lo mereciéramos. Les deseo una feliz Navidad a todos. Que el niño Dios les traiga crecimiento en la fe, el amor, y todas las virtudes.

P. Carlos Medina, OSA

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