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Our Lady of the Lake Roman Catholic Parish 1975 Daytona Dr. - Lake Havasu City, AZ 86403



The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) December 25, 2021

Out of love for us, God became flesh, for our Savior has appeared.



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph December 26, 2021

Family life is rooted in the unconditional love of God as witnessed by the Holy Family. Mary and Joseph find Jesus in the temple. He returns to Nazareth, obedient to them.

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While looking at my nativity set in the rectory I decided to try something new this year. I moved the donkey over to the side and put myself in next to Jesus, Mary and Joseph. The wise men are right behind me with their gifts, and the shepherds are approaching on the other side with their little sheep. The amazement in their faces is striking. What a privilege to be here. All of us who come to the stable with open hearts will depart differently than we arrived. Do you need God to see you and bless you right now? He already has. Come, let us gaze on Jesus. Come, let us adore Him and be amazed.

Baby Jesus has come to you. He had you in mind when He created the world and when He made a promise to Abraham and David. He was born for you and carried His cross for you. He rose to life again to set you free from your own death, and He ascended into Glory with your frail humanity. All of this from the beginning of time until today is for you. Jesus is born for you.

My prayer for your family this Christmas is that Jesus, who was born for you, will live in your home, talk with you, eat with you, work with you, and rest with you. I pray that you let Him be born into your hearts without hesitation. I pray that He truly dwells in your home so that you may one day dwell in His home forever.

Merry Christmas,

Father Chauncey



Christmastime is a wonderful time to reflect upon the mysteries of our faith, and on the merciful love of Jesus.

Each time another year has gone by, we become introspective of the joys and sorrows that have touched us, and pray for God's assurance in keeping us in His loving care.

With each passing moment we see that our time here is short, reflecting upon those who are no longer with us is profound, and at the heart of the Christmas message as Christmas teaches us in our human way to long for the things of heaven as the Child Jesus is our closest experience of it.

Let us take time this Christmas Season to breathe in all that is from God and learn to cherish each moment as if it is our last, enjoying faith, family and friends, and renewing with vigor the sense of the sacred in awe of God's presence within our heart and home.

Blessings of Christmas Peace,

Fr. Michael

My Beloved Family of Our Lady of the Lake Parish

Christmas is here again when we celebrate the mystery of God coming down to be one of us. It is a time we remember those dear to us as we celebrate the joy of God's presence in our midst. It also gives us the unique opportunity to share God's amazing love dwelling among us with other people, friends and family members. As my beloved family members of Our Lady of the Lake Parish this message of Christmas comes to you because each of you and your family members are deeply cherished, appreciated and loved. Your gift of love, faith and support are of great value and highly profound in this parish.

In the course of the year, we have had so many challenges like the pandemic, mass shootings and with the recent Tornado in Kentucky. Despite all these challenges and evil around us, the Christmas season still affords us the hope that God loves us and that is why He came down to be with us.

As we celebrate this year's Christmas, I wish to encourage you to be firm in your faith and be hopeful that the light and the birth of Jesus has brought to the world, would continue to lead your family. I want to assure you that despite the political division, natural disasters, and economic crisis, the light of Christ will always abide in your families. As we celebrate, we remain confident that Jesus' plans for you are, all would be accomplished and realized in God's time. My prayer for you all is that the New Year ushers in God's Holy Spirit in your homes that would bring a divine transformation in your family. May you experience His love in all you do as we begin this New Year 2022.

Fr. Tony Okolo

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THEME: PRAYER, LISTENING, MUTUAL LOVE, RESPECT AND OBEDIENCE.

The Feast of Holy Family Year C. 2021. December 26, 2021

First Reading 1 Sam 1:20-22, 24-28, Second Reading 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24, Gospel Lk 2:41-52

The feast of the Holy Family invites us to reflect on the Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph to see how the example of the Holy Family can inspire our own family to a life of holiness. The Holy Family in their mutual love, respect and obedience, in their patience in moments of trial and difficulties teach us how to be obedient to God's will in our families. Through their perseverance in moments of doubt and confusion, the Holy Family demonstrates to us how to live in peace, unity and love. The feast of Holy Family communicates to us how much God loves the family, that He decided to come into the world through the family. God as God could have chosen to enter the world through any other means, but by choosing to come through the family demonstrates the profound love God has for our human family. The Holy Family may seem like a fictional tale that exists in another, planet away from a real family in our society today, but they experienced the challenges our own families face today. What distinguishes them is their faithfulness to God's love and respect for each other. Our families can equally become like the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph when we allow the virtues of the Holy Family to guide our own families.

In the first reading we see how Hannah prayed for a child after many years without an issue and when her prayers were answered she offered the child up to God. There is great need to recourse to prayer in any family problems. Our families today are in different needs, like broken relationships between parents and broken relationships between children and their parents. Such relationships can be healed through deep prayers offered to God in complete faith and trust. Hannah's action in the first reading equally teaches us the need for gratitude when our prayers are answered. In response to prayers answered she offered Samuel to God. How do we respond to God's blessings in our lives and families when our prayers receive favorable response from God? In addition, as Hannah presented her son Samuel before God so we are encouraged to continually present ourselves every day to the Lord.

In the second reading, Paul talks about the love of God for us and it is this love for us that led Him to the cross so that we are called children of God. We are called to show the same love to our fellow brothers and sisters. It is only when this commandment of love for the other is observed that we can truly claim we love God.

The gospel presents us with the finding of Jesus in the temple which is the fifth mystery of the Joyful mysteries. The Gospel tells us that Jesus was found in the temple listening and questioning the teachers of law. In most commentaries what is projected is guestioning the teachers of law without espousing the aspect of listening. Jesus first of all listened and it is an invitation to each of us to first pay attention to the word of God we hear every day and listen with greater attention before anything. To listen attentively requires an open mind to what we read in the scriptures and the teachings of the church. Jesus also demonstrates to us the value of obedience. When His mother asked why have you done this to us? He responded, "Why were you looking for Me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" Despite the fact that He was trying to find His identity in the temple of God for which purpose He came into the world. He nevertheless followed them back home giving us an example of obedience to parents. Jesus' example in this Gospel is also a challenge for each of us to imbibe the value of obedience even when we think we have to affirm our independence and identity. Jesus knew His identity as One who has come to reveal to us the face of God, at the same time He actualized it through obedience to His parents and to God and that is why St. Paul tells us He was obedient even onto death and death on a cross. May we all learn how to obey God in our lives and all those responsible to us.

I wish you all an amazing Christmas filled with God's love in your families as we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family.

Fr. Tony Okolo

Mass Intentions & Readings

Sun.	Dec	26	Ps 128:1-5 Col 3:12-21	Lk 2:41-52	7:00 am 8:45 am 10:30 am 12:30 pm	Deacon's Orientation Parishioners Sam & Renee Brindis (Pat & Patti Bucchino) Felix Lopez 🕆 (Ricardo Lopez)
Mon	Dec	27	1 Jn 1:1-4	Jn 20:1a, 2-8	8:30 am	St. Padre Pio for all of his intentions 🕆 (Melanie Sarino)
Tues	Dec	28	1 Jn 1:5-2:2	Mt 2:13-18	8:30 am	Silvia Hernandez (Fr. Chauncey & Staff) In Thanksgiving
Wed	Dec	29	1 Jn 2:3-11	Lk 2:22-35	8:30 am 5:30 pm	Maggie Vanderpool ゆ (Paula Levensailor) All those affected by the Tornados
Thurs	Dec	30	1 Jn 2:12-17	Lk 2:36-40	8:30 am	Poor Souls in Purgatory 🕆 (Joe Killoran)
Fri.	Dec	31	1 Jn 2:18-21	Jn 1:1-18	8:30 am	Ma. del Refugio Jaime Rangel 🕆 (Fonseca Family)
					5:30 pm	Julie Meyers 🕆 (Richard & Nora Meyers)
Sat.	Jan	1	Nm 6:22-27 Gal 4:4-7	Lk 2:16-21	8:30 am	Carol Metzger 🕆 (Arlene)
			ls 60:1-6 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6	Mt 2:1-12	4:00 pm 5:45 pm	John Tobin & (The Family) Eleanor & Paul Fraga
Sun.	Jan	2	ls 60:1-6 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6	Mt 2:1-12	7:00 am 8:45 am 10:30 am 12:30 pm	ParishionersDavid Radine



THE SOLEMNITY of MARY MOTHER of GOD

Is a Holy Day of Obligation

Mass Schedule News Years Eve Friday, December 31th, 5:30 pm

News Years Day Saturday, January 1, 2022 8:30 am, 12:15 pm

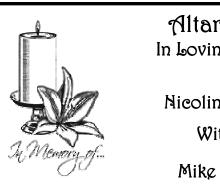
Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm, 5:45 pm Sunday, Jan. 2, 2022 Regular Masses

First Friday Healing Mass

On Friday, January 7, 2022 after the 8:30 am Mass, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated. By celebrating this Sacrament communally, we join together at the Lord's Table praying for those who suffer.



Couples that will be celebrating their Wedding Anniversary during the month of January will have an opportunity to receive a special blessing, at all the Masses celebrated on Saturday, Jan. 1, 2022 and Sunday, Jan. 2, 2022.



Altar Candles In Loving Memory of

Nicolino Carnevale With Love

Mike Carnevale

Wishing Blessings this Holiday season and throughout the new year to you and your families. Let us Rejoice in the Glory of the birth of Christ and celebrate all of the Miracles and Blessings of the Holy Spirit.

Pastoral Council Members Felis Ramírez, Rick Allsup, Israel Amaro, Nubía Betancourt, Bill Meehan, Wally Moore, Margie Snyder

St. Vincent de Paul

St. Vincent de Paul is a Catholic Ministry that is committed to providing assistance to needy families and individuals. In John 15:12, the Lord tells us "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you."

We are thankful for the generous support of all the parishioners of Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church which allows St. Vincent de Paul the ability to continue helping the needy families in Lake Havasu.

Oremus Rosary Maker

Our members make and send over 1000 rosaries per month to missions both here in the United States and all over the world.

Funeral Reception Ministry The funeral reception ministry provides a

reception after funeral services upon request of the grieving family. *****

Rosary Guild

"Our Mission is to help support the family during the loss of a family member by saying the Rosary with the priest or deacon before a Mass."

Soup Kitchen

Three times a week the Soup Kitchen continues to provide hot, healthy and nutritious meals to anyone in need. Serving days are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:00 pm to 5:30pm and Saturdays from 9:30 am to 11:00 am.



We are growing in numbers and in virtues! Your prayers and re-directed taxes are making a difference. Our students are living the virtues of obedience, sincerity and gratitude. We will especially remember you during this Christmas season as the

Christ-child will be adored in our midst. Merry Christmas!

Mary's Prayer Garden

Mary's Prayer Garden is located on the left side of the church as you enter the front of the church. It is also a place to sit and reflect about our loved ones whose names are engraved on the bricks.

Knights of Columbus, St. Thomas More Council 6442

The Knights of Columbus have always worked hard to encourage young men and women to consider God's call to service in the priesthood or religious life. Our goal is to build a stronger sense of unity within the parish and increase our personal connection to the parish.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS - COURT 2213

The purposes of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas is to participate in the religious, charitable and educational Apostolate of the Church. Their motto is "in unity and charity".

Parish Events

January, 2022

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Sat. 1st	11:00 am	Companions on the Journey	
Thurs. 6th	7:00 am	Men's Group	
	6:00 pm	RCIA (Spanish)	
	6:30 pm	RCIA (English)	
Fri. 7th	9:00 am	Break Open the Word	
Sat. 8th	11:00 am	Companions on the Journey	
Thurs. 13th	6:30 pm	RCIA (English)	
Fri. 14th	9:00 am	Break Open the Word	
Sat. 15th	11:00 am	Companions on the Journey	
Thurs. 20th	6:00 pm	RCIA (Spanish)	
	6:30 pm	RCIA (English)	
Fri. 21st	9:00 am	Break Open the Word	
5:30) - 8:30 pm	Sacraments/Reconciliation	
		Retreat	
Sat. 22nd	11:00 am	Companions on the Journey	
8:30 am	- 5:00 pm	Sacraments/Reconciliation	
		Retreat	
Sun. 23rd	10:30 am	Santo Niño Mass	
Thurs. 27th	6:00 pm	RCIA (Spanish)	
	6:30 pm	RCIA (English)	
Fri. 28th	9:00 am	Break Open the Word	
Sat. 29th	11:00 am	Companions on the Journey	

For more information regarding any of the ministries or organizations, contact the Parish Office—928-855-2685.



READ THE GOSPEL & COLOR



The shepherds in the hills around Bethlehem were the first to find out about the birth of Jesus. They were the first to visit the new baby and his family in the stable. The shepherds of the Lord in your life are people who love God and you very much. They praise God and say wonderful things about God. They tell you how good you are. They protect you from evil and harm.

PRAYER

Father, thank you for the shepherds you sent to love and care for me.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

I will be a good shepherd and protect my brother and sister from harm.

O Come, All ye Faithful*

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem; Come and behold him, born the King of angels; O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.

Adéste fidéles, laéti, triumphántes, veníte, veníte in Béthlehem. Natum vidéte, Regem angelórum. Veníte adorémus, veníte adorémus, veníte adorémus Dóminum.

Sing, Choirs of angels, sing in exultation, Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above! Glory to God, all glory in highest; O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.

Cantet nunc aula caeléstium. Gloria, glória, in excélsis Deo. Veníte adorémus, veníte adorémus Dóminum.

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning, Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n; Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing; O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.

Glory to God

Tony Alonso

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, only begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our Prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God almighty Father

Lord Jesus Christ, only begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Psalm 89* Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Psalm 96 Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.

Psalm 98 All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

OFFERTORY SONG

Silent Night* Joseph Mohr

Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright, round yon Virgin Mother and child, holy infant, so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night, Shepherds quake at the sight; Glories stream from heaven afar, Heav'nly hosts sing alleluia; Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ, the Savior, is born!

Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light. Radiant beams from thy holy face, with the dawn of redeeming grace, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

(For those who are not able to receive Communion at this time)

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

William Chatterton Dix

What child is this, who laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping? Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?

Refrain: This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing: haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding? Good Christian, fear: for sinners here the silent word is pleading.

COMMUNION SONGS

Away in a Manger* John T. McFarland

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head. The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay, the little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing; the baby awakes, but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes. I love you, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky, and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay close by me forever, and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear children in your tender care, and fit us for heaven to live with you there.

Angels We Have Heard on High*

Crown of Jesus Music

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains, and the mountains in reply echo back their joyous strains.

Refrain: Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong? Say what the tidings may be, which inspire your heav'nly song.

Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing; come adore, on bended knee, Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.

See him in a manger laid, whom the choirs of angels praise; Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, while our hearts in love we raise.

COMMUNION SONGS

O Holy Night

John P. Kee

O holy night! The stars are brightly shining, it is the night of the dear Savior's birth, long lay the world in sin and error pining, till he appeared and the soul felt his worth. A thrill of hope the weary soul rejoices, for yonder breaks a new and glorious morn; fall on our knees, oh, hear the angel voices! O night divine, O night when Christ was born! O night O holy night O night divine!

Truly he taught us to love one another, His law is love and his gospel peace; chains shall he break, for the slave is our brother, and in his name all oppression shall cease. Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we, let all within us praise his holy name; Christ is the Lord, Oh, praise his name forever! His pow'r and glory evermore proclaim! His pow'r and glory evermore proclaim!

The Angels Sang

Margaret Pleasant Douroux

How precious is the gift God gave to all mankind, there is no greater gift I know you'll ever find.

Refrain: The angels sang hallelujah, glory hallelujah! Peace on earth good will to men; Jesus Christ is born.

God, let this child be born in a manger filled with hay. A bright and shining star showed wise men where he lay.

When that great child was born, his parents loved him so, but when the time had come, they knew that he would go.

God let this child be born to save this world from sin. It was the greatest gift that God could give to men.

CLOSING SONG

Joy to the World

Isaac Watts

Joy to the world! The Lord has come: let earth receive her King: let every heart prepare him room. And heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world! The Savior reigns: let us our songs employ: while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace: and makes the nations prove, the glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love.

*Children's Mass Only

CANTO DE ENTRADA

Venid Fieles Todos

Cesáreo Gabaráin.

Venid fieles todos, llenos de contento, venid presurosos, a Belén llegad. Hoy ha nacido el Rey de los cielos.

Venid y adoremos, venid y adoremos, venid y adoremos al Rey de paz.

Ved cómo noche, unos pastorcillos, dejando al ganado, vienen al portal; También nosotros, al recién nacido.

Hay que construir el reino de justicia, paz y amor, construyendo un mundo nuevo mientras vuelva el Redentor.

Salmo 83 Señor, dichosos los que vienen a tu casa.

CANTO DE OFERTORIO

En el taller de Nazaret Cesáreo Gabaráin

En el taller de Nazaret, pequeño y pobre taller, en su labor está José y el niño quiere aprender.

Labora y canta la esposa del carpintero, y el mundo entero sonríe y canta también.

En el taller de Nazaret, pequeño y pobre taller. Silencio y paz, amor y fe, Jesús, María y José.

En el taller de Nazaret, pequeño y pobre taller, verás a Dios jugar, crecer, rezar y obedecer

Oración a San Miguel Arcángel

San Miguel Arcángel, defiéndenos en la lucha; sé nuestro amparo contra la maldad y asechanzas del demonio.

Pedimos suplicantes que Dios lo mantenga bajo su imperio; y tu, Príncipe de la milicia celestial, arroja al infierno, con el poder divino, a Satanás y a los otros espíritus malvados que andan por el mundo para la perdición de las almas. Amén.

CANTO DE COMUNIÓN

Vamos todos a Belén

Tradicional

Vamos todos a Belén con amor y gozo; adoremos al Señor nuestro Redentor.

Derrama una estrella divino dulzor, hermosa doncella nos da al Salvador.

La Noche fue día, un ángel bajó, nadando entre luces, que así nos habló.

Felices pastores, la dicha triunfó; el cielo se rasga, la vida nació.

Felices suspiros mi pecho dará y ardiente mi lengua tu amor cantará.

CANTO DE SALIDA

Santa María de la Esperanza Juan A. Espinoza

Santa María de la esperanza, mantén el ritmo de nuestra espera, mantén el ritmo de nuestra espera.

Nos diste al esperado de los tiempos, mil veces prometido en los profetas. Y nosotros de nuevo deseamos que vuelva a repetirnos sus promesas.

Brillaste como aurora del gran día, plantaba Dios su tienda en nuestro suelo. Y nosotros soñamos con su vuelta, queremos la llegada de su Reino.

ORACIÓN PARA HACER UNA COMUNIÓN ESPIRITUAL (Para aquellos que no pueden recibir la comunión en este momento)

Creo Señor mío que éstas realmente presente en el Santísimo Sacramento del altar. Te amo sobre todas las cosas y deseo ardientemente recibirte dentro de mi alma; pero, no pudiendo hacerlo ahora sacramentalmente, ven al menos espiritualmente a mi corazón. Y como si te hubiese recibido, me abrazo y me uno todo a Ti; Oh Señor, no permitas que me separe de Ti. Amen.

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