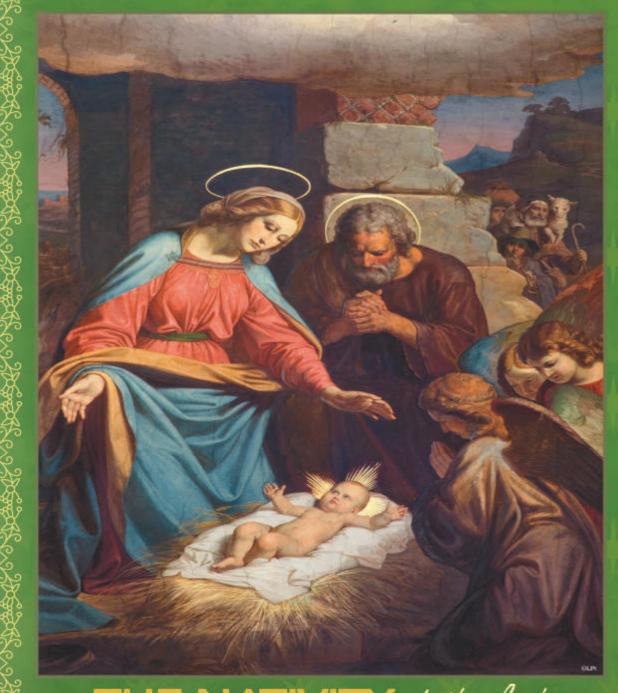
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THE NATIVITY of the Lord

"For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord." - Lk 2:11

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Readings for the week of December 26, 2020

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/

Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6,

9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/

Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/

Mt 2:13-18

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/

Lk 2:22-35

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/

Lk 2:36-40

Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/

Jn 1:1-18

Saturday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/

Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11,

12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

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Adoration

As the Shepherds and Magi traveled to pay homage and worship this new born Messiah, can you come humbly before Him present on our Altar in the Blessed Sacrament.

Mondays 9 a.m.—6 p.m.



Adoration will be held in the Pope St. John Paull II chapel on December 27th and January 3rd.



Deadline for the January 2nd bulletin is Tuesday, December 21st at 9:00 a.m.



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Grace and peace to the Church of Sacred Heart and Holy Rosary,

It is with heartfelt joy that Fr. Charles, Deacon Warren, Deacon Tomasz (soon to be Fr. Tomasz), the parish staff, and myself, wish you and yours a holy and richly blessed Christmas season! For weeks we have reflected on waiting, dreaming, healing, and promise. Waiting and working for peace by embracing God's love for us and others. **Dreaming** that leads to actions that make the desires of God real in 2022. **Healing** that invites us to be a healing presence to others—especially our family. And **God's promise** to be "God-with-us" and present in our everyday...yes, even now as you read this letter!

How have we done? How have these challenges helped us to mature in the faith and to bring hope to others in 2021? What stands out in your life that has truly aided you to "judge wisely the things of earth and hold firm to the things of heaven"? Will this Christmas holyday be incarnate in you as you "find yourself watchful in prayer and exultant in praise"? My prayer is that we have all fallen in love with God again and with love himself, Jesus, our Savior.

I remember a prayer I uttered during Covid, especially at its peak, "God, please protect us and when you deliver us from this scourge help us never to forget the wisdom gained at such a great price." Here are the gifts we can all be grateful for as we adore the One whose birth we celebrate.

Thank you God that we can gather, worship, and pray this Christmas.

Praise you God for allowing us to be able to be with family and friends.

Thanks be to God for prayers answered and prayers postponed.

Bless you God for your love and the support of our community when we laid one to rest who died from Covid or any other affliction this past year.

Thanks God for all the gifts we take for granted. Help us to be everappreciative for all the little things that we call "life".

Thanks be to God for the Gift of Christmas love. Give us the courage to share it with wild abandon. Sacred Heart and Holy Rosary you are loved!

Merry Christmas to all,

Fr. Ken





The Nativity of the Lord

"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.

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Natividad de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo

¡Feliz Navidad a todos los hombres y mujeres del mundo, que aún creen a pesar de todo lo que han sufrido por la pandemia, Dios está presente entre nosotros! "Juan dio testimonio de él; dijo muy fuerte: Del yo hablaba al decir: El que ha venido detrás de mí ya está delante de mí, porque era antes que yo" (Juan 1:15). Uno de tantos regalos que la Navidad nos trae es muy peculiar: dar testimonio y ser testigos del amor de Dios en este tiempo que estamos viviendo. Otro regalo es la paz, sí, esa paz que tanto necesitamos en la familia, en la sociedad y en nuestro corazón, para poder cantar como los ángeles y los pastores: "Gloria a Dios en lo más alto del cielo y en la tierra paz a los hombres; ésta es la hora de su gracia" (Lucas 2:14).

Cada Navidad, Dios nos habla por medio de su Hijo, y esta no es la excepción. Felices todas las personas que de buen agrado y con el corazón abierto aceptan todas sus gracias. Felices todos los que en esta Navidad son mensajeros de la Buena Nueva de Dios, en la familia, en la escuela, en el trabajo y en la sociedad. "Qué hermoso es ver correr sobre los montes al mensajero que anuncia la paz, al mensajero que trae la buena nueva, que pregona la salvación" (Isaías 52:7). ¿Qué gracias y regalos recibiste en esta Navidad? ¿Qué anuncias tú, y a quién se lo anuncias? ¡Feliz Navidad y un abrazo de paz!

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HAPPY CHRISTMAS – England

Buon Natale – Italy

Joyeaux Noel - France

Nodlaig Shona Dhuit - Ireland

Frohliche Weihnachten – German

Boze Narodzenie – Poland Felices Pascuas – Spain

Feliz Navidad – Latin American

Sikukuu Njema Ya – Africa

Chuc mung Giang Sinh – Vietnam

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Mass Location

Mass will be celebrated in the chapel on Tuesdays and Wednesdays <u>beginning January 4</u>. Daily Mass will continue to be celebrated in the church on Monday and Thursday. Adoration will be held in the church during the school year to allow for students to attend. <u>Mass on Monday, January 3, will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m. Adoration will be in the Pope St. John Paul II chapel.</u>



Volunteers Needed

We would like to see our Children's Church return to the 10:30 a.m. Mass. We are in need of several volunteers to work together in helping

spread the Word of God to our young ones. Please prayerfully consider volunteering for this ministry. Contact the Parish Office for more information or to volunteer.

Happy Birthday to all of our December babies who were born this week:

May God bless you with good health and happiness for many years to come!

Sun., December 26

Jessica Amaya Candi Dossett Elaine Molaison Marsha Nicovich

Mon., December 27

Julianna Calabrese Penny Holbert Alexander Kozlowski Matthew Patrolia Phillip Patrolia Wyatt Wiest Eric Zepeda

Tues., December 28

Kayla Capetillo Neely Harrington Reyna Lucas John Malone Timothy Roberts Angus VanOrsdol

Wed., December 29

Carl Dean Michael Forster Harold Hensarling Javier Marroquin Laurel Raborn Rodrigo Rodriguez Deborah Rowell

Thurs., December 30

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Fri., December 31

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Tony Creppel III
Aaron Lin
Marty Moe
Vivian Phongam
JR Russell
Lialy Tran

Prayer at Christmas

Lord, on this Christmas Day, in the midst of the joy of our celebrations, help us recall what is truly important about this day.

In the midst of opening presents, help us remember the love that each gift represents.

In the midst of Christmas dinner, help us remember that you are the source of all life.

In the midst of family gatherings, help us remember that you are the fullness of all joy.

And in the midst of Christmas Mass, help us remember the supreme act of love, sacrifice and humility that we celebrate on this Christmas day when your Son came as a helpless, unknown baby and grew to be the life and light of the world.

Amen.

KC Council 1908

Knights of Columbus, Council 1908 is pleased to recognize well-deserving Knights and families from Sacred Heart!

Knight of the Month, December 2021:

Lamar Evans

Family of the Month, December 2021:

Eric and Linda Breithaupt

Live the Liturgy

It was the best of times and it was the worst of times. Our families can bring out the best and the worst in us. This is true of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our church, our society, and the like. In all of our family experiences, what stands out as our most challenging memory? Everything human can be found on the pages of family life. But there is also a Divine story to be discovered as well. When life gets difficult and perplexing, today's Feast of the Holy Family stands to remind us that it is not just by human effort that we tread treacherous waters. We have to remember and learn from the Divine effort too. We need this perspective if our love lessons are going to be learned completely and well. We are all works in progress and we all come from homes that are broken by imperfection. In whatever life brings us and in whatever family we find ourselves, may the promptings we feel toward faith and hope lead us to greater love.

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MASS INTENTIONS ÍNTENCÍONES DE LAS MISAS

Mon., Dec. 27, 8:15 a.m. NO MASS Adoration in the chapel Tues., Dec. 28, 8:15 a.m. Shirley Laube Wed., Dec. 29, 8:15 a.m. †Bill Bryson Thurs., Dec. 30, 8:30 a.m. †Arlyn Trussell Sat., Jan. 1, 4:00 p.m. †Fr. John Basty Sun., Jan. 2, 8:00 a.m. †Janie Grayson Sun., Jan. 2, 10:30 a.m. Calvin Authement & The Diaconate Class of 2022 Sun., Jan. 2, 1:30 p.m. Sacred Heart Parishioners Sun., Jan. 2, 4:00 p.m. Sacred Heart Parishioners

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Mon., Dec. 27	St. Stanislaus For Retired, Extern &
1,1011., Dec. 27	Deceased Priests, Brothers,
	& Deacons
Tues., Dec. 28	†Bishop Joseph Howze
	†Bishop Roger Morin
Wed., Dec. 29	For Our Deacons
	& Deacon Candidates
Thurs., Dec. 30	For Our Seminarians
Fri., Dec. 31	Fr. Ken Ramón-Landry
	Fr. Charles K. Arthur

Prayers For Our Sick Oración Por los Enfermos

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For all who are sick The Souls in Purgatory

The Symbols of Christmas

Créche: Tradition has it that St. Francis of Assisi made the first créche scene around the year 100 CE when he realized that the people had lost sight of the real meaning of Christmas in this little village in Italy. During Advent, the manager should be absent or empty—no baby Jesus. Add the baby Christmas Eve. Add the Magi on the feast of the Epiphany. In Matthew's Gospel, the Magi came to the house where the young child was when Jesus would have been almost two years old. (Matthew 2:11)

Angel: The word "angel" means "messenger." The angel Gabriel appeared to Mary with the message that she would bear God's Son. Angels also came to tell the shepherds of Jesus' birth and; therefore, are also important Christmas symbols.

Christmas Lights and Candles: Lights are a symbol that many religions share at this time of year. For Jews, the Festival of Lights, Hanukkah, is celebrated by lighting the lamp stands (menorah) in the synagogue and in their homes. For Christians, of course, the light of the world is Jesus Christ. (John 8:12)

Candy Canes, Shepherds and Sheep: A candy cane is a reminder of the shepherd's staff. The shepherds, who represent the poor and the outcast, were the first to hear the old news and visit the newborn Messiah.

Bells: For centuries bells hung high in church steeples. They were used to announce special occasions and good news. Christmas bells symbolize the good news of Jesus' birth.

Stockings: A bishop names Nicholas, who lived about 325 in what is now Turkey, gave a gift of money to a needy family. When he tossed the gold coins in the window late one night, legend has it that some of them landed in the stockings that had been hung to dry in front of the fireplace. People hang stockings and hope Saint Nicholas or the spirit of Saint Nicholas will visit them, too.

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