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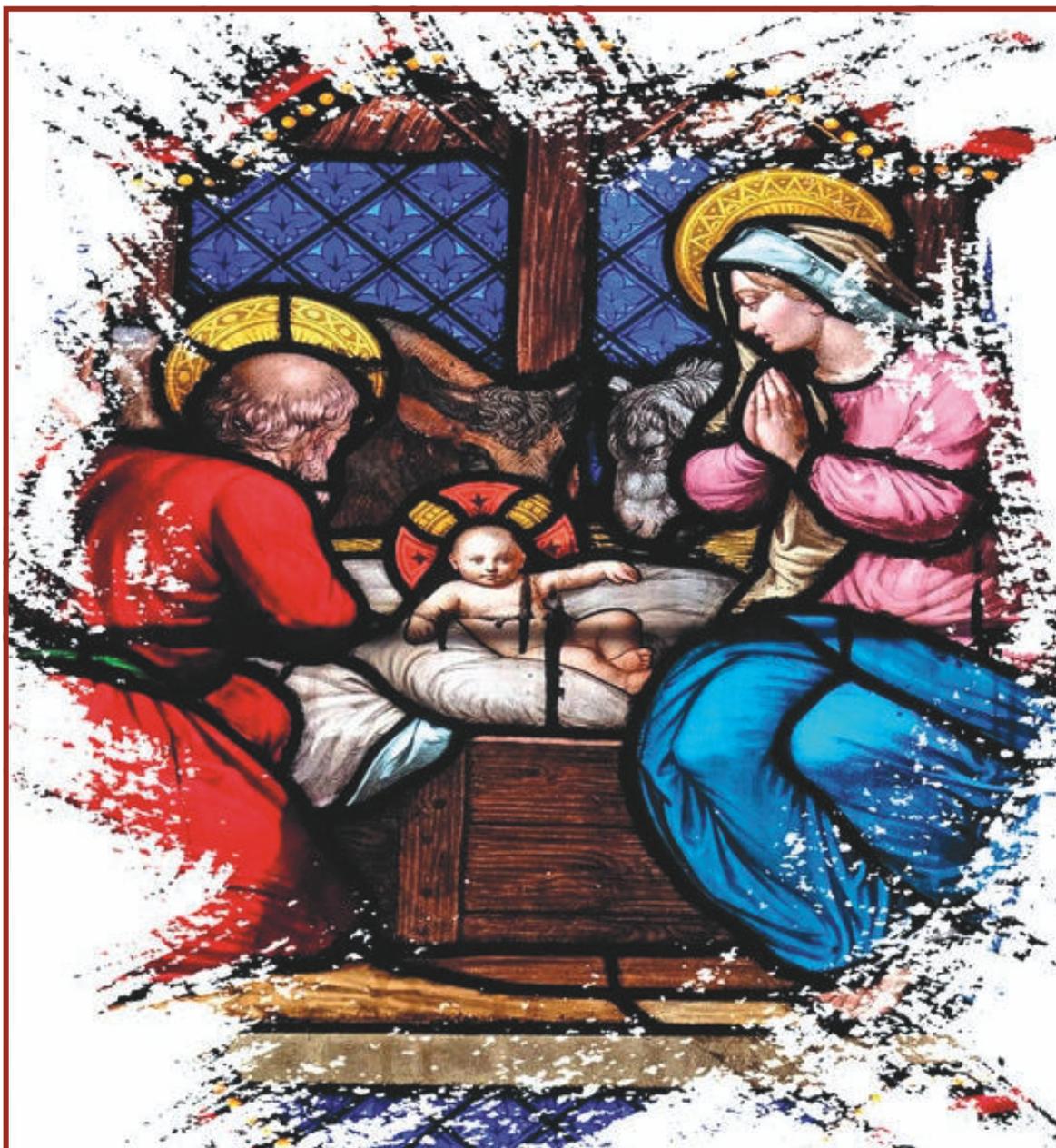
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The Nativity of the Lord



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And the Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. Jn 1:14

LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

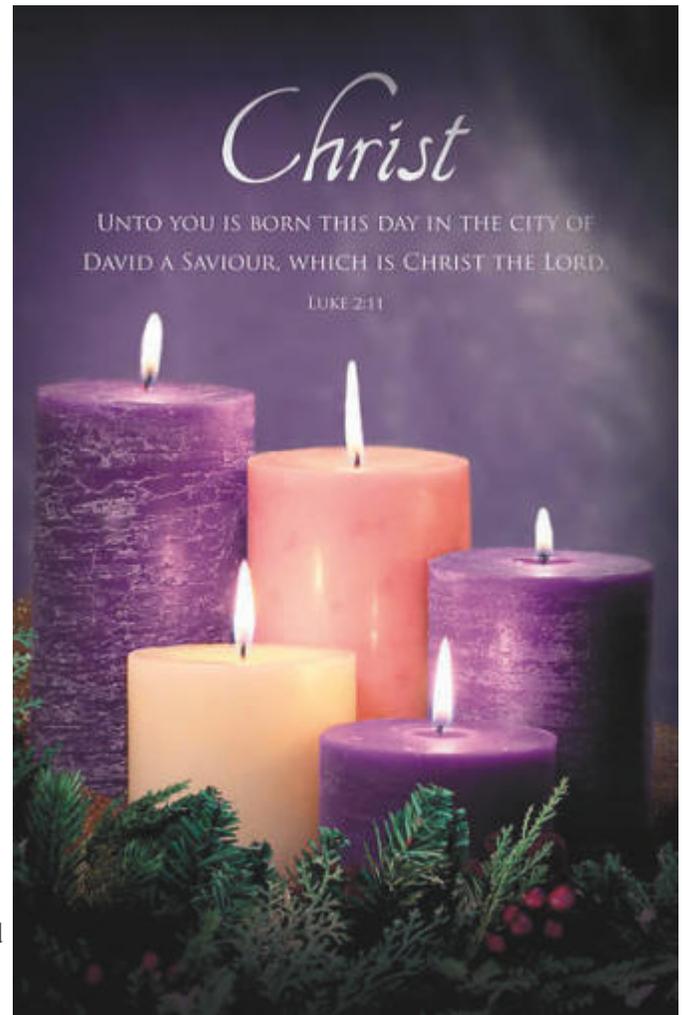
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“He so loved us that for our sake He was made man in time, through Whom all times were made; was in the world less in years than His servants, though older than the world itself in His eternity; was made man, Who made man; was created of a mother, 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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Mass Schedule

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Sunday, December 26 - Mass at 8:30am and 11am

New Year's Eve

Friday, December 31 - Mass at 4pm

Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Saturday, January 1, 2022 - Mass at 4pm

The Epiphany of the Lord

Sunday, January 2, 2022 - Mass at 8:30am and 11am

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GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGING A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF GOD

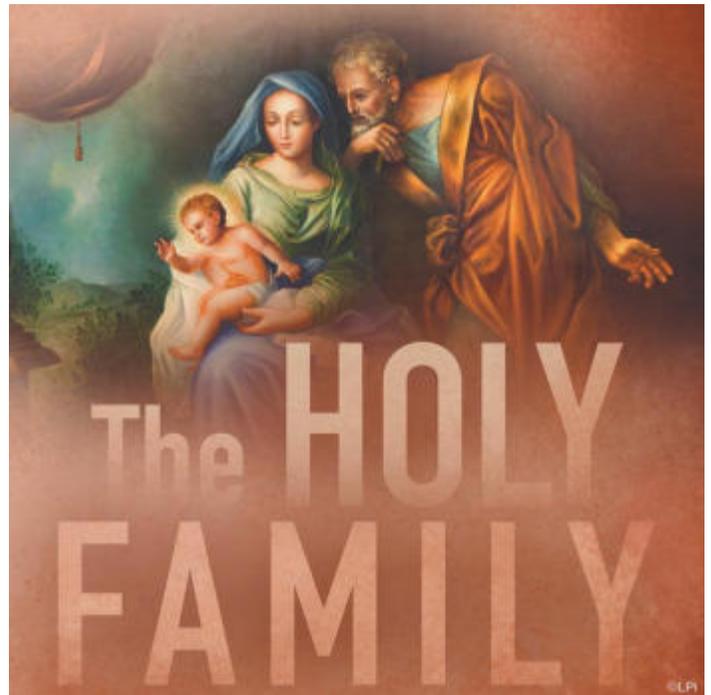
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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Families can be very difficult things to negotiate. This is true not only of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our Church, our society, and our global family as well. Everything human can be found in family stories. Those stories speak of wonderful life-giving successes as well as painful spirit-robbing abuses. Our greatest joys and our greatest wounds are usually connected with the experience of family. Our needs, experiences, and unresolved baggage often color what we bring to our familiar relationships. They contribute to our level of defensiveness, how guarded and protected we become, and what prejudices we believe.

In order to break the cycle of dysfunction we have to remember that it is not only by human effort that we negotiate the difficult and challenging events of our lives. There is a Divine Effort at work as well. For sure, the human effort can create quite a mess and easily destroy lives. This is true of any family with which we are associated. Today's Feast of the Holy Family serves to help us understand that there is a Divine Story being told as well. It is a story of perseverance in the face of hardship, determination in the face of despair, healing when we see nothing but wounds, and light where there is darkness.

Do we believe that God is always working, guiding, restoring, and leading? Unless we do, we will never be free from the imperfections and wounds that bind us and never be able to understand what it really means to forgive. Pope Francis tells us that the "light which comes from the Holy Family encourages us to offer human warmth to other families." While this is most certainly true, we can only really begin to do this when we realize that we are still works in progress, not anchored to the wounds and sins of our past, and still a leading star in God's continually unfolding story of love. The Holy Family persevered and radiated warmth because they knew they were not alone. We can too. ©LPi



Readings of the Week

Readings for the week of December 26, 2021

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

Masses of the Week

Masses for the week of December 26, 2021

Sunday: The Holy Family
Monday: St. John, Apostle and Evangelist
Tuesday: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
Wednesday: St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr
Thursday: Mass of the Day
Friday: St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve
Saturday: New Year's Day; Mary, The Holy Mother of God; World Day of Peace
Next Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord; Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

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Office Hours

Monday - Thursday - 9:30am - 1:30pm
Friday - 9:30am - 12 noon

Religious Formation News

Kimberly Jacob: Parish Catechetical Leader & Youth Minister

Have a Blessed and Merry Christmas.

A great time was had by all at our annual youth Christmas party! We prayed, played games, ate, and many prizes were given out.

A huge thank you to all who contributed to our Giving Tree this year. There were over three hundred tags on the tree and all tags were taken, the families are very grateful.

Religious Formation:

We are on winter break, classes resume on Tuesday, January 11th.

Middle School Formation:

The next time we meet is on Friday, January 14th at 7:00pm.

High School Ministry:

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, January 5th from 6-8pm.

Dates to mark on your calendar:

Wednesday, January 19th- Martin Luther King service project at 6pm for middle and high school

Sunday, February 6th- **RISE Detroit** will be an all-day event for high school aged students at Mercy high school!

January:

5th – high school meeting

11th – religious formation classes resume at 4:40pm

12th – high school meeting

14th – middle school session at 7:00pm for students

Quote of the Week: "Therefore, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and constraints, for the sake of Christ; for when I am weak, then I am strong!" ~ II Corinthians 12:10

If you should have comments, questions, or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me via e-mail kjacob.stronald@gmail.com or call 792-1276, ext. 226.



YOUTH MINISTRY CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION!



**Oh come let us adore Him!
Merry Christmas from the St. Ronald Altar Sodality!**



***The St. Ronald Sisters In Spirit Ladies Group
wish you and your family a Merry Christmas!***



Onto us a Child is Born! Happy Holidays from the Men's Club



St Ronald Chapter of St Vincent de Paul Society



This year our St Vincent de Paul Chapter was able to help 13 families by providing bags full of groceries and gift cards to local grocery stores at Thanksgiving and at Christmas. The Chapter provides assistance to those in need in the area with food, shelter, and furniture throughout the year.



Jesus Christ is Born!

Merry Christmas! There is something sacred about sun when it dances upon a field of newly iced snow. Lights and colors bounce around in myriad ways flashing prisms of beauty as if in tune with the rhythm of a melodic dance. The Word became flesh and now dwells among us. Humanity can now dance. We sparkle with the beauty and radiance of God and can now walk through life with confidence knowing that we have been divinely kissed. It is a sacred moment, a holy marriage between God and His sons and daughters. All is bright and all is well. Today we celebrate who we are in Christ and rest safely in God's care. God's presence, revealed in the humble birth of His Son, dances in our hearts, calling us to beauty, truth, purpose, and love. Today we know, without doubt, that we are not the product of the rambling offerings of a universe that created itself. We are loved, treasured, and blessed. We have a Savior who can show us the way. Accept him. ©LPi

The Beauty of Families!

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. ©LPi

LITURGICAL ROLES

Jan 1st & 2nd	Saturday, 4pm	Sunday, 8:30am	Sunday, 11:00am
Sacristan	Bill Pantalone	Sandra Butler	Larry Young
Ushers	Phillip Vallelunga Max Adani Cindy Neiman	Ann Burnett Mike Bellardi Pat Sicken	Mike Lutz Michelle Toerper Jan Chrzan
Lector	JoAnna Sheen	Chris Dalida	Joe Kosmala
Eucharistic Minister	Jim Karam (P)	Jackie Wallace (P)	Mary Lutz (P)

Pray for our Troops

*Keep our troops and their families
in your prayers.*

*Also, remember all those who fought
and lost their lives for our freedom.*



*Senior Airman Chayse Anderer
Sgt. Veronica Camacho
Dominic DeYonker
Sgt. Nicholas Finn
Pfc. David Flachsmann Jr.
Sgt. Michael Fournier
Spc. Robert Fournier
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Joshua McBarnes
Sgt. Sean McDowell
Pfc. Amber Mueller
Sgt. Jacob O'Dowd
George Revenaugh
LCpl Ryan Ritthaler
IT2 Andrew Severini
LCP Joseph M. Zelek*

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Dec 25, 10am - The Nativity of the Lord

+Dawn Grahan requested by DeJnckheere Family
+JoAnn Patamia requested by Consalvo Family
+Raymond, Joseph, Marc Comtois requested by Family
+Lionel Barger, Sr. requested by Arlette Barger

Sunday, Dec 26, 8:30am -

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

+Joseph Konopka requested by Cindy Nieman
For Helen Konopka requested by Cindy Nieman
For Baby Henry and Baby Lucy requested by Cindy Neiman
For Souls in purgatory requested by Cindy Nieman

Sunday, Dec 26, 11am -

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

+Elizabeth Guarnieri requested by Kathy Whitworth
For Marquita and Jerry McGraw on their 62nd Anniversary

Monday, Dec 27 - No Mass

Tuesday, Dec 28, 9am Mass

+Ohoria and Marco Paolini requested by Maria D'Agostini
+JoAnn Patamia requested by the Consalvo Family

Wednesday, Dec 29, 9am Mass

+Fred Devleeshouwer requested by Family
+Francesca Schmidt requested by her Sister, Marge

Thursday, Dec 30, 9am Mass

+ Ohoria and Marco Paolini requested by Maria D'Agostini
+Lionel Barger, Sr. requested by Arlette Barger

Friday Dec 31, 4pm Mass - New Year's Eve

+JoAnn Patamia requested by Family
+Dawn Graham requested by DeJonckheere Family

For Souls in purgatory requested by Sera Shields

Saturday, Jan 1, 10am -

Mary, Mother of God (New Year's Day)

+Jim Kurtz requested by his Sister and Family

Sunday, Jan 2, 8:30am - Epiphany of the Lord

+Joseph Konopka requested by Cheri and Nick Stanziola

Sunday, Jan 2, 11am - Epiphany of the Lord

+Doug Podgorski requested by Family
For the Parishioners and Guests of St. Ronald Parish

Pray for our Sick

Josephine Blunk
Michael Bolter
James Cichocki
William Cichocki
Fran Davis
Anna DelVillano
Carol Goyette
Chris Kleist

Kelly Kleist
Darlene Kleist
Richard
Kowalewski
Paul Kushner
Anne Lanivich
Irene Lorkowski
Gus Malmberg

Carol Matson
Don McGraw
Molly McGraw
Thomas Rooney
Jerry Schmidt
Larry Young

Celebrating the Year of St. Joseph



*Our deepest sympathy to the family of
Robert Strimpel
whose Funeral Mass was
celebrated at our parish.*





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