



**MERRY
CHRISTMAS**

**2021
GESU DETROIT**

RCIA Announcement

RCIA is off to a great start this year! Fr. Jeff Dorr, SJ and Sr. Janice Brown are looking for Gesu parishioners that are willing to help with RCIA including sponsoring catechumen. Please prayerfully consider and contact Fr. Jeff if you are interested by phone or email at dorr.j@gesudetroit.org



12/25/2021 (Saturday) Christmas Day - 10:30 AM
 12/25/2021 (Saturday) – NO 5:00 PM mass
 12/26/2021 (Sunday) – Normal schedule 8 AM and 10:30 AM
 12/31/ 2021 (Friday) New Year's Eve - 5:30 PM
 1/1/2022 (Saturday) New Year's Day — 5:00 PM

All masses will be held in the church.

Holiday Cards for the Sick

The Ministry to the Sick Committee is asking you to send Christmas and Holiday greetings to parishioners on the sick, home bound and nursing home lists in the Gesu News. Choose as many names as you would like. There are blank cards in the Social Area for your use. If you do not have the address, you may place the ADDRESSED AND STAMPED CARDS in the designated box in the Social Area. A member of the committee will collect the card for address completion and mailing. Some addresses may be available in the Gesu Directory. PLEASE consider making this a monthly blessing to our parishioners who are unable to be with us."

Contribution Envelopes

Envelopes are now in the social area of the church. Please contact the parish if you need them mailed.

So we can best serve all parishioners and ensure we meet publication deadlines, articles for the bulletin and Gesu Electronic Updates must be submitted at least 14 days prior to the publication date. Mass announcements should be received 7 days in advance. Request for mass announcements, electronic updates and the bulletin should be submitted via email and sent to communications@gesudetroit.org

Sowers of the Seed

Where Do We Find Joy?

Peter Wolf



The Nativity of the Lord

"The people who walked in darkness/ have seen a great light..." The writers of Isaiah wrote this 700 years before Jesus was born. They reflected on the state of the community at that time and much of what they were witnessing appears to remain present in our world today.

In many ways we live in times of darkness. Darkness in the violence in the streets, schools, and homes. Darkness when substances control our lives. Darkness when facing the diagnosis of dementia or memory loss. Darkness when the future of our planet appears to be in question.

Yet darkness did not consume them and neither should it consume us. They saw a great light and received abundant joy. The gospel of Luke reflects a similar outcome of joy when the angel spoke to the frightened shepherds "...I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all people." Here lies the thread of reflection between the readings. The connection is joy. But where do we find joy?

Tucker Redding S.J writes "God's plan defies human expectations..." Applying Redding's insight, we least expect joy coming into this world among the poor shepherds, in a barn with animals, and, like all of us, through the painful birthing ritual. In spite of his meager and very human entrance, Jesus brings us joy.

Joy surrounds us. We find joy in holding an infant. Joy is making a Gratitude Journal noting all that we appreciate. Joy is a pet that loves unconditionally. Joy is spending time with family either near in person or far via virtual platforms. Joy is making homemade gifts instead of searching for the perfect toys online.

We celebrate this week the image of Jesus as an infant, a source of joy and light in the darkness. Merry Christmas – may you find joy in your life.
 Peter Wolf

The mission of Sowers of the Seed is to deepen parishioners' relationship with God, the Word and the parish community. We would love to hear if you have read this SOS article and if it touched your spirit in any way. Please reply by text if possible to 248 225-0564. God bless.

MASS INTENTIONS

December 26- Viola Lynn Wilson (Gesu)
 December 27- Marion Fellrath (by Carolyn Price)
 December 28- Marge & Charlie Sears (Gesu)
 December 29- June Porter (Gesu)
 December 30- TBD

+ Indicates Deceased

*Mass offered by Gesu for those on the prayer list

If you would like to have a mass offered for a loved one please contact the parish office. The suggested donation is \$10

Hello Visitors,

You are welcome! Reflecting the welcome that Jesus Christ offers to all, Gesu Parish welcomes every person to seek full participation in our parish community and within the Body of Christ. We believe that all are worthy of respect and love, because all are created in the image of God. Our welcome is not limited by a person's age, sex, race, cultural background, physical or mental health or ability, sexual orientation, gender identity, social or economic situation, marital status, or faith background. We do not seek to erase our differences. Rather, we lovingly embrace the rich and unique dimensions within each of us, as we strive to grow together in holiness. This is the wholeness of life. Moving with as much understanding, compassion, and humility as we can, we journey together in a safe, positive and nurturing environment, beyond tolerance, toward mutual respect, in grateful celebration of God's creation.

If you are interested in joining our church please call our parish center office at 313-862-4400 or register online under the "contact" tab.

God Bless,

Gesu Parish Community

Holiday Office Hours

The Parish Center will be closed Friday, December 24-31, 2021
 The parish center will reopen Monday, January 3, 2022

Where is Christ in Your Life?

If you are interested in sharing a written personal testimony about where Christ is in your life to the Gesu community please send an email to: communications@gesudetroit.org.

Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory. (Colossians 3:2-4)



Sign Up for the Gesu Electronic Update by scanning this code.
 OR
 Call the Gesu Parish Center

**Gesu Church
 MISSION STATEMENT**

"We worship joyfully and serve humbly as the Spirit leads us."

Church Office & Mailing Address
 17180 Oak Drive, Detroit, 48221
 Phone: (313) 862-4400
 Email: info@gesudetroit.org
 Website: www.gesudetroit.com

Summer Office Hours

Monday through Thursday : 9am - 4pm Closed Friday

Pastor	Fr. Phillip Cooke, S. J.
Associate Pastor	Fr. Jeff Dorr, S. J.
Director of Operations	James Hart
Director of Finance (Interim)	Jerry Nardecchia
Dir. of Mission & Engagement	Christina Hall
School Principal	Brian O'Rourke
Parish Council Chair	Curt Klueg
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Worship Commission Chair	Allen Jones
Christian Service Chair	Rosa Tinetti
CGS Director	Laura Silveri
Parish Life Chair	June Porter
Adult Faith Formation	Pat Jones
School Board Chair	Leticia Sampson

Celebration of the Eucharist

Weekday Mass:	Monday through Friday, 5:30 pm
Weekends:	Saturday, 5:00 pm Sunday, 8:00 am & 10:30 am
Secular Holidays:	Mass at 9:30
Holy Days:	Mass at 5:30 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday's 4:00-4:45 pm in the church
 Or by appointment with the Pastor

Emergency After Hour Number for Priest
 call 313-915-0068.

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 17139 Oak Drive, Detroit, 48221
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Please pray for those asking for our prayers

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Dan Mioduszewski	Clarice Hardaway
Mellowees Hart	Mia Lamb
Shirlee Sullivan	Rita Pavlosky
Ann Kerwin	Sylvia Scales
Judy Betts	Juana Salinas
Eugene Gray	Gabrielle Jordan
Mare Creer	Carol Stanley
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