

# Genesis Vicariate Newsletter



### *From the Vicar,*

Although the Incarnation took place in Nazareth, at the Annunciation, 9 months before Bethlehem, it is Bethlehem—the first Christmas—that captures our imagination about God becoming our brother. God is now visible, palpable, accessible—all in the little package of a cute baby. The Almighty has become all-helpless perhaps so that our hearts will be touched to come to Him for salvation. “God is great because He can become small” Pope Benedict XVI once said.

Omnipotence lies hidden in a baby but only those who humble themselves discover it. The entrance to the Bethlehem Church of Nativity, which houses the birth spot of the Savior, is barely higher than 4-feet high and is called the “Door of Humility” as a reminder that if we don’t humble ourselves we will never understand the Mystery of Christ and Christmas. “No one, whether shepherd or wise man, can approach God here below except by kneeling before the manger at Bethlehem and adoring Him hidden in the weakness of a newborn child.” (*Catechism*, n. 563) St. Francis of Assisi was awed by the humility of God. He who “*emptied Himself and took the form of a slave being born in the likeness of men. He was known to be of human estate, and it was thus that He humbled Himself*” (Phil. 2:7-8), is captivating because He is a god who doesn’t “lord” it over others but beckons by the gentle persuasion of love and humility. When Saint Pope John Paul II was in Bethlehem for the Jubilee year 2000, in his homily he said, “The great mystery of divine self-emptying, the work of our redemption unfolding in weakness: this is no easy truth. The Savior was born in the night in the darkness, in the silence and poverty of the cave of Bethlehem.”

So how will we, spiritually, make ourselves small so the Savior can use us to help save people in this dark and weary world? “*Amen, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will not enter the Kingdom of Heaven.*” (Mt. 18:3) Will we? **MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

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### **The Catholic Church of St. Moses the Black - 3rd Annual Valentine’s Day Dinner-Dance**

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### **PRAYER FOR FAMILIES IN FLIGHT**

Please join us on the first Saturdays of each month, February through June, to pray in solidarity with those fleeing from war, violence, hunger, and fear. All ages welcome. 10-11 AM at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament. February 1, March 7, April 4, May 2, and June 6. Questions can be addressed to Sr. Rosemarie at 313-869-2160.

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**The Next Genesis Vicariate Rep Meeting: Monday, January 27, 6:30 PM at Our Lady Queen of Apostles**

# Genesis Vicariate Directory

Bp. Donald Hanchon, Regional Moderator (313) 596-7444  
 Father Alex Kratz, Vicar  
 (313) 727-9784

## Assumption Grotto

**Pastor, Rev. Eduard P. Perrone**  
 13770 Gratiot Ave., Detroit, MI 48205  
 (313) 372-0762 ~ FAX (313) 372-2064  
 grottoecore@ameritech.net  
 www.assumptiongrott.com  
 Saturday ~ 7:30 am (Latin), 4 pm  
 Sunday ~ 9:30 am (Latin), 12 pm

## Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament

**Pastor, Rev. J.J. Mech**  
 9844 Woodward, Detroit, MI 48202  
 (313) 865-6300 ~ FAX (313) 867-4613  
 cathedral@aod.org  
 Saturday ~ 8 am, Sunday ~ 11 am

## St. Moses the Black

**Pastor, Rev. Marko Djonovic**  
 1125 Oakman Blvd., Detroit, MI 48238  
 (313) 868-4308 ~ FAX (313) 868-9771  
 Sunday ~ 10 am

## Our Lady Queen of Apostles

**Pastor, Rev. Janusz Iwan**  
 3851 Prescott, Hamtramck, MI 48212  
 (313) 891-1520 ~ FAX (313) 891-3552  
 qofaparish1917@gmail.com  
 queenofapostlesparish.org  
 Saturday ~ 5:30 pm (English)  
 Sunday ~ 8 am (English), 9:30 am (Polish)

## St. Hyacinth

**Pastor, Rev. Janusz Iwan**  
 3151 Farnsworth, Detroit, MI 48211  
 (313) 922-1507 ~ FAX (313) 922-2459  
 Saturday ~ 4 pm  
 Sunday ~ 11:15 am

## Our Lady Queen of Heaven – Good Shepherd Catholic Community

**Pastor, Rev. Michael C. Nkachukwu**  
**Associate Pastor, Rev. Tyrone Robinson**  
 8200 Rolyat, Detroit, MI 48234  
 (313) 891-4553 ~ FAX (313) 891-5782  
 ladyofgoodshepherd@att.net  
 www.ourladyofgoodshepherd.net  
 Saturday ~ 4 pm  
 Sunday ~ 10 am

## St. Florian

**Pastor, Rev. Mirosław Frankowski, SCh**  
 2626 Poland, Hamtramck, MI 48212  
 (313) 871-2778 ~ FAX (313) 871-5947  
 office@stflorianparish.org  
 www.stflorianparish.org  
 Sunday ~ 10:30 am (Polish) 12:30 pm (English)

## St. Ladislaus Chapel

2730 Caniff, Hamtramck, MI 48212  
 Saturday ~ 4 pm (English)  
 Sunday ~ 9 am (Polish), 6:30 pm (Polish)

## St. John Paul II


**Pastor, Rev. Andrew Wesley**  
 5830 Simon K, Detroit, MI 48212  
 (313) 305-7394 ~ FAX (313) 305-7396  
 sjp2parish@gmail.com  
 Sunday ~ 10 am (Eng) and 11:30 am (Polish)

## St. Raymond – OLCG

**Pastor, Rev. Michael C. Nkachukwu**  
**Associate Pastor, Rev. Tyrone Robinson**  
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