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December
25th 2022
(Cycle A)
The
Nativity of
the Lord

Brothers and sisters:

In times past, God spoke in partial and various ways to our ancestors through the prophets; in these last days, he has spoken to us through the Son, whom he made heir of all things and through whom he created the universe, who is the refulgence of his glory, the very imprint of his being, and who sustains all things by his mighty word. When he had accomplished purification from sins, he took his seat at the right hand of the Majesty on high, as far superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

For to which of the angels did God ever say: You are my son; this day I have begotten you? Or again:

I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me?

And again, when he leads the firstborn into the world, he says:

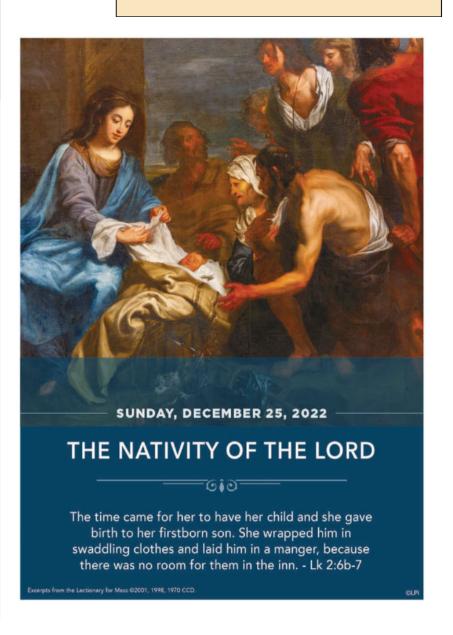
Let all the angels of God worship him. (Hebrews 1:1-6)

Mass Times

Saturday Vigil:
4:30 p.m. English Mass
Sunday:
8:00 a.m. Spanish Mass
10:00 a.m. English Mass
Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday & Friday at 9:00 a.m.
No Mass Thursday
Confessions: After 9:00 a.m. Mass &
Saturday at 3:00 or by appointment

Pastoral Staff
Fr. Leo J. Smith
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Readings for the Week

Readings for the week of December 25, 2022

Sunday: The Nativity of the Lord Is 52:7-10/ Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3])/Heb 1:1-6/ Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

> Monday: St. Stephen, First Martyr

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/ Mt 10:17-22

Tuesday:

St. John, Apostle and Evangelist 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/ Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Wednesday The Holy Innocents, Martyrs 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8/ Mt 2:13-18

Thursday:

St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/ Lk 2:22-35

Friday:

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/ Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Saturday:

St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18

Next Sunday:

Mary, The Holy Mother of God, National Migration Week, New Year's Day, World Day of Peace Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/ Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

The Rosary Makers of St. Finbarr's meet Tuesday after the 9 AM Mass. Everyone is welcomed to join us. For more information call Anne Jarosz at 708-337-1576.

Prayer Shawls: If you or someone you love is sick and would like to be comforted by a blessed prayer shawl, please call Barbara Vonknipper 248-245-4468

Please join us as we pray the rosary each weekday before Mass. We meet at 8:20. Some sit by Our Lady of Guadalupe and some process around the church at their own pace on phones and pray together and get exercise.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 24, 4:30 p.m. Edna Lynch (deceased) by Joyce & Rick Irizarry

Sunday, December 25, 8:00 a.m.
The Living and Deceased members
of St. Finbarr Catholic Church

Sunday, December 25, 10:00 a.m. Novena Mass for Life

Monday, December 26, 9:00 a.m. Carol McManis (deceased) by Patsy Hanlon

Tuesday, December 27, 9:00 a.m.
Clara Lavoi (deceased)
by Kathy Garcia

Wednesday, December 28, 9:00 a.m.
Carol McManis (deceased)
by Knights of Columbus

Thursday, December 29, No Mass

Friday, December 30, 9:00 a.m.
Jim Lawn (deceased)
by Kathy Lawn

Saturday, December 31, 4:30 p.m.
Richard Alagno (deceased)
by Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Moynihan

Sunday, January 1, 8:00 a.m.
The Living and Deceased members of St. Finbarr Catholic Church

Sunday, January 1, 10:00 a.m. Gloria Giansanti (deceased) by Marianne & Victor Lopiano

11:30 Mass begins January 8th

WOMEN OF ST FINBARR

Our group meets every month at church on the 2nd Tuesday at 10 a.m. COME JOIN US!

We are very much in need of lectors and servers at Mass. Please Contact the office.

Monthly meetings
St. Vincent de Paul 2nd Tuesday 1:30
Our Daily Bread food distribution 2nd & 4th Friday 4-5:30
St. Vincent food drive the last weekend of every month.

Our Prayers



Joe Garcia, Levi Wilke, Dick & DeAnn Carey, Staci Bruns, Maureen Hagarty, Pam Marshal, Jason & Bailey

Carey, Bev Harrington, Nanette Errante, Alice Rohoe, Francis Henerricksen, Michelle Hagarty, Bill & Steve Abdo, Eddie Cannon, Andy Wright, Blade Sager, Dominion Navarro, Beu Bretela, Chris Kostic, Joey Mulligan III, Justice Johnson, Kathleen Porter, Keri, Jennifer Laforest, Evelio Juan Diaz, Magaly Carrillo & Luz Maria Reyes

What type of volunteers are needed at the food pantry? The food pantry needs volunteers to sort pantry donations, stock shelves, assist our neighbors when shopping. The food

pantry uses a point system, which allows neighbors to select food items that are most useful to them.

This past year the pantry helped the neighbors in need that staff the businesses we all depend on; retail shops, grocery stores, restaurants, convenience stores, medical offices, care facilities, and others.

St. Finbarr's Conference group of St. Vincent De-Paul is a Parish organization whose members come together as a network of friends to grow spiritually by providing person-to person service to neighbors who are suffering or in need who live within the geographic boundaries of our Parish. Members help in several different areas which include casework, a food pantry, the meals on wheels program and the thrift stores. You can pick the area and time which works best for you, whether you are a year-round or seasonal in the Naples area. Questions, contact Anita Creamer 401-440-1183 or email acreamer@svdpnaples.org

Exodus 12:4 - If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it.



St. Finbarr Council Knights of Columbus is a great organization for men of the parish. Please consider joining with your fellow parishioners in belonging to a Catholic fraternal organization that serves the parish, local charities and each

other through a variety of activities. It is an ideal way to put your Catholic Faith into action! Please contact Roger Bonaccorsi at 630-363-5980.

Parish Financial Support

December 18, 2021

Offering.....

Due to early submittal of bulletin for the holidays offering will be updated in a future bulletins.

Catholic Faith Appeal (2022-2023)

 WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Christmas Gifts

Question:

Why do we give gifts at Christmas?

Answer:

Great events in and of themselves are not tangible. They occur in life but leave no mark behind, nothing that someone could come across and know that something significant occurred. So we mark the event with monuments, holidays, gold watches or plaques, making a meaningful event tangible and memorable.

Gifts at Christmas do the same thing. They mark the occasion of the birth of Jesus, communicating a bit of the joy of the day by allowing us to be both giver and receiver. Gift-giving sets aside the day as special and different. The special foods, customs, decorations, and gifts all help focus our attention on the importance and meaning of the day and at the same time allow us to share personally in its joy and happiness.

In giving gifts, though, we can share in the meaning of Christmas in a significant way. We imitate God in sharing with others. We give a bit of ourselves to others in the gifts we give, just as God gives us the gift of his Son. No wonder we often say that the best gifts are those that come from the heart. Given in love, these presents are wrapped in the best covering of all. ©LPi

CHRISTMAS







CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN
What is the star that rose above the stable where Jesus
was born traditionally called?
(answer on page 4) ©LPi

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

The Nativity of the Lord

As we age, time seems to pass more quickly. Years seemingly fly by as one holiday flows into the next, January quickly becomes December and life maintains its hectic pace. What do we accomplish in all of that busyness? Perhaps technology is responsible for some of the frenzy, keeping us isolated in our social media worlds, communicating through texts rather than in person, and always connected to world events. We're over stimulated in many ways by information, noise, opinions, and ideologies. Yet, we still find the time to decorate our homes, purchase gifts, and plan Christmas gatherings. We know, however, that the true meaning of Christmas is not found in twinkling lights, beautifully adorned trees, perfectly set tables or exchanged gifts. We are being called to something deeper and more authentic.

Christmas reminds us to look for God along the way of our lives and not get distracted by the illusions around us. Our world's complexity can leave us feeling displaced, desperate, alone, neglected, and unimportant. Joseph and Mary felt that way too. In the midst of all that captures and intrigues us in our self-created virtual worlds, is this longing for the anchor of faith to keep us grounded and make sense of it all. Only faith can give us the perspective to see what truly matters in life. We discover our divinely blessed humanity. The uncertain and challenging journey to Bethlehem gives way to the tender moments of birth and its embrace. Christmas softens us and slows us down a bit. It shows us Jesus as the light who enlightens everyone. It shows us the truth.

The faith that comes from Christmas calms our fears and allows us to go into the nighttime of our lives courageously. We are never lost or alone. We need to stop and savor more of life's moments before they slip away in time. God is with us, loving us, and leading us where we need to be. God is born again and again in every soul willing to give birth to His presence. God connects us and provides us with a place where we feel safe and welcome: home. Merry Christmas! ©LPi



WOMEN OF ST FINBARR – NEWS THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU – TO EVERYONE FOR ALL YOUR GENEROSITY WITH THE GIVING TREE. SO MANY WILL WE ENRICHED BY YOUR OVERWHELMING GIFTS. MERRY CHIRSTMAS!!!

ON ANOTHER NOTE---VERY SOON

OUR ELFS WILL BE WORKING ON SURPRISES FOR OUR UPCOMING RAFFLE (FEB. 18/19 AND FEB. 25/26). STAY TUNED!!!

Answer: The Star of Bethlehem.



St. Finbarr Christmas Flower Memorials 2022

Joseph Vosmik Shorten Family McCollum Family Hysell Family Mary A. Corbett Eugene T. Corbett Francis J. McGrath, Sr. Mary J. McGrath Francis J. McGrath, Jr. Consepcion Vasquez Serjio de Santiago Tamaso Lozan Mr. & Mrs. Leo Roy Mr. & Mrs. Manual Arroda Marie L. Stamand (more to follow)

SAINT OF THE WEEK - EXAMPLES OF OUR FAITH

Saint John the Apostle | December 27

Saint John was one of the Twelve, part of Jesus' inner circle, among the few that witnessed the Transfiguration, the raising of Jarius' Daughter, and the Agony in the garden at Gethsemane. He and his brother James were the sons of Zebedee and Salome. When Jesus called them, they left their father mending nets and followed him. Jesus called the brothers "Boanerges," meaning "sons of thunder" — they were passionate in their faith and Jesus had to rebuke them for their fiery zeal on more than one occasion. John, the younger brother, possibly the youngest disciple, was the only one present at Jesus' death. Saint John the Apostle is traditionally thought to be the author of the fifth Gospel, the three Epistles of John, and the Book of Revelation. However, there has been some debate among scholars from antiquity to the present. Tradition also gives him the title Beloved Disciple and John's Gospel sees him seated next to Jesus at the last supper and the one to whom Jesus gives the care of Mary at the crucifixion.

Although Church tradition says that John survived the other disciples, living a long life, much of it is steeped in myth and legend. Some say he retired to Ephesus after the crucifixion with Mary and remained there until he died. But in other traditions he is more active. For a time he remained in Jerusalem with the other disciples, then founded churches in Asia Minor. In a legend of his persecution, during the reign of the Emperor Domitian, John is taken to Rome and thrown into a cauldron of boiling oil but preserved from death. He is then exiled to the island of Patmos where the Book of Revelation was written. Most accounts agree that after his exile and the Assumption of Mary he returned to Ephesus where he died sometime after 98, during the reign of the Emperor Trajan. ©LPi

Pope Francis Prayer Intention for December - We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.







Mèsi anpil ak tout moun ki te rann posib yon bèl selebrasyon nan lès Our Lady of Guadalupe!

Many thanks to all the people who made possible a wonderful celebration of the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe!



"LO QUE TÚ HAGAS POR EL MÁS POBRE DE MIS HERMANOS O HERMANAS, TÚ LO HACES A MI."

Todos están invitados a ser miembros de la sociedad de St. Vincent de Paul para ayudar a las personas que necesitan asistencia con los gastos diarios. Por favor, llamen a Anita Creamer 401-440-1183 6938 para tener más información. Si necesita ayuda con comida, electricidad, agua o alquiler, vaya a la oficina central en 4451 Mercantile Ave. Naples FL 34104, 239-775-1667 de lunes a jueves de 10 a.m. a 1 p.m.

MEDITACIÓN EVANGÉLICO - ALENTAR ENTENDIMIENTO MÁS PROFUNDO DE LA ESCRITURA

La Natividad del Señor

¡Feliz Pascua de Navidad! Es el saludo que escucharemos en la Misa de Nochebuena y en el día de Navidad. "Hoy nos ha nacido un Salvador: el Mesías, el

Señor" (Salmo 95). Vengan todos, cantemos al Señor himnos de alabanza. Pues, Jesús ha nacido en Belén, Dios ha cumplido su promesa de salvación. Hoy es el día de contemplar agradecidos y extasiados al recién nacido, es un regalo de amor para todos. Las palabras, paz, alegría, gozo, regalo, felicidad, ternura, son de gran ayuda

para esta celebración.

Gracias, Señor, por mostrarnos tanto amor en medio de nuestras tribulaciones. Te pedimos por los que viven solos y tristes, por los huérfanos y los que perdieron a sus seres queridos en la guerra y en todo tipo de violencia. Hazte presente en sus corazones para que puedan

regalarles a otros el amor que tú les muestras a ellos. Que en el mundo se escuche el canto de los ángeles. "Gloria a Dios en lo más alto del cielo y en la tierra paz a los hombres: está es la hora de la gracia" (Lucas 2,14). Al contemplarte en el nacimiento junto a María y José,

quisiera ser uno de los pastores, que presuroso fue a adorarte y se postró ante tu bondad, inocencia y dulzura. Solamente, puedo decirte desde el fondo del corazón: Jesús, gracias por haber nacido entre nosotros, y sufrir como nosotros. "Dios nos lo recuerda hoy, tomando con amor nuestra humanidad y haciéndola suya, desposándose con ella para siempre (Papa Francisco). ¡Feliz Navidad! ©LPi

VIVIR LA LITURGIA - INSPIRACIÓN DE LA SEMANA El verdadero significado de la Navidad no se encuentra en las luces centelleantes, los árboles bellamente adornados o los regalos intercambiados. Se revela cuando encontramos a Dios en el camino de nuestra vida, especialmente cuando nos sentimos desplazados, desesperados y solos. Huyendo de su hogar. José y María se abrieron paso con cautela a través de caminos inciertos, complejos y oscuros hacia un anhelado lugar de seguridad y bienvenida. Sin saber dónde recostar sus cabezas, crearon preparativos improvisados para el nacimiento de su hijo, el Hijo de Dios. Dios, quien siempre fue, es y será, sin principio ni fin, es la única constante en la vida que nos ayuda a través de tiempos difíciles y aterradores. Jesús es la luz, que ilumina a todos, y viene al mundo para mostrarnos la verdad. Es una buena noticia gozosa que calma nuestros miedos y nos permite salir con valentía a la noche de nuestra vida. Este es el significado de la Navidad. Nunca estamos perdidos o solos. Dios está con nosotros, amándonos y guiándonos a donde necesitamos estar. ©LPi

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES:

If you would like to serve in any of our Parish Ministries, please contact the Ministry Steward below:

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES (MINISTERIOS LITURGICOS)

Sacristan: Kathy Lawn (El ministro del altar)

Eucharistic Ministers (Ministros Extraordinarios) Ann Daly 978-360-1982 Hispanic: Rene Ramirez 239-821-5563

Lectors/Servers: Training (Lectores / Servidores: Formación) Dianne Packer 239-821-1897 Yenni Juarez: 239-227-8013

Scheduling (Programación) Tom Kumpf 239-877-0517

Music and Choir (Musica y Coro) English: Richard McGee 239-628-8094 Hispanic: Abel Limones 239-821-2897

Ushers (Ujieres) English: John Collins 413-244-5235 Hispanic: Margarita Silva, Artemio Reza 239-331-1634

EDUCATIONAL MINISTRIES (MINISTERIOS EDUCATIVOS)

Adult Faith Education (Educación de Fe para adultos) Tony Fulginiti 609-605-4001

Baptismal Preparation Spanish (Preparación para Bautismos) Antonio Jimenez 239-776-2512

RCIA - Right of Christian Initiation for adults: (RICA - Derecho de Iniciación Católica para Adultos) Deacon David Jerome 239-417-2084

PARISH COMMITTIES (COMITÉS PARROQUIALES)

Collection Counters (Contadores de colección) Phil Tantillo 239-774-1601

Finance Council (Consejo Financiero) Fr. Leo Smith 239-417-2084

Hispanic Liaison (Enlace Hispano) Maya Martinez 239-269-4103

SERVICE MINISTRIES (MINISTERIOS DE SERVICIO)

Backpack/School Supplies (Mochila / útiles escolares) Ella Heimrich 239-417-5629 Food Drive Catholic Charities (Caridades Católicas de Comida) Pat Rosaschi 516-581-1454

Giving Tree at Christmas (Dando árbol en Navidad)

Knights of Columbus (Caballeros de Colón) Roger Bonaccorsi at 630-363-5980

Parish Action Committee (PAC) Por Amora a Cristo (PAC) Caridad Ramirez: 239-821-5476

Undy Sunday (Undy Domingo) Judy Burns 239–793-2689

Women of St. Finbarr (Mujeres de San Finbarr) Barbara vonKnipper 248-245-4468 SUPPORT/SOCIAL MINISTRIES (APOYO / MINISTERIOS SOCIALES)

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