

Pastoral Sharing December 25-26, 2021 The Nativity Of The Lord/Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

MERRY CHRISTMASS!!

"This is the Day Lord has mad, Let us rejoice and be glad".

We are all rejoicing as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and savior. We *celebrate*, because it is God who became man and <u>Savior</u> to save us from our sins, a God who came to <u>share His love</u> with us and a God who came to live with us always as Emmanuel. Every Christmas reminds and highlight us certain eternal truths:

First of all, <u>Christmas is the feast of God's sharing a Savior with us.</u> Jesus was the incarnation of God as man to save us from the bondage of sin. John 3: 16: "God so loved the world that he sent His only Son so that everyone who believes in Him may not die, but have eternal life." We celebrate that Incarnation today as good news because we have a Divine Savior. As our Savior, Jesus liberated us from slavery to sin by His suffering, death and resurrection and atoned for our sins. Every Christmas reminds us that we still need this Savior to be reborn in our hearts and lives to free us from our evil addictions and unjust, impure and uncharitable tendencies.

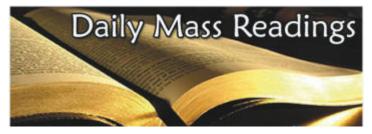
Secondly, it is the feast of God's sharing His love with us. Jesus as our Savior brought the "good news" that our God is a loving,, forgiving, merciful and rewarding God who wants to save us through His Son Jesus and not a judging, cruel and punishing God. Jesus demonstrated by his life and teaching how God our heavenly Father loves us, forgives us, and provides for us. All his miracles were signs of this Divine Love. Jesus' final demonstration of God's love for us was his death on the cross and the institution of the Holy Eucharist. Christmas reminds us that sharing love with others is our Christian duty and that every time we do so, Jesus is reborn in our lives. Let us face this challenging question asked by Alexander Pope, "What does it profit me if Jesus is born in thousands of cribs all over the world and He is not born in my heart?" Let us allow Jesus to be reborn in our hearts and lives today and every day and radiate his light around us as sharing and selfless love, compassionate words and deeds, unconditional forgiveness, the spirit of humble service and of overflowing generosity.

Christmas is the feast of the Emmanuel, i.e., God living with us and within us. Christmas is the feast of the Emmanuel because God of the New Testament is a God-with-us, *Emmanuel*, who continues to live with us in all the events of our lives as announced by the angel to Mary. Christmas story tells us that there is a way out of our sinfulness and hopelessness, because God is with us. We are not alone. As Emmanuel, Jesus lives in the sacraments (especially in the Holy Eucharist), in the Holy Bible, in the praying community and in each believer, while His Holy Spirit transforms us into the "Temples of the Holy Spirit.

This Sunday the Universal Church celebrates the feast of Holy Family as well, the Church encourages us to look to that Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph for inspiration, example and encouragement. They were a model family in which both parents worked hard, helped each other, understood and accepted each other, and took good care of their Child so that He might grow up not only in human wisdom but also as a Child of God.

To all of you and your families, I extend the greetings on behalf of Fr. Francis and our Parish staff here at Prince of Peace. Be sure that each of you is in our prayers and thoughts in this holy season, and our wish is that your hearts may know the joy of the presence of the new Born King. May the Virgin and her infant Son , Jesus the Prince of Peace , fill your hearts and lives and homes with the chicest of blessings at Christmas and throughout the New Year!

Fr. Justin.

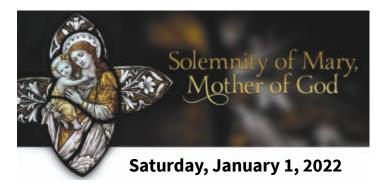


Readings for the week of December 26, 2021

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



Mass will be celebrated at 9:00am

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Beginning Sunday, January 2nd 2022 the 11:30am Sunday Mass will move to 11:00am. All other Mass times will remain the same. With this change Religious Education will be moved to 9:30amto10:45am.

We hope this will not inconvenience anybody.

Thank You!

Mass Intentions for this Week

Saturday, December 25 Christmas Day

9:00am For the People of the Parish

11:30am For the People of the Parish

Sunday, December 26

7:30am Costa Family

Ronald Sablick

9:00am Mary Hammond

Carlos Cintron

S/I Anne, Bill and Nicole Salomone

11:30am For the People of the Parish

Monday, December 27

7:30am

12:10pm Henry Carroll

Joseph & Edith Meyer Andre Eggelliglon

Tuesday, December 28

12:10pm Regina & John Bushey

Wednesday, December 29

7:30am

12:10pm

Thursday, December 30

12:10pm Poor Souls in Purgatory

Friday, December 31

7:30am Mary Margaret Blake

12:10pm 5:00pm

Saturday, January 1 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God 9:00am

9:00am

4:00pm Linda Ippolito

Ray & Connie Boitt Kathleen Kate Hyde

Sunday, January 2

7:30am Poor Souls in Purgatory

Richard Moran & Family

9:00am John Celadon

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11:00am Neil Furlong

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S/I—Special Intentions



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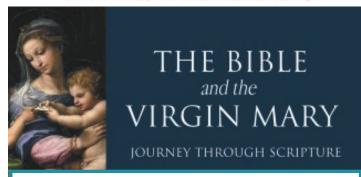
Come for prayer, fellowship with others, faith discussions, helpful support.



Cost: \$15 (Includes Lunch)

Prince of Peace Catholic Church January 8th 9am-2pm

This retreat is open to all parishioners and ministry volunteers/leadership!



<u>Special Note</u>: Bible Study will take a Christmas break beginning this week and resume on: Wed, Jan 5th and Thurs, Jan 6th



Sunday, January 2, 2022 8:30 PM - 1:00 PM Prince of Peace Catholic Church

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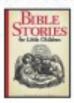






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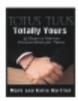






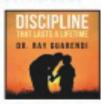






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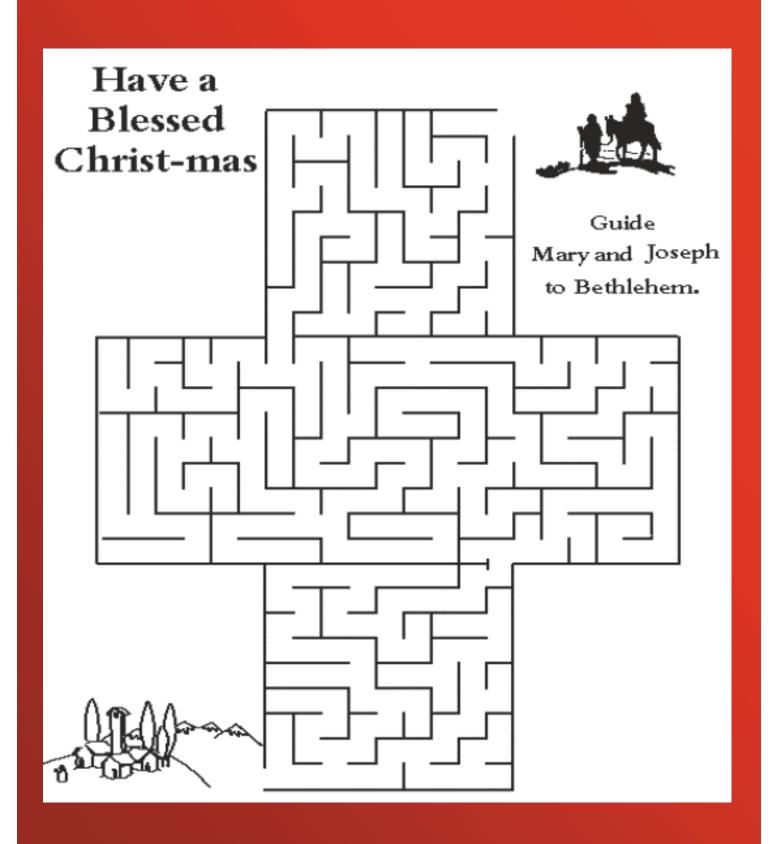




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Religious Education - Sundays Sun: Pre-K - 5th Gra

Wed:

Pre-K - 5th Grade	10:15am to 11:20 am
Adults	10:15 am to 11:20 am
	6:30 pm to 8:00 pm
Middle School (EDGE)	6:30 to 8:00 pm

Thursdays 2-4pm Support Our Troops CLIP coupons for Commissary Discounts. Gold Room

SUPPORT GROUPS

Our Parish is pleased to host the following support groups in our Religious Education building.

Tuesday | 7:00pm (Orange Rm.) Adult Children of Alcoholics

Wednesday | 7:00pm (Orange Rm.) Codependents Anonymous

Thursday | 7:00pm (Rd. & White) Adult Children of Alcoholics

Friday | 6:00pm Al-Anon. (Library) Alcoholics Anonymous (Gold Rm.)

Saturday | 9:00am SA Meeting (Library) Codependents Anonymous (Rd. & White)

Saturday | 11:00am AA Big Book Study (Orange Rm.)

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