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The Nativity of the Lord

NATIVITY OF THE LORD

THINK ABOUT SOME traditional depictions of the Nativity: Mary gazing adoringly at her baby who lies in a pristine manger; Joseph serenely standing guard; the stable animals keeping a respectful distance. Hmmm. Somehow I doubt the first Christmas looked much like that. Mary especially would have been exhausted from the long trek to Bethlehem, the fruitless search for lodging and the anxious hours of labour in a cold, dark cave. Finally, after giving birth, she placed the newborn in a food-trough, surrounded by smelly, noisy animals. Not quite the same picture, is it?

But what a great image to help us ponder the mystery of the Incarnation! John's Gospel tells us that in the birth of Jesus, we have seen God's glory. What the Nativity story shows us is that it's not in majesty and perfection that we see the glory of God but in the chaos of ordinary human life.

God doesn't wait for the perfect conditions to come to us. Rather, God is with us now in the messiest and darkest of situations: broken relationships, financial hardships, family tensions, grief over lost loved ones. At Christmas, we celebrate the God who comes to us as a light in our darkness. Our hearts filled with gratitude, we welcome that light into our lives today.

(Reflection of Teresa Whalen Lux of Living with Christ)



Monday, December 26, 2022

8:30 a.m. Special Intention of Veronica Yuen

Tuesday, December 27, 2022

8:30 a.m. Deceased Members of the Mak Family

Wednesday, December 28, 2022 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. Deceased Members of the Wong-Lo Family

Thursday, December 29, 2022 Multi-intention

8:30 a.m. Special Intention of Cecile Baquio

Friday, December 30, 2022

8:30 a.m. + Susana Kim

Saturday, December 31, 2022 Multi-intention

9:00 a.m. Special Intention of Eric & Vera Mullaney
+ Daniela Flores

4:30 p.m. In Thanksgiving – Wong Family

Sunday, January 1, 2023 New Year's Day

8:00 a.m. Intentions of the Wong Family
9:30 a.m. Intentions of Liza Karunakaran & family
11:00 a.m. + Jakub Bizub & Parents



*Christmas & New Year's
Mass Schedule*

Christmas

Christmas Eve – Saturday, Dec. 24th
4:30 p.m., (with children's Christmas Pageant)
7:00 p.m. and 12:00 Midnight

Christmas Day – Sunday, Dec. 25th
8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

New Year

New Year's Eve Vigil Mass
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Saturday, Dec. 31st – 4:30 p.m.

New Year's Day - Sunday, Jan. 1st
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Epiphany of the Lord
Saturday, Jan. 7th – 4:30 p.m.
**Sunday Jan. 8th – 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and
11:00 a.m.**



**Parish Office Hours for
Christmas and New Year**

The office will be closed over Christmas from Friday, December 23rd at 12 noon to Wednesday, December 28th at 9:00 a.m. We will be open on December 28th, 29th and 30th.

The office will again be closed for New Year from Friday, December 30 at 12 noon to January 3rd at 9:00 a.m.

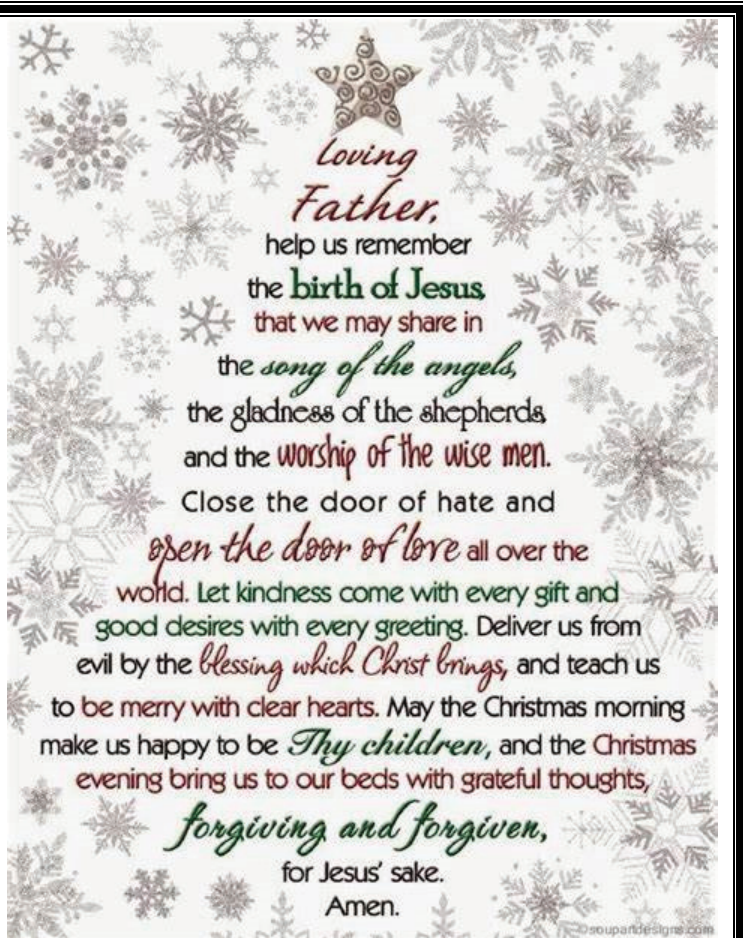
Regular hours (9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.) will resume Tuesday, January 3rd.

Although the office will be closed, phone messages and emails will be checked and responded to as soon as possible.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Please remember the poor and needy with contributions to the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box located in the church lobby each and every weekend. This parish has always been very generous in their efforts to support the poor and needy and we are all indeed grateful!


***"Let Your goodness, Lord, appear to us, that we,
made in your image, conform ourselves to it.
In our own strength
we cannot imitate Your majesty, power, and
wonder
nor is it fitting for us to try.
But Your mercy reaches from the heavens
through the clouds to the earth below.
You have come to us as a small child,
but you have brought us the greatest of all gifts,
the gift of eternal love
Caress us with Your tiny hands,
embrace us with Your tiny arms
and pierce our hearts with Your soft, sweet cries."
— St. Bernard of Clairvaux***



On behalf of Msgr. Pat, Fr. Dave Warren (retired), Deacon David Quail, Alvin Joys, our seminarian, Josie Paladino and Jeswyn Devas, our secretaries, and Aldrin Fernandes, our custodian, we wish all our parishioners and their families a holy and peaceful Christmas.

ANGEL TREE

Thank you to all who participated in this year's Angel Tree Program, which assists the families served by the St. Vincent de Paul Society of our parish, Children's Aid Society, and the Good Shepherd Ministries. Gifts and gift cards will be distributed before Christmas. A report of what was raised will be provided following Christmas, as donations to the St. Vincent de Paul collection are still coming in. May God bless all our works and outreach to the needy this Christmas.

NEW Offering Envelopes  Offertory envelopes for 2023 are available in the hall. The boxes are in alphabetical order. If there is a change of address, please contact the Parish office.

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