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The Nativity of the Lord



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, December 26

Saint Stephen

10:00 am

Tuesday, December 27

Saint John

7:00 pm † Tomas Hashim (*Maria Tiongson*)

† Lucille & George Summers (*Mary Anne Hoyle*)

Wednesday, December 28

The Holy Innocents

7:00 pm

Thursday, December 29

7:00 pm

Friday, December 30

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

7:00 pm † All Souls in Purgatory

† Anicia Ampio (Ampio Family)

Thanksgiving for 50th Wedding Anniversary
of Jose & Haidee Tato

Saturday, December 31 (Vigil Mass)

Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

5:00 pm For St Theresa's Parishioners

Sunday, January 1

Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

10:00 am For St Theresa's Parishioners

12:00 noon For St Theresa's Parishioners



Let Us Pray FOR THE SICK

Medy Soros, Maria Ferrerira, Norma Salmingo, Judy Discutido, Vic Walker, Norman Garcia, Conchita & Del Laranang, Susan Tighe, Vivian Potter, Carmelina Aquino, Madeleine Franco, Paul & Monica Brewster, Nadia Moalic-Gagnon, Vesca Isaef, Bobbi Melchers

Holy Communion for the Homebound

During this special season, parishioners who cannot attend Mass and would like to receive Holy Communion in their homes are welcome to call or email the parish office and make the necessary arrangements.



Christmas is for Forgiveness

"In switching on the light of the Nativity scene, we wish for the light of Christ to be in us. A Christmas without light is not Christmas. Let there be light in the soul, in the heart; let there be forgiveness to others; let there be no hostilities, which are dark. Let there be the beautiful light of Jesus. This is my wish for all of you, when you turn on the light of the crib."

"If you have something dark in your soul, ask the Lord for forgiveness. Christmas is a great opportunity to cleanse the soul. Do not fear, the priest is merciful, forgiving all in the name of God, because God forgives everything."

—Pope Francis, December 2014



Feast of the Holy Family December 30, 2022

Family is the nucleus of our society.

Let us think of our children and reflect on these:

Children Learn What They Live

If children live with criticism, they learn to condemn.

If they live with hostility, they learn to fight.

If they live with ridicule, they learn to be shy.

If they live with shame, they learn to feel guilty.

If they live with tolerance, they learn to be patient.

If they live with praise, they learn to appreciate.

If they live with fairness, they learn what justice is.

If they live with security, they learn to trust.

If they live with approval, they learn to like themselves.

If they live with encouragement, they learn to have confidence.

If they live with acceptance and friendship, they learn to find love and God in the world.

- Anonymous

Thank You



- ♥ Thank you to the Sacristy team, Altar Guild Ministry and other volunteers who cleaned and decorated the church for Christmas.
- ♥ Thank you to Dcn Peter Lovrick, the Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Lectors, Sacristan & Altar Servers, Ushers, and those who actively participate in the liturgies.
- ♥ Thank you to the parish custodians especially Frank & Margaret for taking care of the church and ensuring that parish premises are clean and safe.
- ♥ Thank you to our Choir groups who provided beautiful music during our Masses.
- ♥ Thank you to the office volunteers, Eucharistic Adoration Group, and Counters who have been very generous with their time and talent.
- ♥ Thank you to the Knights of Columbus, and the Women's Group for organizing special events for the St. Theresa's community and for helping raise funds for the church.
- ♥ Thank you to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul for helping St Theresa's community reach out to our less fortunate brothers and sisters within and outside our community.
- ♥ **To all our parishioners, Thank You!** for keeping the faith alive in our church. Your generous support and donations are greatly appreciated.

*“Christmas celebrations
are often full of sound.
It would be good for us
to make room for silence
to hear the voice of love.”*

– Pope Francis

Reflection

You sometimes hear people say,
'I always find Christmas Day a lonely day.'

I think what they are really saying is:

'I always feel lonely on Christmas day.'

Loneliness is caused chiefly by two things:
absence and emptiness.

Let us spare a thought, a prayer, and maybe a visit
for someone who will spend Christmas alone.

And if while spending Christmas in the midst of
others, we still feel lonely, let us not be alarmed.

Our hearts are always longing for something more,
or rather, for Someone else. In every human heart
there is an empty chamber waiting for a guest.

That guest is God!

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Holy Days of Obligation

We are obliged to attend separate Masses for:

Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Office Closure

The Parish office will be CLOSED on the following
dates: Dec. 26, 27, 30 (noon) 2022, and Jan. 2, 2023.

Offering Envelopes for 2023

Kindly start using your 2023 envelopes next weekend. Do not recycle your old envelopes as your number may have changed. For the first 3 weeks, please write your name and address on the envelopes. Always indicate the amount you offered so it may be posted accurately.



Charitable Tax Receipt

If any of your contact information has changed, please advise the office to keep the records updated as we are also preparing your 2022 charitable tax receipts. Donation deadline for 2022 tax receipt is December 29, 2022. Please make sure we receive your donation by the deadline to be included in this year's tax receipt.

Merry Christmas!



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