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The Nativity of the Lord

December 25th 2022



*Do not be afraid; for see, I am bringing you
 Good News of great joy for all the people;
 to you is born this day in the city of David
 a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.*

- Luke 2 : 10-11

Our mission at St. Francis de Sales is to joyfully welcome you to our parish family of faith, trusting that: if you are seeking Christ, you will find Him here. If grieving, you will receive comfort. If troubled in spirit, you will receive the blessing of peace without being judged. If discouraged, you will rejoice in hope. If alone, you will find companionship and Christian love. May our parish be a sanctuary of peace for you as we journey together to the Father's house.

Parish Hours

DAILY MASS

MONDAY - THURSDAY 9:00 am
 FRIDAY 7:00 pm
 SATURDAY 9:00 am

SUNDAY MASS

SATURDAY 5:00 pm
 SUNDAY 8:30 am | 10:15 am | 12:00 pm | 7:00 pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

FRIDAY 6:00 pm - 6:45 pm
 SATURDAY 4:00 pm - 4:45 pm

OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - FRIDAY 9:30 am - 3:30 pm
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The Word Became Flesh

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. John 1: 1-5

NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 31, 2022

- 5 p.m.

Sunday, January 1, 2023

- 10:00 a.m.
- 11:30 a.m.
- 1:00 p.m.

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NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, 26 DECEMBER

9:00 AM S.I. TONY & PATSY REVEREDO
+ JIMMY SUARLY
+ CARMEN & FREDERICK OCULAM

TUESDAY, 27 DECEMBER

9:00 AM S.I. BENJAMIN & JENI BURAGA
+ JESUS D PABELICO
+ CECILIA RAMOS

WEDNESDAY, 28 DECEMBER

9:00 AM S.I. GABRIEL EDWIN
+ THELMA MARECHEAU
+ MIGUEL DILOTA & ALL DECEASED
MEMBERS OF THE DIOLATA FAMILY

THURSDAY, 29 DECEMBER

9:00 AM + BLANCHE ALLES
+ FRANCISCA JESUS MOURA
+ GUISEPPINA TACCONE

FRIDAY, 30 DECEMBER

9:00 AM + MARGARITA CHEN
+ DIANA PANTZOS
NO 7PM MASS

SATURDAY, 31 DECEMBER *New Year's Eve*

9:00 AM S.I. FOR THE BURAGA FAMILY

5:00 PM S.I. IN THANKSGIVING FOR MARIA
EXTROSS

S.I. LOVERY & D'BRASS FAMILIES

S.I. IN THANKSGIVING FOR THE
ALEXANDER FAMILY

SUNDAY, 1 JANUARY *New Year's Day*

10:00 AM + HELEN & KARL FARUGA
+ JOHN & JANET SOARES AND DECEASED
FAMILY MEMBERS
+ BERNARD ROSARIO

11:30 AM + MANUEL & MARIA CHAVES AND FAMILY

1:00 PM + JUNE TENORIO
+ ALLY HOOSAIN
+ JACOUB FAVILA



Please note, the parish office will be closed from December 26 to January 5 for the Christmas holidays. We will re-open on January 6. See you in the new year!

NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE

Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God
(Holy Day of Obligation)

Saturday, December 31st at: 5 p.m.

Sunday January 1st at: 10 a.m., 11:30 a.m. & 1 p.m.



MARRIAGE & COMMUNION

Due to the many misconceptions regarding the Catholic Church and marriage, please note that a Catholic may marry a non-Catholic in the Catholic Church, without his or her conversion to the faith. In some instances, a person, who has been previously married, can also be married in the Catholic Church after consultation with the priest.

If as a Catholic you're married outside of the Catholic Church without the permission of the Church, we respectfully ask that you refrain from receiving the Eucharist until your marriage has been validated ("sacramentalized") by a Catholic priest or deacon. To remedy this situation, please call one of the priests to make an appointment to have your marriage validated. We are only too happy to bring back to the couple, the graces necessary to live out their marriage, and to reconcile them with the graces of the Eucharist.

THANK-YOU FROM ST VINCENT de PAUL

A heartfelt thank you to all who helped make our Christmas Outreach a success. It is through the generous donations of our parishioners, a local business, a local Brownie group, a doctor's office, individuals who adopted families and anonymous donors. As of December 19, we were able to help 86 families which consisted of 163 adults and 119 children. Thank you and may God bless and keep you now and always.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION HELP

We are looking for volunteers to assist our priests and deacon with Baptism. Baptisms occur two Sundays a month. If you would like to assist with Baptisms on Sunday, please email your name and phone number to the parish office.



A CATHOLIC CACKLE

Need a little laughter to brighten your day? Try out this joke.

What's the difference in an Italian nativity?

- An Italian nativity has Mary, Joseph, baby Jesus, and a couple of wise guys.



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REFLECTION

Christmas, without the celebration of Easter does not make much sense. The purpose of the Word of the Father taking on human flesh finds its meaning in the events we celebrate during Holy Week and Easter. Some of the connections between the two important seasons of the Church may not be that obvious. This Sunday and the following Sundays, we take a look at some of those connections.

In St. Luke's Gospel, we read, "...*she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn*" (Lk 2:7). The New Testament was written in Greek and the word used for "Inn" is *katalyma*, which, when properly translated means "upper room." Given ancient customs, Mary and Joseph would have stayed with relatives in Bethlehem. When it came time for Mary to deliver her Son, the place they were staying at, was too small to accommodate them in the upper room. Mary then places the Baby Jesus in the "manger" (a feeding trough for animals). Jesus may not have been born in a cave as we see depicted at Christmas time.

Fast forward to Holy Week, specifically, Holy Thursday. Jesus tells His Apostles to make preparations to celebrate Passover, "...*say to the master of the house, 'The teacher says to you, 'Where is the guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' He will show you a large upper room that is furnished.*" (Lk 22:11-12). That "large upper room" is translated in Greek as *katalyma*. It is there in that large upper room that Jesus will give to His Apostles and the world, His Flesh to eat and His Blood to drink. What Mary started by placing her Son in a feed trough in Bethlehem, Jesus would bring to completion by giving us His Flesh and Blood for human consumption. Jesus in His human body at Christmas; Jesus in His Eucharistic body at Easter. Yet the one and same Jesus. This is one of the reasons why the Word of the Father took on human existence.

Merry Christmas Everyone!

A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTORAL TEAM

Dear brothers and sisters,

This year has been a special year where we are coming out of COVID19 very slowly but this is the season of Christmas. A season where the child Jesus is born for the salvation of humanity.

The love of God comes to us through a child born from a Virgin, simple of heart and saying, "Let it be done unto me according to your word."

A mother who wants to give her life for her child. The child becomes her gift, a gift of life and love. She gives the child comfort, shows affection, and protects him like any other mother.

The Church is your home. As you enter its doors, may the gift of faith and the blessing of peace upon you.

It is Christmas, the child Jesus is born, the lamb that is unblemished is born, and the word became flesh. The creator becomes the created. God the father gives man a gift where we are all healed and brings us true peace. Peace to ourselves and those around us.

Love is shown through the child Jesus. It is time to celebrate and it is time to be in peace, it is time for joy but profound joy.

Many thanks to all our volunteers and thanks go out also to the many parishioners who offered us this Christmas season their prayers and gifts.

Merry Christmas! Joyeux Noel! Feliz Navidad! Buen Natale!

With our priestly blessings!

Fr. Steven, Father Joe, Deacon Alban and the Pastoral team

FIRST COMMUNION/CONFIRMATION

Merry Christmas! We wish all the children, their families and our sacramental team a beautiful Christmas full of hope, peace, joy and lots of love. We pray for great health and safe journeys as you enjoy each special moment of this Christmas season. We are looking forward to seeing all of the children in January when we begin our grade 2 class visits at our 6 Parish schools. The Confirmation preparation classes will also begin in January at the Parish. We are looking forward to getting to know your children, as they prepare for their special sacraments.

Christmas Blessings, Dawn Selda and Noah Aquino



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