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December
25, 2016

The Nativity of the Lord



MASS SCHEDULES

Sunday Mass in English

Saturday 4:30 PM

Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM & 12:15 PM

Daily Mass

7 & 8:30 AM (Saturday 8:30 AM)

Reconciliation

Saturday 3-4:00 PM

Misas Dominicales en Español

Sábado 6 PM, Domingo 2 & 6 PM

Misas en Español

Miércoles 7 PM

Reconciliación

Miércoles 6-7 PM, Sábado 3-4:00 PM

United in faith and guided by the Holy Spirit



From the Pastor's Desk:

It was the day after Christmas at a church in San Francisco. The pastor of the church was looking at the manger scene, when he noticed that the baby Jesus figure was missing from the cradle. He immediately turned and went

outside and saw a little boy with a red wagon walking down the street. And in the wagon, was the figure of the infant Jesus. So he walked up to the boy and said, "Son, where did you get that little baby Jesus that's in your wagon?"

The little boy replied, "I got him from the church."

"And why did you take him?" asked the pastor.

The little boy replied, "Well, about a week before Christmas, I prayed to the little Lord Jesus. I told him if he would bring me a red wagon for Christmas, I would give him a ride around the block in it."

This is one of the many beautiful stories I have read about Christmas. Everyone gets so excited about Christmas. It is the biggest time of shopping. During this season of Christmas, if you can get a parking space as you drive into the mall, well, you can count it as one of your achievements! And then when you get into the mall, you see so many people hurrying to get the best things available in the malls. They are not just for shopping for themselves. They buy things to be given as gifts to people whom they love. It is indeed a time of giving.

When we give gifts to our beloved ones, what we are doing is nothing but imitating what God did to us first. He loved the humanity so much that he gave his only son as a gift to us. By being born as a human being he has brought a dignity to our human nature. In Jesus God has become man so that man might become children of God. Jesus, by his own life example has shown us how to become a child of God.

What is our response to this greatest gift? What gift are we going to give to God who has given us his best? The best gift we can give to God is to take initiative to be a child of God, to look at the person next to you as a child of God – someone whom God considers so precious. If every one of us consider the other person as precious and worthy of respect, can there be hatred and war in this world? May this Christmas help me to consider my neighbor as precious and worthy of respect. May that attitude ours be our Christmas gift to God.

Christmas telegram: The preacher and his pregnant wife had left for a conference in France, forgetting to give instructions for the banner which was to decorate the hall at the Christmas Carol Concert, the following weekend. The parish secretary was astonished to receive a telegram from France which read simply: UNTO US A SON IS BORN. NINE FEET LONG AND TWO FEET WIDE. REV. AND MRS. JOHNSON.

Nota de nuestro pastor: Era el día después de Navidad en una Iglesia de San

Francisco. El pastor de la Iglesia estaba mirando la escena del pesebre, cuando notó que la figura del niño Jesús no estaba en el pesebre. Él inmediatamente se devolvió y se fue afuera y miró a un niño con un vagón rojo caminando en la calle. En el vagón, estaba la figura del niño Jesús. Así es que el caminó hacia el niño y le dijo, "Hijo, de donde agarraste el niño Jesús que está en tu vagón?" El pequeño niño le contestó, "Lo agarré de la Iglesia." "Y porqué lo tomaste?" le preguntó el pastor. El pequeño niño le respondió, "Bien, hace como una semana antes de Navidad, yo le oré al niño Jesús y le dije que si él me traía un vagón rojo para Navidad, yo le daría una vuelta alrededor de la manzana en él."

Esta es una de las historias más bella que he leído sobre la Navidad. Todos se entusiasman tanto en la Navidad. Es el tiempo más grande de compras. Durante esta estación de Navidad, si usted puede encontrar un parqueo en el centro comercial, entonces puede contar esto como uno de sus logros! Y cuando entras al centro comercial, ves tanta gente apresurándose para tomar las mejores cosas disponibles en el centro comercial. Ellos no andan comprando solo para ellos mismos. Ellos compran cosas que darán de regalo a las personas que ellos aman. Es verdaderamente un tiempo de dar.

Cuando le damos regalos a los que queremos, lo que estamos haciendo es imitando lo que Dios hizo con nosotros primero. Él amó a la humanidad tanto que nos dio a su único hijo como un regalo para nosotros. Siendo nacido como un ser humano, él ha traído una dignidad a nuestra naturaleza humana. En Jesús, Dios se hizo hombre para que los hombres pudieran ser hijos de Dios. Jesús, por su propio ejemplo de vida, nos ha enseñado cómo convertirnos en un hijo de Dios.

Cuál es nuestra respuesta a este gran regalo? Qué regalo le vamos a dar a Dios quien nos ha dado lo mejor? El mejor regalo que le podemos dar a Dios es tomar la iniciativa de ser un hijo de Dios, de ver a la persona al lado tuyo como un hijo(a) de Dios – alguien quien Dios considera tan precioso. Si cada uno de nosotros considera a la otra persona tan preciosa y digna de respeto, podría haber odio y guerra en este mundo? Que esta Navidad me ayude a considerar a mi vecino(a) como precioso(a) y digno(a) de respeto. Que la actitud nuestra sea nuestro regalo de Navidad para Dios.

Telegrama de Navidad: el predicador y su esposa embarazada se habían ido a una conferencia en Francia, olvidando dar instrucciones para la bandera que decoraría la sala en el Concierto de Villancicos de Navidad el fin de semana siguiente. La secretaria de la parroquia se sorprendió al recibir un telegrama desde Francia que decía simplemente: ENTRE NOSOTROS UN HIJO HA NACIDO. NUEVE PIES DE LARGO Y DOS PIES DE ANCHO. EL REVERENDO Y LA SRA. JOHNSON.

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week
of December 25, 2016

Sun/Dom:

Is 52:7-10/Ps 98/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or
1:1-5, 9-14

Mon/Lunes:

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31/Mt 10:17-22

Tues/Martes:

1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Wed/Mier:

1 Jn 1:5--2:2/Ps 124/Mt 2:13-18

Thurs/Juev:

1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96/Lk 2:22-35

Fri/Vier:

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/
Ps 128/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Sat/Sab:

1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96/Jn 1:1-18

Next Sun/Dom:

Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday Dec 26th

Office Closed— The Rectory office and the Faith Formation Office are closed on Monday December 26th. Remember that not gatherings or meetings take place on our campus when the offices are closed.

Saturday Dec 31st

New Years Eve Celebration

After 6:00 PM Mass till Midnight!!
Come enjoy this fun family friendly party!!

Saturday DEC 31st

Benediction

MIDNIGHT In the Church

OFFICE INFORMATION

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783-2760

Parish Email

office@saintjoachim.net

Parish Office Hours

Monday-Friday 10 AM-7:30 PM

Bilingual available T,W,F 4-7:30 PM

Saturday 10 AM-4 PM

Bilingual available 10 AM-4 PM

Sunday 9 AM-4 PM

Bilingual available 12 PM-4 PM

Rev. Joseph Antony Sebastian, SVD

Pastor

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday

10 AM to 12 PM

5 PM to 8 PM *(with appointment)*

lunes, martes, miércoles, y Viernes

10 AM a 12 PM

5 PM a 8 PM *(con cita)*

Rev. Stephen Ayisu, SVD

Parochial Vicar

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday

10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

5 PM to 8 PM *(with appointment)*

lunes, miércoles, jueves y Viernes

10:00 AM a 12:00 PM

5 PM a 8 PM *(con cita)*

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Nativity of the Lord

"And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God." Even the company of angels rejoiced on Christmas Day. The magnificence of the Nativity reverberated in heaven itself with the beautiful hymn we call the Gloria. There in the midst of perfect, celestial bliss, the heavenly host paused to praise God for the birth of his Son.

Mary and Joseph and the shepherds surely had cause to rejoice as they beheld the newborn face of their God and their Savior. But why do the angels, who already enjoy union with God, bother to visit this scene? Perhaps it is because Christmas is the miraculous moment when heaven and earth are joined together. In this tiny babe of Bethlehem, divinity and humanity are united. The infant in the manger could not speak, but God was not silent! He sent his angels to illuminate the darkness of this holy night with their supernatural message: "A savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord...Glory to God in the highest."

We too can join our voices with the angels by giving glory to God for the gift of Jesus. At Christmas we celebrate the wonder of the Lord's birth, but in truth, our whole lives as Christians could be a hymn of thanks for the coming of our Savior. The joy of this special season is not restricted to December 25. Through a living relationship with Christ, the miracle of Christmas can be with us all year long.

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PRAY FOR

Ellen Rodel Ramil Hilario
Adam Pachkofsky
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Isabel Burkfield
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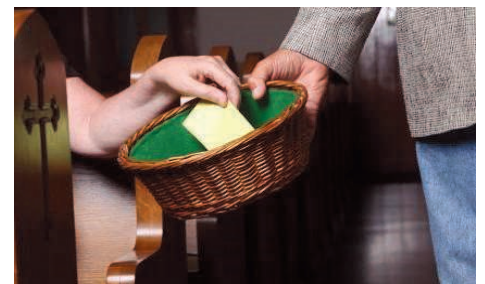


DONATIONS

St Vincent de Paul
Food offering for next week:

**Canned Meats or
Tuna**

**Carne enlatada o
atun**



CONTRIBUTIONS CONTRIBUCIONES

**COLLECTION FOR WEEK
December 11**

The Plate Collection
\$ 10,365.00
EFT Collection
\$ 865.00
On Line Giving
\$ 171.00

TOTAL for the WEEK
\$ 11,392.00

Amount from December 18th not available at press time

MASS INTENTIONS

December 24-31, 2016

Saturday 4:30 PM

Dominguez & Gonzalez Families †
Tony D'Mello † (6 month anniversary)
Manuel & Delphina Pimentel †

Saturday 6:00 PM

Priscilla Solis (cumpleanos)
Familia Buendia-Gomez &
Gomes Flores (thanksgiving)

Saturday MIDNIGHT

Romeo Laureta †

Sunday 7:30 AM

Walter Fernandez († birthday)
Maria Nguyet †
Carl & Jane Street †

Sunday 9:00 AM

Elmer & Mary Ann Kriewaldt †
Margaret Strelow †
Joseph Demichino † (2nd anniversary)
Basil Sales †
Ignacia Navarre Mejia † (anniversary)
Priscilla Garcia †

Sunday 10:30 AM

Jocelyn Alcantara †
Aurelio Cajilog †

Sunday 12:15 PM

Priscilla Garcia †

Sunday 2:00 PM

Angela Mendoza (15th cumpleaños)
Isabel Rodriguez (accion de gracia)
Margarita Morales † (11th aniversario)
Jesus Salvador Fuentes † (aniversario)
Nicolas Rodriguez †
Sara Ruguma † (5th aniversario)
Carmen Gutierrez † (10 meses aniversario)
Paula & David Cruz †
Carmen Flores †

Sunday 6:00 PM

Manuel Fajardo (cumpleanos)
Fatima del Rosario Morales †
Jacinto Gonzalez †

Monday 7:00 AM

Souls in Purgatory

Monday 8:30

Jakob Roland Lopez († birthday)
Basil Sales †
Federico Maquiling († birthday)

Tuesday 7:00 AM

The Community of St. Joachim

Tuesday 8:30 AM

Terrence Green (thanksgiving)
Ella Clemente (1st anniversary)
Cresciana Maglaya (21st anniversary)
Basil Sales †

Wednesday 7:00 AM

The Community of St. Joachim

Wednesday 8 :30 AM

Yunited Group (thanksgiving)
Rosa Alvarado †
Maria Consunto (anniversary)
Basil Sales †

Wednesday 7:00 PM

Maria Elena Romero (4 meses aniversario)

Thursday 7:00 AM

The Community of St. Joachim

Thursday 8:30 AM

Feliza Arengo † (anniversary)
Basil Sales †

Friday 7:00 AM

The Community of St. Joachim

Friday 8:30 AM

Basil Sales †
Santiago Omega †
Joseph Guzman † (40th day)

Saturday 8:30 AM

Basil Sales † (40th day)
Santiago Omega †

PAN DE VIDA YOUTH RETREAT

"Let Jesus present in the Blessed Sacrament speak to your hearts. It is He who is the true answer of life that you seek. He stays here with us: He is God-with-us. Seek Jesus without tiring, welcome Him without reserve, love Him without interruption: today, tomorrow, forever!" -Blessed John Paul II



The Pan de Vida Retreat leads the young people, through prayer and instruction before the Blessed Sacrament, to a personal encounter and ever-deepening union of heart and mind with the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus Christ.

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FRIDAY - SUNDAY
JANUARY 13TH-15TH, 2017

For more information, contact Peggy Murray -
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VATICAN CORNER The Christmas tree and Nativity scene in St. Peter's Square this year, while very beautiful, also highlight social issues such as care for the environment, inspiration for the sick, and the plight of migrants. The 82 ft. high spruce tree came from the Trentino region of northern Italy, and a nearby area there had lost its trees due to a parasite. So school students will be planting nearly 40 new spruce and larch seedlings to reforest that area. The Christmas tree is decorated with handmade ornaments created from ceramic therapy workshops for children undergoing treatment for cancer and other illnesses at several Italian hospitals. The brightly colored ornaments have on their faces the drawings created by the children. This year the giant Nativity scene was donated by the bishops and the government of Malta. It has 17 statues which are dressed in traditional Maltese costumes along with a replica of a traditional Maltese boat. The Vatican office overseeing the decorations said that in



addition to displaying Maltese tradition, the boat also represents the journey migrants have made across the sea in their makeshift boats to reach Italy. In an audience on 12/9/2016, Pope Francis thanked the donors of the tree, several of the children who designed the ornaments, and the designer of the Nativity scene, telling them these gifts “form a message of hope and love” and that their gifts would be admired in Saint Peter's Square “by pilgrims from around the world

during Advent and the Christmas holidays.” He told the tree donors that “the beauty of those views (trees) is an invitation to contemplate the Creator and to respect nature, the work of his hands.” He said that the “ornaments represent the values of life, love and peace that Christ's Christmas proposes to us anew each year.” He said the Maltese vessel, recalled “the sad and tragic reality of migrants on boats making their way toward Italy.” He expressed the hope that “those who visit this nativity scene would be invited to rediscover its symbolic value”, which was “a message of fraternity, of sharing, of welcome and solidarity.” He concluded by saying that “the crib and the tree form a message of hope and love, and help create a Christmas spirit that can draw us closer to living with faith the mystery of the birth of the Redeemer who came to this earth in simplicity and meekness.” Source: news.va, twitter.com/maryshovlain



New Year's Eve Celebration

Come Celebrate the New Year at a Fun and Family Friendly Party



7:00 PM December 31st In the Hall

FUN ~~~ FOOD ~~~ ENTERTAINMENT

End the Year with Benediction in the Church at Midnight



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