

### MASS INTENTIONS (\$10.00)

Dec 20<sup>th</sup> – Dec 25<sup>h</sup>

Tuesday	8:30 a.m.	12/20
Wednesday	8:30 a.m.	12/21
Thursday	8:30 a.m.	12/22
Friday	8:30 a.m.	12/23
Saturday	5:00 p.m.	12/24
Sunday	12:00 a.m.	12/25
	10:00 a.m.	

### PRAYER REQUESTS

James Brown, Patricia Lightner, Barbra Cowlin, Pam Curnutt, Sandy Byers, Pauline Thompson, Chris Arnis, Bernard Offley, Debbie Medeiros, Leon Frappier, Ronald Schaumberg, Leo Carina, Bill Jauron, Marie Anderson, Joey Bates, Geri Noble, Patty Lowe, Dick Wall, Lloyd Ebert, JoAnn Evans, Rodney Mann, Jim Fery, Ted Hile, Craig Chabala, Marvel Brown, Sherry Elder Baker, Martin Scheer Sr., and Josh Bryan

**From 2016/2017, July 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup> 2017 we need \$3,885 weekly. This does not include Religious Education, Youth Ministry personnel, which could account for \$16,000 or more. Also, this does not include Capital Campaign.**

<u>Weekly Need</u>	\$ 3,885.00
<u>Collection Dec 10<sup>th</sup> &amp; 11<sup>th</sup></u>	\$ 2,302.25
	\$-1,582.75
<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	\$ 1,490.25
<b>Christmas Flowers</b>	\$ 111.00

<u>Attendance</u>	5:00 p.m.	45
	8:00 a.m.	45
	10:00 a.m.	188
<b>Immaculate Conception:</b>	noon	55

**BULLETIN DEADLINE** Information for the December 30<sup>th</sup>/ January 1<sup>st</sup> bulletin needs to be emailed or brought in to the office by Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### Christmas Pageant

Christmas Pageant will begin at 4:30 p.m. on December 24<sup>th</sup> in the Church. The children need to be in Room 5 by 3:00 p.m. for practice. Please provide a small snack for your child.

Costumes need to be brought to the Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup> practice.

Please pick up a copy of the practice schedule in the vestibule.

### 4th Sunday of Advent

*"She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus."*

Joseph heard these prophetic words in a dream. They were words of anticipation, of what was to come. And in a sense, they ushered in a kind of Advent for Joseph. With this divine message, Joseph began a period of holy waiting. He now knew that the Messiah was going to be coming into his own home, and he had just nine months to prepare! We can only imagine how Joseph might have spent these precious days. Most likely he did more than prepare a physical home for his soon-to-be-born Son; he must have also used these days to prepare his heart, mind, and soul for such a tremendous mission.

Today, we stand in a position not all that different from St. Joseph. We also know that the Messiah will be arriving--not just in remembrance at Christmastime, but in reality at the second coming. But unlike Joseph, we don't have an exact timeframe. We don't know when Jesus will return. We just know that we need to be ready!

During the season of Advent we are challenged to recall this fact and strive to get our hearts in order. The days are short now until Christmas, and for all we know they might be short until Christ's return as well. What remains to be done? Aside from wrapping presents and planning parties, where do we yet need to tidy up our habits to properly celebrate the real meaning of this festive season? How can we make sure that we don't get swept away in the external preparations, forgetting the work that needs to be done in the invisible silence of our souls?

God may not speak to all of us directly in our dreams, but he does speak to us clearly through his word. May we recognize today the mission he has laid before us.

Cycles of Faith

### Instructions for Online Giving

Instructions for online giving are in the vestibule.  
Pick up your copy today.

### Collection Reminder

Please remember that Christmas falls on Sunday this year. In addition to your Sunday donation, don't forget your Christmas gift.



Pray for a Seminarian, the entrance of the

pick up a Book Mark in church.

## Readings for the week of December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016

**Sunday:** Is 7:10-14/Ps 24/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

**Monday:** Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71/Lk 1:5-25

**Tuesday:** Is 7:10-14/Ps 24/Lk 1:26-38

**Wednesday:** Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33/Lk 1:39-45

**Thursday:** 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2/Lk 1:46-56

**Friday:** Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25/Lk 1:57-66

**Saturday:** Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89/Lk 1:67-79

**Next Sunday:** Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20

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

### Religious Ed Classes

*If public school is cancelled due to weather, Religious Ed will also be cancelled.*

Pre-K through 6th grade after 10:00 a.m. Mass in Parish Center.

Sacramental Prep Reconciliation and First Communion classes will be on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center.

Youth Group is on Christmas break 12/19 to 1/2

Twelve weeks have passed since starting the Right of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) this year. We have recently studied Salvation and Redemption, the Incarnation and Crucifixion, and Mary, the Mother of God.

*Interested in learning more about your Catholic faith? We meet on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m., in Room 5, and all are welcome to come for subjects that interest them. Upcoming topics include:*

12/20—Communion of Saints

12/27 & 1/3—Christmas break

1/10—Why do I need the Church?

### St. Vincent de Paul Notice

Due to Christmas Day occurring on the usual collection weekend for St Vincent de Paul, that collection will be taken up the following weekend, **December 31<sup>st</sup>** and **January 1<sup>st</sup>**. Please be sure to pre-date your checks in order to claim the charitable contribution for 2016. Thank you for your continued generosity to the needy of our community!

## The First Christmas Gift

Dear Parishioners,

Christmas and Year End Giving is not only a Catholic tradition, but Christmas marks the beginning of the Ultimate Gift—God's gift of His only son, Jesus Christ. Christmas of course, celebrates the birth of our savior, Jesus Christ.

Tradition holds that the three kings or wise men followed the star to bring gifts to the newborn king, beginning a tradition of gift giving to the Christmas season we enjoy each and every year.

But what about the gifts that God has bestowed upon each and every one of us during the year and throughout our lifetimes? We are merely stewards of these gifts. Christmas and year's end is a spiritual opportunity to make a return to God of His many blessings at Christmas and year's end.

Some reasons to give:

- Potential tax law changes may make a gift this year even better than next year.
- A charitable contribution may just be the right decision to enable you to itemize your taxes, if you don't already. All gifts made on or before December 31<sup>st</sup> are tax deductible for this tax year.
- Do you have us on your Christmas gift list?

Thank you and God bless,  
Fr. Nicolaus Marandu

***"There is more happiness in giving than in receiving."***

*Acts 20:35*

### DECEMBER POSADAS

**December 16<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in family homes**

**December 24<sup>th</sup> will be in the Church at 12:00 p.m.**

*See Rosa Gonzalez for a list of addresses.*

The Posadas consist of traveling with Mary and Joseph. The first part of the Posadas start at the designated place chosen. Here is where the people congregate and where the prayer begins. The procession starts with the singing of the Litany of the Blessed Virgin.

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