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*Oh Come
Let us Adore Him*

The Nativity of The Lord

December 25, 2022

YEAR A

Christmas Message From Our Pastor



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The wonderful, joyful, and holy celebration is here again, the celebration of Christmas; the celebration of the Coming of the Lord in the Mystery of Incarnation. This Coming is wonderful because it brings us together and reunites us with God. Through the Mystery of Incarnation, the Son of God enters deeply into the fullness of our being to redeem us from the very root of sin that disconnected us from God the father. The Mystery of Incarnation is the manifestation of God's unconditional love for us. The birth of Christ was the greatest event in human history. It marks a new dawn in the history of salvation.

The Christmas celebrations of this year also have a special meaning. After almost three years of uncertainty, anxiety, fear, confusion, and depression due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, this year we can celebrate with more certainty, joy, and happiness with some precautions. Confident in God's love, let us make this Holy Season a wonderful and meaningful one by sharing God's unconditional love with one another.

I would like to thank all of you for your great support throughout the year of 2022 even in the time of difficulty, especially in the Restoration Project. I pray that all of us will be out of the darkness of the Covid-19 Pandemic and the current economic difficulty completely soon; and continue to build up our community as a community of Faith, Hope, and Charity throughout the year of 2023.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year filled with God's Blessings.

*Fr. Joseph Tap Tran
Pastor*



FEASTS OF THE WEEK

Mon.	Dec. 26: St. Stephen, <i>the first martyr</i>
Tue.	Dec. 27: St. John, <i>apostle, evangelist</i>
Wed.	Dec. 28: The Holy Innocents, <i>martyrs</i>
Thurs.	Dec. 29: St. Thomas Becket, <i>bishop, martyr</i>
Fri.	Dec. 30: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
Sun.	Jan. 1: Mary, The Holy Mother of God



MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

Mon. Dec 26 - Sun. Jan 1, 2023

Monday 9:05 a.m.

Arthur Sr., Jeannie, Arthur Jr. Pat and
Kevin Lennon (RIP)
Req. by The Clough Family

Tuesday 9:05 a.m.

Jean, Harry, and Moira Casey (RIP?)
Req. by The Clough Family

Wednesday 9:05 a.m.

Deceased members of the McLaughlin and Bidel
Families (RIP)
Req. by Marion McLaughlin

Friday 9:05 a.m.

Joseph Farley (RIP)
Req. by Frances McKee



Saturday 9:05 a.m.

Emiddio and Silvia Ruccolo (RIP)
Req. by Maria Ruccolo

2022 TAX RECEIPT INFORMATION

This is the last *Sunday* you will be making 2022 contributions. Any contributions received **after December 31, 2022**, will count towards your 2023 tax receipt. As of January 1, 2023, contributions received will count towards your 2023 tax receipt.

2023 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES are ready for pick-up at the back of the church

New envelope users/parishioners are asked to fill out a **Parish Registration Form** (available from an usher) and return it to an usher to obtain offertory envelopes for 2023.



OFFERTORY

Weekly, Dec 11	1180.00
Restoration	100.00

Thank you for your generosity

The Holy Family Mass

Friday, December 30, 2022

9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

New Years' Eve Mass - Solemnity of Mary

Saturday, December 31, 2022

7:00 p.m.

New Years' Day Masses - Solemnity of Mary

Sunday, January 1, 2023

9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

NOTE: Saturday December 31st - NO confessions

CHRISTMAS CARDS AND CAKES

Thanks to all those parishioners who supported our Pro-Life Charities. Right to Life received \$260 from the cards and donations and Campaign Life received \$1,130 from the sale of cakes. Always we are asked to support the culture of Life in our families in our parishes and in our world. *Thank you!*



RECTORY OFFICE CLOSURE

The office will reopen January 11th

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR JAN 1, 2023 - SOLEMNITY OF MARY

Numbers 6.22-27

Psalms 67

Galatians 4.4-7

Luke 2.16-21

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please notify the office of any changes to the list

Hang Sam Lee, Richard Mijares, Drew Fiala, Connie Tari-Kornhauser, Lisa Reardon, Stuart Robson, Rosa Maria Santos, Bianca Auriemma, Rosie Po, Frank Ferreira, Antonina Koziara, Julia Collins, Mary Ann Cuschieri, Sebastian Carvalho, Anne Tran Fazzalari, Gabriel Sebastian Romano, Robert Freimuts, Giuseppe R., Mikayla Haswell, Victoria Cooper, Anna Solims, Lorenza Varga, Steven McKinney, Krysten Telfer, Edward Spiteri, Maria Ruccolo, Ignacio Juarez Ednet, Dominic Coccimiglio, Winifred Ismail, Mimi Ashton, Ann Baby, Marta DiGregorio, Guy Alcamo, and Rosa Loschiavo



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