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Fourth Sunday of Advent/The Nativity of the Lord December 24th/25th, 2017



From The Pastors Desk...

It's nice to be back home and writing these messages again. I took some vacation to visit my family in Texas. US Thanksgiving saw me at my sister Kathy's, in San Antonio, and then a week later we had our annual family reunion. Both of those events had abundant food... we visited and ate and ate and visited. Coming together to eat is an event that is important not only to me, but also to most of us human beings. We are social creatures, needing the physical nourishment of food and the emotional and spiritual nourishment of fellowship. Much of Advent involves food. There are Christmas parties, baked goods galore, and certain dishes that people only make at this time of year. Here at the parish we've had our share of parties and events, and most involved food in one way or another: the parish Christmas party, hospitality after each Sunday Eucharist as we began our parish mission, a veritable feast at the celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe, and so many other moments.

God, too, wants to be part of all these goings-on. In the final gospel of Advent we hear the angel Gabriel tell Mary that she will bear the Son of God Most High. In other words, God, as Jesus, embraces every bit of our reality and chooses to be born into a specific moment in time in human history—and he likes to eat! This Jesus whose birth we are celebrating later says that some call him a glutton and a drunkard. So many stories in the gospel take place at a meal setting, and Jesus talked about the Kingdom of God as a wedding feast.

I'm getting ahead of myself, though; right now most of us are focusing on Jesus as the little baby born in Bethlehem, lying in a manger. Think about that for a moment. A manger is where the sheep and other animals come to eat. Their *food* is placed there. How many images are there in scripture where God is a shepherd and we are sheep, part of God's flock? If that's the case, look at what God is doing for us: we, the sheep, come to the manger to eat, and what do we find? God himself! God is there to nourish us, and to give us strength for whatever may come our way. And God is still inviting us to come eat, and to come to our weekly "family reunion"—the Eucharist. I pray that this time of grace may be one of nourishment and joy to one and all. Merry Christmas!

In. Maurice

Reflection for the Week

You have found favor with God (Luke 1:30)

Like Mary, you too, are filled with God's grace and favor. Sit with the Lord and let that grace touch your heart.



**THE RECTORY OFFICE WILL BE
CLOSED FROM
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22nd, 2017
AND WILL REOPEN ON
TUESDAY, JANUARY 2nd, 2018**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HEALTHY
AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!**



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"Here am I, the servant of the Lord: let it be done to me according to your word." Lk. 1:38

Mary's "Yes" to God's desire for her allowed the gift of Emmanuel to be given to all of us. Had Mary said "No", would we be celebrating Advent, or Christmas? What happens when we cooperate with the Spirit? What happens when we exercise our free will, and deny the Holy Spirit the freedom to act through us for God's purposes? Mary is our example of one who trusts the God who promises to do great things through her open response. Because of that "Yes", we have been redeemed by the Saviour. Like Mary, our "Yes" matters, and if we say "No", God's plans and desires for the world are altered. As we join with Mary in saying, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord: let it be done to me according to your word", let us offer the Lord our open minds and hearts to receive the prompting of his Spirit, to act upon our gifts, talents, and charisms in continuing to bring the good news of great joy to the world.

May God bless all of you with peace, love, and joy that longs to be shared during this Christmas season, and throughout your entire life.

May the celebration of
the birth of Jesus bring
peace, joy, love and the
light of God's glory
into every aspect of
your life.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

The Assumption Parish Staff

J. J.
Jean *Tim*
Melissa *Lilyka* *In. Maurice* *Sally*
Karen *Meredith*

Week at a Glance

Monday, December 25th-CHRISTMAS DAY

10:00am Mass (McEwan Campus-Church)
2:00pm Latin Mass (McEwan Campus-Church)

Tuesday, December 26th-BOXING DAY

7:00pm Latin Mass (McEwan Campus-Church)
7:00pm Cenacle of Our Lady of Guadalupe (Rosary Chapel)

Wednesday, December 27th

Thursday, December 28th

10:00am Card Games (McEwan Campus-Basement)
5:00pm Two Hearts Prayer Group (Rosary Chapel)
6:30pm Choir Practice with Sr. Lise (McEwan Campus-Church)
7:30pm Nar Anon (Rosary Hall)

Friday, December 29th

9:00am SVDP Forgotten Harvest Produce (McEwan Campus)
3:00pm Divine Mercy Hour (Rosary Chapel)
6:30pm Confessions (Rosary Chapel)
7:00pm Apostolate of Fatima Mass & Rosary (Rosary Chapel)

Saturday, December 30th

9:00am SVDP-Meeting/Home Visits (McEwan Campus-Basement)
3:45pm Confessions (McEwan Campus-Church)
5:00pm Mass (McEwan Campus-Church)
7:00pm New AA Meeting-All Are Welcome (Rosary Hall)

Sunday, December 31st-NEW YEAR'S EVE

9:00am Mass (McEwan Campus-Church)
11:00am Mass (McEwan Campus-Church)
7:30pm New Year's Eve Mass (McEwan Campus-Church)

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 25th-CHRISTMAS DAY

8:00am **No MASS**

Tuesday, December 26th-BOXING DAY

8:00am **No MASS**

Wednesday, December 27th

8:00am †Carlo Dal Bello by his Wife & Family
†Nikac Prena by the Family
†For the Souls in Purgatory by Mary Ha

Thursday, December 28th

8:00am †Benedetto Crolla by Fernando Torti
†Domenica Nardone by Maria Casoni
†Helen Janisse 11th Anniversary, Fred & Margaret Pearce by the Family

Friday, December 29th

8:00am †Fiore & Irene & the Quaglia Family by daughter Dilia & Family
†Gene Lucier by Dennis Malette
For the Intentions of Janette Rosaasen by Dennis Malette

Saturday, December 30th—McEwan Campus

5:00pm For the Intentions of the Assumption Parish Parishioners

Sunday, December 31st—McEwan Campus-NEW YEAR'S EVE

9:00am For the intentions of the Assumption Parish Parishioners
11:00am For the intentions of the Assumption Parish Parishioners
7:30pm For the intentions of the Assumption Parish Parishioners

ROSARY CHAPEL CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE



December 24th, 25th and 26th - Closed
December 27th to 30th - 8am to 8pm
Daily Mass – 8:00am ONLY
NO 12:10pm or 5:00pm

The 12:10pm & 5:00pm Masses will resume on
Tuesday January 9th, 2018

Sanctuary Light Memorial

For the week of December 24th

Rosary Chapel

†Domenica Nardone by D. Vitarelli

McEwan Campus-Church

†For the Deceased Members of the Theriault Family

Offering Envelopes



The 2018 Offertory Envelopes are now available for pick up at the entrance of the church

ALL PARISHIONERS WHO CURRENTLY HAVE ENVELOPES WILL BE REASSIGNED A NEW ENVELOPE NUMBER.

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- PLEASE ENSURE YOU TAKE THE ENVELOPES WITH **YOUR NAME ON THEN BOX.**
- PLEASE PUT YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS ON THE FIRST FEW YOU USE IN 2018.
- DO NOT USE YOUR 2017 ENVELOPES - RECYCLE THEM!
- IF YOU DO NOT SEE YOUR ENVELOPES OR WOULD LIKE ENVELOPES PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE.

Sunday Collection



SUNDAY COLLECTIONS WILL NOT BE RECORDED IN THE BULLETIN FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR, DUE TO PUBLICATION DEADLINES. THEY WILL BE PUT IN THE BULLETIN IN 2018.

The child to be born will be called holy,
the Son of God.—Luke 1:35

The Li'l Saints program will be held on Sunday, December 24th at the 11:00am mass. Please note that there will be a two week reprieve and the program will resume on Sunday, January 14th, 2018 at 11:00am mass.

PLEASE!!
NOTE

Donation Receipt Deadline



If you wish to make a donation with a receipt dated in 2017, please be aware of the following deadlines:

- **December 25th** for donations made via the collection basket;
- **December 31st** for online donations at assumption.dol.ca.

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Guardians of the Gospel Youth Ministry

Please note that there will be **NO** Youth Ministry events from December 25th, 2017 until January 7th, 2018.

The Youth Ministry classes will resume on Monday, January 8th, 2018.

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Christmas!
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Blessed New Year

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