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ADVENT



Fourth Sunday in Advent

December 24, 2023

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Christmas Message From Our Pastor

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,



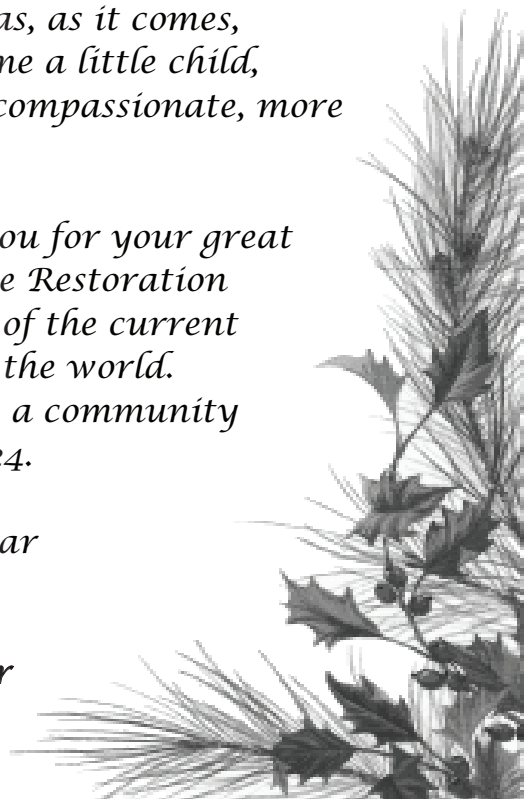
During the Christmas Season, we celebrate the Mystery of Incarnation: God become man. By becoming man, God has in a certain way united Himself with every human person. He has revealed to us the truth about who He is: A loving, merciful, and compassionate God. He has revealed to us also that every human being has dignity, including the unborn child, the poor, the suffering, and the dying. By becoming man, God came to earth to deliver us from sin and death. He came to make all things new; to bring about a new creation. He took on our human nature so that we might become partakers of His divine nature.

The Christmas mystery is, "a wonderful exchange" between God and man: He takes what is ours so that He may give us what is His. St. John says that by sending His Son, God has opened for us a share in His divine life, the power to become children of God! (John 3:12). May each Christmas, as it comes, find us more and more like him who, at this time became a little child, for our sake; more simple-minded, more humble, more compassionate, more happy, more full of God."

As Christmas approaches, I would like to thank all of you for your great support throughout the year of 2023, especially with the Restoration project. I pray that all of us will be out of the darkness of the current economic difficulty soon. We also pray for the peace of the world. Together, let us continue to build up our community as a community of Faith, Hope, and Charity throughout the year of 2024.

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

Fr. Joseph Tap Tran, Pastor



MASS INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

Mon. Dec 25 - Sun Dec 31

Monday 9:05 a.m.

CHRISTMAS DAY

Tuesday 9:05 a.m.

Harry, Jean and Moira Casey (RIP)

Req. by Ann Clough and family

Saturday 7 p.m.

Stanley and Marianna Juskiewicz (RIP)

Req. by Natalie Chabane

Sunday 9 a.m.

Intentions of the Parish Community

Sunday 11 a.m.

Intentions of the Parish Community

7 p.m. Solemnity of Mary Vigil

Intentions of the Parish Community



2023 DONATIONS

The last day to make a 2023 donation that will count towards your 2023 donation tax receipt is December 31, 2023.

As of January 1st, 2024, any donations made will be for the 2024 tax year and will be put towards the 2024 donation tax receipt.

2024 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Envelopes for 2024 are ready for pick-up at the back of the church

Please do not use your 2024 offertory envelopes until January 1st, 2024. Please print your full name, address, and phone number on the envelope when making your first few donations. This will ensure the office staff have your current mailing address on file. If making a larger donation to cover multiple Sundays you have missed, please put the donation in **one** envelope to make it easier for the office staff to record.

New envelope users/parishioners are asked to fill out a **Parish Registration Form** and return it to an usher to obtain offertory envelopes for 2024.

FEASTS OF THE WEEK

Mon.	Dec. 25: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
Tue.	Dec. 26: St. Stephen, <i>The First Martyr</i>
Wed.	Dec. 27: St. John, <i>apostle, evangelist</i>
Thrs.	Dec. 28: The Holy Innocents, <i>martyrs</i>
Fri.	Dec. 29: St. Thomas Becket, <i>bishop, martyr</i>
Sun.	Dec. 31: The Holy Family

Christmas Vigil Mass

Sunday, December 24th, 2023

11:30 p.m. Christmas Caroling & Choral Music

12:00 a.m. Solemn Midnight Mass

Christmas Day Masses

Monday, December 24th, 2023

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

The Holy Family Masses

Saturday, December 30th: 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 31st: 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

New Year's Eve Mass

Sunday, December 31st

7:00 pm

New Year's Day Masses

Monday, January 1st, 2024

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

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, CHRISTMAS, THE HOLY FAMILY, AND NEW YEAR'S DAY ARE ALL DAYS OF OBLIGATION.



RECTORY OFFICE REOPENS

JANUARY 10th, 2024

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, Rosa Loschiavo, Anne Marie Skewes, Blossom Reid, and Sophia Oppel

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