

Sunday, December 18, 2022

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1. Wear mask
2. Sanitize your hands when you come inside the church

MASS TIMES

Mondays to Saturdays: 9:00am

Additional Mass on Wednesdays: 7:00pm

Additional Mass on 1st Fridays: 7:00pm

Sundays:

8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm, and 4:00pm

Sunday Vigil Mass at 5:00pm on Saturday

RECONCILIATION

6:00-6:45pm before the Wednesday 7pm Mass or by appointment.

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To receive parish notifications, weekly bulletin and Sunday Mass link, click AddMe.

BULLETIN DEADLINE—MONDAY AT NOON

2023 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

These are now available for pick-up in the Rotunda. Envelopes are arranged numerically. If you do not know your envelope number, refer to the list provided on the table by the boxes. Please verify the label on the box to make certain you are taking home your box. If you do not presently use envelopes and would like a set, or if you would like to switch to pre-authorized giving, please contact Violanta in the parish office.

CHURCH YEAR END

To include your donations in the 2022 tax receipts Your donations must reach the parish office on or before Thursday, December 29th 2022 This will allow us to deposit the money by Friday December 30th, 2022 Thank you for your cooperation and generosity.

BEREAVEMENT SESSIONS

Registration for the January Bereavement Sessions is now open. Sessions begin January 9th on Monday mornings from 10am to 12pm for 6 consecutive weeks. All sessions will be held in the Seminar room in person. Grieving is the most difficult of journeys but is the price we pay for loving someone. We need one another to support and nurture our healing to help ease the pain of separation from our loved ones. You cannot heal alone. All information is confidential. Please contact Muriel Haney for more information at Muriel1066@bell.net and be sure to include your phone number. **Masks will be required.**

Envy is sadness at another's good.—Fulton Sheen

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST



The Knights of Columbus will be having a children's poster contest for the Advent season. The poster must reflect the theme of "Keep Christ in Christmas". The deadline for the posters to be returned to the church along with a completed entry form is Sunday, **December 18, 2022** (see link below). There are 3 different age categories (see link).

<https://www.kofc.org/en/resources/faith-in-action-programs/family/keep-christ-in-christmas/5025-kcic-entry-score-sheet-fillable.pdf>

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- Confirmation, confirmation@sjocross.org 230
- Youth Group, ym@sjocross.org
- St. Vincent de Paul Society 305

SAVE THE DATE



Knights of Columbus "Knight of Hearts Valentine Dinner and Dance" will be held on Saturday, February 11, 2023 at Apollo Convention Centre. Tickets available early January 2023. Stay tune for updates!

Handicraft items from Holy Land will be in the rotunda this weekend. Check it out and support the Christians in Holy Land.

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CHRISTMAS SEASON MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24th

4:00pm, 6:00pm, 8:00pm, 10:00pm, and 12midnight

Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25th

10:00am and 12:00pm

New Year's Eve (Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God)

Saturday, December 31st

5:00pm

New Year's Day (Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God)

Sunday, January 1st

8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm, and 4:00pm

The Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday, January 7th

5:00pm

Sunday, January 8th

8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm, 4:00pm

There will be no Candlelight Carol
Service this Sunday, December 18th.
It is cancelled.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, December 20, 9am

1. For the Birthday Blessings of Rosie Barreto, requested by the Barreto Family
2. For the Repose of John & Margaret Remedios, requested by the Remedios Family
3. For the Repose of Matty D'Souza, requested by Trevor D'Souza & Family
4. For the Repose of Glicerio Catalig, requested by the Catalig Family
5. For the Repose of Pablo Yamez, requested by Beatrice Yamez
6. In Thanksgiving for Blessings Received, requested by Rosemarie Lobo
7. For the Birthday Blessings of Glenn Rego, requested by the Rego Family

Wednesday, December 21, 9am

1. For the Birthday Blessings of Maria Nilza Navarro, requested by the Castro Family

Wednesday, December 21, 7pm

1. In Thanksgiving for Blessings Received, requested by the Menezes Family
2. For the Repose of Josephine Michaels, requested By Robert & Cathy Michaels

Thursday, December 22, 9am

1. For the 52nd Wedding Anniversary Blessings of Marina & Zeno and the 85th Birthday of Zeno, requested by Marina & Zeno
2. For the Birthday Blessings of Maria Navarro, requested by the Castro Family
3. For the Conversion of Cleve Kenny, requested by the Family

Friday, December 23, 9am

1. For the successful eye surgery of Josie Vilchez, requested by the Vilchez Family

Saturday, December 24, 4pm

1. For the Repose of Leanne Rodgers, requested by Mum & Dad
2. For the Repose of Rita Reed, requested by Kim Williams
3. For the Repose of Angela Thomas, requested by the Robson Family
4. In Thanksgiving for the Geraldoy and Lumucso Families, requested by Kristine Lumucso

Sunday, December 25, 10am

1. In Thanksgiving for Blessings Received, requested by the Florentin Family
2. For the Repose of Lilianne Zaina Fariala, requested by Medard Mbuyi Hutu

Sunday, December 25, 12pm

1. For the Repose of Zoilo & Irene Figueroa, requested by Annaliza Gulli
2. For the Repose of Memino Peter D'Souza, requested by Trevor D'Souza
3. For the Repose of Lilianne Zaina Fariala, requested By Medard Mbuyi Hutu
4. In Thanksgiving for the Chan Family, requested by M. Chan
5. For the Repose of Gladys Mendoza, requested by Carolina Martinez

CHURCH

Mon	Dec 19	Adult Choir 7:00-8:45pm
Thurs	Dec 22	Youth Choir 5:30-6:30pm
Thurs	Dec 22	Folk Choir 7:00pm
Sat	Dec 24	No Morning Mass
Sat	Dec 24	Children's Choir 10:00am

SEMINAR ROOM

Tues	Dec 20	PTC-Social Time 1:00-4:00pm
Wed	Dec 21	Sacramental Prep. 6:30-7:30pm

NESSINGER HALL

Sun	Dec 18	Youth Group 6:00-8:00pm
Tues	Dec 19	Line Dancing 1:00-4:00pm
Wed	Dec 21	CWL 7:00-9:00pm

There will not be a 9am morning Mass next Saturday, December 24th.

"If Christ is to come more fully into our lives this Christmas, if God is to become really incarnate for us, then fire will have to be present in our prayer. Our worship and devotion will have to stoke the kind of fire in our souls that can truly change our hearts."

Edward Hays

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“... Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.”

Matthew 19:14



Boys and girls, on this 4th week of Advent, we will be lighting the 4th purple candle which symbolizes Peace. Christmas is just a few more days away. Do you have family traditions that you do during Christmas? Many families do exchange gifts. Some put their Christmas trees up and decorated them with all kinds of Christmas ornaments. Some families spend time to help out in the shelter for the homeless or give food to the homeless on the streets. What is yours? Below are Christmas traditions in some countries in the world.

UNITED KINGDOM

Christmas Crackers. You probably seen it in the stores, it is a “three-chambered cardboard tube, wrapped in brightly colored paper that is twisted to connect the two outer chambers to the middle.” Inside this candy shaped vessel’s middle chamber is a prize of a small toy, a joke or a riddle, and a paper crown. A cardboard strip with a tiny explosive charge on it runs along the inside of the cracker, so when two people tug at either end, a “crack” sound is heard, and the cracker breaks into two pieces. Whoever is holding the side that’s still attached to the middle chamber wins the prize. The reason Christmas crackers have crowns is traced back to the ancient Romans, who wore decorative headgear.



CHINA

While in many countries around the world candies and pastries reign supreme when it comes to a Christmas sweet, in China, apples are the festive treat of choice. Although Christmas isn’t an official holiday in China, it is becoming more and more celebrated each year. ‘Peace apples’ have become the go-to gift to give – they are regular apples packaged in special boxes or wrapped in colorful paper, sometimes adorned with Christmas messages.



PHILIPPINES

The Philippines has the longest and most lavish

Christmas season in the world, with holiday light displays, masses and festivals held from September through January. Special Christmas lanterns called ‘parols’ made of bamboo and paper are hung around towns and villages, with some places even holding contests for the most beautiful Christmas decorations.



MEXICO



In cities and towns across Mexico, the Christmas festival of Las Posadas. It commemorates the long journey that Joseph and Mary made from Nazareth to Bethlehem in search of lodging. During Las Posadas, which is Spanish for “the inns” or “shelter,” children dress in robes, with an angel, Mary and Joseph represented. Adults and musicians follow the procession, stopping at preselected homes. Each home represents an inn and when the procession requests lodging, they are provided with refreshments, and Christmas songs are sung.

NIGERIA

The idea of Christmas rice has become a tradition in the country. While the rice is can be prepared in a variety of ways—either jollof rice or fried rice, it is customary that rice is available for guests when they call on you for x-mas. The rice can be garnished with chicken, goat meat and combined with other appetizers or desserts. This is also the reason why some companies gift their workers with rice and oil prior to the holiday.



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