

Sunday, December 25, 2022

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Merry Christmas to you all!



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Sunday: 8:30am-1:30pm

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Message from Fr. Joyson George O. Carm., Pastor

Recently I read a brief description of some of the favourite symbols of Christmas. The crib was described as an image of heaven. It radiates peace, love, fulfillment, the lack of tears. The baby is always “sleeping in heavenly peace” in its crib. The manger, a trough where cattle and sheep come to eat; now holding Jesus who comes as food for the life of the world. The tree is seen as with its angel and guiding star on top, joining heaven and earth, a ladder for the incarnation, a way God climbed down to earth. The Christmas lights? These represent the light and warmth of God. These lights, in our northern part of the world, symbolize God bringing heat and light during the darkest and coldest time of the year.

Isn't Christmas wonderful?

That innocent Child, with outstretched arms, is God who loves us so deeply that He becomes one of us! He is Emmanuel. Christmas is God making us holy as He becomes one of us and dwells within and among us.

And He reminds us to love each other in the same warm, wonderful and reassuring way.

At this time of remembering and celebrating, we wish each and every one of you the peace and joy of Christmas. ***Merry Christmas!***

Father Joyson, Fr. Felix, Deacon Mark, & Parish Staff



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

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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.

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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

CHRISTMAS PRAYER FOR 2022

Merciful God, who made that first Christmas night so beauteous and bright, we ask You to bless us once again with Your gentle yet powerful Presence. As we experience the cold nights and bitter winds of this world, remind us that You have not left us alone, but have promised to be our Emmanuel, God-with-us. You once slept in a stable in Bethlehem, while shepherds and Magi visited You. Now, You dwell in glory in the Holy Eucharist, waiting once again for us to adore You. Please fill us with Your gift of heavenly peace, and open our eyes to Your Presence in our midst. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 26, 9am

1. In Thanksgiving for Blessings Received, requested by The Saldanha Family
2. For the 25th Wedding Anniversary Blessings of Jhun & Annabel Dela Cruz, requested by Family, Relatives & Friends

Tuesday, December 27, 9am

1. For the Repose of Cassilda Fernandes, requested by Delta De Ponte
2. For the Deceased Members of the Saldanha & Lobo Family, requested by Maurice & Wilma Saldanha

Wednesday, December 28, 9am

1. For the Repose of Paul Sciberras, requested by Mom
2. For the Repose of Nelly Parra, requested by the Herrera Family
3. For the Repose of Maureen & Audrey Barber, requested by David Costello
4. For the Repose of Catherine, Joseph & Hugh Fernando, requested by the Fernando Family

Wednesday, December 28, 7pm

1. Thanksgiving Wedding Anniversary Blessings for Debbie & Gerard, requested by the Menezes Family

Thursday, December 29, 9am

1. In Thanksgiving for Blessings Received, requested by Ivy Carnelio
2. For the Repose of Noel Ambrose D’Mello, requested by the D’Mello Family
3. Thanksgiving Birthday Blessings for Aedan Menezes, requested by the Menezes Family
4. For the Repose of Elise Bernard and Bernard Jr. Ranger, requested by the Family
5. For the Intentions of Bob & Vida Nairn, requested by Josephine Luetke

Friday, December 30, 9am

1. Thanksgiving Birthday Blessings for Sylvie D’Souza, requested by the Remedios Family
2. For the Repose of Jun Jarabe, requested by the Family
3. For the Healing of Nadine & Adrian Kenny, Requested by the Family
4. For the Repose of Lucianawati Loe, requested by Lidyawati Santoso
5. For the Repose of Sheila Rampersad, requested by the Family

Saturday, December 31, 9am

1. For the Repose of Vernon Carvalho, requested by Friends of the Family
2. In Thanksgiving to the Blessed Trinity for Blessings Received, requested by Zeno & Marina
3. In Thanksgiving for Blessings Received, requested by Vincent & Family
4. In Thanksgiving for Blessings & Graces Received, requested by the Chaves Family
5. In Thanksgiving for Blessings Received, requested by the Babu Family
6. In Thanksgiving for Blessings Received, requested by Sylvester De Souza Family

Saturday, December 31, 5pm

1. For the Repose of Vernon Carvalho, requested by the Family
2. In Thanksgiving for Blessings Received, requested by the Gama Family

Sunday, January 1, 2023 10am

1. For the Repose of Leanne Rodgers, requested by Mum & Dad

Sunday, January 1, 2023 12pm

1. For the Repose of Mike D’Cunha, requested by the D’Souza Family
2. For the Birthday Blessings of Ermelinda Rodrigues, requested by Her Family
3. For the Wedding Anniversary Blessings of Denzil & Lovina Pereira, requested by the Family

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WE ARE FAMILY!



Merry Christmas, boys and girls!

Oh, what a blessed night it was when Jesus was born! The angels sang, the star shone bright, the shepherds flocked to where baby Jesus was to worship him. And Mary and Joseph they were so happy to finally have their newborn son, the son of God, with them.

I have a question for you, boys and girls. If you were there, right there in the stable where Jesus, Mary, and Joseph was on that night, what would you do? Would you join in the singing of the angels? Or in the prayers of the shepherds?

Well, let us do just that. We can pretend that we are there in the stable. We see the shepherds coming in with their sheep, some are kneeling in front of Jesus in adoration and awe. You see the bright star, the brightest you've ever seen in the skies, and the angels, singing so beautifully, "Glory to God in the highest!"

Let us pray boys and girls

*Loving Father,
Help us remember the birth of Jesus,
that we may share in the song of the angels,
the gladness of the shepherds,
and worship of the wise men.
Close the door of hate
and open the door of love all over the world.
Let kindness come with every gift
and good desires with every greeting.
Deliver us from evil by the blessing
which Christ brings,
and teach us to be merry with clear hearts.
May the Christmas morning
make us happy to be thy children,
and Christmas evening bring us to our beds
with grateful thoughts,
forgiving and forgiven,
for Jesus' sake.
Amen.*

Source: www.hallow.com




*Silent night, holy night
All is calm, all is bright
'Round yon Virgin Mother and Child
Holy Infant so tender and mild
Sleep in heavenly peace
Sleep in heavenly peace.*



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