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Fourth Sunday of Advent December 22, 2024

YEAR C

Christmas Message From Our Pastor



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Christmas is the time of joy, love, hope, and peace. We happily join with billions of peoples around the world in remembering the birth of our Saviour. "Joy to the world, the Lord is come!"

In the Gospel of St. Luke, chapter 2, verses 8-11: An angel of the Lord appeared to the shepherds and the glory of the Lord shone around them. They were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see - I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord".

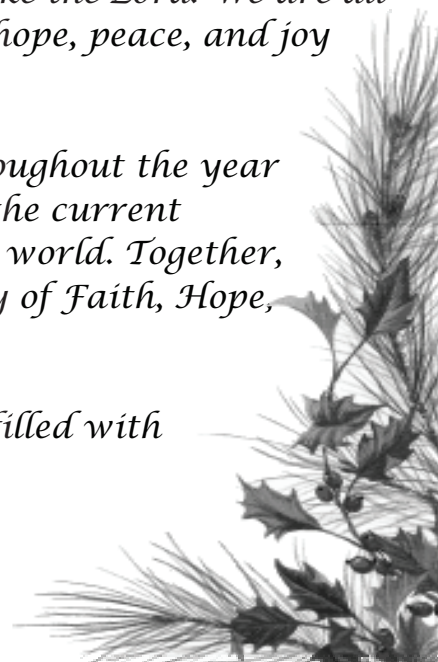
We are joyful because, as Pope Francis said in his 2023 Christmas homily, that the Mystery of Incarnation "truly is the sign that reveals God's face, a face of compassion and mercy, whose might is shown always and only in love. He makes himself close, tender, and compassionate. This is God's way: closeness, compassion, tenderness.

May each Christmas, as it comes, find us more and more like the Lord. We are all invited to join the Mission of the Lord to bring happiness, hope, peace, and joy to one another.

I would like to thank all of you for your great support throughout the year of 2024. 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 2025.

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 23 - Sun. Dec. 29

Monday 9:05 a.m.

Emiddio & Silvia Ruccolo (RIP)

Req. by Maria Ruccolo

Tuesday 9:05 a.m.

Maurice and Gerard Hall (RIP)

Req. by The Rooney Family

Wednesday 9:05 a.m.

CHRISTMAS DAY

Thursday 9:05 a.m.

Friends of the Dias & Clementino Families (INT)

Req. by R.C.

Friday 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

2024 DONATIONS

The last day to make a 2024 donation that will count towards your 2024 donation tax receipt is December 31, 2024. December 28/29 is the last *weekend* to make 2024 donations. Donations made after December 31, 2024, will be put towards your 2025 donation tax receipt.

2025 OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

2025 offertory envelopes are ready for pick-up at the back of the church. Please do not use your 2025 offertory envelopes until January 1st, 2025. Please print your full name, address, and phone number on the envelope, when making your first few 2025 donations. *New envelope users/parishioners are asked to fill out a **Parish Registration Form** and return it to an usher to obtain offertory envelopes for 2025. Thank you!*



OFFERTORY

Weekly, Dec 15 to be reported
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FEASTS OF THE WEEK

Mon. Dec 23: St. John of Kanty, priest
Wed. Dec. 25: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
Thrs. Dec. 26: St. Stephen, *The First Martyr*
Fri. Dec. 27: St. John, *apostle, evangelist*
Sat Dec. 28: The Holy Innocents, *martyrs*
Sun. Dec. 31: The Holy Family

Christmas Vigil Mass

Tuesday, December 24, 2024

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

12:00 a.m. Solemn Midnight Mass

Christmas Day Masses

Wednesday, December 24, 2024

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

Feast of The Holy Family Masses

Saturday, December 28, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 29, 2024, at 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

New Year's Eve Mass

Tuesday, December 31, 2024

at 7:00 pm

New Year's Day Masses

Wednesday, January 1, 2025

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



RECTORY OFFICE REOPENS
JANUARY 8, 2025

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR SUNDAY, DEC. 29, 2024

Sirach 3.2-6, 12-14

Psalms 128

Colossians 3.12-21

Luke 2.41-52

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, Winifred Ismail, Mimi Ashton, Ann Baby, Marta DiGregorio, Rosa Loschiavo, Anne Marie Skewes, Blossom Reid, Sophia Oppel, Timothy McNulty, Gwen Chabane, & Biruta Niedra



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