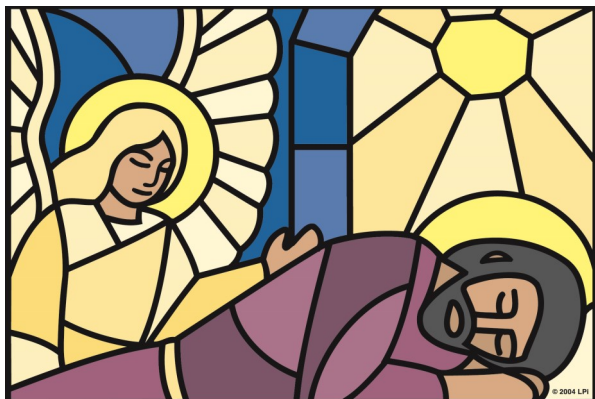


Sunday, December 18, 2022



Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means "God is with us." When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home.
- Mt 1:23-24

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 19, 2022

8:15am: + Anthony Ciaschini

Tuesday, December 20, 2022

8:15am: + Lilian Rightmyer

7:00pm: + Marta & James Ben

Wednesday, December 21, 2022

8:15am: + Gerry McSorley

Thursday, December 22, 2022

8:15am: + Francisca Treyisan & Elisa Cantarero

Friday, December 23, 2022

8:15am: + Maxima & Engracio Lagman

7:00pm: + Benedict & James De Castro

+ Jan Blasko

+ Gregorio Quinay

+ Judith & Mary Perera

+ Vincent Mui & All Souls

Saturday, December 24, 2022

Christmas Eve—No Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 25, 2022

Christmas Day—No Mass Intentions

Fourth Sunday of Advent

An entire town is wiped out by fire, a tornado rips through several neighborhoods, a bomb claims a maternity hospital and a sudden heart attack takes the life of a soul mate. Life is unpredictable and dramatic. Many buy into the sad illusion that the securities and familiarities we see around us today will remain forever: our homes, our friends, our spouses, our churches, and even our health. We are stunned and shaken by a sudden change, finding ourselves bewildered, mortified, and even embittered. We do not like change, especially change driven by sources beyond our control. Are there any guarantees in life? We often live as if our lives come with lifetime warranties. When they break, they can be fixed or replaced. Such is not the case. Many things are irreplaceable and unable to be fixed. During life's inevitable chaos, God says: "Do not be afraid." Seriously? How can one not be afraid when things are falling apart? Fear is normal and it has a purpose. It is unrealistic, and somewhat unhealthy, to strive to live without any fear. Fear teaches us lessons and can be a catalyst to discovering more profound things. What we do with fear and how we understand it is critical. Fear can either cripple us or move us forward. God does not want fear to cripple us. If we look around at all that can change in our lives and consider what we might have to do, we can easily wallow in the mire of self-misery. Or we can step up to the challenge, as Mary did, and do what needs doing! We can stand tall, as did Joseph, and do the right and just thing! What gives us this courage? Faith. God is with us. This is the focus of our Advent preparations. We need to be reminded that we are not in this alone. God not only made us and loves us, but God keeps us! In the person of Jesus Christ, God is the sign we need to persevere! Do not be afraid and do not be unbelieving! Hold fast to what God has done in giving us His only begotten Son. We do not have to anxiously attempt to control life's unpredictability. God has blessed us with the birth of His Son. Trust that He is with us and will not abandon us, even in death.



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Holiday Office Hours

Dec 23: 9am-12pm

Dec 24-27: CLOSED

Dec 28: 9am-4pm

Dec 29: 9am-4pm

Dec 30: 9am-12pm

Dec 31-Jan 2: CLOSED

Jan 3: 9am-4pm

Lectors Needed

Readers are needed for the 7:00pm Mass. If you are interested, please visit the parish office to complete a registration form. Once completed, you will be contacted by the Parish Lector Coordinator, David. Thank you!

Please Pray for the Sick...

Please pray for our parishioners, family and friends who have requested our prayers:

Alessia & Tony Commisso, Tina MacPherson, Damien Chaytor, Humberto Casimiro, Charmaine Menezes, Maria Bizzaro, Thomas Chircop, George Blanchette, Sonia Miranda, Suzy Zahra, Marcelle Caruana, Lynn Viscardi, Maria Bowman, Luigina Furlan, Francis Asis, Paul Celia, Evelyn Cletus, Alix Meikle, Raul Soriano, Wilfredo Ticzon, Arnold De Castro, Rosa Santos, Virginia Sevilla, Carole Melbourne, Luigina Catalli, Royston Guilford, Irene Lesniak, Jacintha Fernandes, Andre & Tamara Boaden, Dianne Ouellette, Anna Iafrate, Doreen Micallef, John Kolozsvari, Dominic Alvia, Manuel Bienvenido Locsin, Theresa Boutilier, John Ngoc Truong, Maureen Tierney, Bill Cranor, Jocelyn Heydorn, Jose Valle, John Fermin, Morris Dzis, Jonathan Pinto, Alvaro Interiano, Arlene Claricia, Jennifer Nava-Villa, Gatsby & Ryen Lung, Eleonora Marchese, Fruto Relator, Margarita Flores, Carlito Claricia, Virginia Torre Franca, Benedict de Castro, Carole Bullock, Russell Hussey



Thank you!

A huge thank you to elf Agnes and all her little helpers who raised over \$700.00 by selling hand crafted items! All proceeds go to St. Vincent de Paul Society, who help those in need within our community. Last but not least, thank you to our parishioners for the generous support!

YOUTH MINISTRY **JOIN US FOR EDGE & ELEV8!**

EDGE is a Youth Ministry for those in Grades 6 and 7 aimed to bringing youth closer to Jesus Christ and His Church and to encourage holiness and community with each other. EDGE Nights allow the young people to learn about their faith through talks, music, games, videos, small group discussions, activities and sharing with friends.

ELEV8 is a Youth Ministry for those in Grade 8 aimed to foster intentional discipleship and deeper friendships before entering High School. ELEV8 Nights take place at the same time as EDGE Nights, but the 8's break off into their own space.

Join us Fridays at the Parish from 5pm to 6:30pm (doors open at 4:45pm):

Jan 20, Feb 3, Feb 17, Mar 3, Mar 24, Apr 14, Apr 28, May 26 & Jun 9

RSVP is encouraged through Eventbrite:
<http://bit.ly/spygedge>

Thank you—from CWL

St. Patrick's CWL sincerely thanks all parishioners for supporting our Christmas Bazaar and making it a success. The Parish table which received contributions from Fr. John, the Knights of Columbus, Legion of Mary and CWL brought in \$540.00 for our Church! Winners of the gift baskets are: Andrea T., Elizabeth G., Fr. Brian C., Charmaine C. and Theresa M. Once again, thank you all!



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Mass & Confession Schedule

CONFESSIONS

Tuesday, Dec 20: 5:00-6:45pm
Wednesday, Dec 21: 5:00-6:45pm

MASSES

Monday, Dec 19: 8:15am
Tuesday, Dec 20: 8:15am, 7:00pm
Wednesday, Dec 21: 8:15am
Thursday, Dec 22: 8:15am
Friday, Dec 23: 8:15am, 7:00pm
Saturday, Dec 24: **NO** 8:15am MASS,
see below for Christmas Eve Masses.

CHRISTMAS EVE

Saturday, December 24
6:00pm, 8:00pm and 10:00pm

CHRISTMAS DAY

Sunday, December 25
8:30am, 10:00am, 12:00pm
NO 7:00pm Mass

MASSES

Monday, Dec 26: 8:15am
Tuesday, Dec 27: 8:15am, 7:00pm
Wednesday, Dec 28: 8:15am
Thursday, Dec 29: 8:15am
Friday, Dec 30: 8:15am, 7:00pm
Saturday, Dec 31: **NO** 8:15am Mass, see below
for New Year's Eve Mass

MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

Saturday, Dec 31: 5:00pm
Sunday, Jan 1: 8:30am, 10:00am, 12:00pm
NO 7:00pm Mass

Regular weekday and Sunday schedule follows after Jan 1, 2023

2023 Envelopes

2023 envelopes are ready for pick up in the parish hall. If you don't remember your number, we have ushers and volunteers around to help.

NOTE: Parishioners whose current numbers are 1000 and above will be given new numbers in 2023. Please stop by the parish office to pick up your envelopes! Thank you!