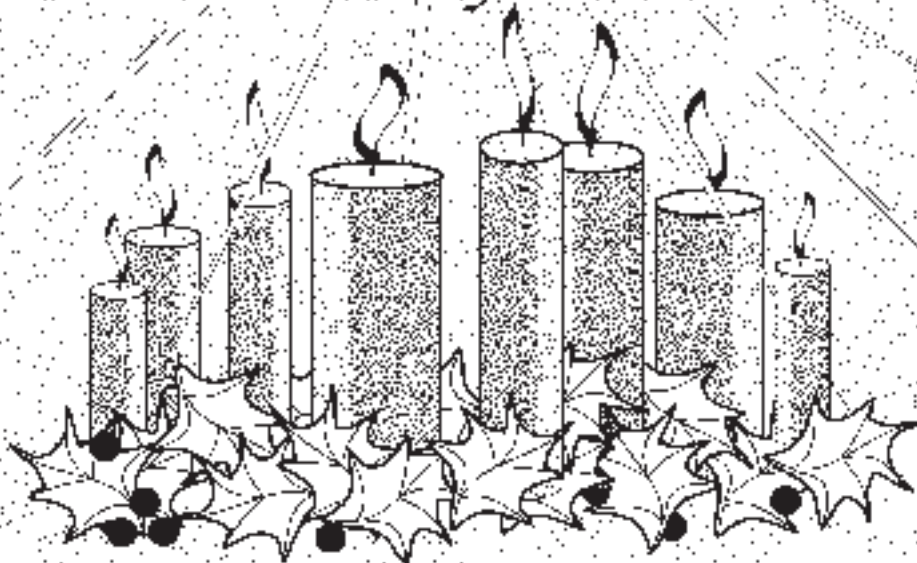


For unto us a child is born,
a son is given to us,
upon him dominion rests.
They shall call him Wonderful, Counselor,
Prince of Peace



Christmas Day

Dear Friends,

Bright lights. Shimmering ornaments. Evergreen branches. Bows, knick-knacks, and wall-hangings. If you see these, you know it is time for Christmas! For weeks now, most of us have been humming Christmas tunes, or at least listening to them being piped in through the speakers in stores and businesses. We have seen photos of pets dressed up in holiday outfits, or heartwarming videos that evoke tears as we are perusing the news feed on Facebook. Some of us have watched our favorite Christmas specials on TV and some have even binge-watched Christmas themed love-stories on the Hallmark Channel. Every year, these things signal the most joyous and hopeful time of the year.

There is something very special about Christmas that doesn't seem to be present over the course of the rest of the year. The cool weather seems to energize people and get them into the Christmas spirit (even though at the time of this writing, the weather is predicted to be a little warmer on Christmas). People go out of their way to do special little things or throw parties for friends at this time of year. We even prepare special foods and bake special desserts and take extra care to wrap special gifts for friends and loved ones.

I don't know about you, but as time goes on, it seems that it gets a little harder and harder to get everything done in time for Christmas. It comes upon us so rapidly! There's a bit of a headache in pulling out all the decorations, getting them up in their proper place, and making sure the lights on the tree work. As I put my own tree up in the priest residence this year, I had to engage in the laborious task of changing burned out lights. That was really exciting. I have to say, though, things have changed from days gone by when most people bought live Christmas trees! It was quite a chore getting the tree straight in the stand, filling the stand with water, stringing bulbous lights onto the tree, and making sure none of them were burned out.

Despite the rigors of decorating, there is something very special about getting the decorations up and the nativity scene set out. We put ourselves through so much in order to make the season bright. Perhaps it is because in some way, it puts us in touch with something deep in ourselves – something so important and intrinsic to who we are that gives meaning to our lives. Every year that I pull out an ornament, it is like revisiting old friends. I can remember who gave me particular ornaments. I get in tune with special Christmases gone by and remember the people who have come and gone in my life. These rituals are so important. They can be particularly important, even if difficult, for those who have lost loved ones. This time of year, while immersed in joy, is also a difficult time for many because of memories of loved ones who have departed.

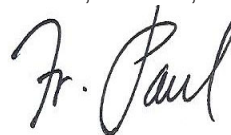
This season evokes some of the deepest memories and emotions we have. There is something about the celebration of the birth of the vulnerable little Christ-child that hits our deepest self. Maybe it's his innocence. Maybe it is his humble coming. Perhaps it is the recognition of the great act of love that God demonstrated by becoming incarnate. Whatever the case may be, what we celebrate today is something incredibly special. It moves us in the depths of our hearts. It causes us to take the extra little effort to be kinder to the ones around us. It raises our hopes for a better life. It reminds us of what we are called to be.

We are called to be innocent, loving, compassionate, and caring. Though we have our moments when our less favorable self may rear its ugly head, we nevertheless, try to be more Christlike. At a minimum, it raises our consciousness of the need to do so.

As we celebrate this great Feast of Christmas, I can't help but be grateful for all the ways that God has touched me through you. As I watched the school children perform their Christmas pageant, as I've observed the many people who come to help set up decorations for the church, as I catch the glimmer in the eyes of those who smile as they enter the church, I can't help but feel privileged that God has placed me here with you to celebrate this great mystery of love manifested in the incarnation of Christ our Lord.

What is amazing is that the birth of a little child has caused us to do all of the things that we do for this season. Year after year, the joy is renewed as people again pour out their hearts through the activities of this special time. It is moving to me personally and I know it is because of Jesus, who is Emmanuel – "God Is With Us", that these things happen.

I pray that this Celebration of Christ's birth will fill you, your family, and your loved ones with abundant joy and profound blessings. On behalf of St. Pius X Church priests, deacons, and staff, I want to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas, and a most joyous New Year!



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Parish Office Holiday Schedule

The parish office will be closing several days for the Christmas and New Year holiday.

Wednesday, December 25th: CLOSED

Thursday, December 26th: CLOSED

Friday, December 27th: CLOSED

Saturday, December 28th: CLOSED

Sunday, December 29th: CLOSED

Monday, December 30th: CLOSED

Tuesday, December 31st: CLOSED

Wednesday, January 1st: CLOSED

Thursday, January 2nd: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

2020 Calendars Coming

Our 2020 Catholic Calendar will be at the doors of the church the weekend of December 28th – 29th. So that every family in the parish has the opportunity to get one, please be sure to take only one calendar per family initially, then you may pick up more copies the following week if needed. Many thanks to Seaside Memorial Park & Funeral Home for their annual generosity of these calendars.

Bring in the New Year with the Lord!

Ring in the New Year in the presence of the Lord! We invite you to join us for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 11:00 p.m. on New Year's Eve, December 31st, until midnight. What better way to start off the New Year than in adoration before the Eucharist? We shall see you there! We will also have Masses at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. on New Year's Day.

Epiphany Volunteer Banquet

Invitations for the Epiphany Volunteer Banquet were mailed out this past week. If you are part of a ministry, or volunteer in some capacity, here at St. Pius X, but did not receive an invitation in the mail, please call the parish office at (361)993-4053 to RSVP for yourself and one guest. The deadline to RSVP is Friday, December 27th.

Genesis to Jesus

Come join our Adult Faith Formation series, Genesis to Jesus, produced by the St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology. We'll take a panoramic 12-week journey throughout salvation history, delving into the covenants that God made with his people through figures such as Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses, and David and see how they point to and are fulfilled by Jesus Christ and his Church. Classes will be held in the Youth Building on Tuesday evenings (7-8:30 pm) and will be repeated on Thursday afternoons (2-3:30 pm), starting on Tuesday, January 7 and Thursday, January 9. Please contact the Parish Office to register.



Parish Office Hours:

Monday-Friday, 9:00AM-5:00PM

Schedule of Services

Masses: *First Friday: 5:30PM - Anointing of the Sick*

First Saturday: 8:15AM

Saturday: Vigil at 5:30PM.

Sunday: 8AM, 10AM, 12PM, 5:30PM

Vietnamese Mass: 7:30PM

(Babysitting at 10AM and 12 noon Sunday Masses - Ages 6mo-5yrs - in Parish Hall Nursery)

Weekdays: Monday through Friday 8:15AM,

Wednesday & Friday 5:30PM

Holy Days: 6:30AM, 8:15AM, 12PM & 6:00PM(Vigil 5:30PM)

Confessions: Saturdays - 4-5PM and 6:30-7:30PM and Thursdays 7-8PM

Marriages: By appointment only and notice six months in advance.

Baptismal Instruction: Pre-register through the office.

Anointing of the Sick: On request and at the 5:30PM Mass on First Fridays

Christmas Flower Offerings

By

Goldie Acuna
Sally Aguilar
Norma Alaniz
Mr. & Mrs. Leonardo Alvarez
Linda Alvarez
Lisa Anasco
Anonymous
Anonymous
Mr. & Mrs. Pete Anzaldua
Patricia Baird
Baish Family
Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Balbin

Mr. Mrs. Lawrence Balderas

Barrera/Hoy Family
Frank & Susy Battaglia

Mr. & Mrs. Rey Bazan
Elida Bedolla
Mr. & Mrs. Robert M. Blackmon
Lucy Boyd
Carolyn Buehrig
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Buchanan
Monica & Mark Cano
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Cotter
Lucy Cuevas
Mr. & Mrs. Allen Daehne
Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Davis
Mr. & Mrs. Harly Day
Charles Deason
Sandy DeGregorio
Pamela & Joseph Delgado
Doug DeSive
Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Dulin
San Juanita Elefante
Mr. & Mrs. Abel Elizundo
Dennis & Karen Farias
Joyce Fergus
Eddy Fernandez
Mary Fodor
Greg & Lynn Gallagher
Mary Ganley
Mr. & Mrs. Alfredo Garcia
Gerardo & Rosie Garza
Mr. & Mrs. Alex Gonzales
Mr. & Mrs. Gabriel Gonzalez

Nilza Gonzalez & Family
Mr. & Mrs. Victor Gonzalez
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Gough
Chuck Gross
Linda Grubaugh
Flora & Gil Guillen
Mr. & Mrs. Jose Guzman
Mr. & Mrs. John Hand
Erin & Joe Hazlewood

Agnes Heiman

In Memory / Honor of

Oscar L. Acuna
Juan C. Aguilar, Sr., Josefa, Delia & Catalina Aguilar, Juan Aguilar, Jr.
John Alaniz, Santiago & Rebecca Hernandez
Leocadia & Dominga Benavides
Janie F. Garcia, Viola F. Leal, Arnold Leal, Sr.
Carliloso & Carmen Anasco
Tommy Haas
Anselmo Torres & all our family
Pedro & Sophia Anzaldua, Seferino & Esther Lopez
Dale Baird, Nathan Wilmoth, Alfred & Mennie Hayes
Frank Baish
Roman & Luisa Arevalo, Mila & Lani Arevalo, Merville Cachuela, Jose & Nita Balbin,
Timoteo & Celestina Balbin
Edward & Addie Bednarz, Jesse & Lillie Balderas, Jesse & Janie Balderas,
William Balderas, Bea Ferrell
Paulita Barrera
Jimmie & R.H. Drewry, Callie Drewry, Bertha & Robert Battaglia, Roselyn Hunter,
Joan Nelms, Linda Turner, Dean & Mary Lois Webster
Juanita Bazan
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Lester & Lucille Cunningham, Joyce Dickerson, Ellen & Behn Hubbard
Vernon & Dorothy Krause, Susanne O'Connell, Ralph & Virginia Buchanan
Salvador Salas, Sr., Salvador Salas, Jr. Eloisa & Felicitas Salas, Nick Cano
Cotter, Dubeau, Higgins, Walsh & Ivers families
Tomas & Guadalupe Cuevas & deceased children
Daehne & Wesson families, Stella Campos
Leo Rivera
Paul & Alene Koenig, Ruth & J.L. Day
Deceased members of the Deason family
Pat & Patrick DeGregorio
Joe Delgado & deceased members of Garcia & Delgado families
DeSive & Hilbrich families
Emma & Robert Bellew, Nell & Ed Dulin, Clark Musgrove
Ernesto Elefante, Mr. & Mrs. G.Sifuentes, Nel & Lupita Sifuentes
Celia Elizondo
Deceased family members
Lee Fergus, Vic & Dot Carter, Gordon & Ruth Fergus
Parishioners deceased in 2019
Dee Samperi, David Case, Jack Fodor, Elsie Samperi
Charles & Amy Gallagher
Larry Ganley, parents G & C, Gayle, John & families
Fausta & Gloria Gomez, Ruth Coward, Raymond Nesbit
Deceased members of Garza & Quintanilla families
Gonzales & Gonzalez families
Maria Antonieta & Mario DelaRosa, Benito & Pedro B. DelaRosa,
Isahia & Jasmin Gonzalez
Dr. Jaime Gonzalez & Anna Taylor families
Janie & Victor Gonzalez
Sarah Gough Bordenet, deceased members of Gough & Slaughter families
Gross & Krejci families
Mr. & Mrs. Antonio Arsuaga, Jr., Thomas J. Grubaugh
Dolores Delgado
Armando & Vidala Garza, Joe & Maria Guzman, Rufine & Alicia Garcia
Hand & Kaler families
Roger & Catherine Heitzmann, Norman & Melvia Hazlewood, Sheila & Brian Floyd,
Charlotte Groner, Marie Habeeb, Margaret Fisher, Dewey Bobinger,
Mimi & C.J. Heitzmann
Ray & Lola Rose

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Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Hesse
Mr. & Mrs. Sean Higgins
Mr. & Mrs. John Janosek

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Elizabeth Johnson
Leland Johnson
JR & Mary Jones
Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Karp
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Kolda
Bryan & Jennifer Krnavek & family
Elizabeth Leeper
Barbara Little
Mr. & Mrs. Mario Lopez
Ruth Lynch

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Janis Mayer
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Sylvia Mitchell
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Ed Schetzle
Andy & Mary Scott
Florentino Sheldon
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Terri Staup

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Rosana Turner
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Joan Vedder

In Memory / Honor of

Bill Hennings, Mary & Wilson Woolley, Vivian Hennings
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Deceased members of Hesse & Matula families
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Ida Johnson
Nadine Shaner
Kathryn & Henry Parma, Lorraine & Arthur Karp
Zachary Kolda
Krnavek & Woods families
Clem & Irene Skloss, Robert & Gilbert Skloss, David & Helen Leeper
Rosemary & Bob Little
Juan & Maria Lopez, Jessie & Clara Alvarez
Francis L. Lynch, deceased members of Lynch & Morrison families, Sr. Carol Morrison,
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Henry De Leon IV
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Deceased members of Mikulik & Jackson families
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Jerry Alvarez
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William & Bertha Red Fox
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