

The Nativity of the Lord

December 25, 2016

Dear Friends,

The birth of a baby is something truly miraculous! All you have to do is hold a newborn in your arms and look at his or her face to realize that each new life is something incredibly special. In that face, you see everything that is common to all human beings. There are eyes, a nose, a mouth, hair, and ears. Everything says this is a human baby. A brand new life has come into the world – a life that was not there before. You don't just see these physical characteristics, though. You also see the things that are less tangible. You see the child's potential. You see his or her unique identity. You see personality. You see joy!

In the eyes of a baby, you can see that he or she is an heir, an inheritor of something uniquely reflective of his or her family. Already, this brand new human being has distinctive traits that are similar to the parents, yet very different! Some will say the little child looks like one or the other of the parents. That is one of the fascinating things about babies. They bear the image of their parents, and yet are uniquely their own.

Throughout the years, I've had the privilege of looking into the eyes of many babies. I bless them when their parents bring them to church for the first time. I baptize them and often get to hold them right after their spiritual rebirth. I get to see so many of them grow and mature and take their first steps. I consider that to be a tremendous blessing, since I can share vicariously in their upbringing.

While I was in the seminary, my nephew was born and I had a number of chances to hold him and look into his face. I was fortunate enough (I think) to change his diapers too! Back in those days, while I was holding him, I wondered what would become of him – what he would do with his life and what his destiny would be. I wondered what family traits he would pick up and what talents he would have. As he has grown over the years, I've seen some definitive Hesse traits, but there are others that have surprised me. He is a bit of a daredevil and an adventurous type. While I could probably attribute some of those things to our side of the family, I think most of those adventuresome traits are from his mother's side.

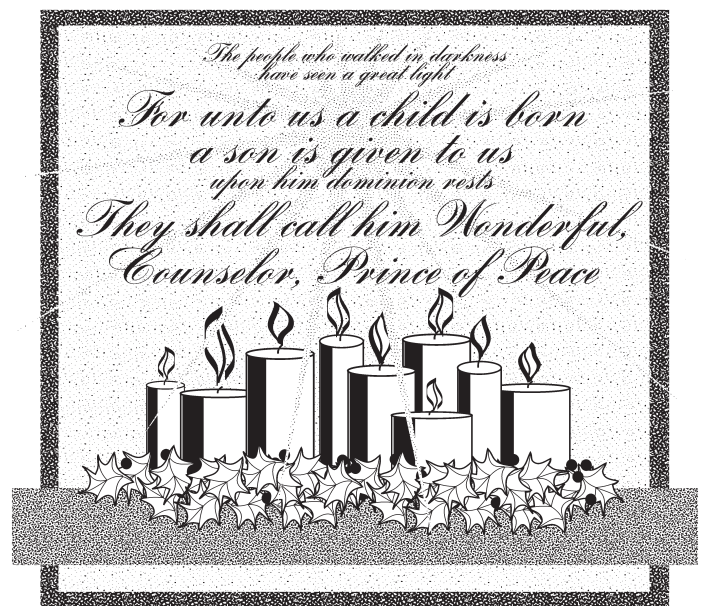
Every baby shines forth God's glory. Looking into a baby's eyes, it is easy to see the glory of God shining through. Each child bears not only the parent's likeness, but also the imprint of God who is the author of life. If this is true of any child, it is all the more true of the child that was born in Bethlehem.

This weekend, we celebrate Christmas. We celebrate the birth of a child who bears the imprint of God's glory in it's fullness. If we were able to gaze into the eyes of the child Jesus, we would see, as the letter to the Hebrews says, the "refulgence of God's glory, the very imprint of his being. Jesus is God incarnate. In him are all the traits of the Father. We see his compassion and love, his mercy and patience, and his charity and peace.

Jesus' birth is the miracle of all miracles. When he was born, the universe changed. His birth made the angels sing and the glory of the Lord shone in our world. When the shepherds and the kings who came from the east looked into the eyes of this child, they were not the same. They saw something that filled them with immense peace. If we were to look into his eyes, we would see pure joy and pure love. This love transformed the world and we have been celebrating it since.

The spirit of this season with all of its love and joy is because of a child that was born over 2000 years ago. No ordinary child could be the source of such prolonged celebration. Only a human child who is also divine can effect such celebration. He is Emmanuel – God with us! May his peace reign now and always! On behalf of the entire staff and clergy of St. Pius X, I wish all of you a very blessed Christmas, and a joyful New Year!

Fr. Paul



Parish Office Holiday Schedule

The Parish Office will be closed Monday, December 26, 2016 - Monday, January 2, 2017.

Knights of Columbus

-Next council meeting on Thursday, Jan 19th, 2017; 6:30pm, CC#1.

-"That Man is You!" Will not be meeting again until after the new year.

-Join us each Sunday for the Rosary at 9:25am in the church.

-Due to the water outage and school closing, the poster contest judging was postponed until December 21st. Winners will be announced in the next bulletin.

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, Dec. 31st, until midnight. What better way to start off the New Year than in adoration before the Eucharist? We shall see you there!

2017 Calendars Coming

Our 2017 Catholic Calendar will be at the doors of the church the weekend of December 31st – January 1st. 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.

Attention Parish Volunteers

Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, MC Altar Servers, Users, CCD volunteers, Men's Club, Women's Circle, Altar Society, Grieving committee, Prayer Line, M.A.P., Catholic Daughters, Knights of Columbus, Youth volunteers, Stewardship & Building Committee, Acts of Charity members, Adult Faith Formation, Homebound Ministry, Choir members, Boy Scout Officers, Money Counters, Office Volunteers and Youth Band member:

You and your spouse or guest are invited to our

Epiphany Banquet

Which will be held on Saturday, January 7th, at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall

Please RSVP by January 3rd by calling 993-4053 or at parishoffice@stpiusxcc.org

Comings and Goings

The Week at a Glance

Sunday, December 25th

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Monday, December 26th

Tuesday, December 27th

6:00-8:00AM – Men's Journey – CC#1&2

10:00AM - 12:00PM – Journey – CC#2

Wednesday, December 28th

7:00AM – Joyful Pillars – CC#2

7:30PM - Youth Band practice - CH

Thursday, December 29th

1:30PM – Bridge – CC#1&2

7:00PM – Adoration – CH

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

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

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

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Saturday, December 24th

5:30PM † For the Children of the Parish
12:00AM For the Deceased Members of the Parish

Sunday, December 25th

8:00AM † Christopher & John Janosek by Janosek family
† Pat & Patrick DeGregorio by the DeGregorio family
10:00AM † Bruce A. Balli by Jeanie Balli
† Larry Lippincott by Gladys Lippincott
12:00PM For the Parishioners
5:30PM For the Vietnamese Community

Monday, December 26th

8:15AM † John Boyd by Lucy Boyd
† Raymond Richter by Lucy Richter

Tuesday, December 27th

8:15AM † James T. Catchings by Lisa & Dewayne Catchings

Wednesday, December 28th

8:15AM † Mary, John & James P. Kelly by Kathleen Horne
James W. Kelly III wellbeing by family
† Dorothy Mathews by Bill & Jane Chessman
† Regina & Raymond Richter by Richard Moczygemba & family
† Ike Salinas by Salem's Jewelers
† Patricia Paris by Norman Paris
5:30 PM † Isaac & Rosita Treviño by Berta Guerrero
† Jesus Medina by Bonifacio Rodriguez & family
† Joyce Dickenson by Jim & Carolyn Buehrig
† J. R. Janos Annv. by Maria Revetta
† Mary Pat Slavik by James & John Kelly
† Jesus & Guadalupe Resendez, Sr. by Daughter
† Carolyn Bayless by Deacon Frank & Therese Newchurch
† Jose Genuino by Paul & Caroline Shamoun
† Cam Hoelscher by Frank & Martha Kolda

Thursday, December 29th

8:15AM † Richard J. Shirley Annv. by Patricia Janosek

Friday, December 30th

8:15AM † David Case Annv. by Mary Fodor
5:30PM † All Members of Deceased Treviño-Guerrero families

Saturday, December 31st

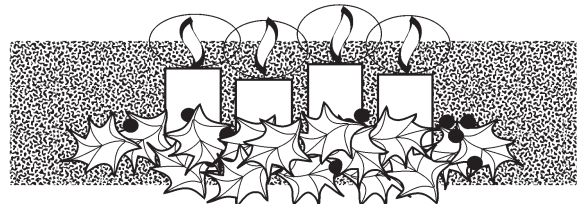
5:30PM † Joyce Shirley Annv. by Art & Mary Salinas & family
† Albin Janosek by family

Sunday, January 1st

8:00AM † Norma Reyes Annv. by the Landers family
10:00AM † Ricardo Saenz Annv. by Dolores Saenz
12:00PM For the Parishioners
5:30PM † Teresa Añorga by Tamez family
7:30PM For the Vietnamese Community

Please Pray for our Sick & Shut-Ins:

Alicia & Luis Alvarado, Elida Benavides, Felipe Benavidez, Bernice Berry, Don Birt, Judy Bowman, Kanon Brown, Jimmy Buehrig, Stella & Michael Campos, Sabrina Cisneros, David Cano, Shirley Currie, Andrea Dahlstrom, Patrick Delgado, Sandy DeGregorio, Florinda DeLaGarza, Minga DeLosSantos, Didra DeLosSantos, Samantha Didear Deste, Pud'n Dellinger, Liz Elovitz, Natalie & Elaine Elwood, Elijah Ethridge, Bobby Floyd, Alicia Garcia, Antonio Garcia, Esperanza Garcia, Dora Garza, Raquel L. Garza, Roel Garza, Terry Garza, Cindy Gedge, Elida Gonzalez, Bobby Gough, Charlotte Groner, Jared Groner, Rose Marie Hand, Charles Hoelscher, Graham Hughes, Pam Hutchens, Mark Hyde, Ben Janosek, Elizabeth Johnson, R.W. Jones, Nathan Kelley, Frank Kolda, Gerri Kosik, Dora Lambert, Elva Laurel, Melanie Lee, Arlene Leep, Eddie Litchko, Larry Ludka, Bill Lyman, Frances Marsden, Michael McCloskey, Jim & Pat McLemore, Fred & Vicki Mitchell, Melynda Moore, John Morgan, Liz Morgan, Patrick Moyers, Douglas Nicol, Mary Lou Penne, Robert M. Pope, Patti Powers, Aaron & Mercedes Presas, Patricia Riek, John Lee Robertson, Stella Rollins, John & Irene Rosales, Rebecca Rosales, Paul Rossi, Albert Rubio, David Russell, Billy Ruzicka, Americo Salazar, Luis Salazar, Tim Salch, David N. Scherzer, Toni Sharif, Josephine Sheldon, Tina Shepard, Msgr. Richard Shirley, Judy Slaughter, Maxine Sommers, Renato Sovran, Mary Ann Starkey, Mamie Stoner, Jo Teichman, Diane Thompson, Donna Tindall, Sylvia Uthoff, Luke Valdez, Bessie Vasquez, Mary Vasquez, Idolina Vela, Pedro & David Vela, Johnny Villarreal, Luz Villarreal, Judy West, Lillian Anderson Williams, Sarah Zuniga and all those who asked for and need our prayers.



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St. Pius X Adult Faith Formation

Here's the lineup for the Spring 2017 Adult Faith Formation classes.

Peter: Cornerstone of Catholicism

Tuesdays, 7-8:30 pm: January 10 through March 14
Thursdays, 2-3:30 pm: January 12 through March 16

Lectio: Eucharist

Tuesdays, 7-8:30 pm: April 18 through June 20
Thursdays, 2-3:30 pm: April 20 through June 22

Both the Tuesday and Thursday classes each week will cover the same information. And if you happen to miss a week, you can catch up the following week by arriving 45 minutes to view the DVD.

Also, during Lent, Vicki Mobbs will offer 33 Days to Merciful Love which prepares for consecration to the Divine Mercy. It will start the week of March 19 and conclude with the consecration on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 23.

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