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SAT. 4:00 PM
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Communion Service:
Sun. 11:15 AM

The Jesus Stories of Christmastime

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Every year, pundits lament the glitter of our commercialized Christmases. Beneath all such trappings, however, our cultural Christmases are really disguised and unrecognized celebrations of God-made-flesh.

"'Twas the night before Christmas and all through the house, not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse" is really the story of a Santa-type God who slips into our lives with great generosity, though we seldom notice as we go through life half asleep. "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" is about a misfit reindeer with a "wrong-colored" nose who is rejected by the other reindeer and not welcomed into their games. But then he becomes the means of saving a foggy Christmas Eve with his shining light of a nose. Rudolph is like the stone rejected by the builders that becomes the cornerstone—Jesus, who saves us not only at Christmas but all year long. Frosty the Snowman brings happiness to boys and girls for a time, but then he begins to melt, only to promise he'll come again another day—all a hint of the hope offered by Jesus, who continues to come in resurrection and life. And Ebenezer Scrooge, whose withered and crusty spirit is transformed into generosity and love in *A Christmas Carol*, all without his ever realizing what is taking place until, of course, it happens. Then he proclaims he will honor Christmas in his heart the whole year long—a transformation that God brings about in each of us.

Christmas celebrates God-made-flesh in Jesus, something that took place then and echoes now for all of time and in all of life. ●

Reflect

How do you experience God-made-flesh during these Christmas days?



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RECONCILIATION: Saturday 3:15 – 3:45 PM and by appointment.

BAPTISMS: By appointment. Contact Father Viviano

WEDDINGS: Please contact at least 6 months in advance.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Please call any time or by appointment.

Bishop McKnight's December prayer intention for our Local Church

During the holiday season, may our self-centeredness be replaced with generosity; our frustration with compassion; our anxieties with patience; and our intolerance with understanding. We pray to the Lord.

MASS INTENTIONS

Dec. 24 4:00 PM Deraps Family/Mark Imhoff
7:00 PM Parish
Dec. 25 9:45 AM Dick/Tony/Dorothy Scheidt
and Dustin Struempfler
Dec. 27 8:00 AM No Mass
Dec. 29 8:00 AM Teresa Kirchhoff
Dec 31 4:00 PM Tammy Korte
Jan 1 9:45 AM Annunciation/St. Andrews
Parish

LITURGICAL ROLES

Ministries for Christmas – on sign up sheet

Saturday, December 31st 4:00 pm

Lector: Becky Bloch
Servers: Need Volunteer
Greeter: Russell/Lisa Anderson
Song Leader: Rosemary Bardwell
Organist: Jo Pummill
Rosary: Vickie Schroeder

Sunday – January 1st 9:45 am

Lector: Eric Schroeter
Servers: McCumber Family
Greeter: Jerry/Deanna H
Song Leader: Bev Kleffner
Organist: Jo Pummill
Rosary: Margaret Bieri

PRAYER LIST

Please Pray for these and all who are in need of prayer. Call the office to add someone or take someone off.

Pat Roll; Linda Rodick; Linda Reichel; Mary Jo Garnett; Liz Schlup; Tucker Clough (great-grandson Linda Bardwell); Steve Gerlt; Wilfred Hoecker; Dylann Henley; Lanny Wingate; Baby Lillian (granddaughter of Lori Heather) Vickie Schroeder; Marilyn Durk; Cody Schmidt; Betty Pringer; Debbie VanDieren, David Strickfaden; Ruth Ziehmer, Brenda Irely; Joann Ponder; Jackie Anderson; Jamie Bax; Stephanie Marshall; Jim Imhoff; Barb Glenn; Darrell Bolin; Chris Schoenthal; Larry Hoback; Sister Leona Bax; Roger Borgmeyer; Carol Baker; Amanda Imhoff; Connie Sack; Jeff Johnson; Gary Fleischmann; John & Barbara Reichl (parents of Bill Reichl); Louis Forck (grandson of Tim & Pauline Forck); Terry Carlson; Bob Winkler; Special Intention; Rachel Frank; Abe Baepler; Andrea Tilbury; Carol Rackers; Keith Connell; Alfred Rhodus

THIS WEEK AT ANNUNCIATION

Saturday, Dec. 24	Christmas Eve
̄Mass 4:00 PM	Deraps Family/Mark Imhoff
7:00 PM	Parish - Bilingual
Sunday, Dec 25	Christmas Day
̄Mass 9:45 AM	Dick/Tony/Dorothy Scheidt
Monday, Dec. 26	St. Stephen
5:45 PM	No Rosary
8:00 PM	AA-Alon
Tuesday, Dec 27	St. John
̄Mass 8:00 AM	No Mass
Thursday, Dec 29	
8:00 AM	Teresa Kirchhoff
Saturday, Dec. 31	New Years Eve
̄Mass 4:00 PM	Tammy Korte
Sunday, Jan 1	Blessed Virgin Mary Mother of God
̄Mass 9:45 AM	Annunciation/St. Andrews Parish

PARISH NEWS

Christmas Flowers

Denis & Edna Mae Hagedorn	Rose/Clem Distler
Herman & Sylvia Loehnig	Margaret Strickfaden
Joe & Mary Agnes Ernst	Susan Dumsday
John & Rosalie Hentges	Special Intention
Mildred & Elliott McPherson	Lenard Elliott
Earl/Margaret Scheidt	Frank Haller Family
Howard & Rita Jeanne Miller	Gary Bardwell
Tony & Virginia Herman Taube	Edwin Herman Family
Emil, Agnes, Jimmy Bax	Loraine Martin
Tina Hoback	Art/Corene Schmitt
Nick Ott	

Weekly Collections - December

1st week: \$ 8,009.41 3rd week: \$11,003.00
2nd week: \$ 14,915.00 4th week: \$

Hispanic \$296.00 Mustard Seed \$10.00
Candles: \$155.02 Christmas Flowers \$210.00
Seminary \$85.00

Upcoming

New Years Eve - December 31

4 PM Annunciation

New Years Day - January 1st

9:45 AM - 11:15 Spanish

Calendars for 2023 are in the back of church for you to pick up.

Ministerial Alliance has noted that the Food

Pantry is in need of the following items:

Mac and Cheese

Tuna

Butter Butter

Cereal

and other dry goods i.e. rice, beans, crackers

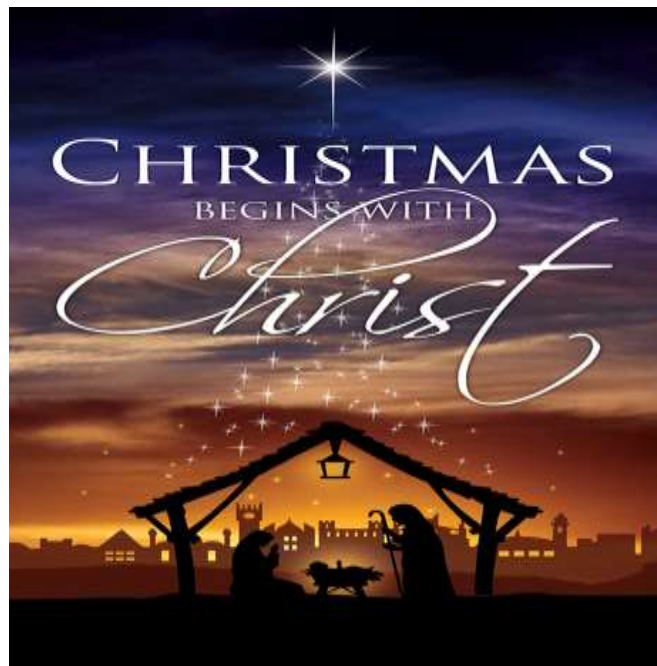
Altar Flowers

The altar flowers this week are from Margaret Bieri in memory of Raymond Bieri and in Thanksgiving for the many blessings that have been received.

We have been blessed with a wonderful response for our altar flowers. They have all been so beautiful! Just to let everyone know, the 2023 Altar Flower calendar is now in the vestibule. Feel free to sign up at your convenience. Thank you!

Dear Annunciation Family:

I type this first Christmas letter to you with joy! It does seem a bit unreal that we have only been together for 6 months, with so many good things having taken place. I am most grateful for your welcoming spirit toward me since I began in July. I am most appreciative of your faith in God and your desire to lift up our parish at every turn. Your generosity for those in need is duly noted! I look forward to many years of spiritual growth and the strengthening of Annunciation. May your Christmas be filled with peace and joy for you and yours!
Fr. Viviano



Dear Padre,

I haven't been to Mass in a long time, but lately I feel drawn to come again. Can you help me better understand the Mass?

Welcome home! To learn more about the Mass, you might consider participating in your parish's program for those who are thinking about joining the Catholic Church. Meanwhile, we can offer five principles that form the foundation for what happens at Mass.

Participation rather than passive attendance: Mass is a time of prayerful activity—listening intently, praying fervently, reflecting quietly, singing and worshipping joyfully.

Gratitude for God's mercy as we acknowledge our sinfulness: There are several occasions during Mass when we are called to acknowledge that we sin, but also that mercy and forgiveness are offered freely to all who acknowledge their imperfections and sinful behavior.

Word and sacrament: The liturgy comprises the Liturgy of the Word (penitential act, Scripture readings, homily, and prayers of the faithful) and the Liturgy of the Eucharist (presentation of gifts, eucharistic prayer, and Communion rite). Both are important.

Christ's Real Presence: Under the forms of bread and wine (the Eucharist), the Real Presence of Christ retains a prominent place in the Mass. Christ is also present—in different ways—in the words of Scripture, in the presence of the priest, and in the assembly gathered in his name.

A celebration of family and community: Jesus fostered a sense of family among his disciples. Parish liturgies should be a time when young and old, rich and poor, families and single people join together to experience unity in Christ Jesus. ●



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

The great mystery of our faith is shown in this simple sign of the Nativity scene....God loves us to the point of sharing our humanity and our lives. He never leaves us alone; he accompanies us with his hidden, but not invisible, presence. In all circumstances, in joy as in pain, he is the Emmanuel, God-with-us.

HOMILY, SHRINE OF GRECCIO, RIETE, ITALY, DECEMBER 1, 2019

MONDAY

December 26
St. Stephen, First Martyr
Acts 6:8–10;
7:54–59
Mt 10:17–22

TUESDAY

December 27
St. John, Apostle and Evangelist
1 Jn 1:1–4
Jn 20:1a, 2–8

WEDNESDAY

December 28
Holy Innocents, Martyrs
1 Jn 1:5–2:2
Mt 2:13–18

THURSDAY

December 29
Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 2:3–11
Lk 2:22–35

FRIDAY

December 30
Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
Sir 3:2–6, 12–14 or
Col 3:12–21 or
Col 3:12–17
Mt 2:13–15, 19–23

SATURDAY

December 31
Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 2:18–21
Jn 1:1–18

SUNDAY

January 1, 2023
Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God
Nm 6:22–27
Gal 4:4–7
Lk 2:16–21

Daybreaks inspires during our Church's holiest seasons.

Leading Catholic voices inspire the faithful with daily reflections & prayers for Advent and Lent. Including: Fr. Ron Rolheiser, Dr. Mary Katharine Deeley, Sr. Dianne Bergant, Fr. Paul Turner, and more at Liguori.org.



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