



Mass Intentions For the Week

Monday, December 22

8:00 am † Lorraine McKeever (*Rita Wojick*)

Tuesday, December 23

7:15 pm † James McBrearty (*Marian Robertson*)

Wednesday, December 24

8:00 am

5:00 pm Christmas Eve Family Mass – For the People

10:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass – For the People

Thursday, December 25

12:00 am Midnight Latin Mass

10:00 am Christmas Day Mass – For the People

11:30 am Christmas Day Mass – For the People

1:00 pm Christmas Day Latin Mass

Friday, December 26

9:00 am

Saturday, December 27

9:00 am For the People

5:00 pm † Conception Crame (*Maria Paredes*)

Sunday, December 28

10:00 am † Paulin Thambipillai (*Mathuranayagam Family*)

11:30 am † Tonia Defalco & Chet Defalco
(*Defalco & Savatti Families*)

1:00 pm Traditional Latin Mass

Let Us Pray

For Our Sick

Esp. Ann Marie Ignat, Nancy Lea, Marjorie Franker, Geraldine Barrier, Corrine MacGrath, Jeff Stamey, Mary Abbott, Maria Joycelyn Rabago, Chelsea Rabago



For All the Deceased

Esp. Gaston Fernandes Lorraine McKeever, John Keigher, Peter Money

Adoration Hours

Tuesdays: 1:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Wednesdays & Thursdays: 8:30 am – 8:00 pm

**NO Adoration on December 24 & 25, 31
and January 1.**

Holy Days of Obligation

Please remember that Christmas Day and New Year's Day are holy days of obligation. As Catholics, we should attend the Holy Mass on these days.

Christmas Message

Dear Parishioners,

Christmas is the realization of the hope of Israel. Hope of deliverance of Israel came in the form of an infant born of a virgin. That ray of hope was the light of the world.

May his coming among us as man, as we celebrate Christmas, deliver us and illumine us in this time when the whole world is enveloped with discouragement, despair and depression.

His coming among us this year has a special meaning as we celebrate our 75th jubilee. Let His coming inspire us, encourage us and enlighten us in this jubilee year.

Let Him also fulfill our hopes of making the church more energy-efficient with the new frames and complete the Mysteries of the Rosary with the Stained Glass as a symbol of our commitment to our beloved church, St. Theresa's.

Have a blessed Christmas. God bless you all.

Fr. Florentine

Advent Prayer

Week 4: Peace

Light 3 purple candles
& 1 pink

& 1 white candle in the centre



Jesus, be born in our hearts today and fill us with your love. As we light these candles, we celebrate your birth. You came into a world of darkness and sin to save us. Because of you, we are now called children of the light. Help us to live lives worthy of your love. Amen.



Christ Has Come!

Excerpt of address given by the Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI on Christmas Day, 2007

"Today, a great light has come upon the earth." The Light of Christ is the bearer of peace. At Midnight Mass, the Eucharistic liturgy begins with this very chant: "Today, true peace has come down to us from heaven" (*Entrance Antiphon*). Indeed, it is only the "great" light manifested in Christ that can give "true" peace to men: that is why every generation is called to welcome it, to welcome the God who in Bethlehem became one of us.

This is Christmas – the historical event and the mystery of love, which for more than 2,000 years has spoken to men and women of every era and every place. It is the holy day on which the "great light" of Christ shines forth, bearing peace! Certainly, if we are to recognize it, if we are to receive it, faith is needed and humility is needed. The humility of Mary, who believed in the word of the Lord and, bending low over the manger, was the first to adore the fruit of her womb; the humility of Joseph, the just man, who had the courage of faith and preferred to obey God rather than to protect his own reputation; the humility of the shepherds, the poor and anonymous shepherds, who received the proclamation of the heavenly messenger and hastened towards the stable, where they found the newborn Child and worshipped Him, full of astonishment, praising God (cf. Luke 2:15-20). The little ones, the poor in spirit: they are the key figures of Christmas, in the past and in the present; they have always been the key figures of God's history, the indefatigable builders of his Kingdom of justice, love and peace.

Taken from Messenger of the Sacred Heart, Dec. 2008

Confession Schedule

Dec. 22, Monday	7:00 pm – 7:30 pm
Dec. 23, Tuesday	6:30 pm – 7:00 pm
Dec. 24 & 25	No confessions

Please Note:

- Parish Office will be **CLOSED** on:
Wed., Dec. 24 and Thu., Dec. 25
Wed., Dec. 31 and Thu., Jan. 01
- Mass will start at 9:00 am on Fri., Dec. 26

Thank you!



Christmas Concert

Thank you to all those who came and watched the Family Night Christmas Concert. It was certainly a wonderful night to remember this Christmas. Our appreciation goes to all our home-grown talents and guest artists, who shared their time and amazing gift of music with us. Of course, we are very grateful to the donors and organizers, who worked hard behind the scenes to make this benefit concert a success. Kudos!

Children's Christmas Party

Thank you to all the children and parents who attended the annual Children's Christmas Party on Sunday, Dec. 7th. There were lots of food, fun and crafts for everyone. This annual Christmas event is made possible through the generosity of the St. Theresa's Knights of Columbus.

Christmas

Schedule

Wed., December 24: Christmas Eve

8:00 am – Weekday Mass
5:00 pm – Christmas Eve Family Mass
10:00 pm – Christmas Eve Mass

Thu., December 25: Christmas Day

12:00 am – Midnight Latin Mass
10:00 am – Christmas Day Mass
11:30 am – Christmas Day Mass
1:00 pm – Christmas Day Latin Mass

New Year Schedule

Wed., December 31: New Year's Eve

8:00 am – Weekday Mass
5:00 pm – New Year's Eve Mass

Thu., January 1: New Year's Day

Mary, Mother of God

10:00 am – New Year's Day Mass
11:30 am – New Year's Day Mass
1:00 pm – New Year's Day Latin Mass



Merry Christmas!



Let's Keep Christ in Christmas!