



December

27 NO DAILY MASS.

CHRISTMAS LITURGY SCHEDULE

- see inside for details.

OFFICE HOURS

- see inside for details.

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

- see inside for details.

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for December

Universal: That all may experience the mercy of God, who never tires of forgiving.

Evangelization: That families, especially those who suffer, may find in the birth of Jesus a sign of certain hope.



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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Sunday Mass:

Saturday (vigil) 5:00 pm
Sunday 10:00 am

Weekday Mass:

Tuesday – Friday 8:30 am

Reconciliation: Saturday 4:30-4:45 pm;
Sunday 9:30-9:45 am, or anytime on request.

BAPTISM

It is necessary to arrange an appointment with Fr. Robert for preparation. Baptisms are scheduled on the third Sunday of the month at noon.

MARRIAGE

Please contact the parish before setting the wedding date.

VISITING THE SICK

Please contact Fr. Robert if you or a family member is homebound or in the hospital. He will gladly visit.

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WARDENS:
David Flood (2016), Anthony Mancini (2016),
Winston Redman (2017), John T. Sullivan (2017),
Emidio De Carolis (2018), Scot Diamond (2018).

Divine Communication with Us

The second reading from the letter to the Hebrews for Christmas Mass during the Day (1:1-6) opens with a reflection on the climax of God’s revelation to the human race in his Son. The divine communication was initiated and maintained during the times of the Old Testament in fragmentary and varied ways through the prophets. But now in these last days (1:2), the final age, God’s revelation of his saving purpose is achieved through a son, i.e., one who is Son, whose role is redeemer and mediator of creation. He was made heir of all things through his death and exaltation to glory, yet he existed before he appeared as man; through him God created the universe. The once-humiliated and crucified Jesus has been declared God’s Son, and this name shows his superiority even to the angels.

Divine camping in our midst

John’s Prologue (1:1-18) states the main themes of the fourth gospel: life, light, truth, the world, testimony, and the preexistence of Jesus Christ, the incarnate *Logos*, who reveals God the Father. In origin, the Prologue was probably an early Christian hymn. Its closest parallel is in other Christological hymns, Colossians 1:15-20 and Philippians 2:6-11. Its core is poetic in structure, with short phrases linked by “staircase parallelism,” in which the last word of one phrase becomes the first word of the next.

“In the beginning” evokes the first words of the Old Testament (Genesis 1:1). The Word (Greek *logos*) combines God’s dynamic, creative word (Genesis), personified pre-existent Wisdom as the instrument of God’s creative activity (Proverbs), and the ultimate intelligibility of reality (Hellenistic philosophy). The Prologue climaxes with the announcement: “The Word became flesh and dwelt among us” (1:14) (in Greek literally: “pitched his tent among us”). It’s a form of divine camping in our midst! This presence came about through the free love of God: “In this way the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world that we might live through him” (1 John 4:9). The Word is not simply a message that we can put into words. In Jesus, the message and the messenger are united. The medium is indeed the message!

CHANGES TO MASS SCHEDULE

Please take note of the changing Mass schedule over the next few weeks – see next page.



CHRISTMAS LITURGIES
2016 - 2017

CHRISTMAS EVE (Saturday Dec. 24) 7 & 9 PM

CHRISTMAS DAY (Sunday Dec. 25) 10 AM

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

(Saturday Dec. 31 Vigil) 5:00 PM

(Sunday Jan. 1) 10:00 AM

EPIPHANY

(Saturday Jan. 7) 5:00 PM

(Sunday Jan. 8) 10:00 AM

ADVENT ANGEL TREE:

Thank you! The gifts were delivered last week in time for the Father Dowd home’s Christmas celebrations. Thank you to all who donated gifts and to those who delivered the gifts.



CHRISTMAS COLLECTIONS 2016

PLEASE NOTE:

There will be two collections at the Christmas Masses. The first will be for our regular collection (please use the white envelope); the second will be for the Christmas offering (please use the pink envelope). Thank you for your continued support.



DECORATING THE SANCTUARY

Thank you to everyone who helped decorate the sanctuary this year. It looks beautiful!

Mass Intentions
... and schedule

Saturday December 24, 2016 – The Nativity of the Lord

7:00 pm Primitiva Fontanilla

Requested by Emilio Fontanilla

9:00 pm Pro Populo

Sunday December 25, 2016 – The Nativity of the Lord

10:00 am Debbie Neemeh

Requested by her family

Tuesday December 27, 2016 – St John, Apostle and Evangelist
NO MASS

Wednesday December 28, 2016 – The Holy Innocents

8:30 am Florence Evans

Requested by the Estate

Thursday December 29, 2016 – St. Thomas à Becket

8:30 am Coleman and McMenemy families

Requested by the Estate

Friday December 30, 2016 – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

8:30 am Souls in Purgatory

Requested by Rita Heddo

Saturday December 31, 2016 – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

5:00 pm Pro Populo

Sunday January 1, 2017 – Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

10:00 am Federico Fontanilla

Requested by Emilio Fontanilla



The Sanctuary Lamp signals the Presence of the Lord Jesus in the Tabernacle and burns for seven days. We invite you to have the Sanctuary Lamp memorialized in the name of a sick person, a deceased loved one, or a special intention for a donation of \$20.00. Please contact the office to arrange a memorial for the Sanctuary Lamp.

This week the Sanctuary Lamp burns for Mummy, Daddy, Miriam, Elaine and little John as requested by Sheila Kennedy.

PLEASE NOTE
Weekday Mass
Schedule
as of January 10, 2017

Mondays - No Mass
Tuesdays - 7 pm
Wednesdays – 7 pm
Thursdays - 8:30 am
Fridays - 8:30 am

THIS WEEK’S
OFFICE HOURS

The office will be closed
from December 26 to 30
inclusive.

PRAYERS:

For the sick: Jean-Pierre Belair, André and Marie Coupal, Patricia Paul, Nevine, Jacques Viau, Judith and Marina Zogalis.

For those who have died:
Pedro Bangalan

For vocations: A child is born for us; a son is given to us. Are we willing to proclaim the tidings of great joy to the world? (Luke 2: 1-14).

Prayer
in action
is love, Love
in action
is service.

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STEWARDSHIP:

Our collection last week was \$1,632. Thank you for your offerings in support of our parish as a place of Christian worship, instruction and mission.

“And the Word became flesh” John 1:14

Jesus is God’s ultimate gift of love to us. The countless other blessings that God showers upon us are nothing compared to the gift of His only Son. The only appropriate way for us to respond to such generous love is with our own generous love. When we dedicate our lives to sharing all the gifts God has placed in our hands, the peace of Christ truly will control our hearts and we will know Christmas joy every day