



CHRISTMAS

2019

Wednesday, December 25
Nativity of the Lord *Christmas Day*

8:30 BW Benefactor of St. Rose

10:30 BW Intention of the Celebrant

12:00 BW Deceased members of St. Rose

Christmas Hymns

Entrance Hymn: O Come, All Ye Faithful - 316

Preparation of Gifts: It Came upon the Midnight Clear - 315

Communion Hymn: Silent Night - 301

Recessional Hymn: Hark! The Herald Angela Sing - 336

From the Pastor's Desk

This Christmas, mend a quarrel. Seek out a forgotten friend. Write a love letter. Share some treasure. Give a soft answer. Encourage youth. Keep a promise. Find the time. Forgive an enemy. Listen. Apologize if you were wrong. Think first of someone else. Be kind and gentle. Laugh a little. Laugh a little more. Express your gratitude. Gladden the heart of a child. Take pleasure in the beauty and wonder of the earth. Speak your love. Speak it again. Speak it still once more.

2020

This Lent we will again have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after the 12:10 mass every Wednesday with Stations of the Cross & Benediction at 7:00 PM. We need people throughout the afternoon on all the Wednesdays. Plan to spend an hour with the Lord and pray. There will be a Lenten Penance Service on March 26th at 7 PM.

Looking ahead at St. Rose in 2020

First Holy Communion April 19th

Golf Outing August 30th

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole world should be enrolled....And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn

Luke.

Next Sunday's Readings

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

Colossians 3:12-21

Matthew 2:13-15

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Dear Friends,

I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to all our active members and benefactors here at St. Rose. Your generosity to our many collections throughout the year has allowed us to help many people and other organizations.

I would also like to thank Marianne Kurtinitis, who very generously donated our Christmas flowers again this year.

I wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year!

Fr. Barry

January 1st, The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God is a holy day of obligation. Masses are as follows: December 31st 7:00 and January 1st 8:30, 10:30 and 12:00.

If you would like to be involved in some way at St. Rose the following groups are available:

Bereavement Committee
Communion to the Homebound
CCD program
Knights of Columbus
mailings
RCIA
Walnut Hills Soup Kitchen
and Wedding Coordinators.

If you are interested in any of these volunteer groups please call the office: 513-871-1162



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There is a list of folks we know
 All written in a book
 And every year at Christmas time
 We go and take a look.
 And that is when we realize
 That these names are such a part,
 Not of the book they're written in
 But deep within our hearts.

For each name stands for someone
 Who has touched our lives sometime,
 And in that sense, they've become
 The "rhythm of the rhyme."
 We really feel we are composed
 Of each remembered name,
 And while you may not be aware
 Of feelings, quite the same,
 Our lives are so much better
 Than they were before you came.

For once that you have known someone
 The years cannot erase
 The memory of a pleasant word
 Or of a friendly face.
 So never think Christmas cards
 Are just a mere routine
 Of names that appear on a list,
 Forgotten, in between.
 For when we send a Christmas card
 That is address to you,
 It is because you're on that list
 Of people we're close to.

And whether we have known you
 For many years, or few,
 In some way you have had a part
 Of shaping things we do.
 So every year when Christmas come
 We simply realize anew
 One of the nicest gifts that God has given
 Is having friends like you..

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Christmas Eve

Mass during the Night

Isaiah 9:1-6
 Titus 2:11-14
 Luke 2:1-14

Christmas Day

Mass during the Day

Isaiah 52:7-10
 Hebrews 1:1-6
 John 1:1-18

OUR PARENTS DRUGGED US

At my 50th high school reunion, a friend asked me, "Why didn't we have a drug problem when we were growing up?" I replied that I *did* have a drug problem when I was young. I was drug to church on Sunday morning. I was drug to church for weddings and funerals. I was drug to family reunions and community socials no matter the weather. I was drug by my ears when I was disrespectful to adults. I was also drug to the woodshed when I disobeyed my parents, told a lie, brought home a bad report card, did not speak with respect, spoke ill of the teacher or the pastor, or if I didn't put forth my best effort in everything that was asked of me. I was drug to the kitchen sink to have my mouth washed with soap if I uttered a profanity. I was drug out to pull weeds in mom's garden and flower beds. I was drug to the homes of neighbors to help mow the yard, repair the clothesline, and if my mother had ever known that I took a single dime as a tip for this kindness, my dad would have drug me back to the woodshed.

Those drugs are still in my veins, and they affect my behavior in everything I do, say, and think. They are stronger than cocaine, crack, or heroin, and if today's children has this kind of drug problem, this world would be a better place. God bless the parents who drugged us.

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