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Office Hours

Mon-Wed: 10:00am-4pm

Parish Offices Closed:

Thurs & Fri: 10am-2pm

Dec 24 – 26, 2019

Dec. 31 - Jan 1, 2020

Regular Schedule Resumes Jan 02, 2020

December 25, 2019

Christmas begins with Christ

Holy Masses

Weekend

Weekdays

Sunday 8am & 10am

Mon, Wed & Fri 9am

Rosary Following the
8am Mass

Thurs (school) 9am

Sat 9am

Rosary only

Confessions

Mon. thru Sat. 8:25am

Thurs & Sat 8am

Mon, Wed & Fri 8:15am



Mon. 9am-12:30pm

Tues, 4pm-7pm

Sat. 8-8:45am



Ministries to the Poor

Phone: (253) 474-0835

Sandwich Ministry: M thru F 10am - Noon

Closed: Dec 24 thru 26 Dec 31 thru Jan 02, 2020
Jan 20, 2020

Regular Schedule resumes Jan. 3, 2020

Food Bank: T & Thurs 10am - Noon

Closed: Dec 24 thru 26 Dec 31 thru Jan 02, 2020
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Voucher Assistance: T & Thurs 10am - Noon

By appointment only

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No Utility or Rental assistance available.

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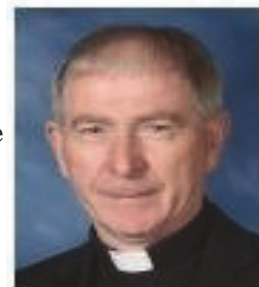
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Rev Martin Bourke
Church of the Visitation of the
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Christmas “Kneeling & Dancing”

When Thomas Hardy the author was growing up as a child there was a local belief that **Oxen knelt** before the newborn baby Jesus.

Perhaps we humans could pick up on the example of the Oxen. In his poem Hardy appears to regret the lost sense of community and faith that used to exist around the fire. Barton is a farmyard and Coomb is a valley between steep hills. Notice also the harmony between humans and animals as represented by the hearthside flock.

The Oxen (by Thomas Hardy)

Christmas Eve, and twelve of the clock. **“Now they are all on their knees,”** An elder said as we sat in a flock By the embers in hearthside ease.

We pictured the meek and mild creatures where they dwelt in their strawy pen, nor did it occur to one of us there.

To doubt they were kneeling then.

So fair a fancy few would weave in these years! Yet, I feel, if someone said on Christmas Eve, **“Come; see the oxen kneel.”**

“In the lonely Barton by yonder Coomb Our childhood used to know,” I should go with him in the gloom, hoping it might be so.

Christmas is not only a time to kneel, it is also a time to dance. This lovely song by Lee Ann Womack comes to mind. Our Savior is born, so who would not want to dance?

I Hope You Dance,

“May you never take one single breath for granted.” “Promise me that you’ll give faith a fighting chance And when you get the chance to sit it out or dance I hope you dance....I hope you dance.”

The birth of Jesus is a time to kneel and dance.

Fr. Martin Bourke 360-333-5244



Thank you for celebrating the love of our Lord and Savior, and the gift of HIS son, through the Most Holy Eucharist, with our Visitation family & faith community.



We are SO VERY grateful to all who volunteer their Time and Talents! Without YOU, we could not do all that God is asking of us. Being HIS hands and feet daily is a HUGE job! **Together WE make it happen!**



Thank you for sharing your faith journey with all of us and being an example that everyone possesses something to offer!

For our visitors or those who are currently not volunteering, please consider your God-given talents and place your name to one of the many pieces needed to complete God’s picture for our Community, our many ministries, programs and to all those we serve. Please take a minute to complete a Welcome Card or Time/Talent inquiry, in the pew. Return it in the Collection Basket. **THANK YOU!**



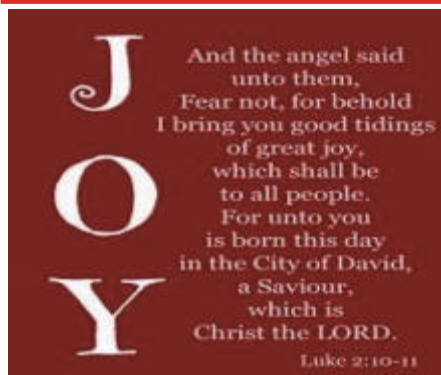
As of December 08, 2019
**Due to print deadlines, this is the latest information available.*

8am Mass \$ 3,354.00
 10am Mass \$ 1,697.00
 On-line \$ 835.00
 Split Funds \$ 80.00
 Total Received: \$ 5,966.00

**Budget for 2019-20
 OVER Budget
 211.17*

**Total weekly Budget amount
 needed \$ 5,754.83*

**New Fiscal Year effective 7-1-19
 shortfall Revenue status:
 <11,762.10>*



For the opportunity to represent Visitation Parish to all we meet and come to our doors we are grateful! Visitation Office

Children's Corner: Happy Birthday Jesus

Thank you God, for all the presents we receive at Christmas. Please give your love to all who have no one. Show them what it feels like, to be warm, safe and confident that your love is given freely.

So here's your assignment: Thank God, for showing HIS love by giving us the BEST present ever, Jesus! Share your Christmas love and joy with everyone we meet.

Dear Lord, Thank you for sending Jesus to be the light of the world and to show your great love to all. **Amen**



What's Happening

Dec 21/22 & 28-29: No RE or Confirmation classes

Dec 23 & 27: Sandwich Ministry Food Bank/Voucher Program Open

Dec 24-26 Parish & Ministries of the Poor Offices Closed

Dec 24 & 25: Christmas Masses 12-24 5:30 & 10pm 25th 9am

Dec 30 & Jan 3: Sandwich Ministry Food Bank/Vouchers Open

Dec 31-Jan 01: Parish Office Closed

Jan 01: Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary 9am

Jan 11/12: Holy Rosary Masses at Vis. Jan 11 5pm Jan 12 Noon

Jan 20 Parish & Ministries of the Poor Offices Closed

Jan 25: Sacramental Retreat #1 10am-Noon Parents & children CC. (Mandatory Event). Please bring light snacks to share.

Jan 26-31: Catholic Schools Week

For the caring, active stewards/disciples in our parish who have given generously in response to the many gifts God has given them we are grateful.



December 25, 2019

WEDNESDAY, December 25

The Nativity of Our Lord
 Holy Day Readings
 Mass Intention: +Ritz Newea

THURSDAY, December 26

St Stephen
 Acts 6:8-10,7:54-59 Mt 10:17-22
 Mass Intention: +Benny Uncangco

FRIDAY, December 27

St. John
 1 Jn 1:1-4 Jn 20:1a,2-8
 Mass Intention: Liza O'Connor

SATURDAY, December 28

The Holy Innocents
 1 Jn 1:5-2:2 Mt 2:13-18
 Mass Intentions: + Bob Gallucci

SUNDAY, December 29

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
 8am Mass Intention: +Louis Moraca
 10am Mass Intention:
 Pro Populo
 (For the People of the Parish)

Requests for Prayer

Margaret Mitchell, Brad Bowles, Maxine Campbell, Jerry Scheer, Pam Hietpas, Barbara Migliorino, Gary, Anna Galebiewski, Scotty Steffan, Bill & Jennie Bradley, Philip Stumpf, Rose Ann Berntsen, Sabina Lockhart, Norma Marchesini, Louise Peterson, Marilyn Patrino, Peter Pagano, Gene Hall, Richard Masella, Mick Flynn, Joan Nyhus, Ceasar Gatbunton, Julie Dowling, Nicki Russell, Eduardo Elizaga, Kathy Kruger, Linda & Benjamin Hohn, Simon McDonald, Steven Campbell, Marsha Grimwood, Connie McClary
 Our Homebound & for those whose suffering is known only to God.

Thank you my Lord, for never leaving my side! You always draw me closer to You and I have grown in Your likeness.

Let me be reminded daily of the GREAT gift of your SON! Continue to create in me a clean and humble heart, Oh Lord, one worthy of you! **Amen**

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