

What is Christmas?

The entrance antiphon gives meaning to our Christmas celebration: “Let us all rejoice in the Lord, for our Savior has been born in the world. Today true peace has come down from heaven”.

What is Christmas? Joan Clifton Costner gave her own personal meaning to every letter of the word **CHRISTMAS**. She said that **C** is for the Christ child and the child in all of us; **H** is for the Heart of God, in who we place our trust; **R** is our Redeemer who is finished with His chore; **I** is for Isaiah who had told it all before; **S** is for Shepherd, lowly shepherds came to see; **T** is for Three wise men who were wise beyond degree; **M** is for a Manger, a simple manger where He lay; **A** is for bright Angels who were standing by that day; **S** is for the Star that shone and still shines out today.

We are called to live and celebrate the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) with JOY. You see that it is made up of three letters: first J, then O, and lastly Y. J stands for Jesus, O for Others, and Y for You. Joy therefore is: **Jesus, Others, before You**. To know joy in our lives we need to place Jesus first in everything. Secondly, we need to try to please others before trying to please yourself. That is the recipe for joy. That is how we can convert the Christmas “joy to the world” into a personal “joy in my life” now and always.

May Baby Jesus be Born in your life in your family. Merry Christmas!!! Feliz Navidad !!!

Peace and Health

Fr Vítner Martínez



WEEKLY READINGS AND MASS INTENTIONS

December 27 , 2020 to January 03, 2021

SUNDAY - 27th - The Holy Family

Sir 3: 2-6,12-14; Ps 128:1-2,3,4-5; Col 3:12-21; Lk 2:22-40

8:00 a.m. Mass (St. Ann) -

Mass Intention: *John Burkart †*

10:45 a.m. Mass (St. William)

Mass Intention: Sr. Florence Mary †

6:00 p.m. Spanish Mass (St. William)

THERE WILL BE NOT CELEBRATIONS OF HOLY MASS ON DECEMBER 28,29,30, 31

FRIDAY– 01 SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Nm 6: 22-27; Ps 67:2-3,5,6,8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

5:00 p.m. Mass (St. Anne)

Mass Intention: St. Ann Parishioners Living & Deceased

SATURDAY - 2nd -

Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

5:00 p.m. Mass (St. William)

Mass Intention: *Catholic Extension*

SUNDAY - 3rd - THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

8:00 a.m. Mass (St. Ann) -

Mass Intention: *The Amburgy Family*

10:45 a.m. Mass (St. William)

Mass Intention: *Richard Sapp †*

6:00 p.m. Spanish Mass (St. William)

December 27, 2020



<https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/family/consecration-to-the-holy-family.html>

HOLY FAMILY PRAY FOR US

Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
in you we contemplate
the splendor of true love;
to you we turn with trust.

Holy Family of Nazareth,
grant that our families too
may be places of communion and prayer,
authentic schools of the Gospel
and small domestic churches.

Holy Family of Nazareth,
may families never again experience
violence, rejection and division;
may all who have been hurt or scandalized
find ready comfort and healing.

Holy Family of Nazareth,
make us once more mindful
of the sacredness and inviolability of the family,
and its beauty in God's plan.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph,
graciously hear our prayer.

Amen.

**“Let us rejoice in the Lord, for our Savior has
been born in the world. Today true peace has
come down to us from heaven.”**

Entrance antiphon of Christmas Mass

**Father Vitner Martinez and all the Saint Wil-
liam's and Saint Ann' staff Church wish you**

A HAPPY NEW YEAR 2021

St. William's Catholic Parish

Collection for December, 12-20, 2020: \$ 2,935.00

Youth Collection :\$ 196.00

Saint Sylvester:\$ 4,050.00

I Heard God Laugh is our Advent/Christmas book this year. Be sure to pick up your copy from the table in Gathering Space. (English or Spanish) *Later on we will set up some discussion groups using this book.*

RCIA classes will resume on January 11 either in-person or online.

Religious Education classes will resume in person classes on January 10. Please note special instructions for Confirmation class. They will meet on line January 3.

Journey of Hope Virtual Info Session for Divorced Catholics

Wednesday evening, January 27, from 7pm-9pm

Journey of Hope is the Diocese of Lexington's ministry of healing for support of divorced and separated Catholics. If you are divorced or separated, and have questions, seek support, or have any interest in what this peer ministry can offer, please register at cdlex.org/journey-of-hope or send an email to lexjourneyofhope@cdlex.org.

The office will be closed after Christmas and we will resume on January 04, 2021.

We will have not Holy Mass on December 28, 29, 30, 31. Thank you

SHIELDS OF FAITH

Shields' Mission Statement:

We believe God has called us to:

INVEST our time strengthening our relationship with God, our parish, our community and the world.

INSPIRE others by our example and challenge ourselves to take faith filled risks.

IGNITE a passion for Christ and carry that passion into the world through our life choices, relationships, service and leadership.

Shields' Vision

Our vision is be:

POSITIVE that God loves us and that he has an amazing plan and purpose for our lives.

PERSUADED that God's way is really the best way.

PASSIONATE for Jesus Christ, His church, the needy, and for those that are lost.

PREPARED for life, relationships, service and leadership.

*“Christ is born, glorify Him!
Christ from heaven, go out to meet
Him! Christ on earth, be exalted!
Sing to the Lord all the whole
earth; and that I may join both in
one word, let the heavens rejoice,
and let the earth be glad, for Him
who is of heaven and then of
earth. Christ in the flesh, rejoice
with trembling and with joy; with
trembling because of your sins,
with joy because of your hope”.*

St. Gregory Nazianzen (329-390)



The Shields would like to wish everyone
a very Merry Christmas.

Thank you for the outstanding
throughout the year!