

The Nativity of the Lord

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Sacred Conversation

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It happened at night, says St. Luke. The shepherds were *watching their flocks by night* when the sky exploded with angels.

The Magi, says St. Matthew, saw a Star and followed it for up to *seven hundred and thirty nights*, finally finding the Child in Bethlehem *at night*. When Herod plotted to kill all boys of the age of two and younger, the Magi and Joseph had *dreams at night* that warned them to flee. Joseph then took the Child and his mother *at night* and fled into Egypt.

The *people who walked in darkness* were the ones to see the great Light.

God created night first, then day. Night is essential for dreams, for sleep, for healing, for the unconscious to rewind, refresh, and re-start. Night is where the soul comes out.

It's Christmas, that nocturnal feast born in the winter solstice. The nights are long and deep in our northern hemisphere. Oh, how we need them. Linger in these nights. Rest in these nights. Take the whole family out in their jammies and go out to see the Christmas lights, dull in the day but gorgeously vivid at night.

Keep this Christmas season. Sing carols for your night prayer. Memorize "O Holy Night" and let its depth hold you as you sleep. Let your soul feel its worth.

This is no ordinary time. This is the dark, sacred night of Christmastide. In the quiet and the dark we perceive Him come to meet us, come to live with us, come to *be with us*.

Oh little town of Bethlehem, *the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight*.

What traditions will you begin this year that celebrate the gift of night?

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La Natividad del Señor

Sucedió de noche, nos dice San Lucas. Los pastores estaban *cuidando a sus rebaños de noche* cuando el cielo se llenó de ángeles.

Los Magos, dice San Mateo, vieron una Estrella y la siguieron por *setecientas treinta noches*, finalmente encontraron al Niño en Belén *de noche*. Cuando Herodes planeo matar a todos los niños de dos años o menos, los Magos y José tuvieron *sueños de noche* que los advirtieron que debían huir. José entonces se llevó al niño y a su madre *de noche* y huyeron a Egipto.

La gente que caminaba en la oscuridad fueron aquellos que vieron la gran Luz.

Dios creó la noche primero, y después el día. La noche es esencial para los sueños, para dormir, para sanar, para que el inconsciente se cargue las pilas, se renueve, y vuelva a comenzar. La noche es cuando el alma sale.

Es Navidad, esa fiesta nocturna en el solsticio del invierno. Las noches son largas y profundas en nuestro hemisferio occidental. O, y cuanto las necesitamos.

Permanezca en estas noches. Descanse en estas noches. Saque a toda la familia en pijamas y vayan a ver las luces navideñas, que son opacas de día pero hermosamente vivas de noche.

Mantenga la temporada Navideña. Canten villancicos para sus oraciones vespertinas.

Memoricense "Noche de Paz" y dejen que su profundidad los sostenga mientras duermen. Deje que su alma sepa cual es su valor.

Este no es tiempo ordinario. Esta es la oscura, sagrada noche de Navidad. En la quietud y la oscuridad podemos percibir que Él viene a encontrarnos, viene a vivir con nosotros, viene a *estar con nosotros*.

Oh, pequeño pueblo de Belén, *las esperanzas y los miedos de todos estos años se encuentran en ti esta noche*.

¿Qué tradiciones comenzarás este año que celebren el regalo de la noche?

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Around the Parish and the Community

FAITH FORMATION INFORMATION

****NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES ON
DEC 20 & 27!**

Jan 03 6:30 pm

***Confirmation Classes resume**

Jan 04 7:00 pm

***RCIA Classes resume**

Jan 08 10:15 am—ALL RESUME—

***Children's Faith Formation Classes**

***Secrets of Scripture**

Parent Session #4 – *Family Life &

Dignity of the Human Person – English in

Community Room, Spanish in School

Cafeteria

BAPTISM CLASS

Our next baptism class will be on **Sunday, January 22, 2017 from 1:00 to 4:00 pm**. Parents and godparents must attend the class. Please contact Laurie Lopez at 303-778-1397 for more information and/or to register. Baptism registration forms can also be found on our website at www.srldenver.org/forms, but you must still contact the office to let us know that you will be coming to the class.

FLOCKNOTE

Don't be left out! Flocknote is a communication tool used to help our parishioners stay informed of upcoming events. Signing up couldn't be easier. Simply text SRL to 84576 on your phone, or go to our website at www.srldenver.org and complete the registration on our website. Don't forget to follow the prompts once you receive your confirmation message!



WELCOME VISITORS!

If you are visiting our parish for the first time, we welcome you to our St Rose of Lima family! If you are interested in becoming a member of our faith community, please see one of the ushers for a parish registration form, or visit our website at www.srldenver.org/forms and click on Parish Registration. You can email forms as an attachment to stroseoflimabusinessoffice@gmail.com, or you can complete the form and bring it to the parish office or drop it in the collection basket during Mass.

Readings for the week of December 25, 2016

Sunday Is 52: 7-10//Heb 1: 1-6//Jn 1: 1-18

Monday Acts 6: 8-10, 7: 54-59//Mt 10: 17-22

Tuesday 1 Jn 1: 1-4//Jn 20: 1a, 2-8

Wednesday 1 Jn 1: 5- 2:2//Mt 2: 13-18

Thursday 1 Jn 2: 3-11//Lk 2: 22-35

Friday Sir 3: 2-6, 12-14//Mt 2: 13-15, 19-23

Saturday 1 Jn 2: 18-21// Jn 1: 1-18

Mass Intentions

Saturday

December 24

4:00pm

People of the Parish

10:00pm

People of the Parish

Sunday

December 25

9:00am

People of the Parish

No 11:30am Mass on Christmas Day

Monday

December 26

8:30am

Communion Service

Tuesday

December 27

8:30am

+Clementine Begler by Carol Jones

Wednesday

December 28

8:30am

+Frank Mencin Sr. by Elaine Mencin

Thursday

December 29

8:30am

+Gloria Vigil by family

Friday

December 30

8:30am

+Carolyn Egan by Laurie Lopez

Saturday

December 31

4:00 pm

+Epifanio Vigil

by Andy & Anita Archuleta

Sunday

January 1

9am

+Clementine Begler by Carol Jones

11:30am

People of the Parish

Prayer in the SQUARE—January 7, 10am, Ruby Hill Park Pavilions—to pray for the Sanctity of Human Life and an End to the Persecution of Christians worldwide.

Please Pray for the Sick of our Parish—Gilbert Suazo, Roy Martinez, Barbara Deaguero, Annie Martinez, Chuck Bauer, Isabel Guzman, Raymundo Pimentel, Deacon Jerry Kotas, Clarita Rubio, Regan Capps, Jana Purdy

Community Ministry needs—**Canned Fruit** for the month of January. You can place your donation in the basket in the entrance of the church. Thank you for your generosity!

SPECIAL NOTICE--At 10:15 (ACTUAL DATE TO BE DETERMINED) , in the Rose Room, there will be a meeting and You are invited! The Holy Name Society is hosting a meeting for all church leaders-members-parishioners. To discuss and share ideas and find ways to work together and to break barriers for a closer community for Saint Rose of Lima Parish and Academy. Coffee and donuts will be served.

A la 10:15 en la mañana, (FECHA POR DETERMINAR) el Sociedad de Santo Nombre está organizando una reunión por los líderes de la iglesia-miembros-feligreses. Todo en la sala de Rosa. Para discutirán y compartan ideas, para encontrar maneras de trabajar juntos, y para romper las barreras. Por una comunidad más cerca por Santa Rosa de Lima Parroquia y Escuela. Café y donuts se servirá.

Holy Family High School Placement RE—Test. Eighth Grade students, if you missed the December 3rd placement test, there is a Make-Up placement test available on Saturday, January 14, 8am to 11:15am. To register: www.holyfamilyhs.com, and click on “Inquire Now.”

The **Denver Preschool Program** (DPP) will host its 5th annual Preschool Showcase on January 14, from 10am to 2pm at the J Churchill Owen Boys & Girls Club at 3480 W Kentucky. Find out how to access preschool tuition support. Spanish translators will on-site. Find out the dollar amount your preschooler can get in tuition support and apply on the same day.

*--we often express thanks to God by giving to others. As you consider your charitable gifts before the end of the year, remember that gifts made now could generate income tax deductions that reduce your 2016 tax bill. Contact Jean Finegan at *The Catholic Foundation*, 303.867.0613, to facilitate bequests, an IRA rollover, as well as gifts of appreciated stocks, real estate and cash. The Foundation stewards the Saint Rose of Lima Parish and School Endowment Fund. Thank you for your continued generosity.*

Divine Mercy Supportive Care is expanding and in need of additional staff. They are looking to hire a Director of Nursing, RN Case Manager, Hospice On Call RN, Hospice PRN RN, Medical Social Worker, Community Liaison/Marketer. Please forward your resume to jobs@dmsci.org

