

MERRY CHRISTMAS

We celebrate the birth of the child Jesus, our Savior. **Why is it that our hearts melt when we see a newborn or young child?** A child seems to bring out the best in us. Perhaps, it is their innocence or their joy at such simple things. **Can we imagine a world where we encounter each other as adults with comfort and awe just as we encounter Christ and other children?** Please take a look at the manger in the Church and meditate on the simple birthday of our Savior.

How would our relationships and world be if we lived out the life of the Prince of Peace, Jesus?

In the 1st reading on Christmas Eve, we hear, **"For the LORD delights in you and makes your land his spouse. As a young man marries a virgin, your Builders shall marry you and as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride so shall your God rejoice in you."** (Is. 62: 4- 5). Unfortunately, so many people have doubts that this is true. Too often, we fall into the trap that we have to earn God's love by doing good. Yet any parent loves their child. The child does not have to do anything to enjoy the love of the parents.

Do we believe that God loves us? Out of that reality, we want to be the child of God who loves in return. If you struggle with finding in God's love, come to our Bible studies on Mondays in 2020, let us learn more about why God created us.

CARDINAL'S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

Once again, I want to sincerely express my deepest gratitude to all for helping our Parish reach the goal of the **Cardinal's Appeal** in this Season of Giving. I was very excited when a parishioner met me outside after the 11:00 am Mass last weekend and asked what she could do to help with the Archdiocesan Appeal. As of today, we are \$82 left to reach our parish goal. The Archdiocese has called to confirm this. Thank you again for responding in the spirit of giving this season. Anything over the goal from now on will be split and rebate sent to us. God bless!

As a Christmas gift to you, dear parishioners, watch out online for resources to learn more about the Catholic faith (**FORMED**). We have highlighted some topics (sessions) that we use in our RCIA and Adult Confirmation. You can pick and choose which items are of value to you. There are also Bible studies, sacramental prep materials, documentaries, books, audio talks, Catholic movies, children programming, etc. Enjoy learning! Share this gift with others. As you leave, remember to up a copy of our Parish Calendar printed Flynn Memorial Home, Inc. for us. Thanks!

May the good Lord continue to bless your spirit of generosity with the joy and peace of Jesus Christ's birth.

Merry Christmas!

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve: Tuesday, Dec 24

8:15 am – English Mass

12:05 pm – English Mass

5:00 pm – English Mass

7:00 pm – Arabic Mass

MIDNIGHT – Bi-Lingual Mass

Christmas Day: Wednesday, Dec 25

9:00 am – SPANISH MASS

11:00 am – ENGLISH MASS

NO ARABIC MASS

Feast of the Holy Innocents: Sat Dec 28 – Altar Server Appreciation Day

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph: Sunday, Dec 29 Regular Masses

New Year's Eve: Tues., Dec 31, 2019

8:15 am – English Mass

12:05 pm – English Mass

5:00 pm – Vigil Mass - Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

New Year's Eve Parish Family Dance, Tues., Dec 31, 2019, from 8:00 pm

New Year's Day: Wednesday, Jan 1, 2020 (Day of obligation)

(Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God)

9 am Spanish Mass

11 am English Mass

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Please call the Parish Office to speak with the person handling appointments for our Parish Family Directory for January 4 & 5, 2020.

Have a Happy and Blessed New Year!