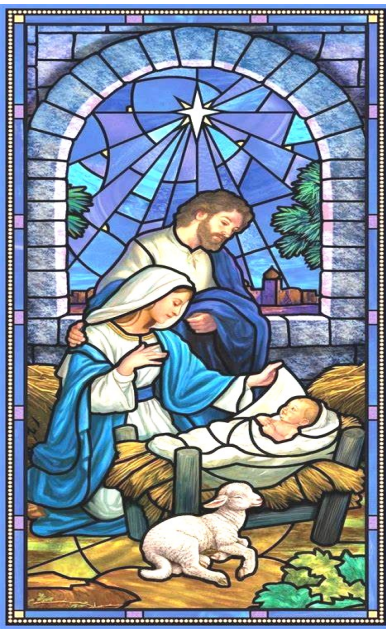


DECEMBER 25, 2023 ~ YEAR B

NATIVITY OF THE LORD



My Dearest Parishioners,

As the festive season descends upon us, let us take a moment to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. This Christmas season, let us never forget the ultimate gift God has given us – the gift of His Son, Jesus Christ. *“For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given...”* (Isaiah 9:6-7). Christmas is one of the most important festivals of the Christian faith - and for good reason: it celebrates the birth of Christ on earth, a critical moment in the story of divine redemption. At Christmas we not only hear God's words of joy and peace; We experience the presence of God in our midst, Emmanuel. It is an experience of God's presence among us through Jesus Christ.

Let us bask in the warmth of the love and his divine presence that baby Jesus brings and let us be reminded of the boundless compassion and grace that our Lord and Savior never fails to bestow upon us. May your homes be filled with the sweet melodies of Christmas carols, the delicious aroma of freshly baked cookies, and the joyous laughter of loved ones.

May the spirit of Christmas carry you through the rest of the year, and may you be blessed with good health, happiness, and prosperity in the coming year of 2024. As we celebrate His birth, let us also remember to spread love, kindness, and compassion to those around us. May we continue to shine God's light in the world and bring joy to those who need it most.

As I sit down to pen this Christmas note, I cannot help but feel a sense of overwhelming gratitude towards every one of you dear parishioners, office staff and school staff. Your unwavering love, compassion, support and generosity have been the pillars that have held our Parish community together through thick and thin. Words cannot express how blessed I feel to have such an incredible congregation and support staff. God bless you all.

With all my heart, I wish every one of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year filled with endless blessings, abundant love, and unbridled joy.

Yours in Christ,

Father Rajesh Madtha, OCD

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CLOSED on MONDAYS

MASS TIMES

Sunday:

Saturday 5:00 PM

Sunday 8:30 AM

10:30 AM

Week Day:

Monday-Friday 7:30 AM

SACRAMENT OF

RECONCILIATION:

Monday-Friday 7:00-7:30 AM

Wednesday 8:00 - 8:45 AM

Saturday 10:00 - 11:00 AM

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Wednesday 8 - 8:45 am

WEDDINGS - Please call the rectory for an appointment six months before planning the wedding date.

BAPTISMS - A pre-Baptism course is required. Please call the rectory for an appointment.



Christmas is not about the material gifts we receive; it is about the love that God, our Father, gave us by giving us His Son, Jesus – the best gift we could ever receive. We wish you all peace, joy, love and hope this Christmas Season.
MERRY CHRISTMAS!

MASS INTENTIONS There is one scheduled mass per week day per Priest. The Sunday masses and Holy Days of Obligation are for parishioners, We try to accommodate all masses on the day they are requested but this is not always possible. All others are sent to the Missions. Mass for souls of the deceased is indicated by the + symbol.

DECEMBER 25 - DECEMBER 31, 2023		
MONDAY CHRISTMAS DAY	8:30 AM	Intentions of OLPH Parishioners
MONDAY CHRISTMAS DAY	10:30 AM	Intentions of OLPH Parishioners
TUESDAY ST. STEPHEN, FIRST MARTYR	7:30 AM	+ Lindy Mullen
WEDNESDAY ST. JOHN, APOSTLE & EVANGELIST	7:30 AM	+ Arturo Bittante
THURSDAY THE HOLY INNOCENTS	7:30 AM	+ Jeanette Godin
FRIDAY	7:30 AM	+ Edward Diamond Nakpodia
SATURDAY THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH	5:00 PM	Intentions of OLPH Parishioners
SUNDAY THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH	8:30 AM	Intentions of OLPH Parishioners
SUNDAY THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH	10:30 AM	Intentions of OLPH Parishioners

COLLECTION DECEMBER 17: Envelopes \$3,401.00; Loose \$373.30; EFT \$858.00; Other Envelopes \$25.00; Vigil Lights \$109.80; Stole Offering (Funeral) \$200.00; Hall Rentals \$1,260.00; Little Blue Books \$49.00; Holy Childhood \$31.25;

TAX RECEIPT 2023 REMINDERS. ALL donations, including Faith in Action must be received by noon on Friday, December 29th to be eligible for a 2023 tax receipt. This includes E-transfer donations as well. Donations received after the office closes on December 29th OR post-marked after December 31st will go towards the 2024 Tax Receipt.

OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2024 are available at the Church entrance. **IF the information** on your label is incorrect, or if you did not receive envelopes and would like some, please notify the parish office.

If you are participating in the Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD) program you have just been issued "special collection" envelopes as these are not factored into the monthly giving.

Holiday Hours
The Parish Office will be closed on December 23rd through to December 26th. The office will be open regular office hours on December 27th & 28th and **close at noon on December 29th.**

Christmas Mass Schedule for OLPH Parish

Dec 24: 5:00 pm (in Parish Centre)
8:00 pm (in Church);
Dec 25: 8:30 am & 10:30 am (in Church);
Dec 31: 5:00 pm;
Jan 01: 8:30am & 10:30



Bishop Joseph Nguyen will celebrate Midnight Mass on December 25th at St. Joseph's Church on the Reserve.



Please continue to pray ... for all the sick of our parish: those homebound, in the hospital, and nursing facilities; and for all the souls in purgatory.



HAVE YOU MOVED? Or are you moving? ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH? Has your email or telephone number changed? **KINDLY REMEMBER TO UPDATE your records with the Parish Office.**



OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP PARISH IS ACCEPTING INTERAC E-MAIL TRANSFER DONATIONS. To give using this method, please transfer your gift to **givingolph@rcdk.org.** using your bank's Interac transfer via online banking.