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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 23RD 2018

Year "C" Micah 5.2-5a; Hebrews 10.5-10; Luke 1.39-45

Entrance Antiphon (Isaiah 45.8) : Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.



Mass Intentions

THISWEEK



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday, December 22nd	5 p.m.	+ MAY & TOM JR. FITZPATRICK
Sunday, December 23rd	9 a.m.	FOR THE INTENTIONS AND DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE VALLADARES FAMILY
	11 a.m.	MASS FOR THE PEOPLE
	5 p.m.	+ ALBERTO SILVA

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)

Monday, December 24th	5 p.m.	RESERVED
	8 p.m.	RESERVED
Tuesday, December 25th	12 a.m.	RESERVED
	9 a.m.	RESERVED
	11 a.m.	RESERVED
Wednesday, December 26th <i>St. Stephen, The First Martyr</i>	7:30 p.m.	UNANNOUNCED INTENTION
Thursday, December 27th <i>St. John, Apostle & Evangelist</i>	8:30 a.m.	+ CECELIA ANDREWS & FAMILY
Friday, December 28th <i>The Holy Innocents, Martyrs</i>	8:30 a.m.	+ LIZ DOBSON

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

Saturday, December 29th	5 p.m.	THE FAMILY: LIVING AND DECEASED OF CAROL
Sunday, December 30th	9 a.m.	+ BERTIE NAZARETH
	11 a.m.	MASS FOR THE PEOPLE
	5 p.m.	+ BARBARA FERNANDEZ
Monday, December 31st	8:30 a.m.	+ UNANNOUNCED

Book your Mass offering at the parish office for 2019 : February to April

ANNUAL CAMPAIGN LIFE FRUIT CAKE SALE

Campaign Life Coalition is once again raising funds through Christmas cake sales. The deluxe 1 kg cake at \$ 27 & the regular 600 g cake at \$ 20. These products will be on sale after each weekend mass on Dec 22nd/23rd, while supplies last.

merry christmas!



NEW YEAR MASS TIMES

Solemnity of Mary,
The Holy Mother of
God

**MONDAY,
DECEMBER 31ST :**

5:00 p.m.

TUESDAY,

JANUARY 1ST :

9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

No 5:00 p.m. Mass



2019

ENVELOPES

The envelopes for 2019 are available in the parish hall.

If you do not see your name please contact the office. Please check that your name and address are correct and **please do not use** the envelopes before January 1st as your number may have changed.

Merry Christmas

What a special and sacred season. Christmas wishes and music, the Christmas mood is already in the air. We have four weeks of Advent, and this year, twenty four hours after the Forth Sunday, we have Christmas Eve.

I extend to all of you, Christmas greetings and best wishes for the New Year 2019.

This is all about the miracle of Christmas, the birth of the Messiah. This is about the Son of God, the Universal Saviour, proclaimed, not in Rome by the emperor, or in the governor's mansion, or from the palace of Herod or from the suites of Annas and Caiaphas the high priests. He is proclaimed not by the coolest and most charismatic pastor. Not in the marble-walled temples, with gold up at the dome, not amidst the hottest music from a wonderful choir, not with the most sophisticated and -the flashiest technology in the sanctuary.. but by the lips of a weird prophet in the wilderness, probably the most courageous of all the prophets.

He himself the King of the universe, the Son of God, does not live in the royal palace, but lives in an earthy, raw, little hut in Nazareth, and he comes to us in all sorts of human conditions and meets us everywhere. With him, the order of life as we have set it, is reversed...Greatness means stooping down and serving others and even washing their soiled feet.

We are preparing as John calls us, '*to prepare the way of the lord, to make his paths straight*' Lk. 3:4

Like I reflected on the Second Sunday of Advent, this is a time that we cannot just be satisfied with planning the Christmas parties, or the shopping with the 25% offs, or buy two and get one free. At this time we cannot be satisfied with the beautiful decorations at the town center, and the lights on the streets, if there is darkness in our hearts, and on the Christmas tree at the corner. It is not about the cards we send and the turkeys we stuff and carve.....

**It is about the COMING of Jesus Christ,
the Son of the Living God.**

We cannot leave him out in the cold (and it really gets cold out there at this time of the year) and go in to celebrate Christmas with lavish foods, and wines and desserts. Let's open the door for him by bringing in the peace that we are given, the peace that will mend broken hearts; the peace that is contagious and can be shared with one another in forgiveness, kindness and charity. May the birthday of Christ sow seeds of peace in all our hearts... May the birthday of Christ renew hope in all our struggles...May the birthday of Christ bring joy to each one of us...

*Merry Christmas from your humble servant of the Lord,
Fr. Colman N. Mruma*



Holy Redeemer's Catholic Women's Guild would like to thank all of you for your ongoing support and generosity in 2018.

Merry Christmas, and may the blessings of Christmas be with you throughout the New Year.

Anna Crothwaite, President Holy Redeemer Parish CWG



On behalf of Holy Redeemer Youth Ministry and Youth Minister Bianca Hutchinson we would like to wish the Parishioners and Youth of Holy Redeemer Parish Gods blessings this Christmas Season and a Safe, Happy and Blessed New Year. Thank you to the Parishioners of Holy Redeemer for your continued support of Youth Ministry in our Parish and we are looking forward to a wonderful year ahead in 2019!

Bianca Hutchinson, Youth Minister



Merry Christmas and a happy new year, it's that time of year when we the knights get to say to our priest Father Colman and his staff, thanks for the support. To all the different ministries in the church and the congregation we thank you for supporting our many endeavour, have a safe and blessed Christmas .

We all must remember
that Jesus is the reason for the season.

Errol Jennings, Grand knight.



**The Parish Office will
be closed**


*from December 24 (Monday)
to January 1 (Tuesday).*

*The parish office will reopen
on January 2 (Wednesday) at
8:00 a.m.*

If you have an emergency that requires a priest please call 905-839-9774, and follow instructions to leave a message for Fr. Colman to contact you. In case Fr. Colman is unreachable please contact another local Parish for assistance.

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