The Priest and Staff of St Joseph's wish you a
Merry Christmas and a
Very Happy New Year!

El Sacerdote y el personal de San José les desean una
Feliz Navidad y un
Prospero Año Nuevo!

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Mass Intentions for the Week / Intenciones de las Misas

Sunday/Domingo, December 25th Christmas
The Nativity of the Lord
Is 52: 7-10; Heb 1: 1-6 /Jn 1: 1-18

9 AM Living members of the Meade Family

11 AM Elsa & Ruben Capistran (Aniversario)
Por la salud de todos los niños
† Alexis Rafael Cruz (3 meses)
† Rolando Rios

Monday /Lunes, December 26th
St Stephen
Acts 6: 8-10; 7: 54-59 / Mt 10: 17-22

8:30 AM † Margaret Grace Evans

Tuesday /Martes, December 27th
St John, Apostle & Evangelist
1 Jn 1: 1-4 / Jn 20: 1, 2-8

7 PM † Ana Julia Pérez

Wednesday /Miércoles, December 28th
Holy Innocents
1 Jn 1: 5—2:2 / Mt 2: 13-18

8:30 AM Souls in Purgatory

Friday /Viernes, December 30th
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
Sir 3: 2-6, 12-14 / Mt 2: 13-15, 19-23

7 PM Available

Saturday/Sábados, December 31st
New Year's Eve
Is 62: 1-5; Acts 13: 16-17, 22-25/Mt 1: 1-25

7 PM Available

Sunday/Domingo, January 1st New Year's Day
Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
Nm 6: 22-27; Gal 4: 4-7/Lk 2: 16-21

9 AM † Amorosa Valente

11 AM Available

Front Page: - The Holy Family By Benvenuto Tisi .
Inside: The Holy Family with St Anne and St John the Baptist By Andrea Mantegna.

COLLECTIONS/COLECTAS DECEMBER 18, 2022

Sunday Collection	**$1,765.25**
(9AM $1,044 - 11AM $721.25)	
WeShare	**$35.00**
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CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve - Saturday, December 24th

5 PM Vigil Mass of Christmas ....English

7 PM Misa de La Noche de Navidad ...Español

Christmas Day - Sunday, December 25th

9 AM……..Mass of Christmas
11 AM…..Misa de Navidad

New Year's Eve - Saturday, December 31st

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

7 PM Vigil Mass followed by adoration
Santa Misa seguido por adoración al Santísimo (Español)

Sunday, January 1st

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

9 AM……..Mass ...English

11 AM…..Misa ...Español

Reflection on the Prologue of St John (1:1-18)

St John prefaces his gospel with a stunning account of the Incarnation. Instead of a narrative story as we have in the gospels of Mathew & Luke – with singing angels, the shepherds, the Magi and so on - we have a theological story. We might say, we are overhearing things from God's perspective. If we hear but one Christmas story, if there is to be only one mass at Christmas, John's version is the one we hear. From the earliest days of Christianity and in many traditions, this Prologue has been read as the Christmas gospel, because of its central and earth-shattering announcement, 'the Word became Flesh and dwelt amongst us' - literally, pitched his tent among us.

That is the mystery which lies at the heart of Christian faith and life. It's the mystery at which the other two great monotheistic faiths, Judaism, and Islam, completely balk. Christianity dares to assert that the One, true and living God pours out his very self into created flesh, that the playwright himself comes on stage and takes the leading part, because no one else can play it.

LIGHT is the major symbol of Christmastime. It is the chief metaphor for this cosmic event that we call Incarnation. In the Spanish language, the very word for giving birth is 'dar la luz' - literally, to give light to. It's a beautiful, mellifluous phrase to describe the beauty and wonder of childbirth.

The very first word God speaks in the Bible is 'fiat lux' - 'let there be light!' That theme is basic to St John's gospel. He describes Christmas simply as 'the true light that enlightens everyone was coming into the world'.

At Christmas the metaphor of light surrounds us, sparkling on our trees and wreaths, shining on candles and the crèches. John's gospel begins with Light. The metaphor is sustained throughout his gospel - 'The Light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it'. That is to say, the darkness has not engulfed, surrounded, or extinguished the Light that comes into the world in the person of Jesus Christ. In fact it can never do so. Elsewhere in this gospel, Jesus will say 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me shall not walk in darkness but will have the light of life'. (Jn 8:12)

We know there's so much darkness around us. There is the pandemic that still seems to be ravaging many people, the outrageous gun violence in our country and the ongoing war in Ukraine, just to mention a few examples. But, even when darkness threatens to engulf us, we have the assurance that it will never take over - it will never have the last word.

In Jesus' birth we see the light of God's glory. And he is our only hope. It's said that gift better than himself, even God cannot give. Gift better than our God, we will ever know. Let's thank God, for the gift of himself. **Merry Christmas!!!**

Reflexión sobre el Prólogo de San Juan (1,1-18)

San Juan inicia su evangelio con un impresionante relato de la Encarnación. En lugar de una historia narrativa como la que tenemos en los evangelios de Mateo y Lucas - con ángeles que cantan, los pastores, los magos y así sucesivamente - tenemos una historia teológica. Podríamos decir, que estamos escuchando cosas desde la perspectiva de Dios. Si escuchamos una sola historia de Navidad, si solo ha de haber una misa en Navidad, la versión de Juan es la que escuchamos. Desde los primeros días del cristianismo y en muchas tradiciones, este Prólogo ha sido leído como el evangelio de Navidad, debido a su anuncio central y estremecedor: "Y la Palabra se hizo carne, y puso su Morada entre nosotros" - literalmente, plantó su tienda entre nosotros.

Ese es el misterio que yace en el corazón de la fe y de la vida cristiana. Es el misterio ante el cual las otras dos grandes religiones monoteístas, el judaísmo y el islam, se oponen por completo. El cristianismo se atreve a afirmar que el Dios único, verdadero y vivo se derrama a sí mismo en la carne creada, que el propio dramaturgo sube al escenario y toma el papel principal, porque nadie más puede interpretarlo.

La LUZ es el símbolo principal de la época navideña. Es la principal metáfora de este evento cósmico que llamamos Encarnación. En el idioma español, la palabra correspondiente al parto es "alumbramiento", que significa literalmente, "dar a luz" que es el otro concepto utilizado para denominar un nacimiento.

La primerísima palabra que Dios pronuncia en la Biblia es 'fiat lux' - '¡Haya luz!' Ese tema es básico en el evangelio de san Juan. Él describe la Navidad simplemente como "la luz verdadera que ilumina a todo hombre venía al mundo".

En Navidad la metáfora de la luz nos envuelve, resplandeciendo en nuestros árboles y coronas, brillando en las velas y en los pesebres. El evangelio de Juan comienza con Luz. La metáfora se sostiene a lo largo de su evangelio: "La Luz brilla en las tinieblas, y las tinieblas no la vencieron".

La oscuridad no ha engullido, rodeado o extinguido la Luz que viene al mundo en la persona de Jesucristo. De hecho, nunca podrá hacerlo. En otra parte de este evangelio, Jesús dirá: "Yo soy la luz del mundo; el que me siga no caminará en la oscuridad, sino que tendrá la luz de la vida." (Juan 8:12)

Sabemos que hay mucha oscuridad a nuestro alrededor. Está la pandemia que todavía parece estar devastando a muchas personas, la escandalosa violencia armada en nuestro país y la guerra en curso en Ucrania, solo por mencionar algunos ejemplos. Pero, incluso cuando la oscuridad amenaza con engullirnos, tenemos la seguridad de que nunca tomará el control - nunca tendrá la última palabra.

En el alumbramiento de Jesús vemos la luz de la gloria de Dios. Y él es nuestra única esperanza.

Se dice que regalo - mejor que él mismo – ni siquiera Dios puede dar. Regalo mejor que nuestro Dios, nadie lo conocerá jamás. Demos gracias a Dios, por el don de sí mismo. **¡¡¡Feliz Navidad!!!**

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

2023 Mass Book - is now available for your Mass Intention reservations. Call the Rectory about the availability of dates and reserve your intentions. It is a wonderful way to remember a special event, a beloved deceased or a special occasion.

Next Steps, Marching into a Post-Roe America. Why We Must Keep Marching Annually in Washington, DC. Despite the Supreme Court's overturning Roe v. Wade, there is still an urgent need to make our voices heard at the federal level. We invite you to join us in the March for Life**,** on **Friday, January 20, 2023**. Before the rally, we will join all the NY Pilgrims for a Mass at 10:30 AM, with Cardinal Dolan at St Patrick's Church, 619 10th Street, Washington DC. The fare is $70 per adult and $40 per child (10-16 yrs.) accompanied by a parent or with signed parental permission. Call the Rectory for more information. Any donation to help with our expenses would be greatly appreciated.

Parish Registration— All adults (18 years and older) should be registered in the parish . It is not enough to be baptized here years ago but not being registered or participating in the life of the parish; that is not what being a Catholic means. Please register, come to church and use the offering envelopes, no matter what your contribution is. Participate in the life of our parish by being a practicing CATHOLIC.

ANUNCIOS IMPORTANTES

Próximos pasos, Marchando hacia una América posterior a Roe. ¡El 20 de enero celebraremos la 50.ª Marcha anual por la Vida y el vuelco trascendental de Roe v. Wade! Honraremos a quienes nos han precedido haciendo posible esta victoria histórica, y nos uniremos con un plan estratégico para construir una cultura de vida en este momento histórico. Les invitamos a todos los feligreses a unirse a nosotros para ir a la Marcha. Favor de llamar a la Casa Cural, a Bertha o Nati, para conseguir su cupo. El precio es de $70 adultos y $40 jóvenes y adolescentes (10-16 años) acompañados por un padre de familia o con permiso escrito y firmado de antemano. Bienvenidos los donativos para ayudar con los gastos del viaje.

Libro de Misas 2023 - está disponible para Reservar Intenciones de Misas para el 2023. Llamar a la Casa Cural acerca de la disponibilidad de fechas y reservar sus intenciones. La Misa es una forma maravillosa de recordar un evento especial, un difunto amado o una intención especial.

Inscripción Parroquial — Todos los adultos mayores de 18 años deben ser miembros registrados de la parroquia. No basta con ser bautizado aquí hace años pero no se inscribió o participó en la vida de la parroquia; eso no es lo que significa ser católico. Inscríbase, venga a la iglesia, use el sobre, no importa cuál sea su contribución y participe en la vida de la parroquia.

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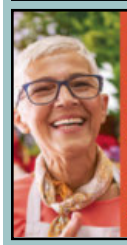

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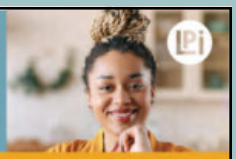

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