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### December 18, 2016

*Fourth Sunday of Advent*

#### **MASS INTENTION:**

*Saturday, December 17th:*

Simon Vasquez (ER)

*Sunday, December 18th:*

*For the People*

#### **TODAY'S READINGS:**

First Reading:

Isaiah 7: 10-14

Responsorial Psalm:

"Let the Lord enter; he is king  
of glory."

(Psalm 24)

Second Reading:

Romans 1: 1-7

Gospel Acclamation:

"Joseph, son of David, have  
no fear about taking Mary  
as your wife."

Gospel:

Matthew 1: 18-24

#### **Nativity of Lord Mass Times**

**Christmas Eve,  
Saturday, 6:00 p.m.  
Christmas Day,  
Sunday, 10:00 a.m.**

#### **Collection of items for Hospital**

*The Youth Formation group will  
be delivering the items collected  
for Covenant Children's Hospi-  
tal. Thank you to all who do-  
nated the coloring books, cray-  
ons, colored pencils, markers,  
and writing pads.*

There will be no  
Youth Formation classes  
during the holidays. Classes  
will resume on Wednesday,  
January 11, 2017.

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[www.stjohnbaptistlbk.org](http://www.stjohnbaptistlbk.org)  
For more pictures.

#### **Word of Appreciation**

*A special word of appreciation  
and acknowledgement goes to  
Nancy Sanchez, Faith Formation  
Director, our Youth, children  
and volunteers who produced a  
wonderful depiction of the  
biblical story of the Nativity of  
Our Lord.*



## PRAYER INTENTION LIST

Week of December 18, 2016

### Healing & Good Health

-Robert Nombrano -Frances Silvas  
-Phillip Nombrano -Erika Perez  
-Johnny Berumen -Kathy Krile  
-Maximo Trevino -Eva Guzman  
-Isabella Toalla -Nelson Toala  
-Jason Mata -Mary Salazar  
-Martha Salazar -Lydia Mercalco  
-Andrea Garcia -Kesler Gonzalez  
-Sandra Gamboa -Patsy Paz  
-Michelle Olivarez -Frank Valdez  
-Erica Perez -Sylvia Ortiz  
-Yajayra Marin -Maximo Trevino

### General

-Erika Perez -Maximo Trevino

### Eternal Rest

-Jose & San Juanita Valenciano  
-Jesse & Mary Ann Valenciano  
-Andres & Margarita DeLeon  
-Antonio & Luis Valenciano  
-S. Ramos  
-All the faithful departed +



*When they saw the star,  
they rejoiced exceedingly  
with great joy.  
-Matthew 2:10*

### **WE ARE BLESSED!**

With the best friends and family  
anyone could ask for.

- Taylor Miller

Continued good health despite  
chronic conditions.

-Susan Miller

**THANK YOU, GOD!**



*Dear Parish Family Members,*

*I'm grateful to Connie Vandiver, one of our parishioners, for sharing with me the following reflection, entitled, What Are You Asking for This Christmas? by Joyce Rupp.*

*This is truly one of the most beautiful reflections I can ever remember during this time of year. I hope you will find it as helpful as I do during your own Advent journey. Have a blessed week and a happy, holy 4th Sunday of Advent!*

*Sincerely in Christ,  
Fr. David*

### **"What Are You Asking for This Christmas?"**

Instead of focusing on material presents, let us request from the Heart of the Holy what most strengthens our souls and enlivens our love. This Christmas I ask for:

#### **Hope,**

the north star in my soul,  
that it may always point me toward the Light of the World.

#### **Stillness,**

to sweep through my restless mind,  
emptying it of the cluttered debris and floating negativity.

#### **Non-violence,**

that every thought, word, deed and desire  
flow gently from me like a brook caressing unmovable stones.

#### **Savoring,**

to remember with gratefulness  
moments of beauty and people's goodwill that prompted gladness.

#### **Other-Centeredness,**

for the tightly held part of self  
that ignores, denies or refuses to respond to the plight of others.

#### **Laughter,**

to retain the sprightly dance of joy  
amid the endless duties, preparations, chores, and responsibilities.

#### **Perspective,**

for an inner vision that views  
each difficult person or situation through the wide lens of kindness.

#### **Solace,**

to recognize, welcome and embrace  
what yearns for attention and comfort in the sanctuary of my soul.

#### **Surprise,**

so the celebration of Christmas rekindles awe and gratitude  
for the Source of All Love, and influences how I live.

May you receive enriching and  
fruitful gifts this Christmas.  
Abundant peace,

*Joyce Rupp*

  
**Peace on Earth**

