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December 25, 2023 – The Nativity of the Lord

MERRY CHRISTMAS



For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior,
who is Christ the Lord.

Luke 2:11

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SECOND COLLECTION

Today's second collection is for The Newman Center. This is to support and run the Newman Center, a venture of the Diocese of Corpus Christi for college students. Your generous contributions are appreciated.

PARISH OFFICE

The parish office will be closed on Monday & Tuesday, December 25th & 26th in observance of Christmas.

FR. JACOB'S ANNUAL RETREAT

Fr. Jacob will be away from January 13th to January 22nd for his annual retreat.

2024 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES

Some of the contribution envelopes for next year are still in the back of the church, please pick up your envelopes if you haven't done so already. Thank you for all of you who generously supported this past year.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

We will have a Christmas Raffle on Sunday, December 24th. First prize is a 55-inch Samsung TV, second prize is \$100, third prize is a dinner for two. Tickets will be available in the back of the church after Mass for \$5 a ticket or 3 tickets for \$10.

ONE DAY POSADA

We will have a one-day Posada on Sunday, December 24th beginning at 5:15pm. All are invited to a reception after the Mass in the Parish Hall.

CHRISTMAS EVE & DAY MASSES

We will have Mass on Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24th at 6:00 pm & Mass on Christmas Day, Monday, December 25th at 10:00 am.

NEW YEARS' DAY MASS

The Mass for New Years' Day will be Monday, January 1st at 9:30 am.

FR. JACOB'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION CELEBRATION

Dear Friends, You are cordially invited for the 25th Anniversary of Ordination celebration of Rev. Jacob John Valayath. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be celebrated on January 6th Saturday 2024 at 10:30am here at St. James Catholic Church. A reception will immediately follow at the Parish Hall. Please RSVP by January 2nd to the parish office 361-358-4825, or Louis Sanchez at 361-318-0480, or the sign-up sheet in the back of the church, or email stjamesbeville@yahoo.com

SILVER & GOLD WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS CELEBRATION

Those blessed by celebrating 25 or 50 years of Sacramental Marriage are invited to attend a special Silver & Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass celebrated by Bishop Michael Mulvey Sunday, February 11, 2024, at 9:30 am at the Corpus Christi Cathedral, 505 N. Upper Broadway. For more information see the flyer in the back of the church or contact the parish office.

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS

We would like to thank the Faith Choir Blanca Paredez & Margaret Smith for cleaning our church this week.

CONDOLENCES

Condolences to the family of Ricardo Bentancud. May his soul rest in peace.

*WE WISH EVERYONE A VERY
MERRY CHRISTMAS
MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL*

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 23

- 5:00 PM † Carmela Cruz For her Anniversary by Juanita Cruz
 † Reynaldo & Beatrice Villarreal by Rosalinda V. Espinosa
 † Richard V. Espinosa & Gabriel V. Espinosa
 By Rosalinda V. Espinosa
 † Julian & Sara Longoria For their Wedding Anniversary
 by children & grandchildren
 † Benny Gomez by Patricia Gonzalez
 † All deceased Spanish Choir members by Cruz Muñoz
 Sal & Baudelia Andrade For their health
 Natalie Duran For her health by Julian Longoria

Sunday, December 24

- 10:00 AM † Ascencion "Chon" Carrizales by Carrizales Family
 † Julio & Baudelia Salazar & Geronimo Ortiz by Erlinda Ortiz
 † Charles & Carolina Trlica by Gerald & Margaret Trlica
 † Sandra Ann "Catfish" Muñoz by Arguijo Family
 † Pablo Kala by Jan & Longie Berdan
 † Estella C. Cardenas by Cardenas & Barrera Family
 † Raul Casarez by Nick Arredondo

Christmas Eve

- 6:00 PM † Ramon Elias Rodriguez
 † Carmen, Alma, Juanita, & Julian Muñoz
 by Ralph & Theresa Contreras
 † Martha Chavarria by Ralph & Theresa Contreras
 † Frankie Barrera by Ralph & Theresa Contreras
 † Lucila Contreras by Ralph & Theresa Contreras
 † Adrian Moreno by Ralph & Theresa Contreras
 † George St. Hilaire by Ralph & Theresa Contreras
 † Domingo Ganceres by wife & family

Monday, December 25

Christmas Day

- 10:00 AM † Gloria Treviño Puga For her Birthday by Robert & Arcilia Treviño
 † Melba Kay Ponce by her Church Family
 † Joe & Mary Rojas by daughters
 † Domingo Garcia by Elfida Garcia
 † Eduardo Silva by Elfida Garcia
 † Federico & Francisca Ruiz by Elfida Garcia
 † Hector Arrisola by Norma Arrisola & Family
 † Mary Jane Ramos by Norma Arrisola & Family
 † Ramon Elias Rodriguez
 † Marcela R. Garza by Vicente Garza & Family
 † Hilda Carranza by Lupe Ganceres
 † Lee Ramirez, Jr. by Brothers & Sisters

Wednesday, December 27

8:00 AM

Thursday, December 28

8:00 AM

Friday, December 29





- 8:00 AM † Roland Micheal Cantu For his Birthday
 By grandparents Monico & Lupita Cantu

PRAY FOR THE SICK

With care and compassion, we pray for:

Mary Gutierrez, Stella Sanchez, Daniel & Dora Loya, Leon & Hilda Pharma, Rosario Cruz, Carolina Lopez, Rene Paredez, Jonathan Paredez, Henry Guerrero, Maria G. Perez, Ray Muñoz, Eloise Paredez, Steven M. Gonzales, Rudolfo (Lito) Montez, Mr. & Mrs. Manuel & Shirley Martinez, Teodora Cueana, Anselmo Garcia, Jr., Trey Garces, Kelly Thomas, Anita David Parma, Clemente Hinojosa, Jeremy Matthew Hinojosa, Mary Harrison, Angie Garza, Cruz Guerrero, Sr., Sally Garza Tovar, Cruz Muñoz, Olga & Nieves Cardenas, Victor Resendez, Terri David, and to all at Christus Spohn.

➤ Please fill in names to be prayed for on the list in the back of the church or contact the parish office. Thank you.

MASS SCHEDULE					
Date	Time	USHERS	LECTORS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS
Sat., December 23	5:00 PM	Luis Hernandez Michael Deleon	Cristina Sanchez	Salvador Andrade	Catalina Sanchez, Adrian Hernandez Andres Hernandez
Sun., December 24	10:00 AM	Jimmy Cardenas Ernest Orozco	Susana Martinez	Janie Maldonado	Manuel Garnica, Mia Flores, Roman Flores, Araceli Hernandez
Sat., December 30	5:00 PM	Luis Hernandez Michael Deleon	Beatrice Hernandez	Lisa Blanton	Adam Garcia, Anayeli Hernandez, Araceli Hernandez
Sun., December 31	10:00 AM	Jimmy Cardenas Ernest Orozco	Mary Ortiz	Susana Moron	Daniel Hinojosa, Arturo Martinez IV, Rico Flores

AUDITORS

December 26
 Janie Maldonado,
 Alice Sanchez
December 31
 Kimberly Cuellar,
 Anna Castillo
January 7
 Kimberly Cuellar,
 Anna Castillo
January 14
 Juanita Cruz,
 Elfida Garcia
January 21
 Rosalinda Orozco,
 Margaret Mesquita

Christmas Day [B] (December 25)**Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14**

While Matthew's genealogy of Jesus goes back to Abraham and Luke's genealogy to Adam, John's genealogy goes back to God Himself. John travels to eternity to reveal to us the theology of Christmas. He presents the Creation story as the framework for announcing the Incarnation. Viewing Jesus' birth from God's perspective, he clarifies the truth that Incarnation of God to save mankind was the Divine intention from the very beginning, from before the moment of Creation. While the synoptic Gospel selections for the Vigil, Midnight and Dawn Masses describe the history of Christmas and Jesus' infancy narratives, the selection from John's Gospel for this Daytime Mass lifts us out of history into the realm of mystery—His wonderful Name is the Word. The reading tells us that the Baby in the manger is the Word of God, the very Self-expression of God.

Scripture: The first reading gives us the assurance that, just as Yahweh restored His Chosen People to their homeland after the Babylonian exile, Jesus, the Savior, will restore mankind to the Kingdom of God. In the **Responsorial Psalm** (Ps 98), the Psalmist reminds us that the Kingdom includes everyone, not just the Chosen People, singing, "All the ends of the earth have seen the Salvation by our God!" In the **second reading**, St. Paul tells us how God, Who had conveyed His words to us in the past through His prophets, has now sent His own Son so that He might demonstrate to us humans, by His life, death and Resurrection the real nature of our God. **John's Gospel** gives us a profoundly philosophical and theological vision of Christ, the result of John's years of preaching and of meditating on this wondrous mystery of God's love. John presents Jesus as the "Word of God." In Jewish thought, this phrase describes God taking action as in His act of creation of the world. The Greeks understood "logos," or the Word of God, as an intermediary between God and humanity. In Biblical Christian theology, the word *Logos* came to be equated with the Second Person of the Trinity. While stressing the Divinity of Christ, John leaves no doubt as to the reality of Jesus' human nature. In the Prologue of his Gospel, John introduces the birth of Jesus as the dawning of the Light Who will remove the darkness of evil from the world. He records later in his Gospel why light is the perfect symbol of Christmas: Jesus said, "I am the Light of the world," (Jn 8:12) and "You are the light of the world" (Mt 5:14-16). John tells us that God pitched His tent among us, meaning that God makes his home with us, He accompanies us, He lives with us, He shares our joys and our struggles, He eats with us, He becomes a meal for us in the Eucharist. The God who "pitched His tent" among us in Bethlehem and continues to live with each of us in our home, our apartment, our religious community, or our retirement home, and continues to dwell within us. That is why we rejoice, celebrating Christmas. A student came to a rabbi and said, 'In the olden days there were people who saw the face of God. Why don't they anymore?' The rabbi replied, 'Because nowadays no one can stoop that low.' God keeps company with us. "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and Truth." (Jn 1:14; RSV 2 Catholic).

Life messages: 1) **A day to remember and a day to wait for:** Today, while we remember and celebrate God's first coming into our world in human form, we also look forward, because the liturgy we celebrate reminds us that the Lord is going to return in his *Second Coming*. The liturgy calls on us to prepare His way, to be ready to be judged by Him. In addition to these two "comings," the Church teaches us that Christ comes to us every day through the Holy Eucharist, the Holy Bible and the worshipping community. We are asked to inaugurate Christ's Kingdom in our lives by allowing Him to be born in us, by recognizing Him in others and by courageously going forth to build His Kingdom of love, justice, peace and holiness in our world. 2) **We need to remember that there is no room in the manger except for Jesus and us:** There isn't room in the manger for all the baggage we carry around with us. There's no room for our pious pride and self-righteousness. There's no room for our human power and prestige. There's no room for the baggage of past failure and unforgiven sin. There's no room for our prejudice, bigotry and jingoistic national pride. There's no room for bitterness and greed. There is no room in the manger for anything other than the absolute reality of who and what we really are: very human, very real, very fragile, very vulnerable beings who desperately need the gifts of love and grace which God so lavishly gives us through the Sacraments, through the Holy Bible and during our prayers.

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENTSunday, December 24th at 10:00 a.m.**CHRISTMAS EVE & DAY MASSES**Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24th at 6:00 p.m.Christmas Day, Monday, December 25th at 10:00 a.m.**NEW YEARS' DAY MASS**New Years' Day, Monday, January 1st at 9:30 a.m.

"They who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint." *Isaiah 40:31*

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Sign-up sheet in the back of the church

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION EVENTS

January 2024 - Class Dates: 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th

14th - Youth Sunday - Mrs. Hernandez's class

15th Adoration Hour 7:00-8:00pm in the church

**NEXT BAPTISM CLASS – January 8, 2023****ST. JAMES BISHOP'S STEWARDSHIP APPEAL 2023 REPORT**

Goal - \$9,500

Amount Received - \$7,069

Pledged Amount - \$7,849

Balance - **\$2,432**

Thank you to all those who are donating to fulfill our goal.

WEEKLY OFFERING December 17th, 2023

Envelope Collection \$2,706.42

Loose Collection \$337.33

Total **\$3,043.75**

Second Collection \$434.63

*May God bless you for your selfless sacrifice***ST. JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH UPCOMING EVENTS**

[Tentative]

December 24: Posada at 5:15pm

January 6 at 10:30am: 25th Anniversary of Ordination
Celebration of Fr. Jacob

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