

Renew Love for the Holy Eucharist in our Parish

Starting June 2022, the bishops of the United States are calling for all dioceses to begin a three-year plan to revive and foster Eucharistic devotion in dioceses, parishes, and the hearts of the faithful.

With its limited capacity, our weekly **Bulletin** is geared towards contributing to the deepening in understanding of the Real Presence and to creating a culture of Eucharistic reverence and devotion in our parish.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE / ST. PATRICK PARISH

Rekindling the Passion for Eucharistic Life and Mission

In the Holy Eucharist Jesus is literally and wholly present.

December 18 2022



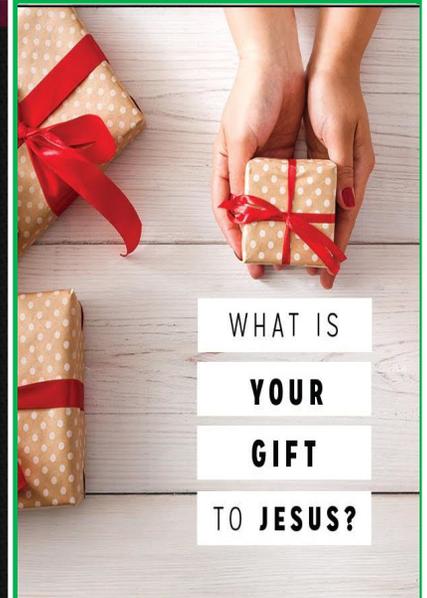
winter, coldest season of the year, between autumn and spring; the name comes from an old Germanic word that means “time of water” and refers to the rain and snow of winter in middle and high latitudes. In the Northern Hemisphere it is commonly regarded as extending from the winter solstice (year’s shortest day), December 21 or 22, to the vernal equinox (day and night equal in length), March 20 or 21, and in the Southern Hemisphere from June 21 or 22 to September 22 or 23. The low temperatures associated with winter occur only in middle and high latitudes; in equatorial regions, temperatures are almost uniformly high throughout the year.

The parish is doing a Coat Drive for our homeless and needy brethren which is up to the end of this year. There will be a sit-down dinner for them this coming January 8 at the parish hall when these collected items will be distributed.



Today we admire the greatness of St. Joseph. On the one hand, he believes that he should respect the silence of Mary, i.e., to leave her alone with the mystery of the Incarnation of the Son of God. But this is tough and, besides, how to do it? -Joseph did not precipitate himself; Joseph prayed and pondered. And, thus, he was enlightened by God: «do not be afraid to take Mary home (...). She will give birth to a son, and you will give him the name of Jesus. »

Jesus, you are constantly coming to your people,
even when we fail to see you.
In each and every moment that we are blessed
to recognize you here and now,
give us the courage to leap with joy at your coming.
Amen.



WHAT IS
YOUR
GIFT
TO **JESUS?**



EUCCHARIST



11. "And with your spirit"

“THE Lord be with you,” says the priest. The response that we used for many years was: “And also with you.” The revised Order of Mass has changed the response to this: “And with your spirit.” This is derived from St. Paul’s Second Letter to Timothy, which concludes: “The Lord be with your spirit” (4:22). For St. Paul, the “spirit” was the spiritual part of man closest to God, that part most influenced by the divine. Specifically, it was the part that received the Spirit of God. Thus, the assembly prays for the priest to let himself be guided by the Spirit and not to block His action in him.



Sunday December 18, 2022, 8:30AM

Living & †Deceased Members

of Catholic Daughters of the Americas by (CDA)

†Theresa & Louis Conty

by †Marie Stinchcomb & Nancy Conty

†Lloyd & Judy Muller by Tammy Evett

Sunday December 18, 2022, 10:30AM

†Miquel Floyd & Barbra Rosales by Viola & Family

†Jose & Josie Sanchez by Gil & Mary Munoz

†Gina Salazar by Cook Family & Ray Herrera

†Frank Palomino (KiKo) 20 yr. “No Problem”

†Natividad Ocampo by Carol Family



NOVENA MASSES

A Novena is a nine-day period of prayer to ask God for special graces, offer petitions or pray for a specific intention.

The word itself comes from the Latin *novem*, meaning nine.

Indeed, attending the *Novena Masses* is a sacrifice.

We break our daily routine by going to church in the evening especially in this cold season trying to complete the 9 consecutive days of mass.

It is a sacrifice made not just because of an obligation,
nor because we have a petition

nor because of a promise in exchange of a favor from God.

**It is a sacrifice made out of love, first and foremost,
a gift to our Lord Jesus Christ who will be celebrating his birthday.**

LIGHTS OF CHRISTMAS



Modern man does not appreciate “lights in the darkness.” We are so much accustomed to them that we simply take them for granted. Can you imagine, however, the feelings that would grip you if, on a dark evening in the winter, all the lights in our cities should suddenly go out: all the lamps in the streets, in our homes, in the stores, on the cars? And, what is worse, if none of the lights would come back for weeks; if you had no matches, no flashlights to provide quick relief?

WORLD WITHOUT LIGHT

This was exactly the situation in ancient times. The Jews in Christ’s day had a keen appreciation for the benefit of illumination, no matter how feeble and imperfect. For them “walking in darkness” meant the constant threat of fear, insecurity, danger, and death. It is against this background that we must try to understand the full meaning of the Lord’s words that He is the “Light of the World.”

In the very hour when Christ, our “Light” appeared upon this earth, at His birth in Bethlehem, a great light shone round about the shepherds; and another marvelous light in the form of a star guided the Magi to Holy Child.

No wonder that Christmas has always been a “Feast of Lights.”

THE CHRISTMAS CANDLE

In medieval times, people in all countries lit a decorated candle and set it up in their homes on Christmas Eve. This Christmas candle was kept burning all through the holy night as a symbol of Christ, the Light of the World, who started shining, amidst the darkness of sinful humanity, in the manger of Bethlehem.

CHRISTMAS TREE

Finally, there is the Christmas tree with its many charming lights. What is its true meaning and significance?

Its many individual lights might be explained to the children as symbols of the Lord’s divine and human traits and virtues. The glittering decorations indicate His great glory. The fact that it is evergreen is an ancient symbol of eternity.

Thus the great light symbolism of popular Christmas customs, if properly understood and practiced, will help us to lead a fuller and richer Christian life in our homes.

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8:30AM – Mass

10:00-10:15AM – Confession

10:30AM – Mass

12:00NN – Spanish Mass

Monday: No Liturgical Schedule

Tuesday and Thursday:

6:30AM – Morning Prayer

11:00AM – Adoration

12:00NN – Mass

Wednesday and Friday:

6:30AM – Morning Prayer

7:00AM – Mass

7:30AM – Adoration

7:00PM – 1st Fri. Adoration

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