

Hail,
full of grace!
The Lord is
with you.



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Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 24, 2017

The child to be born will be called
holy, the Son of God.

-- Luke 1:35



Daily Mass

Week of December 25th – 30th

Monday: **Christmas!**
Tuesday: 8:00 Special Intentions
Wednesday: 8:00 Charles & Bernadena Elsenius+
Thursday: 8:00 Richard Love+
Friday: 8:00 Rev. Albano G. Oliveira+
Saturday: 8:00 Michael & Mary Ann McBride+



Please remember the sick in our Parish, especially Carol Cullinane, Doris Brusasco, Donald Mulvey, John Miller, Thomas Lee, Michael Kluziski, Dennis Reeve, Sebastian Romeo, Louise Ahern, Bonnie Danielson, Owen Burns, Bernice De Vries, Michael Vasquez, Paul Cummings, Patricia Dombink, Laura Pierce, Marvin Johnson, Cora Rose, Tom Reid, Henry Souza, Rosa Santos and Juanita Estrelles.

Weekly Collection	December 17 th
Plate	\$9,689.44
Religious Retirement	\$3,261.00

Christmas Services

Christmas Eve – Sunday, December 24th
5:00 p.m. – Family Mass

10:00 p.m. – Christmas Carols
10:30 p.m. – Mass

Christmas Day – Monday, December 25th
8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. – Mass

Feast of the Holy Family – December 30th
5:00 p.m. – Mass
Sunday, December 31st
8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

New Year's Day – January 1, 2018
9:00 a.m. – Mass



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

At Christmas, we celebrate and marvel at the depth of God's love for us. He sent His only begotten Son into the world so that we would come to know Him and come to know ourselves. The miracle of the Incarnation proclaims the great truth of all times. We are loved by our God, because we are His!

This love permeates our very being; it defines who we are and it gives our lives meaning. This Season of Joy is a perfect time to share this gift of love with others.

On behalf of the Parish staff, I would like to thank you for the gifts of love that you share with the Family of Corpus Christi. During this Christmas Season, may the peace and love of God be with you and fill your lives with Joy.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Fr. Leo, Fr. Basil, Fr. Dan
Katie, Joe, Sam, Lori, René, Shaun
Ann, Rebecca, Karyn, Gail & Judy



Parish Office Holiday Hours!

In celebration of Christmas, the Parish Office will be closed on Christmas, December 25th; Friday, December 29th; and Monday, New Year's Day, January 1, 2018. Happy Holidays to everyone!



Christmas Children!

It is good to be children sometimes, and never better than at Christmas.

-- Charles Dickens



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Screenagers Free Documentary!

Screenagers: Growing Up in the Digital Age, a free documentary showing the biggest parenting issue of our time, will be shown on Wednesday, February 21, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. in the School Auditorium. Physician and filmmaker, Delaney Ruston, explores the struggles over social media, video games, academics and internet addiction. Screenagers empowers kids and parents to best navigate the digital world and provides practical resources to help. Appropriate for adults and children in grades 5 and above. For more information, go to: <https://tinyurl.com/ybygscbo>.

Shaun's Confirmation News!

This Advent season, the Confirmation Class of 2018 is looking to help those in need. We are in need of donations for the homeless community. Please drop off items such as blankets, jackets, canned food, toothbrushes, toothpaste, etc., in the Gibson Center in the bin marked "Confirmation Donations." We will be marking packages and delivering them to various homeless encampments throughout Oakland. The deadline for dropping items off is today, December 24th. All donations are much appreciated. Thank You for your participation!

Corpus Christi's 2018 Crab Feed & Auction!

Planning for the Annual Crab Feed & Auction is well underway. We appreciate all that you do to support the Auction. As this is the biggest fundraiser of the year, we need everyone's participation to make it a success! **What to do next.** Buy your tickets for the event on January 27, 2018 at: www.ccfeed.org. By now, you should have submitted your donations. But if you haven't, it's not too late. Go to: www.ccfeed.org/donations to complete your registration ASAP. Once you have submitted your donations, please deliver the items to the School Office. Happy Holidays from the Crab Feed & Auction Team!

Today's Readings!



Blessed are You Among Women

First Reading -- I will fix a place for my people. I will plant them so that they may dwell in their place without further disturbance (2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a-16).

Psalms -- Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 89).

Second Reading -- To the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, be glory forever and ever (Romans 16:25-27).

Gospel -- Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word (Luke 1:26-38).

The Twelve Days of Christmas!

*When Christmas tide
comes in like a bride
with holly and ivy clad,
Twelve Days in the year
much mirth and good cheer
in every household is had.*

Christmas is not a day but a season! It lasts from Christmas Day until the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. In the year 567, the Church Council of Tours called the 13 days between December 25th and January 6th a festival season. Up until that time, the only other joyful Church season was the 50 days between Easter Sunday and Pentecost.

Almost everyone knows the carol, "The Twelve Days of Christmas." In England, they begin counting the twelve days on December 26th, making January 6th the 12th day. The stroke of midnight on New Year's Eve is the center point. In most of Europe, they begin counting the twelve days on December 25th. That makes January 6th the 13th day. Either way, we have a "baker's dozen" of days for announcing the good news of the birth of Christ.

Christmastime is meant for hospitality, gift-giving, caroling and storytelling. We set this time aside to relax and be merry after weeks of preparation. We do only the work that is absolutely needed so that we can enjoy these festive days with our families and friends, and so that we can make sure that everyone is able to take part. Some families make it their custom during this time to cluster around the Christmas crib for prayers each evening. The Christmas tree is lighted each night while folks pray and sing carols. On Christmas day, the figures of the Magi are placed far away from the crib and then moved a little closer each day until Epiphany when they arrive in Bethlehem. Then, the Christmas story can be told and retold.

Christmas Decorations

This is your invitation to become part of a beautiful tradition by giving toward the Christmas decorations for our church. It is also a loving way to remember or honor someone for whom you care.

Enclosed is \$ _____

From: _____

In honor/memory of: (Circle One)

