



The Lord is near

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Third Sunday of Advent

December 16, 2018

The King of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst, you have no further misfortune to fear.

-- Zephaniah 3:15b



Daily Mass

Week of December 17th - 22nd

- Monday: 8:00 Nancy & Brendan Pedder+ James Lee+
Tuesday: 8:00 Albano G. Oliveira+
Wednesday: 8:00 George Mollen+
Thursday: 8:00 Bob Beaudry+
Friday: 8:00 Intentions: Souza Family
Saturday: 8:00 Florette Bouchard+



Please remember the sick in our Parish, especially Tina Chaix, Fr. Dan, Samantha Winterer, Carol Cullinane, Thomas Lee, Michael Kluziski, Sebastian Romeo, Louise Ahern, Owen Burns, Bernice De Vries, Paul Cummings, Patricia Dombrink, Laura Pierce, Marvin Johnson, Cora Rose, Tom Reid, Henry Souza, Alexis Walker, Michael Bozman and Dori McGee-Lundy.

Christmas Services

Christmas Eve - Monday, December 24th

- 5:00 p.m. - Family Mass
10:00 p.m. - Christmas Carols
10:30 p.m. - Mass

Christmas Day - Tuesday, December 25th

8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. - Mass

Feast of the Holy Family - December 29th

- 5:00 p.m. - Family Mass
Sunday, December 30th
8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

New Year's Day - January 1, 2019

9:00 a.m.

Greetings to one and all,

Fr. Dan expressed a desire to communicate with our Parish. His desire to write us and share his faith journey is a wonderful gift we have been given. Below is his letter that he penned this past week. It's "Danielson." We pray with Fr. Dan and for him.

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As most of you know, I have been ill since my fall on May 1st, spending my time in various hospitals and assisted living facilities. Presently, I experience no pain but I am very weak. I live at Mercy Center in Oakland. Any visitation should be cleared with Fr. Leo as he knows my schedule of appointments with professionals and others.

I want to share with you that I am at peace and ready to go as God wishes. Mercifully and miraculously, my mind is clear. The one thing this confinement does give me is time to pray, including praying for you. In my prayer, I cease to be ego-centered and rather rejoice in what is happening to me. My struggles have stopped and have not come back. I surrender to Him.

I am very grateful for your many expressions of support and above all for your prayers.

God bless and transform you all.

Fr. Dan

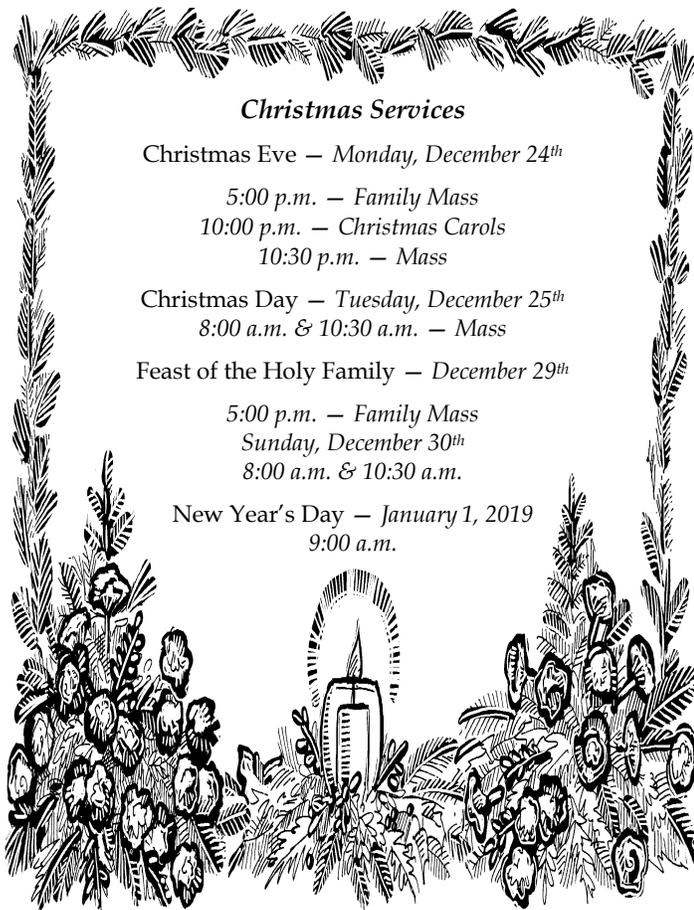
Rejoice!



Today has traditionally been called "Gaudete Sunday." The Latin tag is derived from Paul's appeal in the second reading to "rejoice always in the Lord," and the Latin Mass text based on that reading. The irony and paradox of this Christian joy is underlined by the fact that Paul wrote those words in prison. But from there, he could see the progress of God's work.

Is it obvious to us? We feel that this is not the time for joy when there is so much suffering and moral evil. It is interesting, then, that the first reading is from the prophet Zephaniah, who is almost exclusively concerned with gloomy visions of Judgment Day. Today, the Church selects the only optimistic text in Zephaniah in which the prophet has been touched by the spirit of joy.

This, we are assured on all sides, is "the season of joy." Let us recapture that feeling of joy in our lives and reflect it to those who are joyless.





**An Evening of Caroling!**

Please join the Corpus Christi Parish Family for sing-a-long caroling on Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>, featuring Fr, Leo's [in]famous "Twelve Days of Christmas!"

Singing begins at 4:30 p.m. sharp. From 5:30 p.m. on, the Men's Club will be providing holiday cheer in the Gibson Center, including hot mulled wine and assorted treats. Consider bringing an unwrapped toy to be delivered to St. Vincent's day home, and/or a dozen unwrapped cookies to share with your fellow singers. See you there!

Weekly Collection	December 9, 2018
Plate	\$10,436.50
Religious Retirement	\$2,386.00
Rainy Day Fund	\$1,567.00

**High School Youth Ministry!**

At Corpus Christi's High School Youth Group, we brainstormed what would be the name of a dynamic, thriving, growing youth group. About a dozen names were considered, and through a collaborative process of selection and discussion, a name was picked: **Rooted**. Not too far away from this image is a profound scripture reference, Colossians 2:6-7 which says, "So as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, walk in him, rooted in him and built upon him and established in the faith as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving." How perfect is that?! From now on, whenever you hear us talking about **Rooted**, we are talking about the High School Youth Group. Mark your calendars for the following upcoming event: the next **Rooted** gathering will be today, December 16<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m.



The Parish Family of Corpus Christi has been increased and enriched through the recent baptism of:

**Brooke Carmela Kangas**, daughter of Nicole Busuttill and Paul Kangas.

Congratulations to the proud parents from all of us!

**2019 Crab Feed & Auction!**

The 2019 Crab Feed & Auction ticket sales are now live! Visit the **Ticket page** on: [CCFeed.org](http://CCFeed.org) to get yours today. Tickets are \$75.00 per person and include all-you-can-eat Dungeness crab, access to the Silent and Live Auction, and a night full of friends, fun and dancing. For a more relaxed atmosphere, the **Candlelight Crab Feed Dinner** is back by popular demand. It offers a fine dining experience in the Gibson Center.

Do you have a local business? We invite you to advertise or be a sponsor -- a great way to market your services while supporting our School. If you don't have a business but have contacts with local merchants, let us know. And, for advertising, please contact David DiGirolamo at: [ds.digirolamo@gmail.com](mailto:ds.digirolamo@gmail.com); or to sponsor, email Tim Gardner at: [tgardner4@gmail.com](mailto:tgardner4@gmail.com).

**Pre-Christmas Event!**

We will gather in the Gibson Center on Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, following the 5:00 p.m. Mass for a special Holiday Celebration to include: appetizers and finger foods; dessert and adult beverages (wine/beer) are welcome.



**Christmas Giving Tree!**

The annual Christmas Giving Tree to benefit the low-income women and children served by St. Vincent de Paul's Visitation Center is now up in the Gibson

Center. As usual, please take an ornament from the tree (labeled with the child's clothing size), make your purchase, and attach the ornament to the item and place under the tree. **Do not wrap the gifts!** Outreach will deliver the items to the Visitation Center in time for their Christmas distribution. The deadline for delivery of the gifts is Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. Often these gifts are the only ones received and are gratefully appreciated by Visitation's families. Thanks for your contribution to a Merry Christmas! If you have any questions, call Madeline Briar at 530-6316 or Lenore McCracken at 530-7304.

**Boy Scout Tree Lot!**

The Boy Scouts, including Corpus Christi's Troop 6, are operating their Christmas Tree lot located at Coaches Field, 890 Moraga Avenue, Piedmont. Operating hours are Monday through Friday from 4:00 to 7:30 p.m., and on Saturdays and Sundays from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., until Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup> or until all the trees are sold. The Scouts can assist you with selecting a hard-to-find Silvertip, Noble or Douglas fir tree, as well as wreaths and garlands, and load in onto your vehicle. Local home delivery is available for a fee on Tuesdays, Thursdays and weekends. All proceeds benefit the Piedmont Council of Boy Scouts. The Boy Scouts wish the community of Corpus Christi a Merry Christmas and joyous holiday season!

**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)

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