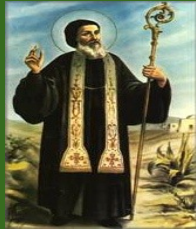




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Liturgies

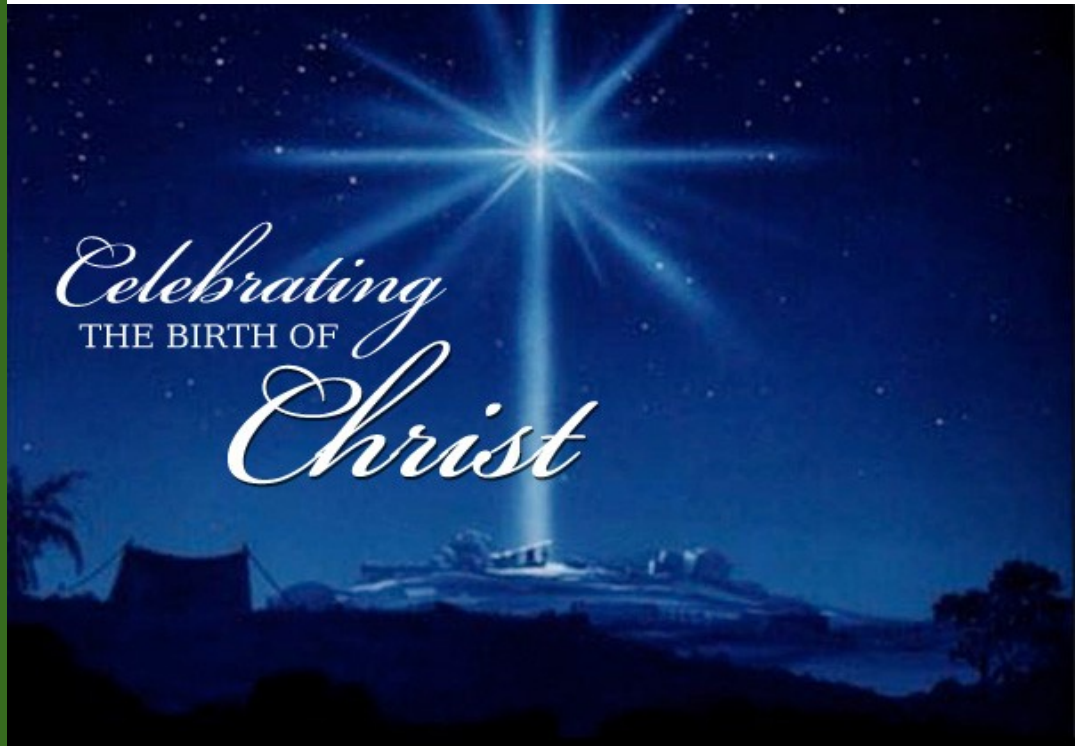
Saturday at 4:30 P.M.
Sunday at 10:00 A.M.

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Bingo Nights

Mondays and Fridays
5.00PM

Birth of our Lord Jesus Christ *December 25, 2017*



Office hours at the rectory

Wednesday through Friday:
9:00am- 1:00pm

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All visits by appointment please.



Sacraments:

Baptism and Confirmation: Please contact the priest ASAP after the birth of the child.

Reconciliation: Before or after Liturgy or by appointment.

Marriage: Couples must contact the Priest six months before the wedding.

Luke 2:1-20



The Birth of Jesus

The Evangelist said: In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see — I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: **to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.** This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "**Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!**" When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But **Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart.** The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them. This the truth. Peace be with you.

Weekly Offertory Collection

Weekend of December 17, 2017

Saturday 1st Collection \$595.00; 2nd coll. \$295.00

Sunday 1st Collection \$825.00; 2nd coll. \$375.00

Candles: \$12.00

Friday Bingo 12/15 \$165.50 **Sealed tickets** \$120.00

Monday Bingo 12/18 \$251.50 **Sealed tickets** \$90.00

Upcoming Special collections

November 19, 2017: Christmas flower offering

December 17, 2017: Monthly Offering

December 25, 2017: Christmas Pastor offering

January 21, 2018: Worldwide Charities

January 28, 2018: Monthly Offering

CHRISTMAS TREE ANGEL

I would like to thank all the members of the Angel tree committee. Their work was tremendously successful this year with about 140 children, seniors and families, receiving your Christmas presents. Thank you for celebrating the true meaning of Christmas. A warm thank you to you, who donated the presents and shared your love and generosity with those who are less fortunate. Thank you!!!!

Fr. Tony

A heart that belongs to God gives...

1) Willingly & Cheerfully

2) Consistently

3) With sacrificial generosity

Liturgical Intentions

12/23	Special intentions	
12/24	10:00 AM	Special intentions
	4:30 PM	Christmas Vigil
12/25	Christmas Vigil	
12/30	Special intentions	
12/31	Special intentions	
	4:30 PM	New year Vigil (World Peace)
1/1/18	New Year Vigil (World Peace)	

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God's present to us this Christmas



The wise men brought the rather unusual gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh to Jesus. But the first Christmas gifts were not gifts *to* the Child. **The first Christmas gift was the gift of the Child.** Christmas, at its best and purest state, is a promise of something else, something that no holiday or experience or earthly thing can satisfy: For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Each of the above descriptions of the names of Jesus deals with an important area of our lives. They are like **five Christmas gifts** we can open, and each is special and unusual.

- First, **His name is Wonderful.** That takes care of the dullness of life. "Wonderful" comes from the root word "wonder." The word used here for "wonderful" could also be translated "Amazing, surprising, astonishing, awe-inspiring."
- Second, **His name is Counselor.** That takes care of the decisions of life. We all have very important decisions that we have to make. The God who is Wonderful wants to give us counsel and direction. God has a plan for each of our lives-an individual plan, not a one-size-fits-all plan. When you are overwhelmed with the decisions of life, remember there is a God who wants to counsel you.
- Third, **He is the Mighty God.** That takes care of the demands of life. We need to be reminded that Jesus was not just a good man. He was the God-man. And this God who is Wonderful, this God who wants to be your Counselor, will give you the strength to live the life He has called you to live.
- Fourth, **His name is Everlasting Father.** That takes care of the destiny of life. We believe in an Everlasting Father with no beginning and with no end. It reminds us that life on Earth is temporal, that heaven is so much better than anything this world has to offer. Also, this hope of an Everlasting Father resonates with those who have never had an earthly father. Because of what Jesus did for us, we can now refer to the Almighty God, Creator of the universe, as our Father who is in heaven.
- Fifth, **His name is the Prince of Peace.** That takes care of the disturbances of life. Life is filled with disturbances and, quite frankly, Christmas can be one of the most stressful times of the year. Old problems are often brought back to the surface. Friction, stress, and problems you are having with various family members can be at the forefront of your life at this time of year. But here is One who is the Prince of Peace, One who will help you with the disturbances of life.

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