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THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD: DECEMBER 25, 2016

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Office Hours

Monday 10:00AM to 12PM
Tues. – Fri.: 8:00AM to 12PM

Masses

Saturday Vigil: 5:00PM (English)
7:00PM (Spanish)
Sunday: 8:00AM, 10:00AM, 12 noon
4PM (Vietnamese)
Weekdays: Mon-Fri. 7:30AM, Sat. 8AM
First Friday: after 7:30PM Benediction

Devotions

Adoration & Benediction: Fridays from 5PM-7:30PM
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena-Wednesdays
after morning mass
Chaplet of the Divine Mercy- Mondays & Fridays
after morning mass

Confessions

Saturday 3:30pm to 4:30pm or by appointment

RCIA

Adults seeking Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, or membership in the Catholic Church, contact Rene Asuncion at 925-458-4574.

Baptisms

Pre-Baptism classes for parents and godparents held every second Tuesday of the month. Contact the parish office. Spanish Classes, contact Hilda Avelar at 925-458-3656. Vietnamese baptisms, contact Fr. Peter Dung at the parish office.

Marriage

Contact the parish office at least six months in advance.

Religious Education

Contact Rene Asuncion, Director of Rel. Ed.
Tel:(925) 458-4574 *Website: olqwr.olqw.org
Email: director@olqwr.olqw.org

St. Vincent de Paul

Food pantry opens Mondays 9:30 AM -11 AM in the Parish hall

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 26

7:30 am Lamberto Bautista Jr.

Tuesday, December 27

7:30 am Howard Tilton

Wednesday, December 28

7:30 am All Souls

Thursday, December 29

7:30 am Gelermo Gonzales

Friday, December 30

7:30 am John Michael Bautista

Saturday, December 31

8:00 am Arturo Talorda

5:00 pm Aurora Mediana B-day Int.

7:00pm (NO SPANISH MASS)

Sunday, January 1

8:00 am Lucia On Que Anh

10:00 am Elizabeth de Guzman

12:00 pm Ricky Belza

2:00 pm (SP) Zoila Reyes

4:00 pm (VIET) All Souls

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Jn 1:1-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came to be through him, and without him nothing came to be. What came to be through him was life, and this life was the light of the human race; the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came to be through him, but the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, but his own people did not accept him.

But to those who did accept him he gave power to become children of God, to those who believe in his name, who were born not by natural generation nor by human choice nor by a man's decision but of God. And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth. John testified to him and cried out, saying, "This was he of whom I said, 'The one who is coming after me ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.'" From his fullness we have all received, grace in place of grace, because while the law was given through Moses, grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. The only Son, God, who is at the Father's side, has revealed him.

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS & CONTACTS

Filipino Association

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Gladys Giron (925) 334-9873

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Columbiettes08@gmail.com

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Regina Mundi Guild

PatsyWelty, President

925-458-6787

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Patsy Welty 458-6787

Legion of Mary

Rick Belza 925-261-0283

Vietnamese Association

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Fr. Culver, Mario Dolor, Carol Hampton, Ed Plaza, all those in the Parish who are sick, and all those listed in the Book of Intention. If you would like a name added to the prayer list, please call the rectory.

STEWARDSHIP/FINANCE

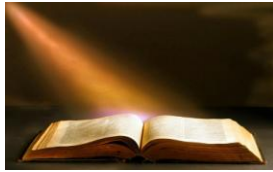
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2016 Assessment \$39,749 owe \$26,436

2016 Insurance Package \$9,870

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REFLECTING ON THE GOSPEL



Four Masses are celebrated for the feast of Christmas, and each is given its own set of readings to help us contemplate Christ's birth. The Gospel for the vigil Mass on Christmas Eve is taken from the beginning of the Gospel of Matthew. The Mass at midnight proclaims the birth of Jesus using the Gospel of Luke. The Mass at dawn on Christmas morning continues the story of the birth of Jesus as found in Luke's Gospel through the shepherds' visit to the infant Jesus. In each of these Gospel readings, we hear portions of the Infancy Narratives with which we are familiar.

The Gospel for the Christmas Mass during the day is taken from the beginning of John's Gospel, but this Gospel is not an Infancy Narrative like those found in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. Instead, John's Gospel begins at the beginning, as it were, and presents the Creation story as the framework for announcing the Incarnation. John's opening words, "In the beginning . . .," echo the opening verse of the Book of Genesis. This framework invites us to view Jesus' birth from God's perspective. Each of the Gospels makes clear that Jesus' birth was the result of God's initiative. However, John's Gospel highlights that this was the divine intention from the very beginning, from the moment of Creation.

As we observe in today's reading, the Gospel of John includes highly philosophical and theological language. One example that particularly stands out is John's use of the expression, "Word of God." This expression (*logos* in the Greek) borrows from a concept found in both Jewish and Greek thought. In Jewish thought, this phrase describes God taking action—for example, in the Creation story and in the Wisdom literature. In Greek, or Hellenistic, thought, the *logos* was understood as an intermediary between God and humanity. John and others in the early Church adopted this language to describe God's incarnation in Jesus. As the term was used to express the trinitarian faith of Christians, the word *Logos* came to be equated with the Second Person of the Trinity.

In this prologue to the Gospel of John, the main themes that will be developed in his Gospel are introduced. These themes are presented as dualities: light/darkness, truth/falsehood, life/death, and belief/unbelief. We also hear in this prologue a unique aspect of John's Gospel—the motif of testimony. John the Baptist was sent by God to testify about Jesus, the light. Others in this Gospel will also offer testimony about Jesus. The reader is invited to accept this testimony, which bears witness to Jesus, the Son of God. But even more directly, Jesus' action and words will themselves testify to his identity with God as God's Incarnate Word.

Thinking about Jesus' birth in these theological and cosmological terms seems particularly appropriate as we celebrate the feast of Christmas in the darkness of winter. At this time, nature itself seems to remind us of the darkness of sin. Into this darkness, in the midst of our sinfulness, God comes to dwell among us. John's Gospel reminds us that through the Incarnation, God saves us from the darkness of sin and makes us his children.

Loyola Press Sunday Connection: <http://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-connection/nativity-of-the-lord-christmas-mass-during-the-day>

Dear Parishioners,

On behalf of the staff at our parish, I wish you and your families a very blessed Christmas filled with love, peace, and joy. May Jesus Christ, the Light who has come into the world come into our hearts and transform each of us to become more Christ-like.

Fr. Peter Ngo Duc Dung

MERRY
CHRISTMAS

The parish office will be closed Monday, December 26 for the Christmas holiday.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

FOOD DRIVE

We will maintain a donation barrel for non-perishable foods in the church foyer; please be generous. Our groups of volunteers are here every Monday, and they always need groceries to help the needy in our community. The demand has been much greater!



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

CHRISTMAS CLASS SCHEDULE

There will be no Religious Education classes from Saturday, December 24 thru Monday, January 2. Classes will resume on Saturday, January 7 with a Family Mass at 9:30am.

WALK FOR LIFE WEST COAST

The 13th annual Walk for Life West Coast will be held on Saturday, January 21, 2016 in San Francisco. Sign- Up sheets are available in the CCD office. T-shirts for the day will also be available at \$15.00.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

KNIGHTS OF COULUMBUS ROSARY



All are invited to participate in a rosary on Tuesday, January 3 at 6:45pm in our Church to pray for the sainthood for Father Michael McGivney to be recognized.

HISPANIC ASSOCIATION

COMMUNITY POSADA



Please join the Hispanic community for their annual Christmas posada on Saturday, December 31 at 6pm.

COLUMBIETTES



DISNEYLAND VACATION RAFFLE

Raffle Tickets \$10 each

Grand Prize: Four 2-day hopper passes at Disneyland Resort and California Adventure

PLUS

2 nights at the Embassy Suites Anaheim
Valued at \$1,300

2nd Prize: \$500 Amazon Gift Card

3rd Prize: Pier 39 Family Pack for Four valued at \$306 (expires 12/31/2017)

Drawing will be held on January 28, 2017 at Our Lady Queen of the World. Winner need not be present to win. Please see any Columbiette for tickets.

PARISH EVENTS

PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY



We have one last final weekend, February 25-26, 2017 to have photos taken before the book is published. Please make your appointments online at: <http://tinyurl.com/p59qk7d>. If you need assistance, please call email Katt Embody at kattembody@gmail.com. PLEASE be patient and come early for your appointment. If you cannot make it PLEASE give us as much notice as possible so that someone else can use your time slot. If you have a question about past photos please call Lifetouch at 1-800-521-4611.

MARRIAGE CONVALIDATION



Marriage convalidation means to have your marriage recognized by the Catholic Church. Our parish invites all who were not married in the Church or would like a convalidation for their marriage to contact Fr. Peter at the parish office.

BAPTISM CLASS

Our next Baptism class for parents and godparents is Tuesday, January 10 at 7pm. Please register at the parish office.



and Fr. Olman Solis and special guest Bishop Michael Barber. For more information, please contact Sara O'Malley Sznes, of Diplomat Travel Agency. For brochures, please contact Camille Tompkins.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

SPRING COURSES FOR PASTORAL MINISTRY

Wednesday, January 4

Sandra Martinez 510-267-8371

SMartinez@oakdiocese.org Oakdiocese.org/spm

Parish ministry leaders, catechists, school teachers and all adults are invited to participate in our Diocesan School for Pastoral Ministry. The mission of the School is to inspire and equip you to be credible, passionate, and effective in communicating the relevance of the Catholic faith for today. Classes meet one Saturday a month. The full program is three years and leads to diocesan certification. Yet you can take single courses of special interest to you. Spring 2017 courses are: Old Testament, Prayer and Spirituality, Sacraments, the Creed, Catholic Moral Thought, and the Mission of the Laity. Each course provides 12.5 hours of adult faith formation. For more information, visit Oakdiocese.org/spm or contact Sandra Martinez, see above. Deadline to register is January 4. Check out our Facebook page and view our video with Bishop Barber's endorsement and student testimonials!

ST. PETER CLAVER PILGRIMAGE

June 5 – June 12, 2017

Sara O'Malley Sznes 773-527-0123

PeterClaver@GoDiplomat.com

Camille Tompkins CTompkins@oakdiocese.org

Join the Knights of Peter Claver Intercouncils Courts of Northern California and The Catholic Voice for the St. Peter Claver Pilgrimage in Caragena Colombia and Panama City, Panama next summer.. Limited seating is available for this pilgrimage with spiritual Guides Fr. Jay Matthews

YOUTH CONFERENCE 2017

Thursday, January 19

St. Mary's Cathedral

1111 Gough St., San Francisco

Alicia Weinman 415-614-5666

weinmana@sfarch.org

Join other high school students for the annual Youth Conference on Thursday, January 19 at St. Mary's Cathedral in San Francisco. The conference will begin at 8:00 am until lunch. For registration or more information, contact Alicia Weinman.

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE



Thurs. 12/29	5pm	P#2: Legion of Mary
Fri. 12/30	7-9pm	P#1: Hispanic Choir
Sat. 12/31	11am	H: Posada

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