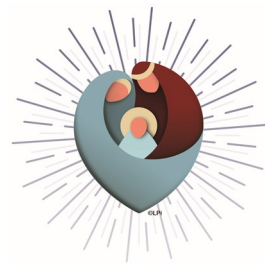


St. Pius Tenth CATHOLIC CHURCH

December 24th-25th, 2020



"For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." - Lk 2:11-12

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The Church community of St. Pius Tenth hears the call to a deep, personal relationship with God in Jesus Christ. We commit ourselves to living and sharing our Catholic faith guided by the Holy Spirit and expressed in love.

Christmas Day & Christmas Eve worship aid

With resources for celebrating the
Christmas season at home



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~Welcome~

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I welcome you to this Christmas celebration! In a special way I welcome all of our guests and visitors. Thank you for being here! "For today in the city of David a savior has been born..." (Luke 2:14)

This glorious Good News was first announced by the angel to the shepherds as they kept watch over their flock. Perhaps you have come with your own flock to share in the Good News of the savior's birth. I am just so delighted that you are here.

The birth of any child always brings joy, but most especially the birth of the Christ child. If there ever was a time we are in need of joy it is now when our spirits have been deflated by the trials created by the coronavirus. It is my hope that your spirit is uplifted by participating in this joy-filled celebration.

As you look around we can't help but notice the familiar surroundings to welcome Christ to the world looks very different from a year ago when we gathered in church. Also it is apparent the way we must welcome Jesus has changed dramatically due to the pandemic. I am sure the birth of Christ in a lowly stable was not under ideal circumstances either.

Jesus waits for you to bring your many struggles and stresses this year and find hope in his abiding presence.

We are very excited about the church renovation. Believe it or not the pandemic has not slowed us down! God has been with us throughout. The exterior has been transformed with the addition of a Eucharistic chapel and two side wings for music and additional seating. The interior has been completely made over with the altar now at the north end. The primary changes include a newly designed baptismal font, tile floor, new oak pews, and a suspended wood ceiling.

It is our goal to complete the project by March 21, 2021 for the Mass of Dedication by Bishop Medley. I firmly hope that you will return to see the new church and pray with us at the Eucharist. You are always welcome!

I wish you and your family a joy-filled Christmas that brings peace and good health. God bless!

In Christ,

Fr. Tom Buckman

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Pastor



Nativity of the Lord

Vigil Mass, December 24th 4:00pm & 6:00pm

Opening Hymn: *Angels We Have Heard on High*

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: *Isaiah 62:15*

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29*
“Forever I will Sing, the Goodness of the Lord”

Second Reading: *Titus 2:11-14*

Gospel: *Luke 2:1-14*

Homily: *Father Tom Buckman*

Prayer of the Faithful

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts Hymn: *All Is Well*

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord **God of hosts.** Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

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The Mystery of Faith

1. We proclaim your Death, O Lord and profess your Resurrection until you come again.
2. When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we

proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.
3. Save us, Savior of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

The Lord's Prayer

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

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Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Prayer for a Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.

Communion Hymn: *O Holy Night*

Communion Meditation Hymn: *Noel*

Closing Hymn: *Joy to the World*

Church Renovation Prayer

Father, divine architect, cornerstone of our Faith, Spirit of Wisdom, Builder of community, Our Inspiration and Guide; You call us, members of St Pius Tenth to build up Your Kingdom.

Bless us with generous hearts, open minds, greater unity, renewed vision, as we seek to build a house for celebration and worship. May it be a sanctuary where all are welcomed, nourished, and empowered to be Christ for others. Through our Lord Jesus Christ Your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen St. Pius the Tenth, pray for us.

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Nativity of the Lord

Night Mass, December 24th 8:00pm

Opening Hymn: *Angels We Have Heard on High*

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Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

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Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: *Isaiah 9:1-6 (14)*

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 96:1-2,2-3, 11-12, 13*
“Today is born our savior Christ the Lord”

Second Reading: *Titus 2:11-14*

Gospel: *Luke 2:1-14*

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Christmas Day, December 25th 8:00am & 10:00am

Opening Hymn: *Angels We Have Heard on High*

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Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: *Isaiah 52:7-10 (16)*

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 98:1,2-3, 3-4, 5-6*

“All the Ends of the Earth have seen the Saving Power of God”

Second Reading: *Hebrews 1:1-6*

Gospel: *John 1:1-18*

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Christmas at Home

The season of Christmas is celebrated in the Catholic Church until the Baptism of our Lord. Here are some ways you and your family can continue celebrating this joyous season at home!



Magnificat of the Stable (Read Luke 2:6-7)

My soul rests confidently in the animal warmth
And the lantern light of this simple place, Lord,
And my spirit rejoices in the privacy of this time of
birthing we share with you, O God of Creation,
For you come alive again tonight
In the blood and water of your people.
Yes, this is the time we have waited for,
This is the moment of blessing.
Holy is birth,
And you shall show yourself from age to age
In those who enter into creation with you.
You have shown the power of a dream enfleshed
And we are humbled.
You have pulled down all our strivings,
And lifted up this simple, common moment.
This stable is filled with good things,
New life and happy people.
Are those in the inn rooms as satisfied?
You have come to Israel, mindful of our shared nature,
...according to the promise of Eden...
Mindful of our nature to seek the wisdom of new life
Together as long as we walk the earth. –Author unknown

FAMILY CONVERSATION

Using this image of the stable, ask: 1. How does our home show our faith? 2. How do people who visit us know that we are Catholic Christians (beyond the meal prayer)? 3. How can we improve our family ID as Catholic Christians in 2021? Make a plan with the ideas and keep each other accountable.

FAMILY PROJECT

If you do not own a Christmas crib or stable, consider starting a Christmas jar to add your loose coins for the next 10 months and purchase one that you can use as a family. OR, make your own stable out of cardboard or scrap wood and glue, use play dough for the figures, and make a big star to hang over the crib scene



The Gift of Yourself

a gift list anyone can afford

adapted from Melannie Svoboda, SnD

1. The Gift of Listening
2. The Gift of Signs of Affection
3. The Gift of a Note
4. The Gift of Laughter
5. The Gift of a Game
6. The Gift of Doing a Favor
7. The Gift of a Cheerful Disposition
8. The Gift of Being Left Alone
9. The Gift of a Compliment
10. The Gift of Prayer.



May your joy this Christmas come from knowing that Jesus is God with us—

Not only to show the way but to walk beside us,

Not only to share God's Word but to share our joys and dreams,

Not only to be our Savior but also to be our Friend.

Christmas Present

(2 voices may lead, with the response for all)

1. For all who give you a face, Lord Jesus,
2. By Spreading your love in the world:

R. *We praise you.*

1. For all who give you hands, Lord Jesus,
2. By doing their best toward their brothers and sisters.

R. *We Praise you.*

1. For all who give you a mouth, Lord Jesus,
2. By defending the weak and the oppressed:

R. *We Praise You.*

1. For all who give you eyes, Lord Jesus,
2. By seeing every bit of love in the heart of man and woman:

R. *We Praise You.*

1. For all who give you a heart, Lord Jesus,
2. By preferring the poor to the rich, the weak to the strong:

R. *We Praise You.*

1. For all who give to your poverty, Lord Jesus,
2. The look of hope for the Kingdom.

R. *We Praise You.*

1. For all who reveal you simply by what they are, Lord Jesus,
2. Because they reflect your beauty in their lives:

R. *We Praise You.*

1. God our Father, you are the God of a thousand faces
2. Yet nothing can reveal you completely except the face of the child of Bethlehem:

R. *We pray to you: Continue in our lives the mystery of Christmas.*

Let your son become flesh in us so that we may be for All our brothers and sisters the revelation of your ever-present love. Amen.

From Come, Lord Jesus @1981

Lucien Deiss



Online Resources

Quick Watch

[Youtube.com/watch?v=WD357YYDk1A](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WD357YYDk1A)

-over 118,000 views, 8:26 minutes

Fr. Mike Schmitz "The True Meaning of Advent"

[Youtube.com/eC0FGQLBp7w](https://www.youtube.com/eC0FGQLBp7w)

2 min. to explain ADVENT "Busted Halo"

[youtube.com/watch?v=6pxPALw2abo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6pxPALw2abo)

4:25 minutes for children Brother Francis' "Intro to Advent"

...and many other videos, long and short, on many Catholic issues and moral dilemmas, i.e. Bishop Barron on Gay Marriage and the Breakdown of the Moral Argument, over 700,000 views since 2013. Or, Bishop Barron with "Catholic Morality 101" for those who wonder what the Church believes is right and wrong.

Also: web sites with materials for family faith formation with many downloadable materials and online retreat experiences for the entire Church year:

www.goodgroundpress.com

www.creativecommunications.com

www.twentythirdpublications.com

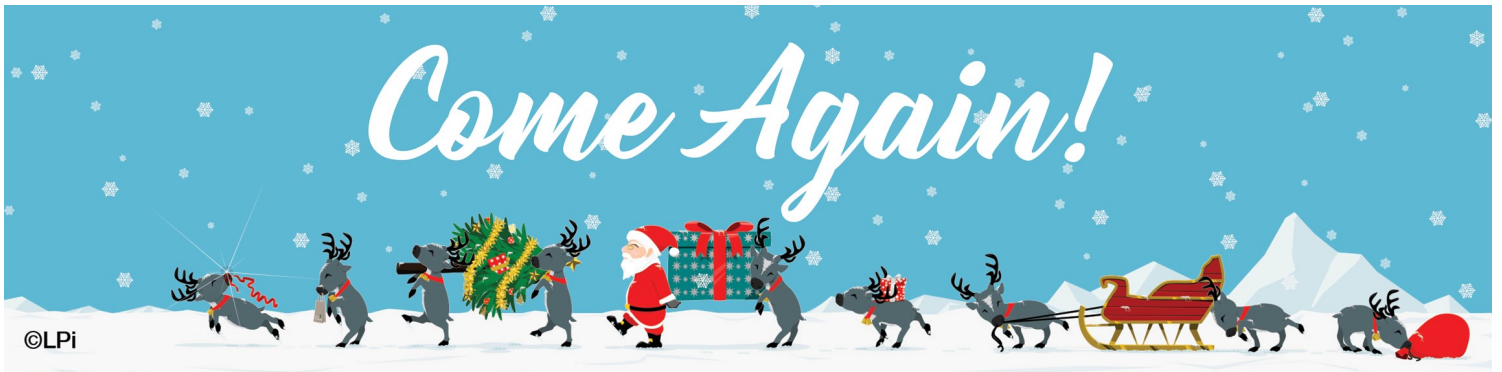
www.ascensionpress.com

www.ursulinesmsj.org

Parish Resource Library Christmas Season Hours:

--open after ALL weekend Masses for half an hour
--Sunday, December 27, 2020 THROUGH Sunday, January 19, 2021.

Come and browse for some great Catholic reading for all ages and questions.



We here at St Pius Tenth are grateful for all who visit us. Whether you are a parishioner or visitor, we hope you will visit us again soon.

As we continue this joyous season of Christmas, please join us for these Holy Day services:

Mary, Mother of God

December 31 4:00 pm 6:00 pm	January 1 8:00 am 10:00 am (Livestream)
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Epiphany

January 2 5:00 pm	January 3 8:00 am 11:00 am (Livestream)
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Baptism of the Lord

January 9 5:00 pm	January 10 8:00 am 11:00 am (Livestream)
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Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 8:00 AM and 11:00 AM
Monday and Friday: 8:00 AM
Tuesday and Thursday: 12:00 Noon
Wednesday: 6:00 PM
Holy Day Vigil: 6:00 PM
Holy Day: 8:00 AM and 6:00 PM
Confession: Saturdays at 12-1:00 PM
Adoration: First Friday of the month 9 AM—8 PM

Bulletin Deadline: Monday at Noon

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To learn more about our parish, or to read our weekly bulletin, visit our website. If you would like to join St Pius Tenth, please fill out the green form located by the doors, or call the church office.



Thank you for attending Christmas Mass at St. Pius the Tenth. May this Christmas season bring many blessings to you and your family! For more information about St Pius Tenth Parish visit www.stpiustenthparish.org