

DECEMBER 24 & 25, 2022 THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD



CHRISTMAS TIME

The feasts that make up Christmas Time all illuminate in their own way the fundamental mystery of the Incarnation that stands at the heart of this sacred season. Each celebration sheds its own distinct light on our conviction that, in the birth of Jesus, earth and heaven have been wedded together for the sake of our salvation. The feasts of the Holy Family, Mary the Mother of God, Epiphany, and the Baptism of the Lord all have their own particular histories. But they have been joined together in a single seasonal flow that invites us to trace the unfolding meanings of the Incarnation from myriad perspectives. As we follow the successive meanings of Jesus' birth, his participation in family life, the meaning of Mary's motherhood, the significance of the Magi's visit, and the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, we are invited to explore in deeper and deeper fashion the staggering truth that Jesus has shared completely in our human experience, has truly become one with us, fully human while remaining fully divine.

WHAT ALL THE WAITING HAS BEEN FOR

Today's readings are as familiar to most of us as the carols we sing and the commercials that overwhelm this holiday season. Often Christmas finds us tired, struggling with preparations and expectations. What we really want to feel is joy and peace. The stress of preparation, of waiting, is reflected in both Isaiah and Paul's letter to Titus. Luke tells us of the exhaustion that Mary and Joseph felt: a young pregnant wife and her husband, forced to travel just as she is about to give birth, unable even to find a room to stay in. It must have been miserable. They must have been afraid. In the midst of this exhaustion, misery, and fear, a child is born, a Son is given. The world is then filled with light and hope, joy and peace. In that moment they, and we, know what all the waiting has been for.

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY MEMBERS IN THE MILITARY

Jovany Baez, Justin Mertle, María de la Luz Ramírez,
Rebeca Sánchez, José Araiza, Jr., Marina González, Alondra Jara,
Sonia Jara, Matt Mills & Jared Schroeder.



Dear parishioners,

On this Solemnity of the Nativity of Our Lord, I want to wish you all a Happy and Holy Christmas! Year after year, our parish church is lovingly decorated to mark this great feast (thank you to all those involved!) and the highlight is of course the nativity scene. Christmas invites us to pause before the manger and place our aspirations and needs before the Prince of Peace. Kneeling in front of the Christmas crib, we are reminded that each one of us is precious and irreplaceable, that we are willed, loved, and necessary in God's plan. Each of us matters so much, that God became one of us – for our sake. May Our Lord lift up your heart and inspire you to share that Good News in the year ahead. Merry Christmas and may God bless you abundantly!

Fr. Pacheco

PRAYER BEFORE THE MANGER

With the Shepherds
Your Good News was sung by angels
to these lowly ones in the night.
Look on us in our lowliness.
Let us rejoice in the glad tidings of Christ,
now and forever. Amen.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

Rose Cortez, Fidela Jara, Felix Santillán, Martha Sánchez,
Gerardo Escobedo, Angie Freitas, Russel Bryant, Derrick
Heater, Ann Gallagher, Brianna Lopez, Margaret Milliken,
Gina Pivrotto, Nick Quin, Mary Servis, Matty Walker, Ofelia
Ybarra.



EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL RETREAT

JESUS, LIGHT OF THE WORLD

St. Anthony's Mendocino

Dec. 27, 2022 – Jan. 1, 2023

Come help us welcome the Lord in our New Year!
Conferences will be lead by Dr. Anthony Lilles, Professor at St. Patrick's Seminary, Menlo Park and Fr. Robert Torczynski former Carthusian Monk.

Come learn more about the great love of Jesus for you expressed in the Eucharistic!

For registration & more information text or call 936-203-0573



IN THE VESTIBULE OF THE CHURCH, ON THE SOUTHERN WALL IS A BEAUTIFUL MEMORIAL TREE. ITS BRIGHT LEAVES REPRESENT PERMANENT MEMORIALS TO THE DEPARTED OF OUR PARISH.

FOR THE SUM OF \$200.00, YOU CAN GIVE TO THE PARISH SECRETARY, THE CORRECT SPELLING AND DATES OF THE DEPARTED AND IN DUE TIME THE LEAF IS PRINTED AND ATTACHED TO THE TREE, AS A PERMANENT REMINDER OF A LOVED ONE WHO IS GONE.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE AT 707-964-0229.



ANOINTING OF THE SICK

When a parishioner is homebound or hospitalized and would like Father Pacheco to pay them a visit to receive Holy Communion and/or Anointing of the Sick, please call the Parish Office at 707-964-0229 and after office hours, please call 707-813-4188.



OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL HAS AMAZON SMILE. WHEN PURCHASING ONLINE, MAKE SURE YOU "TYPE" AMAZON SMILE.COM AND "SELECT" OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL CATHOLIC CHURCH A CORPORATION SOLE. YOU WILL BE ABLE TO MAKE A DONATION TO OUR CHURCH IN EVERY PURCHASE. **FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE AT 964-0229.**



We need your generous financial help so Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish now provides "ParishSOFT Giving," an online giving software! This is a convenient and secure way to make your one-time or recurring donations.

Thanking and blessing you for your kindness.

To get started, you can visit our Parish's new giving page at olgcinfb.org. From this link you will be allowed to manage your own account online, set up gifts on a schedule that you choose, and can be set up with a credit card, debit card, checking or savings account!

If you have any questions, please, contact the Parish Office at 964-0229.

MASS INTENTIONS **DECEMBER 24 - 30, 2022**

Saturday (24)	5:00pm	Fred & Clara White † Thomas Galemba †
	6:30pm	Mauricio Escobedo † Gerardo Escobedo (healing) Manuel & Alma Rentería (anniversary)
	12:00am	All Souls in Purgatory †
Sunday (25)	8:00am	Jesús Rentería (b-day)
	10:00am	Missa pro populo
Monday (26)	—	NO MASS
Tuesday (27)	12:05pm	Violet, Dorothy, Luella & Floy Rassmasen †
Wednesday (28)	12:05pm	Theresa Hamilton †
Thursday (29)	12:05pm	Special Intention (F.P.)
Friday (30)	12:05pm	Amleto Benedetti & Family †

WEEKLY COLLECTION

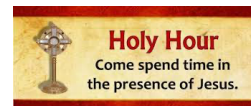
DECEMBER 17 & 18, 2022...\$1,424.00
RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS.....\$619.00

**THIS WEEKEND OUR SECOND COLLECTION WILL BE FOR
MAINTENANCE FUND
NEXT WEEKEND OUR SECOND COLLECTION WILL BE FOR
LIABILITY INSURANCE**

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT & CHRISTIAN GENEROSITY!!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
Tuesday:	1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Wednesday:	1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18
Thursday:	1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:36-40
Friday:	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 [12-17]; Ps 128:1-5; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
Saturday:	1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
Sunday:	Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21



**EVERY THURSDAY @ 11:30AM WE HAVE THE EXPOSITION
AND BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
FOLLOWED BY MASS AT 12:05PM.**