

Jesus is born

For unto you is born... a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord,

ST. JUSTIN MARTYR PARISH

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (CHRISTMAS EVE)

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, 25 DECEMBER

The Nativity of the Lord Christmas Day

Masses at 8:30 am, 10:30 am & 12:30 pm

TUESDAY, 26 DECEMBER

9:10 AM +MOLLY & MARCUS RODRIGUES
+RAYMOND GELAT
GRACE YIU

WEDNESDAY, 27 DECEMBER

7:00 PM +FRANK TERRILL
+HARRIET BLACK
+MICHAEL KWOK
+NENA & ZOILO BIHIS SR.
ALEX CHAN

THURSDAY, 28 DECEMBER

9:10 AM +GERTRUDES GERARDO
+PETER MOK
ROSIE & TONY CHUCK

FRIDAY, 29 DECEMBER

9:10 AM +ADELAIDA APAYA
+HEREDIAN PO
+SR. ROSSY PALAKAL

SATURDAY, 30 DECEMBER

9:10 AM +SAL NASELLO
+ROMULO BUZON
+HONORATA SAN JUAN
+SILVESTRE ABAYA
5:00 PM ANNABELLE CHAN KIM
RACHEL MARTINEZ & FAMILY
PETER & COLEEN ALLUM FAMILY
CHARMAINE & ARNOLD
LEE WAH FAMILY

SUNDAY, 31 DECEMBER

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph New Year's Eve

Mass at 7 pm

(Regular Sunday Masses at 8:30 am, 10:30 am & 12:30 pm)

SANCTUARY LAMP

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AVAILABLE.

Christmas Prayer for Families



Loving God, during this holy season of Christmas, we ask for Your blessing on all families. Let Mary's openness to Your wondrous ways be an inspiration to place all trust in You. Let Joseph's courage provide hope during times of anxiety and uncertainty. Let Jesus' life ignite all families with a spirit of light and love. May the grace that encircles the Holy Family widen to embrace all families. For this we pray. Amen.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear parishioners of St. Justin Martyr,



As we approach yet another celebration of our faith - and as we gather in the warmth and the glow of love this Christmas season, let us reflect upon the profound message that resonates through the ages the message of hope, joy and boundless love of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Christmas is not merely a date on the calendar. it is a divine proclamation, a reminder that God so loved the world that he gave us his only begotten Son. In the humblest of settings, a manager cradled the promise of Salvation. the birth of Jesus signifies the moment when God's grace poured into the world - bringing light to dispel the darkness.

In the midst of the festivities and the exchange of gifts, let us not forget the greatest gift of all - the gift of eternal life through Christ. The season beckons us to embrace the spirit of giving, not just in material possessions, but in acts of kindness, compassion, and forgiveness. Let us extend our hands to those experiencing the storms of life.

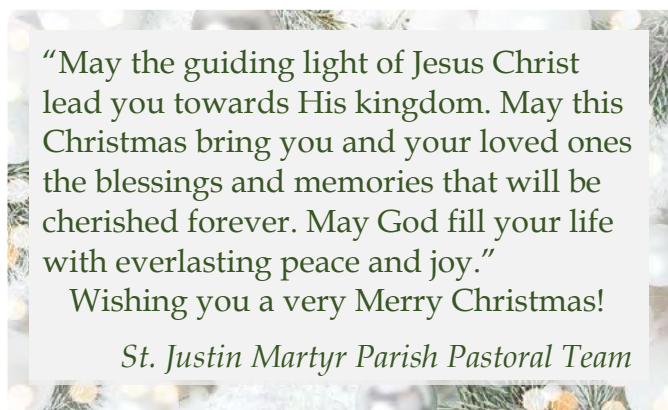
In the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, let our hearts echo the angels' proclamation: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward all! and we do need peace and goodwill in our homes and among the nations.

May this Christmas be a time of reflection and renewal in our hearts. I want to take a moment to thank the entire parish community, all parishioners, and all individuals involved in our many ministries: we have a great dynamic parish with the best Music ministry, the best Catechetical program, best youth ministry, the best RCIA, the best pastoral visitor's ministry and Blessed with an incredible, talented and dedicated parish staff.

On behalf of my associate, Fr. Jibin, and our parish staff. We wish you and your loved ones a most joyous and blessed Christmas!

May God bless you this Christmas and always!

*Rev. Msgr. Vid Vlasic, C.H.H.
Pastor- St. Justin Martyr Parish*



CATHOLIC OBLIGATION THIS CHRISTMAS

Catholics are obliged to attend Mass for Sundays and holy days of obligation. This year, Christmas falls on a Monday. This means that the Sunday obligation for December 24 can be fulfilled on Sunday, OR any time after 4 pm on December 23, AND the Christmas Mass obligation can be fulfilled on Monday, any time after 4 pm on December 24. All faithful are welcome to attend the regular Mass on Saturday or Sunday AND a Christmas Mass stated in our schedule below in the flyer.



HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office Holiday schedule is as follows:

December 24, 2023	9 am to 12 noon
December 25, 2023	Closed
December 26, 2023	Closed
December 27, 2023	9 am to 12 noon
December 28, 2023	9 am to 12 noon
December 29, 2023	9 am to 12 noon
December 30, 2023	9 am to 12 noon
December 31, 2023	9 am to 12 noon
January 01, 2024	Closed

We will be open on regular schedule to serve you from Tuesday, January 02, 2024. The Parish Administration Team wishes you all a wonderful Christmas – New Year season!

SHARELIFE CAMPAIGN 2023

Donation Matching Program Until December 31

Your year-end gift will double in value! From now until December 31, your contribution to our parish's ShareLife campaign will be matched up to \$500,000.

Please direct your donations through using an envelope. Thank you for your generosity. www.sharelife.org/donate or by giving at the parish.

NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS) MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 24, 2023

5 pm, 7 pm, 9 pm & 11 pm

Regular Sunday Masses at 8:30 am & 10:30 am

Monday, December 25, 2023

8:30 am, 10:30 am, 12:30 pm

MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD (NEW YEAR'S) MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 31, 2023, at 7 pm

Regular Sunday Masses at 8:30 am, 10:30 am & 12:30 pm

Monday, January 01, 2024

9 am, 11 am & 7 pm

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STEWARDSHIP BULLETIN REFLECTIONS

Readily Saying "Yes" to Stewardship

As we approach Christmas the church encourages us to reflect on the Annunciation. The Annunciation can be seen as the singular event that changed the world for it is during this episode that Mary consents to God's will and Christ is conceived within her. As stewards striving to follow Jesus, we can learn a great deal from prayerfully imitating Mary in our lives.

Mary had an incredible faith and trust in God to be able to accept His will for her life. It is important to note that Mary wasn't told how her life would precisely unfold. She didn't know she would give birth in a manger, or about her flight to Egypt, or that Jesus would go missing in the temple or that she would stand by as He was crucified. Instead, all she knew was that she would conceive the Son of God.

Many times we seek to know God's entire will for our lives but we can learn from Mary to readily say yes to the current step of the plan that He is calling us to and, like Mary, ponder God's will in our hearts by spending time in prayer).

As stewards, God too is calling us to a very specific and important mission. St. John Henry Newman says that we should all recognize that "God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission." We can live out this mission by being stewards of our time and talents for our communities, our parish and the entire Church. Let us seek Mary's intercession and trust in the Lord's call for our lives and readily follow Him.



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CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve Masses 5:00 PM, 7:00 PM
Sunday, December 24, 2023 9:00 PM, 11:00 PM
Regular Sunday Masses at 8:30 am & 10:30 am

Christmas Masses 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM
Monday, December 25, 2023 12:30 PM



New Year's Eve Mass
Sunday, December 31, 2023
Regular Sunday Masses at 8:30 am, 10:30 am and 12:30 pm



7:00 PM

New Year's Mass 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM
Monday, January 1, 2024 7:00 PM

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