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December 25, 2011

*Christmas:
Nativity of the
Lord*



Christ the King Is Born!

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.

Jn 1:2-4

Worship Schedule

Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:30 p.m.

Sunday 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Weekday Schedule

Mon., Tues., Wed., and Thurs.: Mass

Fri.: Communion Service

First Friday of the month: Mass

All at 8:30 a.m.

Rosary Devotion

Monday through Friday: 8:00 AM

Sacraments

Reconciliation - Saturday 3:30 p.m.

Baptism

1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at 2:00 p.m. Baptismal preparation is required. Baptismal prep takes place on the 2nd Tues. of the month at 7:30 pm. Please call Deacon Tom Nolan to register.

Marriage

Please contact the Pastor 6 months in advance.

Parish Office Hours

Mon.-Fri.: 9:00am-4:00pm

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Note from the Pastor



The dialogue hasn't changed for the past ten years. "So, Grandpa, what do you want for Christmas?" The voice is that of my son, Luis. The response is always the same, "A little love and respect." He smiles and says, "You want some more??" Truth be told, I can't get enough. And neither can you or any of us. We literally need love to live and we can't get enough of it. We always want more.

The great St. Augustine told us that there was a hole in our soul that was impossible to fill by anything on this side of Eternity. Today we would describe it as a black hole of need. The more we pour into it, the more it needs. It's never really satisfied. When we are children, we think that if I can just get this thing or that thing for Christmas, I will be happy. And we are. For fifteen minutes. And then it is on to the next thing... and the next. As adolescents when we fall in love for the very first time, we are utterly convinced that (s)he could fulfill our every need. And (s)he does. Until (s)he doesn't. And on to the next... and the next. Even when we find the perfect spouse, and discover ourselves happily, ecstatically married, we delude ourselves by thinking that our beloved could fulfill all of our needs. What a terrible, unfair expectation. They can't. Our need is too great. It's... infinite.

If our need for love is infinite, then who can fulfill it? Listen to Augustine again, "There is a God-shape hole in each and every one of us that can only be filled by God." The human heart is restless, and desirous, and no matter what it receives it is never enough. It wants more. And so he tells us, "that our hearts are restless until they rest in Thee, O Lord." If we have a God shaped hole, then only God can fill it. But if God is somewhere up in the Heavens sitting on a throne judging my actions, a whole lot of good He's doing me. In our hunger and thirst for love we shout out to Him and He responds by asking, "What do you want for Christmas?" And we cry out, "A little love and respect." Can do, I'll give you all you need.

And He does. We dare to believe that in the fullness of time, the God of the universe, the God Who is Love, the Fullness of Love came down to fill the unfillable hole in the human heart. He did this by

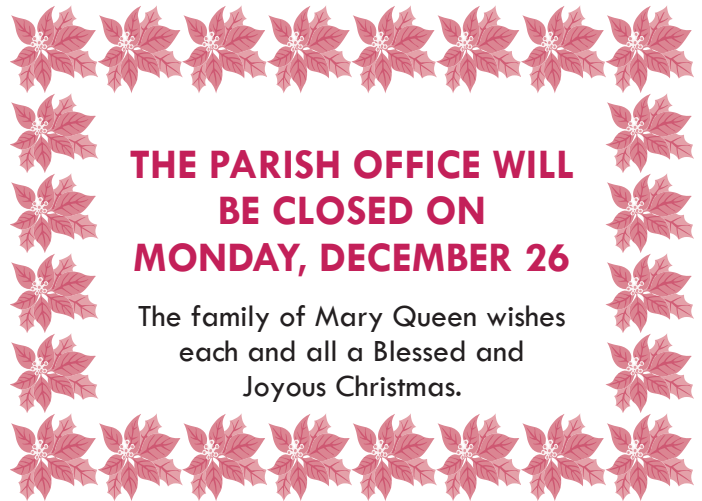
becoming enfleshed completely in Jesus, the Christ. In our holy longing we have cried out, O Come, O Come, Emmanuel. Emmanuel... God-With-Us. And not only is He with us He is now in us giving us all that we long for and need. The greatest Christmas present we could ever want and need we now get, the very Presence of Love in us, infinite love.

But the world's greatest present is useless unless we unwrap it, put it on and wear it. God sends us His loving Presence as our greatest present but it cannot be used unless we are present to the Presence. And today we are. It's Christmas. Today we are here. And next Sunday? So what do you want for the week after Christmas?

In Jesus, the Father's Presence of Love,

Fr. Tony

Parish News



**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL
BE CLOSED ON
MONDAY, DECEMBER 26**

The family of Mary Queen wishes
each and all a Blessed and
Joyous Christmas.

Prayer List



Please call (630) 279-5700 to have a name added to our list. A new listing will appear in bold face. Names will remain on the prayer list for four weeks. We hope that you will pray for these persons every day.

Baby Sophia Kathleen Nolan
Brenda Scanlon

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CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH WEEKENDS - FEBRUARY 2012

Do you feel like your spiritual life needs renewal? If yes, please think about registering for a Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) spiritual renewal weekend here at Mary Queen of Heaven. The cost is minimal (\$35 suggested donation) but the rewards will last a lifetime.

CRHP is a 30 hour overnight spiritual renewal weekend given by fellow parishioners of Mary Queen of Heaven who have lovingly been in formation to give you this gift. *If you focus your time and energy on God, He will make time for you for everything else you need to get done. Say "yes" to this gift.*

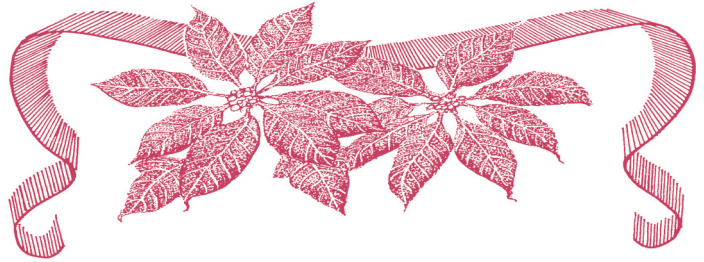
The Men's weekend is February 11-12, 2012 and the Women's weekend will be February 25-26, 2012. Contact Karen Sutkus at (630) 279-3240 or ksutkus1@comcast.net for information or Deacon Tom Nolan at: thomasdeacon@sbcglobal.net.

MQH GARDEN COMMITTEE

We appreciate the compliments that many of you have shared about the flowers this past growing season. Our gardens were blessed with rain, heat and sun all working together to make our grounds beautiful. Speaking of working together, it's time to recognize the many people who so generously shared their time and energy all the way from spring to fall cleanup. Many thanks to Carol and Ernie Achtien, Joseph Alonso, Chuck Dolesy, Kelly Guerra and family, Ed Hayes, Don Jacobsen, John Leszczynski, Derrick StaRosa, Nancy Stern, Debbie Styka, Phylis Twardowski, Dennis White, Mary White and Norma Williamson. You could be rightfully proud as you saw the fruits of your labors over the summer growing season! We couldn't have done it without you!



Now, as we approach winter, we want to caution you to watch out for deer in the streets. Due to their overpopulation in the Salt Creek Forest Preserve behind the rectory, the deer regularly go in search of food in neighborhood gardens, maybe even yours.



Christmas Schedule

Christmas Eve

Saturday, December 24

- 4:00 p.m. Children's Liturgy
- 6:30 p.m. Family Mass
- 10:30 p.m. Choir Music
- 11:00 p.m. Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

Sunday, December 25

8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Mass

Mary the Holy Mother of God

Saturday, December 31 - 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, January 1, 2012 - 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Mass of Epiphany

Saturday, January 7, 2012 - 4:30 PM

Sunday, January 8, 2012 - 8:30 AM & 10:30



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS DECEMBER 25 - JANUARY 1

Sunday, December 25, 2011 - Christmas Day

8:30 AM Christmas Day Mass
10:30 AM Christmas Day Mass

Monday, December 26, 2011

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

8:30 AM MQH Mass

Tuesday, December 27, 2011

8:30 AM MQH Mass

Wednesday, December 28, 2011

NO RE CLASSES

8:30 AM MQH Mass

Thursday, December 29, 2011

8:30 AM MQH Mass

Friday, December 30, 2011

8:30 AM Communion Service

Saturday, December 31, 2011 - New Year's Eve

3:30 PM Confessions
4:30 PM Mary Mother of God Mass

Sunday, January 1, 2012 - New Year's Day

8:30 AM Mary Mother of God Mass
10:30 AM Mary Mother of God Mass

Religious Education News

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



On behalf of everyone in the REO, you are wished a Blessed Christmas and a 2012 filled with much peace and joy.

Please mark your calendars: There is no RE on the following Wednesdays because of the Christmas break: December 21 and 28, and January 4. Classes will resume at the normal times on Wednesday, January 11, 2012.

For more information, please contact Mary Ann Woods at the REO: (630) 832-8962 or email: mqhmawoods@sbcglobal.net.



Mary Queen of Heaven
PRESCHOOL

MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN ENRICHMENT

For information please contact :

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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



Good friends find pleasure in one another's company. Let us know pleasure in the company of our best Friend...who loves us beyond measure. (St. Alphonsus Liguori) Come and adore Him during our next day of Eucharistic Adoration on **Monday, January 2** starting after 8:30 a.m. morning Mass until 7:00 p.m. when we close the day with Benediction. We are still in need of people to step up and "adopt" an hour. Please call **Kay Diggins at 630-530-7214, or Rose Wilkes at 630-833-7238** with questions or to sign up.

CHRISTMAS



GOSPEL OF MARK SUNDAY STUDY

You are invited to join the continuing study of the Gospel of Mark, on Sunday mornings, between 8:30 and 10:30 Mass (9:40) for 30 minutes. Meeting dates are January 8, 15, 22, 29. Please bring your bible. If you need a new one, notify Lynn.

Currently we are listening to a recorded lesson on the Gospel of Mark. Meeting place is the Conference Room in Mary's Gathering space. For more information, call Lynn Suwanski at (630) 530-2523.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE			
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2011 - SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2012			
	4:30 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
Presider	Fr. Taschetta	Fr. Taschetta	Fr. Taschetta
Lector	E. Walker	K. Passarelli	M. McCall
Eucharistic Ministers	G. Los (S) G. Los (C) B. Eadon B. Lawlor H. Todd S. Pingatore J. Vilim	T. Sabel (S) D. Bernstein (C) M. Grozik M. Kelly N. Williamson T. Nanak	R. Melendez (S) P. LeTourneau (C) K. Gusloff T. Gusloff M. Murray P. Twardowski R. Marro T. Kevil
Altar Servers	J. Alonso K. Lewand S. Lewand	J. Reginelli I. Weigel M. McDonough	A. Frank J. Vosicky J. Race



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, December 25, 2011 - Christmas Day

8:30 AM Catherine Costello's Health
10:30 AM Intentions of Judy Fuchsen

Monday, December 26, 2011

8:30 AM † Roberta O'Connell

Tuesday, December 27, 2011

8:30 AM † Guy Attardo

Wednesday, December 28, 2011

8:30 AM † Dorothy Murray

Thursday, December 29, 2011

8:30 AM † Virginia Miller

Friday, December 30, 2011

8:30 AM Communion Service

Saturday, December 31, 2011 - New Year's Eve

4:30 PM † Sister Mary Sheila

Sunday, January 1, 2012 - New Year's Day

8:30 AM † Rev. Thomas O'Keefe
10:30 AM † Anna Marinello

† indicates person is deceased



Church Support

Collection Totals for December 18
will be published
in the January 15 Bulletin

Readings for the Week of December 25, 2011

Sunday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/
Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
Midnight: Is 9:1-6/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/
Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
Monday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22
Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:5--2:2/Mt 2:13-18
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35
Friday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3
or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or
Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/
Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18
Next Sunday: Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21