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December 22, 2013
4th Sunday of Advent

December 25, 2013
*The Nativity of the
Lord*



The Nativity of the Lord

The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. 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 2:10-12*

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. Required Baptismal preparation on the 2nd Tues. at 7:30 p.m. Call Deacon Tom 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



“So,” I say to the little kids after almost every Mass during Advent, “What did the cat have after he crossed the desert?” By now, they know the answer (I’ve been using the same silly joke since 1973). They smile at me and say, “Sandy Claws.” (I know, I know, but at least it’s better than the horse that walks into the bar and the bartender says, “Why the long face?”) For the kids and me, this has become an Advent ritual. And I love rituals.

A ritual is something you do over and over again in pretty much the same manner and the same order. They are very important because they give, well, order to one’s life. I, personally, am a fan of the dictum, “early to bed, early to rise...” and I ritually tuck myself into bed at 9:00 p.m. every night and ritually pop out of bed after the 4:00 a.m. CBS morning news, weigh myself on the scale, groan, turn up the heat (I ritually lowered it the night before), make my way downstairs, grind the coffee beans, make the coffee, go upstairs, make my bed, check the weather, go downstairs, pour the coffee, come upstairs, say my morning prayers. And then it’s off to the Courts for morning exercise (which has its own rituals). We are creatures of habit and our habits give us a sense of order. (So, which sock do you put on first?)

In addition to our individual daily rituals, we have, obviously, religious rituals. I am forever harping on parents to make sure that Sunday after Sunday after Sunday they “religiously” take their kids to Church and worship as a family. Religious worship orders our life and right worship puts our life in order. We are forever hearing that we need to get our priorities straight. If the Divine and the Divine order is, indeed, the pinnacle of our life, then everything else falls into place. Talk about the power of ritual.

And then there are the family rituals. Sunday afternoon dinner in my mother’s house was sacred. The only thing that varied week after week was the type of pasta she would cook but everything else remained the same. When my grandson Abraham was three, he burst into tears because one Saturday night after the Spanish Mass we dared to try to go out to a restaurant for dinner instead of staying at home to eat pizza.

We were breaking the ritual. We stayed at home and ate pizza.

In a few days, we will all be celebrating our most sacred family and religious rituals. For some of you, the 4:00 p.m. children’s Mass is sacred. For others, it will be the midnight Mass (which here begins at 10:30 p.m. with Christmas caroling). And when you get home you will be opening your presents at different times and in different ways. But it will all have a very ritualistic character about it. It needs to be done just so. And you will. It’s that important. As the years go by, some rituals will begin to fade (I can’t wait for Black Friday, let alone Gray Thursday to collapse and disappear) and some you will create anew. What are some of the things for you and your family to do not only at Christmastime but also throughout the year?

Two-thousand years ago, something new was created. The almighty and all-powerful Divine took on the flesh of weak and mortal humanity. And everything changed forever. To help us remember and celebrate this greatest of all events, St. Francis made the very first nativity scene and ritualistically we have recreated it ever since. We will bring our children again this year before that scene so they can kneel down and wonder at the fact that this little baby, a child just like them, is God in the flesh. At when they grow up, they will do the same with their children. My, what a wonderful ritual.

In Jesus, God in the Flesh With Us,

Fr. Tony



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Parish Calendar



CALENDAR OF EVENTS DECEMBER 22 - DECEMBER 29

Sunday, December 22, 2013

- 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. MQH Mass
- 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. RCIA in School Room 6, 7 & 13
- 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Destiny in School Room 1
- 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Children's Liturgy of the Word in School Room 2-3
- 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. CRHP (Men) in Conf. Room
- 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Wings to Heaven in Barrett Hall

Monday, December 23, 2013

Bulletin Deadline January 5, 2013

- 8:30 AM MQH Mass
- 6:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Destiny Dinner in Barrett Hall
- 7:00 p.m. - 9:15 p.m. CRHP (Men) in Room 13

Tuesday, December 24, 2013

Christmas Eve (Office Closed)

- 4:00 PM Christmas Children's Liturgy
- 6:30 PM Christmas Family Mass
- 10:30 PM Christmas Carols
- 11:00 PM Solemn Christmas Eve Mass

Wednesday, December 25, 2013

Christmas Day (Office Closed)

NO RE Classes

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

Thursday, December 26, 2013

Day after Christmas (Office Closed)

- 8:30 AM MQH Mass

Friday, December 27, 2013

- 8:30 AM Communion Service

Saturday, December 28, 2013

- 3:30 PM Confessions
- 4:30 PM MQH Mass

Sunday, December 29, 2013

- 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM MQH Mass
- 10:40 AM - 11:30 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word in Room 2-3
- 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM CRHP (Men) in Conf. Room



Christmas Schedule

Christmas Eve

Tuesday, December 24

- 4:00 p.m. Children's Liturgy
- 6:30 p.m. Family Mass
- 10:30 p.m. Christmas Carols
- 11:00 p.m. Solemn Christmas Eve Mass

Christmas Day

Wednesday, December 25

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

Mary the Holy Mother of God

New Year's Eve, December 31 - 4:30 p.m.

New Year's Day, January 1, 2013 - 9:00 a.m.



**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE
CLOSED ON
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25 AND
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26**

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

4TH SUNDAY IN ADVENT



Parish News

FATHER TONY'S HOMILIES

Many have asked if Father Tony's homilies are available. Almost all of them are. You can either watch them off our web page: www.maryqueen.org or if you wish you can buy them on video DVD's or audio CD's.

Year	Homilies	Price
2013	38 homilies on 6 Video DVD's	\$25.00
2013	38 homilies on 9 Audio CD's	\$25.00
2013	38 homilies on MP3 Files (This is a data disk for transfer to PC or mobile device. It will not play in an Audio CD player).	\$15.00

All proceeds from the sale of the homilies will go to our Education Endowment fund so if you want to give more, you can. The money will be well used.

ADOPTION IS ALWAYS IN VOGUE

The Radiance Foundation's new focus is on adoptees' experience of being adopted and loved. If you or you know someone who is faced with an unplanned pregnancy or you are considering adoption, please check out: www.AdoptedandLoved.com. There you will find video ads and other shareable content that illuminates the beauty of adoption.

Ryan Bomberger, Chief Creative Officer of the Radiance Foundation, is an adoptee and adoptive father. Like George Washington Carver, Faith Hill the late Dave Thomas (Wendy's Founder) and Steve Jobs (Apple founder), Bomberger emphasizes the positive impact adoption has on adoptees and on the world around them.

"We celebrate birth moms. We stand with them and support them. It's not easy making a plan for adoption. We wanted to create content that would speak to expectant mothers and fathers who may not be ready for parenting. Through this website, the powerful videos created and resources lists we want to encourage young women to turn the unplanned into a loving plan".

Religious Education News

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

On behalf of everyone in the REO, you are wished a Blessed Christmas and a 2014 filled with much peace and joy.

Please Note:

There is no RE on the following Wednesdays because of the Christmas break:

December 25, January 1 and 8.

Classes will resume at the normal times on Wednesday, January 15, 2014.

For more information on any of the above, please contact the REO, (630) 832-8962 or email us at mqhmawoods@sbcglobal.net.

POPE FRANCIS NAMED TIME MAGAZINE'S 2013 PERSON OF THE YEAR

TIME magazine has just announced that Pope Francis has been named its 2013 Person of the Year. By spreading the Word of God through his personal example and calling all Catholics to take action toward a church of healing, he has immersed himself in the challenges of today's world. Read the complete article here:

<http://poy.time.com/2013/12/11/person-of-the-year-pope-francis-the-peoples-pope/>.

Preschool News



MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN ENRICHMENT

Registration for 2014-15 school year begins in January.

- ◆ Past and current family registration is January 1 through January 17, 2014.
- ◆ Registration for new families is January 16 through February 1, 2014.

Families will have the opportunity to talk with a teacher, a parent, and the preschool director during the Open House. They will be available to answer all questions and provide tours of the school.

Open House Dates

- ◆ Thursday, January 16
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
- ◆ Saturday, January 18
3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- ◆ Sunday, January 26
10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

You may enter the school through the doors of the church or from the east or west doors from the school. The children are welcome.

Registration papers are available online at www.maryqueenpreschool.org. Individual tours may be scheduled in February.

For additional information please contact :
Mrs. Genet Pinkerton,
Director, Mary Queen of Heaven Preschool
(630) 833-9500

SAVE THE DATE!

All are welcome to the
Celebration of Life Mass
with

Bishop R. Daniel Conlon
Sunday, January 5, 2014 at 11:00 a.m.
Cathedral of St. Raymond,
604 N. Raynor Ave., Joliet

For full details contact the Respect Life Office
at (815) 834-4065.

Diocesan News

FREE PERSONAL CHANGE CLASS OFFERED

Do you feel that life is beating you down? Are you always struggling to make ends meet? Do you want to let go of unproductive thoughts, feelings and behaviors and replace them with positive ones that will move you toward a better quality of life?

Catholic Charities is offering a program of personal change called Out of Poverty. This program is not just about the lack of money; it's also about poverty of the spirit. Discussion within a group setting encourages honesty and focuses on the fact that life has not turned out the way you thought it would.

Give yourself a second chance and register for Out of Poverty classes today. Classes will be held at Catholic Charities 26W. St. Charles Rd., Lombard on each Monday from 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. from January 6 - February 24, 2013.

A special graduation ceremony is planned for March 3, 2014. Onsite childcare will be provided as needed. For more information, or to register, call Yvonne Morrongiello at (630) 495-8008 ext. 2122 or Ron Madsen at ext. 2119. Visit our website at catholiccharitiesjoliet.org.

REQUEST FROM HANNA THOMPSON

I am a young parishioner who is physically disabled. I am in need of a roommate. I live in Northlake, which is 10 minutes from our parish. My family helps you with rent. We ask that you be home around midnight or 1:00 a.m. I'm very flexible with that component. My personal care assistants do my care so you don't need a medical background. I'm looking for a caring, young, and personable woman to live with. If you are interested, please contact me by email at: hthompson625@gmail.com Thank You!




Christmas Schedule

MINISTRY SCHEDULE TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24 - WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 25

	4:00 PM	6:30 PM	11:00 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
Presider	Fr. Taschetta	Fr. Taschetta	Fr. Taschetta	Fr. Taschetta	Fr. Taschetta
Lector	M. McCall	R. Wilkes	K. Passarelli	B. Nosek	E. Cutri
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MINISTRY SCHEDULE SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28 SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2013

	4:30 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
Presider	Fr. Taschetta	Fr. Taschetta	Fr. Taschetta
Lector	H. Thompson	G. Dolesy	P. Reynertson
Eucharistic Ministers	J. Vilim (S) H. Todd (C) M. White J. Alonso M. Conway A. DeCillo K. Diggins	N. Williamson (S) D. Bernstein (C) J. Eichorst D. Gornick M. Grozik R. Maple	M. McDonald (S) K. Mueller (C) J. Pinkerton J. Spears P. Letourneau K. Carambot D. Justus
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Church Support

Collection Totals for: Sunday, December 15, 2013

Sunday Collection	\$7,836.68
Parish Pay	\$4,211.71
Children	\$21.90
Collection Total	\$12,772.12

190 parishioner envelopes were used.
141 parishioners - Parish Pay.

**Thank you for your
continued kindness and generosity.**

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, December 22, 2013

8:30 a.m. † Betty Enright
10:30 a.m. † Stephen Collins

Monday, December 23, 2013

8:30 a.m. Mary Queen Parishioners

Tuesday, December 24, 2013

4:00 p.m. † Albert Fuchsen
6:30 p.m. † Patricia Timothy
11:00 p.m. † Bernadette Brinkmann

Wednesday, December 25, 2013

8:30 a.m. † John and Mary Taychman
10:30 a.m. † Fay St. Pierre
† Ralph St. Pierre

Thursday, December 26, 2013

8:30 a.m. † Adeline Graziano

Friday, December 27, 2013

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Saturday, December 28, 2013

4:30 p.m. Tony Carlevato

Sunday, December 29, 2013

8:30 a.m. † Dr. Thomas Pozen
10:30 a.m. † Joan Jarr

† indicates person is deceased

Readings for the Week of December 22, 2013

Sunday: Is 7:10-14/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24
Monday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66
Tuesday: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/
Lk 1:67-79
Wednesday: 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
Thursday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22
Friday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a and 2-8
Saturday: 1 Jn 1:5--2:2/Mt 2:13-18
Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/
Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Prayer List

Please pray for the sick of our Parish

Fr. John Barrett
Susana Cortes de Caicedo
Barbara J. Godawa
Irene Kmiecik
Joan Skimina



Please call the Rectory to add a name
to our Parish Prayer List.



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