

Pastor's Notes

I hate to put out an **EMERGENCY ALARM** just before Christmas. But as I write this, only a few of our parishioners have received by mail the Church letter/offering envelopes/schedule for Christmas. Usually you get this by early December. But the envelope company we employ to carry out this task has failed miserably. They claim supply chain problems. But it comes down to professional irresponsibility.

I apologize for this failure. And I pray you will still contribute generously to our Christmas collection. All churches rely heavily on this end-of-year giving. So I pray that whether or not you receive the Corpus Christi Christmas mailing, nevertheless you will find a way to financially support our parish; especially by your presence and prayers.

Yours in Christ,
Father Malcolm

Our Lady of Guadalupe 12 December





Behold, Christ is Born

Christmas 2022

My Dear Friends and Families of Corpus Christi Church,

“Joseph went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem...to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with Child. While they were there, the time came for Her to have Her Child, and She gave birth to Her firstborn Son. She wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger...” (Luke 2:4-7)

These wonderful Gospel words of Midnight Mass, capture the deepest mystery of our yearly Christmas celebration. The travels and trials of the Holy Family led them to a most unlikely place of birth for the Savior of the world, because there was “...no room for them in the inn”. The question we need to ask ourselves this holy season; is there room in the inn of our hearts and homes for Jesus?

Here at Corpus Christi this 2022, we needed to do some major work on our 51-year-old “manger-inn”, by way of a new exterior roof over the church and rectory. This was done so that your family will always have this sacred space to celebrate babies’ Baptisms, youngsters Communions and Confirmations, holy matrimones, family funerals, and most importantly, Sunday Eucharist. We fully intend to clean-up the interior ceiling repairs by early next year, so that the beautification of our building might be complete.

In Bethlehem, the Lord provides the Holy Family with the humble simplicity of a manger, so that pure Divine Love might be born into our broken humanity. This same mystery of the Incarnate Christ-Child gives profound Hope to our weakened world today. And God blesses us all with a deep Faith to overcome all fear.

I thank you for being so generous with your time, talents and treasures; not only at Christmas, but all year long. May Jesus, Mary and Joseph watch over your family, children and grandchildren, with the greatest gifts of faith, hope and love. God bless your Christmas season and New Year 2023 to come!

Yours in Christ,

Handwritten signature of Rev. Malcolm J. Burns

Father Malcolm J. Burns
Pastor



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Christmas 2022

To the People of God of the Diocese of Rockville Centre:

Merry Christmas to you and your families!

In union with our Holy Father Pope Francis, and in a non-judgmental spirit of mercy, humility and charity, I invite everyone who will be present at our Christmas Masses, or watching our Christmas Masses via the Catholic Faith Network or CBS, or not present at all: If your life has been far from the Catholic Mass and the Eucharist, I invite you with Pope Francis to return.

I invite you to experience the power and liberation of Christ's mercy and forgiveness in the Sacrament of Penance and to cross the bridge into the full practice of your Catholic Faith through a radical fidelity to the Sunday Mass and an ever-deepening love for the Holy Eucharist.

Perhaps you are not a Catholic and yet have some mysterious attraction to the Catholic Mass and the Eucharist.

You are not alone! Many saints – I think of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, the pioneering American Catholic educator and convert – had the same experience and were drawn to enter the Church through their intuitive experience of the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist in our parish churches! Be open to the Eucharistic movement of the Holy Spirit in your life!

Our celebration of Christmas 2022 occurs this year as every Catholic diocese, every Catholic parish, every Catholic hospital, university, and institution in the United States is engaged in an evangelizing ***Eucharistic Revival***.

What do we mean by the phrase “Eucharistic Revival” and why is it so important for our celebration of Christmas?

What does a love for the Eucharist and an openness to being a 21st Century Eucharistic missionary have to do with our celebration of Christmas 2022?

Pope Francis points out the relationship between the Birth of Christ and the Holy Eucharist and the Mass. The very word Bethlehem means “house of Bread.”

Pope Francis states: “Bethlehem is the turning point that alters the course of history. There God, in the *house of bread*, is born in a *manger*. It is as if he wanted to say: ‘Here I am, as your food.’ He does not take, but gives us to eat; he does not give us a mere thing, but his very self. In Bethlehem, we discover that God does not take life, but gives it. To us, who from birth are used to taking and eating, Jesus begins to say: ‘Take and eat. This is my body.’ (Matthew 26:26) The tiny body of the Child of Bethlehem speaks to us of a new way to live our lives: not by devouring and hoarding, but by sharing and giving. God makes himself small so that he can be our food. By feeding on him, the bread of life,

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we can be *reborn in love*, and break the spiral of grasping and greed. From the 'house of bread,' Jesus brings us back home, so that we can become God's family, brothers and sisters to our neighbors. Standing before the manger, we understand that the food of life is not material riches but love, not gluttony but charity, not ostentation but simplicity. The Lord knows that we need to be fed daily. That is why he offered himself to us every day of his life: from the manger in Bethlehem to the Upper Room in Jerusalem. Today too, on the altar, he becomes bread broken for us; he knocks at our door, to enter and eat with us (cf. Revelation 3:20). At Christmas, we on earth receive Jesus, the bread from heaven. It is a bread that never grows stale, but enables us even now to have a foretaste of eternal life."¹

Eucharistic Revival, in the words of Pope St. John Paul II, is a rediscovery of "Eucharistic Amazement" and Eucharistic Devotion.

Eucharistic Revival means that we understand deeply that every Mass has a cosmic significance, and every Mass is celebrated on the Altar of the world – the Altar of Ukraine and every war torn and injustice-ridden area of our world.

Eucharistic Revival is an effective catechesis of the theology and spirituality of the Catholic Mass that moves the hearts, minds, souls and imaginations of the People of God.

Eucharistic Revival in our Catholic schools means the cultivation of a radical fidelity to the Sunday Catholic Mass on the part of our teachers, our staff and our families.

Eucharistic Revival is a rekindling of Pope Benedict XVI's insight that every period of Church reform and effective Catholic evangelization and mission throughout history can be traced to a rediscovery of the Real Presence of Jesus Christ, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Holy Eucharist.²

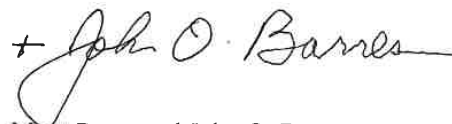
As we celebrate the birth of Christ and his rebirth in our hearts and families at Christmas, we pray for a renewal of our faith in Christ's Eucharistic presence.

We pray that each of us could be Divine Mercy instruments of bringing many, many people back to a full fidelity to the Eucharist and the Catholic Mass.

As we celebrate Christmas, we are being called to be intentional, compassionate, understanding and listening Eucharistic missionaries.

Merry Christmas to you and your families! May the love of the Christ child and the love of the Holy Family light your remaining steps on earth and light your path to Heaven and Eternal Life.

Sincerely in Christ,



Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre

¹ Pope Francis Homily for Midnight Mass, Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord, December 25, 2018.

² See Pope Benedict XVI's 2017 Apostolic Exhortation *Sacramentum Caritatis* 6: "Every great reform has in some way been linked to the rediscovery of belief in the Lord's eucharistic presence among his people."

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE 2022



Christmas Eve (Saturday, December 24th)

4:00 P.M. Family Mass (English)

6:00 P.M. (English)

8:00 P.M. (Spanish)

11:00 P.M. Midnight Mass (English)

Christmas Day (Sunday, December 25th)

7:00 A.M. (English)

8:30 A.M. (Portuguese)

10:00 A.M. (English)

11:30 A.M. (English)

There is no Mass on Christmas Day at night.

CONFESSIONS

Monday, December 19th

6:30 P.M.- 7:30P.M.

Tuesday, December 20th

11:00 A.M.– 12:00P.M.

Wednesday, December 21st

4:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.

NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

New Year's Eve (Saturday, December 31st)

5:00 P.M. (English)

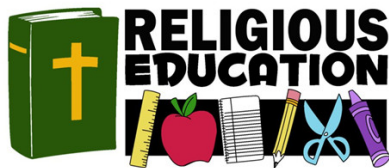
New Year's Day (Sunday, January 1st)

7:00 AM, 8:30 AM (Portuguese), 10:00 AM and 11:30 AM, 1:00 PM (Spanish)

There is no Mass on New Year's Day at night.

JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM

On Sunday the young children formed a Nativity Parade honoring the birth of Jesus and processed up and down the aisles in the church, set to the beautiful music by Mr. Troy Gordon and Mrs. Francine Luisi.



Tues., Wed., Thurs.
Dec. 27, 28, 29, 2022
Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2023
Sunday, Jan. 8, 2023

No classes-Christmas Recess

Classes resume.
9:30 AM Gr. 3-4 (Fitzgerald Hall)
10:00 AM Class Mass

Sunday, January 8
Sunday, January 15

“Twenty Minutes with the Director”
Grades 3-4
Grades 5, 6, IC-3

Sunday, January 1
Sunday, January 8
Sunday, January 15

Junior Lectors 10:00 AM Mass
Marc Machado/Jonathan Arias
Nick Baker/Nicole Henriques
Emma daCosta/Mark DaCosta

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL

CATHOLIC CHURCHES, 2022-2025, UNITED STATES

CORPUS CHRISTI HOLY HOURS

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

FOLLOWED BY BENEDICTION

MONDAYS : 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM

WEDNESDAYS : 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

THURSDAYS : 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

COME LET US ADORE HIM!

Christmas Coloring Page





Please remember the sick in your daily prayers, including the following who have asked to be included in our list:

Connie Altvater, Amanda Alves, Aurora Antunes, Armandina Araujo, Vinnie Benedetto, Violeta Bernal. Anne Boland, Erin Burke, Marie Byrnes, Jeanne Carroll, Michael Castalino, Arlene Cavanagh, Frank de Carolis, Sue Citro, Emmanuel Colon, Joann Cornacchioli, James Cunney, Jerry Daraio, Kate Donovan, Virginia Fallon, Laurie Fefta, Lena Fiorillo, Lilly Fuentes, Kenneth Gallagher, Vanessa Gomes, Robert Hartlett, Eileen Hendrickson, Frank Iaquinto, Sue Krebs, Pat Kober, Diane LaBianca, Joseph LaBianca, Lorraine Liquy, Vincent Lodato, Christine Lucivero, Augustus & Camella Lodato, Jason Lopes, Thomas Mitchell, Susan O'Brien, Gabriel Palhete, Linda Pires, Dennis Radovic, Elizabeth Rose, JoAnn Russo, Mary Santucci, Robert Santucci, Ann Schwarz, Lisa Simeone, Lucy Elena Sivirichi, Beatriz Silva Pontes, Paul Tubito, Lorraine Verdade, and any other members of our parish who are sick at this time.



Distressed financially or need food or clothing? Please call 516-746-1223.

Words are often a weak method of communication. However, we have to use words, and today's gospel is an attempt, in simple language, to describe what happened on that extraordinary day, so long ago. It speaks of Jesus being born, and of the second meeting of heaven and earth, on that same night, when the angels appeared to the shepherds. This was the beginning of a process that is still on-going. It is an old story that is ever new.

“Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and always.” With God there is no such thing as time. All of time is totally present to him right now. God's work among us is always in process, it never comes to an end. In God's eyes, Christmas is an everyday event, that involves Jesus knocking on the door of my heart, seeking admission. The God-dimension never changes, the offer is always there, the good news is delivered with great consistency. What happens after that is totally dependent on whether I accept the offer, open the door, and make my heart available as a manger.

When the shepherds heard the message they said, “Let us go to Bethlehem and see it for ourselves.” The life of the Christian is a journey of discovery. It involves coming to find out for myself the truth and the reality of what I had been told by my parents, teachers, or preachers in church. I have to cross that bridge. The gospel is in between two phrases. At the beginning, we are invited to “Come and see,” and, at the end, we are instructed to “Go and tell.”

Merry Christmas! Peace be with you! Joy to the World!

Jim O'Keefe



We are in desperate need of Gently Used and New Winter Clothes for Boys and Girls in sizes Newborn through 4T. Our four centers in Hempstead, Massapequa, Deer Park, and Smithtown will all gladly take donations. Thank you.

Hempstead
(516) 408-6300

Massapequa
(516) 798-9100

Deer Park
(631) 243-2373

Smithtown
(631) 656-0441

THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!

We are very grateful to the Knights of Columbus Council #2502 for the food and coat drive they had last Saturday to help the families in the Corpus Christi Outreach Program!!

Español

NATIVIDAD DEL SEÑOR



EVANGELIO SEGUN SAN LUCAS 2, 1-14

Por aquellos días, se promulgó un edicto de César Augusto, que ordenaba un censo de todo el imperio. Este primer censo se hizo cuando Quirino era gobernador de Siria. Todos iban a empadronarse, cada uno en su propia ciudad; así es que también José, perteneciente a la casa y familia de David, se dirigió desde la ciudad de Nazaret, en Galilea, a la ciudad de David, llamada Belén, para empadronarse, juntamente con María, su esposa, que estaba encinta. Mientras estaban ahí, le llegó a María el tiempo de dar a luz y tuvo a su hijo primogénito; lo envolvió en pañales y lo recostó en un pesebre, porque no hubo lugar para ellos en la posada. En aquella región había unos pastores que pasaban la noche en el campo, vigilando por turno sus rebaños. Un ángel del Señor se les apareció y la gloria de Dios los envolvió con su luz y se llenaron de temor. El ángel les dijo: *“No teman. Les traigo una buena noticia, que causará gran alegría a todo el pueblo: hoy les ha nacido, en la ciudad de David, un salvador, que es el Mesías, el Señor. Esto les servirá de señal: encontrarán al niño envuelto en pañales y recostado en un pesebre”*. De pronto se les unió al ángel una multitud del ejército celestial, que alababa a Dios diciendo: *“Gloria a Dios en el cielo, y en la tierra paz a los hombres de buena voluntad”*.



María y José obedecen a la orden de un poderoso de la tierra, el imperador romano César Augusto, que quiere controlar a sus súbditos y así facilita que se cumpla el designio de Dios quien había anunciado por el profeta Miqueas el nacimiento del Mesías en Belén de Judá, de donde eran los ascendientes de Jesús, el Hijo de David. Lo Eterno se hace historia. Esa es la realidad que se afirma en la Buena Nueva anunciada a los pastores, quienes se encargan de difundirla por todos los alrededores. La actitud de los pastores contrasta con las esperanzas mesiánicas de muchos desilusionados y escandalizados ante semejante insignificancia y ante un nacimiento que no convoca a los grandes de esta tierra sino a los hombres sencillos y humildes. Y es que Dios ha elegido la humildad de María para hacer en ella grandes maravillas. Con frecuencia buscamos a Dios en el éxito y en las grandezas. No lo encontramos y si somos sinceros nos preguntamos donde está Dios? Dios se ha hecho ver en el leño de un pesebre para nacer, y después ha sido levantado sobre otro leño, el de la cruz, para morir.

*El pueblo que andaba en
tinieblas vio gran luz; a
los que moraban en
tierra de sombra de muerte,
luz resplandeció sobre
ellos. Isaías 9:2*

En el poema de Isaías sobrecoge por su hermosura, por su descaro para proponer lo que no se toca con las manos, pero que siempre se sueña. El mensaje del profeta es como un canto de esperanza y de gozo, es una exhortación a la alegría. Atrás quedan muchas cosas de la historia de un pueblo: guerras y opresiones, deslealtad y búsqueda de “dioses” que no tienen ojos ni corazón. Hay, pues, un horizonte de luz para el pueblo. La luz trae la vida, la salvación, y por eso, hasta la noche es hermosa, cuando en ella hay luz.

Jesús no tuvo sitio en la
posada. Hazle un sitio
grande en tu corazón

¡Feliz Navidad!

Português

NATAL DO SENHOR



EVANGELHO DE SÃO LUCAS 2, 1-14

Naquele dias, saiu um decreto de César Augusto, para ser recenseada toda a terra. Este primeiro recenseamento efectuou-se quando Quirino era governador da Síria. Todos se foram recensear, cada um à sua cidade. José subiu também da Galileia, da cidade de Nazaré, à Judéia, à cidade de David, chamada Belém, por ser da casa e da descendência de David, a fim de se recensear com Maria, sua esposa, que estava para ser mãe. Enquanto ali se encontravam, chegou o dia de ela dar à luz e teve o seu Filho primogénito. Envolveu-O em panos e deitou-O numa manjedoura, porque não havia lugar para eles na hospedaria. Havia naquela região uns pastores que viviam nos campos e guardavam de noite os rebanhos. O Anjo do Senhor aproximou-se deles e a glória do Senhor cercou-os de luz; e eles tiveram grande medo. Disse-lhes o Anjo: Não temais, porque vos anuncio uma grande alegria para todo o povo: nasceu-vos hoje, na cidade de David, um Salvador, que é Cristo Senhor. Isto vos servirá de sinal: encontrareis um Menino recém-nascido, envolto em panos e deitado numa manjedoura. Imediatamente juntou-se ao Anjo uma multidão do exército celeste, que louvava a Deus, dizendo: Glória a Deus nas alturas e paz na terra aos homens por Ele amados.



A liturgia fala-nos de um Deus que ama os homens; por isso, não os deixa perdidos e abandonados a percorrer caminhos de sofrimento e de morte, mas envia um “menino” para lhes apresentar uma proposta de vida e de liberdade. Esse “menino” será luz para o povo que andava nas trevas. O Evangelho apresenta a realização da promessa profética: Jesus, o “menino de Belém”, é o Deus que vem ao encontro dos homens para lhes oferecer – sobretudo aos pobres e marginalizados – a salvação. A proposta que Ele traz não será uma proposta que Deus quer impor pela força, mas será uma proposta que Deus oferece ao homem com ternura e amor. Lucas descreve no seu Evangelho com algum pormenor a pobreza e a simplicidade que rodeiam a vinda ao mundo do libertador dos homens: É na pobreza, na simplicidade, na fragilidade, que Deus se manifesta aos homens e lhes oferece a salvação.



“O povo que andava nas trevas viu uma grande luz; para aqueles que habitam nas sombras da morte uma luz começou a brilhar”. (profeta Isaías 9, 2).

A primeira leitura deste dia anuncia a chegada de um menino, da descendência de David, dom de Deus ao seu Povo; esse menino eliminará a guerra, o ódio, o sofrimento e inaugurará uma era de alegria, de felicidade e de paz sem fim. O Natal é a celebração de nossa esperança em Cristo. É nela que, todo anos, renovamos nossa crença de que o Senhor é o único libertador, fonte de paz e fraternidade na sociedade. Ele é o único que nos conduz para a reconciliação com Deus.

INTENÇÕES PARA O DIA 1 DE JANEIRO

+Dolores Martins + Domingos Rebelo e sogra
+Daniel Martins Simões + António Martins
+António Forte e Família + António Alves e Família

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Desejo a todos que tenham, neste Natal, a experiência pessoal do amor infinito de Deus que, por nos amar, enviou-nos seu Filho, para fazer-nos conhecer humanamente o seu amor divino.