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prepare the way...



Dec 23 —29, 2019

Monday, December 23

9:15 am + Death ann. Julie Fernandes

Tuesday, December 24

6:00 pm — Community of POP

9:00 pm — Community of POP

12:00 midnight — Community of POP

Wednesday, December 25

9:00 am - Community of POP

10:30 am — Community of POP

12:00 noon — Community of POP

Friday, December 27

9:15 am + Gloria Hermoso

Saturday, December 28

9:00 am + 20th death ann. Thomas Joseph

5:00 pm - 5th death ann. Gilbert Lung

Sunday, December 29

8:30 am + Jose Domingo 's D'Souza

10:00 am + Agapito Nagrampa

11:30 am + Rosalyn Ver

1:00 pm - Community of Prince of Peace

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE.....

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On that holy night in Bethlehem, the prophecy of Isaiah was fulfilled: “The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone.” That light is Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the Savior of the world. When we contemplate the mystery of Christmas, that God so loved the world that He sent His only Son to redeem it, that He who was in the form of God emptied Himself and took the form of a slave, that the eternal Word who was with God, who was God, became flesh and dwelt among us, we cannot help but be filled with wonder and awe. We become like the shepherds and the magi: all we can do is approach the mystery in adoration. This event surpasses all human knowledge.

By becoming man, God has in a certain way united Himself with every human person. He has revealed to us the truth about who He is – He is Love. He has revealed to us also that every human being has dignity, including the unborn child, the poor, the outcast, the suffering, and the dying. By becoming man, God came to earth to deliver us from sin and death. He came to make all things new; to bring about the new creation. He took on our human nature so that we might become partakers of His divine nature, that we become sharers in the life of the Blessed Trinity.

So, as we celebrate the birth of Christ this Christmas, let joy be born in our hearts not just this Christmas day, but our whole lives. Let us inspire this world, that can seem so lost in darkness, with the light of Christ in the light of our joy. Let us welcome family and friends. Let us welcome one another, strangers and travelers, the poor in our midst, greet them with a welcoming smile and gracious hospitality those like Mary and Joseph, who are seeking room in the inn.

My thanks to all of you who have been faithful parishioners, for all you do even through the tough times. It is with humble joy that I give thanks for the honor of serving as your Pastor. Thank you for all your support and prayers. “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.” And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel praising God and saying: “Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.” (Lk2:10-14)

May Jesus, born in the silence of this night at Bethlehem, bless you and your loved ones with His love and peace!



Christ's Joyful Peace & Love,

Fr. Lorenzo Salandanan

Sanctuary Lamps

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- 1) Mrs. Helen Ong. Offered by family
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- 3) Amy Franco from Victor & family; Stanley & family and Annie & family.
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- 5) Peter Wilson. Offered by Matthew, Michael & Pam
- 6) Sales Anthony Remedios. Offered by Veronica, Mary Ann, Grace & Susan
- 7) For all families who are grieving the loss of someone dear to them

Offertory Collection

Last Sunday Collection: \$ 10,229.70

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CHRISTMAS LITURGY SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE

Tuesday, December 24th, 2019

The Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord

No Morning Mass

Carols 1/2 hour before all Masses

6:00 pm / 9:00 pm / 12 midnight

Please Note: Incense will be used at Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses

CHRISTMAS DAY

Wednesday, December 25th, 2019

The Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord

9:00 am / 10:30 am / 12:00 noon
(No 1:00pm Mass)



NEW YEAR'S EVE

Tuesday, December 31st, 2019

9:15am— Mass

5:00 pm—Mass

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Wednesday, January 1st, 2020

9:00 am / 10:30 am / 12:00 noon
(No 1:00pm Mass)

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The Parish Office will be closed
December 25- 26, 2019

A Prayer for Christmas Morning

Henry Van Dyke



The day of joy returns, Father in Heaven,
and crowns another year with peace and good will.

Help us rightly to remember the birth of Jesus,

that we may share in the song of the angels,
the gladness of the shepherds,
and the worship of the Wisemen.

Close the doors of hate and open the doors of love
all over the world...

Let kindness come with every gift
and good desires with every greeting.

Deliver us from evil, by the blessing that Christ brings,
and teach us to be merry with clean hearts.

May the Christmas morning make us happy
to be thy children, and the Christmas evening
bring us to our bed with grateful thoughts,
forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake.

Amen.

PILGRIMAGE

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Farewell Fr. Michael!

Fr. Michael is leaving to set sail on a new adventure on January 2nd. Come along and wish him well as he leaves on his new assignment at St. John's the Evangelist in Whitby.

Please join us for refreshments after each Mass on the weekend of December 28th to bid farewell to Fr. Michael.

You are most welcome to bring your favourite sweets...



**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND BLESSED NEW YEAR
TO ALL OF YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES!!!**
FROM: Fr. Lorenzo, Fr. Michael, Deacon Terence, Deacon Thomas,
Br. Eduardo and staff.





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