

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

DECEMBER 27, 2020



*Simeon said,
“Now, Master, you may let your servant
go in peace, according to your word,
for my eyes have seen your salvation.”*

Luke 2:29-30

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BEING DISCIPLES OF JESUS



Fr. Tirso Villaverde
Pastor

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Merry Christmas to All!

I have often described myself as having an Incarnational theology/spirituality.

Meaning, just as the Mystery of the Incarnation makes known to the human mind

the presence of God-With-Us, everything about our lives as Christian disciples ought to be about seeing, living, and celebrating the presence of God in our lives. God chose to become human and make His home with us His People. The Incarnation becomes a constant reminder to us of how God truly is present in our lives. How we live out our lives depends greatly on how strongly we know that God truly is with us.

The Incarnation takes front and center stage in our preparations leading toward and into the Christmas season. The Son of God – the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity – chose to become human in every respect except for sin. God became human through the Virgin Mary and was born into time. Thus, Jesus is the proof – then, now, and always – that God-With-Us lives up to His Name.

In everything that we do as disciples of Jesus, recognizing that God is with us is the crucial first step. If we cannot see God’s presence at work in and around us, the Incarnation becomes that much more elusive to our human mind.

But, if we train ourselves to see and know the presence of God in every aspect of our lives, we are truly transformed by the Incarnation. In other words, when we know that God is with us, it shows itself in the way we live our lives on a daily basis.

The same is true for parish life. One of the main purposes and goals of a faith community such as ours is to celebrate the presence of God among

us. In that way, not only do we feel God with us in our gatherings as a parish community but we also will be able to share God’s presence with the rest of the world. Again, the first step is to know that God IS with us.

When we know that God is with us, it shapes everything that we say and do. It is with that in mind that I structured our parish community using four traditional “pillars” that are intended to focus our attention on how God makes Himself known to us in all areas of ministry.

SPIRITUAL LIFE

Obviously, the first area where God makes Himself known to us is our spiritual life. Prayer is the strongest form of communication we have with God and God with us. Unless we are praying well – both as individuals and as a community – we will find it much more difficult to know that God is with us.

PARISH LIFE

A parish community is so much more than just a place to “get to know people.” If that is the case, parish events are not merely social affairs but moments when we can all engage in ongoing faith formation. If we are not together growing stronger as disciples, God’s presence will elude us. When we as disciples cannot see the presence of God, we will have difficulty helping others to see that God is present in their lives.

HUMAN CONCERNS

Another goal of the life of every disciple is to see the presence of God in the face of every human being. When we can celebrate the God in each person, we respond to every need out of love and true generosity. In this way, we allow God to be “born” into the world through the way we respond to the call to care for one another.

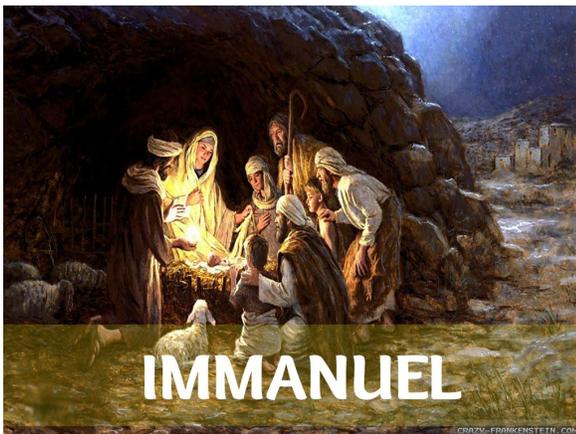
STEWARDSHIP

The way we care for all of the gifts and resources with which God has blessed us becomes an act of gratitude. When we know God-With-Us, we become grateful for the gifts we have been given. We become deliberate in using all resources to give greater glory to God.

As we near the celebration of the Incarnation in the Christmas season, it is my prayer that we all develop in ourselves that awareness that God has made His home with us. If God truly is with us, it changes our lives and we are able to change the lives of others. May God who has come to be with us make us into a people who not only are aware of God's presence but celebrate it in every way.

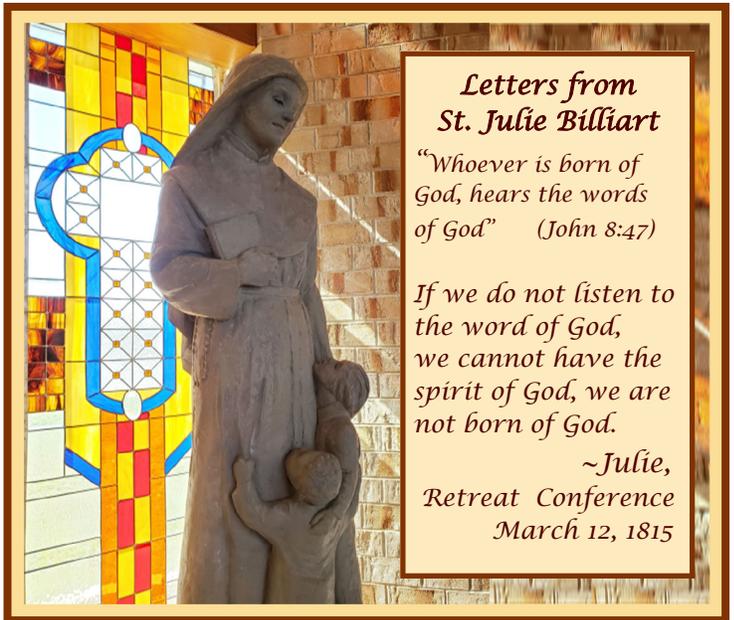
Blessings to all of you this Christmas!!!

Peace,



SJB Employment Opportunity

I am looking for someone with skills to be a Facilities Engineer for the parish. It would be a part-time, paid position. If you or someone you know would like to apply, please send an email to me (frtirso@st.julie.org) and attach your résumé. An interview date will be arranged. Thank you, Fr. Tirso Villaverde



Safety Information for Attending Mass

Dispensation from the Sunday obligation remains in place indefinitely. If feeling ill, please stay home. Those most vulnerable by virtue of age or medical condition, are encouraged to stay home also and participate via Facebook (9:30a livestream) then on www.stjulie.org (click on View Weekend Mass at the top left of our home page).

**CHANGES EFFECTIVE AS OF DECEMBER 26/27
WEEKEND MASS (Sat. 4:30p & Sunday 9:30a (livestreamed))**

- Seating is limited, registration is required and opens up on Friday morning. Difficulties registering online? Please call Sheila (708.429.6767 x232) leave your name, phone number, mass time and number in your party attending. *No call back will be made unless there is an issue.*
- Plan on arriving no sooner than 30 minutes prior to Mass.
- Facemasks are mandatory and must be worn properly over the nose and mouth the entire time inside church.
- Once inside a greeter will provide sanitizer and ushers will guide folks to their seating.
- Communion: Follow directions of the ushers; stay 6 feet apart, sanitize your hands; after receiving communion in your hands, take 2 steps to the side, partially remove your facemask, consume the Body of Christ, put your facemask back on and return to your pew.
- Dismissal: Ushers will instruct when and how to exit. Please do not congregate in the Narthex nor parking lot.

**DAILY MASS (8am Monday-Friday privately)
(Live-streamed on Facebook)**

**ROSARY & DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET AS WELL AS
ADORATION HAVE BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL
FURTHER NOTICE.**

THE STUMP OF JESSE



Fr. Ton Nguyen
Associate Pastor

THE MAGNETIC JOY

Looking at your refrigerator, what do you see? "Bacon, hot dog, burger, or rabbit food, etc." you might excitedly respond with your rumbling tummy. What else do you see? Perhaps, there are some iconic memories from your family trips, funny signs, and notes

sticking around the refrigerator. These little magnetic signs can easily impress young minds and catch their amazement over crunchy bacon. We know that magnets attract iron due to the influence of their magnetic field upon the iron. So, before a piece of iron enters the magnetic field of a magnet, the polarization of the iron atoms is random. However, when exposed to the magnetic field, the atoms begin to align their electrons with the flow of the magnetic field, which makes the iron magnetized as well. It is like a chaotic crowd of minions being summoned to be in line by Felonious Gru. As a result, it is created an attraction between the two magnetized objects.

Brothers and Sisters, amidst all that has been going on for this past year, both struggles and joys, I hope when we drive by a Church sign on the way to work or run errands, there is a magnetic joy urging us to make the sign of the cross, to bring peace to our wondering mind, to calm our chaotic schedule, to prioritize our purpose in life, and so on. And why does the Church have power like a magnet that keeps drawing us in? "Oh, it is where we got married." "Oh, it is where we received sacraments - baptism, reconciliation, Eucharist, confirmation." "Oh, it is our spiritual home." "It is where there is a beautifully decorated manger" "There are statues of Mary, Joseph and many Saints." "Jesus." YESSSS.....It is Jesus. It is God's incarnated Word. He is the magnetic joy - magnets the Church (people of God) two thousand years ago or so today. He is the One whom many prophets in the Old Testament foretold, "But a shoot shall sprout from the stump* of Jesse" Isaiah 11:1; the One who gave us new names, God's sons and daughters, pronounced by the mouth of God Himself; the One who makes the forsaken people to

be the delighted one, the desolate land to be the espoused; the One who caused Saint John the Baptist in Elizabeth's womb to jump for joy.

So, as we are celebrating Jesus' birthday, I pray that we will enter the joyful magnetic field physically or virtually and we are all drawn to the Magnetic Joy. I pray that in that joyful magnetic field, we will align our chaotic mini tasks, purposes, or pursuits to a sole purpose in life which is becoming holy - getting ourselves ready for heaven through our words and actions.

May you and your family have a joyful Christmas and a blessed New Year. Echoing the words of St. Paul to the Philippians, "Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God. Whenever I pray, I make my requests for all of you with joy."

I love being a priest

As I was reading the novel *To the Heights* by Brian Kennelly, I am encouraged by many holy thoughts and I think of you all. This is one of them. When being asked by his friend what the importance or what difference can standing up for our faith can what we believe make, Pier Giorgio says, "I cannot say for sure that we made a difference in the grand struggles we face today as young Catholics, but the difference is evident in our own souls. You see, we are men of faith, and therefore love and peace, but love and peace can only flourish when the Faith is not threatened. IF you fight for goodness you may not always achieve your goals, but to simply partake in the fight makes the ultimate difference within us, for it gives us strength and we find our purpose in God. Rest assured, Marco, that to live without a Faith, without a patrimony to defend, without a steady struggle of truth, is not living, but simply existing." 138

Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Fr. Ton

Billiart Brothers Podcast

Episode 12: St. Joseph

<https://www.podbean.com/ea/pb-bjqmc-f53eef>

Fr. Ton and Ben discuss St. Joseph, as Pope Francis calls for this year to be "The Year of St. Joseph."

IN OUR PRAYERS

WE REMEMBER OUR BELOVED DEAD

Eternal rest grant unto them and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Paul Isherwood (husband of Virginia)

THOSE IN NEED OF HEALING

Mildred Faron
Joseph Kwak

Geraldine Meany
Iris Violeta Dominguez

MILITARY PRAYERS

We pray for all those serving our country here and abroad. May they feel our love, support and gratitude for all they do for our country.

THOSE IN RELIGIOUS ORDERS

For all who serve in religious orders, may they feel our love, support and prayers as they serve and devote their lives to the glory of God.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, December 28 (*Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs*)
1 John 1:5-22; Psalm 124:2-5, 7cd-8; Matthew 2:13-18

Tuesday, December 29 (*The Fifth Day in the Octave of Christmas*)
1 John 2:3-11; Psalm 96:1-3, 5b-6; Luke 2:22-35

Wednesday, December 30 (*The Sixth Day in the Octave of Christmas*)
1 John 2:12-17; Psalm 96:7-10; Luke 2:36-40

Thursday, December 31 (*The Seventh Day in the Octave of Christmas*)
1 John 2:18-21; Psalm 96:1-2, 11-13; John 1:1-18

Friday, January 1 (*Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God*)
Numbers 6:22-27; Psalm 67:2-3, 5-6, 8; Galatians 4:4-7;
Luke 2:16-21

Saturday, January 2 (*Memorial of Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church*)
1 John 2:22-28; Psalm 98:1-4; John 1:19-28

Sunday, January 3 (*The Epiphany of the Lord*)
Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6;
Matthew 2:1-12

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28 – 8:00am

† Louis Rapacz
† Mary Curry

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29 – 8:00am

† William A. Ryan
† Christine Teply
Deceased members of the Leonard & Morrissey families
Deceased members of the Jacob & Agnes Pawlicki family

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30 – 8:00am

St. Julie Billiart Parishioners

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31 – 8:00am

† Evelyn Dec
† Elizabeth Gatto

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1 – 9:30am Solemnity of Mary

† Irene Gniadek

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2 – 4:30pm

St. Julie Billiart Parishioners

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3

8:00am

† John Delores
† Carol A. Moore
John T and Sue Duffy

9:30am

† Charles Gogolak
† Jack Norris
† Maurice and Helen Ormond
† John Spreadbury
St. Julie Bakers

11:00am

† Betty Kucharzc
St. Julie Bakers

6:00pm

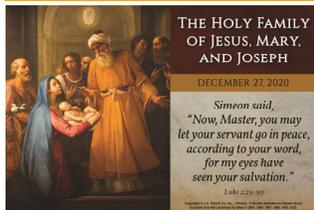
TEMPORARILY INTENTIONS DURING THE PANDEMIC

- Weekday intentions are offered Monday-Friday at 8:00am
- Weekend intentions are offered:
 - Saturday 4:30pm intentions at 4:30pm Mass
 - Sunday 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am and 6:00pm intentions at the live-streamed 9:30am Mass.

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Introductory Rite

The First Noel

English Carol, 17th C

THE FIRST NOEL
English Melody

1. The first No-ël the an-gel did say Was to cer-tain poor
2. They look-éd up and saw a star Shin-ing in the
3. And by the light of that same star Three Wise Men
4. This star drew nigh to the north-west, O'er Beth-le-

shep-herds in fields as they lay In fields where they lay
East be-yond them far. And to the earth it
came from coun-try far To seek for a king was
hem it took its rest; And there it did both

keep-ing their sheep On a cold win-ter's night that was so deep.
gave great light And so it con-tin-ued both day and night.
their in-tent, And to fol-low the star wher-ev-er it went.
stop and stay, Right o-ver the place where Je-sus lay.

No-ël, No-ël, No-ël, No-ël, Born is the King of Is-ra-el!

2

Glo-ry! Glo-ry to God in the high-est.
Glo-ry! Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and on earth peace to

to verses Final
peo-ple of good will. will. A-men.

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reveres his mother. Whoever honors his father is gladdened by children, and, when he prays, is heard. Whoever reveres his father will live a long life; he who obeys his father brings comfort to his mother. My son, take care of your father when he is old; grieve him not as long as he lives. Even if his mind fail, be considerate of him; revile him not all the days of his life; kindness to a father will not be forgotten, firmly planted against the debt of your sins – a house raised in justice to you.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

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2nd Reading

A Reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Colossians

Brothers and sisters: Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Wives, be subordinate to your husbands, as is proper in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and avoid any bitterness toward them. Children, obey your parents in everything, for this is pleasing to the Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children, so they may not become discouraged.

Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia,
Al-le-lu-ia, Al-le-lu-ia!

Christmastime Alleluia: TUNE: ADESTE FIDELES, alt, James J. Chepponis, © 1997, GIA Publications, Inc.

Liturgy of the Word

1st Reading

A Reading from the book of Sirach

God sets a father in honor over his children; a mother's authority he confirms over her sons. Whoever honors his father atones for sins, and preserves himself from them. When he prays, he is heard; he stores up riches who

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Gospel

A Reading from the holy gospel according to Luke

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, They took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord,

Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord, and to offer the sacrifice of a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons, in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord. Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, He took him into his arms and blessed God, saying: "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel." The child's father and mother were amazed at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted – and you yourself a sword will pierce – so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed." There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived seven years with her husband after her marriage, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer. And coming forward at that very time, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

All bow during these two lines:

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Away in a Manger

MUELLER



1. A - way in a man-ger, no crib for a bed, The
2. The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes, But
3. Be near me, Lord Je - sus, I ask thee to stay Close



1. lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head; The
2. lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes; I
3. by me for - ev - er, and love me, I pray; Bless



1. stars in the sky — looked down where he lay, The
2. love thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky, And
3. all the dear chil - dren in thy ten - der care, And



1. lit - tle Lord Je - sus, a - sleep on the hay.
2. stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is nigh.
3. fit us for heav - en to live with thee there.

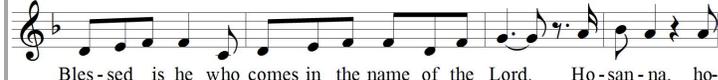
Text: 11 11 11 11; verses 1–2, *Little Children's Book for Schools and Families*, ca. 1885; verse 3, *Gabriel's Vineyard Songs*, 1892, alt. Music: attr. to James R. Murray, 1841–1905.



Ho-ly Ho-ly Ho - ly Lord God of Hosts Hea - ven and



earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the high-est.



Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho -



san - na in the high-est. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high-est.

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When we eat this bread and drink this cup. We pro-claim your
Death, O Lord. un-til you come a-gain. Un-til you come a-gain.

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A - men, a - men, a - men.
A - men, a - men, a - men.

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Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the
world, have mer - cy on us. world, grant us peace.

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What Child is This

William C Dix, 1827-1898

GREENSLEEVES
English melody, 16th C

1. What child is this who laid to rest on Ma - ry's
2. Why lies he in such mean es - tate, where ox and
3. So bring him in - cense, gold and myrrh, Come peas - ant,
lap is sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with an - thems
ass are feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear; for sin - ners
king to own - him; The King of kings sal - va - tion
sweet while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
here, The si - lent Word is plead - ing?
brings, Let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.

Angels We Have Heard on High

Verses
1. An - gels we have heard on high Sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
2. Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the an - gels sing;
4. See him in a man - ger laid Whom the an - gels praise a - bove;
1. And the moun - tains in re - ply Ech - o back their joy - ous strains.
2. Say what may the tid - ings be Which in - spire your heav'n - ly song.
3. Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.
4. Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, While we raise our hearts in love.
Refrain
Glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!
Glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!

Text: 77 77 with refrain; trad. French carol, ca. 18th cent.; tr. fr. *Crown of Jesus Music, II*, London, 1862;
tr. by James Chadwick, 1813-1882, and others, alt. Music: Trad. French carol.

Concluding Rites

Go Tell it on the Mountain

MUELLER

Refrain
Go, tell it on the moun - tain, O - ver the hills and ev - 'ry -
where; Go, tell it on the moun - tain That Je - sus Christ is born.
Verses
1. While shep - herds kept their watch - ing O'er si - lent flocks by night,
2. The shep - herds feared and trem - bled When high a - bove the earth
3. And lo, when they had heard it, They all bowed down and prayed;
4. Down in a low - ly man - ger The hum - ble Christ was born,
to Refrain
1. Be - hold, through - out the heav - ens There shone a ho - ly light.
2. Rang out the an - gel cho - rus That hailed our Sav - ior's birth.
3. They trav - eled on to - geth - er To where the Babe was laid.
4. And God sent us sal - va - tion That bless - ed Christ - mas morn.

Text: 76 76 with refrain; fr. *American Negro Songs and Spirituals*, 1940; John W. Work, Jr., 1872-1925, alt.
Music: Spiritual.

A Prayer For Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present
in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

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MUSIC MINISTRY



Sue Clemons
Coordinator of Music

On behalf of the Music Ministry (cantors, choir, hand bells, accompanists, musicians), we wish you a very blessed Christmas! Music Ministry provides many ways for those who love music to be involved at Mass. No matter your age, we have a place for you.

Children's choir is open to our youth from grades 2-8 who love to sing. Our adult choir (high school age and up) provides a prayerful outlet through singing at Masses twice per month and on special Holy Days in the church. Read music? We also have Handbell Choir which rings as Mass twice a month. Play an instrument? From Guitar to Flute to Violin and everything in between, we are always looking for musicians to enhance our liturgies. Our praise band, which was just begun this year, is always looking for musicians who are excited to play more "modern" music at Mass. No matter what you sing or play, we'd love to have you join us. Contact sue@stjulie.org for more info.



Cardinal Joseph Bernardin School



MERRY CHRISTMAS and a BLESSED NEW YEAR from YOUR PARISH SCHOOL!

As we journey toward the end of a difficult year, we find comfort in the knowledge that prayer has brought us together while circumstances have kept us apart. As we journey closer to Christmas, be assured that the Cardinal Joseph Bernardin Catholic School Administration, Faculty, Staff, and Students extend prayers of peace and wishes for good health and abundant joy to our fellow parishioners! May each day of the New Year bring blessings that strengthen your soul and renew your spirit. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Ms. Kelly Bourrell, Principal

FAITH FORMATION



Pat Kmak
Coordinator of
Faith Formation
of Youth

FAMILY FAITH SHARING

The Gospel for today (*Luke 2:22-40*), the feast of the Holy Family, is part of Luke's infancy narrative. Today's celebration highlights the importance of family in our faith life. We know that Mary and Joseph's faithfulness to God enabled them to cooperate in God's plan for our salvation.

One of the blessings of family life is our commitment to one another sharing good times and supporting one another through difficult times. Write a prayer together thanking God for your family life and asking God to strengthen your family's commitment to one another. Then, pray that prayer together.

CORONAVIRUS COMPASSION

Think of all the nurses and doctors among your friends and family. Pray for their continued good health, strength, and perseverance in this fight against the Coronavirus.

To reach the Faith Formation Office:

Call 708.429.6767, then press 5 for the office.
or if you would like to reach a specific person, press their extension (Pat Kmak x227, Jean Aiello or Peg Siebenaler x217).

EMERGENCY CLOSING INFORMATION

Closing information for Faith Formation classes will be posted on the St. Julie Billiart website - www.stjulie.org and on Facebook.



CLASSES RESUME

In-person Classes resume after the Christmas break according to the schedule listed below.

Wednesday,	January 20	Grade 8
Thursday	January 21	Grades 6, 7 and Sacramental Program
Saturday	January 23	Sessions A & B



Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means "God is with us." - Matthew 1:2

*May each day be filled with peace,
and may God's love light your way!*

Christmas Blessings from the Faith Formation Staff



FF students learning about Our Lady of Guadalupe.



Thank you
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When you call, please don't hang up. You will be guided through the phone system. Please call **708.429.6767 x244** and leave your **name** and a **number** where you can be reached and a team member will respond within 24 hours.

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You may also contact us through stvincentdepaulstjulie@gmail.com.

COAT, SWEATSHIRT AND SOCKS DRIVE

*I was naked and you gave me clothing.
Matthew 25:36*

St. Julie Billiard Parish is hosting this annual drive now until the first weekend in January.

Do you have gently used winter wear that you no longer use? We know folks who would greatly appreciate them. Please drop them in the bins in the Narthex or in the vestibule on the "Generosity Cart" inside the West entrance doors. It's that simple.

Thank you so very much for sharing with others in need.

You are a blessing to others.



Young Adult Group

(Ages 18-39)

ZOOM MEETING



Sunday, December 27 - 12:30pm

We're keeping socially-distant and safe, so grab a cup of coffee, tea, hot cocoa and join us!

Topic: The Gospel of Matthew!

Contact Becca at beccomacs22@gmail.com if interested for links or if you have any questions! We would love to have you join us!!

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LETTERS TO JESUS—EMMANUEL

FROM THE MOUTHS OF CHILDREN

Dear Jesus,

With the coming of the holiday season, I am taking this chance to tell you all that I am grateful for. I am thankful my siblings, parents, all of my extended family, and all of my brothers and sisters in Christ. Life would be meaningless without them. I am also thankful for my clothes and food that many others do not have. During the holidays, please protect and these people and bring them closer to you. I am continuously grateful for indoor plumbing and all of the things that we take for granted,

that some less fortunate people do not have access too. Around these holidays, guide your people in their Catholic faith to be more like your loving and caring self. Give hope and justice to all people around the world who are suffering and need your help. I hope you can eradicate all disease and pain through our prayers. Please make the world a more peaceful place for everyone to live in harmony. Most of all, I'm thankful for you and the guidance you provide to all of us. Your birthday is coming, and I cannot wait to celebrate all that you do this Advent season!

Yours Truly, Elizabeth and Matthew Hoppenrath



YOUNG ADULTS REFLECTING CHRIST'S LOVE

Dear Jesus,

Since creation, You have deemed marriage to be of utmost importance. God created Adam and, seeing that he wasn't complete, created Eve to be his helper and his partner. God saw that Adam needed Eve, just as men need women and women need men, so that they may complement each other; each with different roles, beautifully distinct and important, but with the same goal. In Genesis 2:24, God said, "Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh." And added onto that in Ephesians 5:32, "This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church." This clarifies that human marriage is a beautiful metaphor for Your relationship, Jesus, with the church. This makes marriage that much more significant to us. It's an honor to have been called to a vocation that represents something so important. So, we thank You for blessing us that way.

Because we are newly married, diving into the Bible has helped us grow immensely - in our relationship with You and in our relationships here on earth. When we first got married, neither of us had read the whole Bible. Last year, we made it a goal to read the Bible from beginning to end and have since pushed each other and challenged each other to read God's word, learn from it, and build on our relationship with God. Even though we have always been religious, I can confidently say that reading the Bible has completely changed our lives and our marriage. There is so much joy in sharing your life with another and there is an immense joy in sharing that marriage with God. We look forward to growing with each other and with You for many years to come.

- Carl and Jenny Evans



LETTERS TO JESUS—EMMANUEL

FINDING ROOM AT THE INN

Dear Jesus,

As we prepare to celebrate Your birth, we cannot help but to reflect on the joys and the difficulties that our family has faced this year. We believe that Your grace allowed us to find blessings in an unusual year.

One of the most needed blessings was to find our spiritual home in the St. Julie community. As new parishioners we have been blown away by the welcoming spirit and quick response by both parish staff and current parishioners to embrace us as one of their own. With this type of a reception during a pandemic, our family cannot wait to see all of the amazing things that this community has to offer once we are allowed to gather as a whole church again. Our hearts are ready to put forth our time and talent to contribute to this thriving parish.

We are impressed with the importance of religious education for our children. The Faith Formation staff has put forth a tremendous effort to offer the classes in a safe environment. We are so grateful for all the catechists who volunteer their time to teach Your words during a time that it is needed the most. Thank you for giving us the blessing of St. Julie this year. It is one that our family believes has allowed us to remain hopeful. We are excited to see what the future holds for our family at St. Julie.

Blessings, The Vieck Family (Matt, Katie, Amelia and Ryan)



BEING LIKE THE MAGI

Dear Jesus,

In 1984, you brought me to the St Julie Billiard Parish Community. As many parishioners do, I regularly attend Mass each Sunday to receive God's word through the liturgy and God's grace through the sacrament of the Eucharist. After getting married in 1988 and introducing my wife to St. Julie, we continued our Catholic faith journey together and then as a family with the births of our three daughters. It was around that time I felt the need to starting giving back to a community that meant so much to me. I learned from my father many years ago that when you give someone your time, you are giving them a portion of your life that you'll never get back. Your time is your life. That is why the greatest gift you can give someone is your time. Looking back over the years, I believe I have spent my time wisely. I have met so many amazing people and developed some lifelong friendships while volunteering at St Julie. These volunteer activities include cooking at the parish picnics, selling raffle tickets at the Las Vegas night fundraisers, teaching religious education classes, being a Eucharist minister, organizing donut and pancake Sundays, organizing the parish bonfire and most recently being a member of the cleaning team for the Reopening Committee. Thank you Jesus for allowing me to give back to the St. Julie Billiard Parish Community.

Merry Christmas,
Darryl Mazzuca



LETTERS TO JESUS—EMMANUEL

JESUS CALLED—I RESPONDED

Christmas is a time of giving and is also a good time for us to reflect on the living gift that Jesus Christ is in our lives. As individuals, each of our stories is different, but as Christians we share the common joy of becoming the people that God has created us to be.

I was named after my uncle John. When I was a small child, people often asked me if I would follow in his footsteps and become a Catholic priest. That attention made me feel special and gave me a sense of God's plan for me. I entered the high school seminary as a teen, not sure what I was being called to do, but aware that God was calling me to a life beyond myself. I loved my nieces and nephews and I prayed that someday I might be blessed to become a husband and father. I had begun to look at life not simply in terms of my own personal goals, but as a Christian vocation. As it turned out, I was called not to the priesthood but to the vocations of marriage and family. It is a great joy for Kathy and I and our kids to share our lives together. It is not always easy, but God gives us the strength to accept His grace in both good times and bad.

When others began to ask us to consider the possibility of the permanent diaconate, the discernment process began for us again, and we found great support in the St. Julie Billiart Community.

This past September, Kathy and I celebrated our 31st wedding anniversary as well as my ordination to the permanent diaconate.

As baptized Christians, God promises to give us spiritual gifts that will allow us to be happy and contribute to the life of the Church. As we celebrate together this Christmas, let us all remember our Christian vocations and trust in God's promise that brings the love of the child Jesus into our lives!



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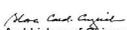
Each one of us carries treasured memories of joyous Christmas celebrations. This year, the Christmas we are about to celebrate will be different. Because of the pandemic and the changes at work in our society, this season will no doubt have a more somber and restrained tone. And yet the very heart of our Christmas celebration does not change and, indeed, may be more important than ever.

To celebrate the birth of Jesus summons us to remember that the Word became flesh. In Jesus, God became one with us in all things but sin. In Jesus, God understands the joy and grief of our human condition from the inside. The great blessing of Christmas is Jesus, Emmanuel, God-with-us—the blessed assurance that God walks with us on our joyful and challenging life journey.

In his recent encyclical, *Fratelli tutti*, Pope Francis reminds us that we are all sisters and brothers to each other, ultimately linked together in Jesus Christ who is Son of God and Son of Mary. As brothers and sisters, let us hold each other in the mystery of the Word made flesh. Let us pray for each other. I will certainly remember you, and I ask you to remember me. And although this may be a different kind of Christmas, it may also be one of the most meaningful.

God bless you and your loved ones and keep you safe in his providential love.

Sincerely yours in Christ,


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With Covid-19 restrictions, we have started to think outside the box on continuing to raise funds to benefit the school. The CJB Development Committee has started a new virtual fundraiser via Facebook and your family and friends can join in the fun too!

SO HOW DO THE CJB VIRTUAL WINTER GAMES WORK?

The games are all run through a private Facebook Group that anyone can join. Search "CJB Virtual Winter Games" on Facebook and click "request to join group". After you are accepted, the fun begins!

Throughout each day, "items" will be posted - each item will start a new game. Items can include gift cards, a Dyson vacuum, a Yeti cooler, a Lego set - just to name a few. We have a wide range of items posted each day that appeal to any and all ages! Once the item is posted, the game begins! There are typically 25 "lines" and each "line" costs a certain amount. The rules are posted clearly on each game, so let's take our first "game" as an example:

The "Item" was a \$500 Amazon Gift Card.

The rules of the game were:

25 Lines at \$25/line

To enter the game and claim your line, you must comment "me" on the post. The first 25 comments or "lines" now have a chance to win the \$500 Amazon Gift Card. By commenting "me" you have entered yourself into the game and will need to Venmo #wintergames2020 your payment of \$25 (cost of your "line") by 12 pm the next day, otherwise, your line will be forfeited. When all 25 lines have been filled, the game will close.

Right now, the group is averaging about 2 games per day with the potential to increase games as the group grows. The winners of the games are announced every Tuesday & Thursday live on Facebook. If you win the game but miss the live Facebook drawing, we will also tag you on Facebook to let you know you've won and an email will be sent on how to claim the prize.

HOW DO I GET INVOLVED?

The easiest way to get involved is to join the group and participate! Please invite your friends and family to join in the fun, too! We are also accepting item donations so if you have something you'd like to donate, please contact the CJB Development Committee.

I DON'T HAVE FACEBOOK, BUT I WOULD LIKE TO BE INVOLVED. WHAT ARE MY OPTIONS?

We would still love for you to be a part of the Virtual Winter Games, even if you don't have a Facebook account! We are always looking for volunteers to help look for great prize ideas online, help organize prize pick-ups, track payments, and help the group run smoothly behind the scenes. Donating an item would also be a great way to participate in the fundraiser without logging onto Facebook.

As always, we appreciate your support and generosity! Please contact Mary Cofran at mary.cofran@gmail.com or Jenny Czerwonka at jczeronkocjb@school.org if you would like to help run the games, if you have a donation, or if you have any questions.

STEWARDSHIP & GENEROSITY

SCRIP SALE—THIS WEEKEND!

The Archdiocese has directed all schools to have two weeks of virtual school following the Christmas break (December 23—January 4) and virtual school (January 5—January 18).



**Our parish courier will resume on:
Tuesday, January 19**



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Please consider including St. Julie Billiart Catholic Church in your estate plans. Your generous gift will help to ensure the growth and vitality for years to come. If you're interested, please contact our pastor, Fr. Tirso Villaverde at 708.429.6767 x219 or email at ftirso@stjulie.org



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DID YOU KNOW?

St. Julie Billiart Parish will be turning 50 in 2024!



While it seems like a long time away, we are looking to prepare a history of our parish. We will definitely need your help!

If you have stories or pictures to share, email to: parishhistory@stjulie.org

Any dates or names that can be included would be helpful to place them properly.

Please feel free to pass this on to anyone you think would like to share their favorite St. Julie Billiart story, memory or pictures! Thank you!

FAITH DIRECT

During these challenging times, St. Julie Billiart Parish still depends on donations to continue our ministry.

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If you have any questions, please call the parish office and speak with Nancy Pfeiffer (708.429.6767 x214)

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Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursdays after the 8:00am Mass until 11:00am.

Bulletin

Bulletins are posted on our website. You may elect to receive an electronic copy directly from J.S. Paluch, by signing up online at: <https://bulletin.jspaluch.com>. Please consider patronizing our advertisers. Thank You!

Contact Information Changes

If you're moving, changed your address, landline, cell number or email address, please contact the Parish Office so we may update our database records.

Devotional Prayer (Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet)

Held in the Sacred Heart Chapel Monday—Friday following 8:00am Mass.

Hospital

Due to HIPAA privacy regulations, hospitals may no longer contact the parish regarding your hospitalization. It is the responsibility of the patient or designated family member to notify us.

New Parishioners

We welcome new members. All are invited to participate in the life and mission of the St. Julie Billiart Faith Family. You may register online at: <https://www.stjulie.org/new-member-form/>

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

For an emergency anointing, please call the Parish Office 708.429.6767 and **select Option 1** to request this sacrament.

Sacrament of Baptism

Couples preparing for the birth of a child should email Marianne@stjulie.org to inquire about preparations.

Sacrament of Marriage

Please contact Marianne@stjulie.org at least six months in advance to secure a wedding date and to begin the marriage preparations.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays from 3:00-4:00pm in our Mary Chapel (enter west side of building by the office. For a private **appointment** with a priest, please call the office.

St. Vincent de Paul

For those who need assistance or know of someone who needs assistance or for information, please reach out to us by calling 708.429.6767 x244 or by email at StVincentdepaulstjulie@gmail.com.

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Daily Mass: Monday - Friday 8:00am in Church
 (Contact information will be taken at the door)
 Daily Mass is live-streamed via Facebook

Weekend Mass: Saturday 4:30pm
 Sunday 9:30am, 11:30am and 6:00pm
 (Reservations required)

Sunday 9:30am Mass livestreamed via Facebook and afterwards at www.stjulie.org (click on View Weekend Mass at the top left of our home page)

Parish Office Hours: Monday-Thursday: 9am-12noon

- ◆ In-person business will be conducted at the front desk window.
- ◆ After hours, please use the Drop Box outside the Parish Office entrance for matters not requiring interaction (i.e. contribution envelopes, registration forms, Mass intentions requests, etc.). **The Drop Box is checked multiples times during the day.**

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