



SHRINE of
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DECEMBER 25, 2023

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*May all the blessings of this holy season be with
You as we celebrate the birth of our Savior*





Today a light will shine upon us, for the Lord is born for us; and he will be called Wondrous God, Prince of peace, Father of future ages; and his reign will be without end. (c.f. Is. 9:1,5; Lk 1:33)

As we celebrate the birth of the Savior, I cannot help to be overcome by three important realities of faith: God hears and answers our prayers, God became small to have a relationship with us, God in Jesus fills us with a longing to share that joy with others.

The first reality takes us into the times of the Old Testament. It is here where all the world prayed for a savior—one who would restore us to our original self and bring us back to a life of grace. For hundreds of years prayers rang out to heaven desiring a savior. Even when the people grew tired and weary losing their focus God rose up the prophets, “keep praying, a savior is coming” they would say. This day, as we celebrate the birth of Christ, we are reminded that God hears and answers our prayers.

Closely related to the that reality of faith, the second draws us deeper into an encounter with the power and humility of God. In the fullness of time, chosen in the unfathomable depth of God’s wisdom, the Son of God took for himself our common humanity in order to reconcile man with its creator. These words of Pope St. Leo the Great (400-461 AD) takes us right to the entrance of the stable, peering into the manger where the Christ Child lay.

There the baby Jesus rests. And the God of the universe chose to enter the world the same way we did—as a baby. In Bethlehem’s manger, God humbled himself and became small, small enough to be held by Mary and Joseph—small enough to be carried in my arms and yours. In the tiny manger rests God the Son, who became like us in all things but sin (Heb.4:15). Today, He made himself small, took on human flesh, so that we might have a relationship with Him.

So, as our relationship with the infant Jesus grows, we move toward the third reality of faith. Here we come face to face with God: The source of Joy. The joy of meeting Jesus fills our hearts and lives with purpose and peace. This is a peace that only God offers. He offers this to all who journey toward the newborn king. My friends, the Lord does not disappoint those who step towards Jesus. There we come to realize that he is waiting for us with open arms.

When we move toward a relationship with the Christ Child, we experience a joy that cannot be contained in us alone. So, we share it. We must share it—among our family members, with our friends and the world! The Christmas carol says it best; we are to bring “joy to the world!”

May the joy of the of the Christ Child touch your heart this Christmas Season with rest, renewal, peace and most of all...JOY!

From all of us at The Shrine of St. Therese may you have a very Merry Christmas!

Fr. Michael

Ministry Schedule for December 30th & December 31st

Feast of the Holy Family

Saturday, December 30th 4:30 pm

- Lector – Ruben Roman
- Altar Servers - Josh Costello, Manalo Brothers
- Sacristan - Ron Diodosio
- EMHC— Rose Wertz, Connie Roman, Matt Rohar
- Porter - Anne Rossmeier

Sunday, December 31st— 8:00 am

- Lector – Kim Dernovsek
- Altar Servers - Nate Hawkins
- Sacristan - Michele Prado-Landreth
- EMHC— Deacon Carl, Pablo Pedroza, Cindy Elliot
- Porter - Carl Amato
- No coffee and donuts

Sunday, December 31st 11:00 am

- Lector – Angie Lundgren
- Altar Servers - Carlo Skilling
- Sacristan - Al Pearson
- EMHC— Tom & Isabel Starnes, Noelle Sandoval
- Porter - Rich Bassi, Mary Sandoval
- No coffee and donuts

Ministry Schedules for December 31st & January 1st***Sunday, December 31st 4:00 pm Anticipatory***

- Lector – Jean Parker
- Altar Servers - Josh Costello
- Sacristan - Michele Prado-Landreth
- EMHC— Tom & Isabel Starnes, Doug Berg
- Porter - Stacey Costello
- Wassail

Monday, January 1st Solemnity of Mary 9:00 am

- Lector – Jarrod Sandoval
- Altar Servers - Josh Costello
- Sacristan - Rose Wertz
- EMHC— Deacon Carl, Rose Wertz, Noelle Sandoval
- Porter—Mary Sandoval
- Wassail

The parish office will be closed from December 22nd, through January 1st. The office will re-open Tuesday, January 2nd. Emergency after hours: (719) 582-1428

Faith Formation**Children's Mass**

Thank you to the children who participated in the Children's Mass on Sunday the 17th. Your ministry is important and appreciated.

The next Children's Mass will be Sunday, January 21st @ 11:00 am Mass.

Sacramental paperwork

OCIC, First Communion, and Confirmation applications were due (Sunday the 17th) along with your child's baptismal certificate or birth certificate (OCIC). If you were unable to turn in the necessary paperwork, please turn it in when the office opens back up on Tuesday January the 2nd or when classes resume again (1/14/2024).

Thank you.

Faith Formation staff will not be in the office from 12/25/23 through 1/1/24.

Our Shrine Faith Formation team wish you all a very Merry Christmas! May the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ find a peaceful dwelling in your heart this Christmas season.



Eucharistic Adoration at the Shrine will be closed from December 22, 2023 6:00pm through January 1, 2024 7:30am

St. Joseph parish will celebrate Mass December 31st @ 10pm, with Adoration to follow and Benediction at 12 midnight.

**Baptism****Schedule for 3-session baptismal classes:**

Next sessions scheduled for:

Saturdays January 6th, 13th & 20th, 2024

9:00am – 10:30am

OR

Wednesdays January 10th, 17th & 24th, 2024

6:00pm – 7:30pm

Contact Mary Sandoval in parish office with questions, or email: baptism@sostpueblo.org

COME AND SEE

Encounter Nights

Rosary
Evening Prayer
Confessions
Benediction

January 3, 2024
Wednesday
6:00pm-7:30pm



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ALL are welcome to attend and learn about
the beauty of Eucharistic Adoration!

CHRISTMAS

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Nativity
Christmas
Mary
Joseph
Christ
Wonder Counselor
Angels
Peace
Savior
Star
Rejoice
Gloria



Offertory Summary (including online giving)
 Ordinary Time (12/16/2023-12/17/2023)
 Stewardship all Masses: \$9,700.34
 Thank you for your continued generosity.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK Dec 25—Dec 31

Monday: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1,2-3,3-4,5-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18
 Tuesday: Acts 6:8-10,7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4,6&8ab,16bc&17;
 Mt 10:17-22
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2,5-6,11-12; Jn 20:1a&2-8
 Thursday: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Ps 124:2-3,4-5,7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18
 Friday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-2a,2b-3,5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
 Saturday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-8a,8b-9,10; Lk 2:36-40
 Sunday: Sir 3:2-6,12-14; Ps 128:1-2,3,4-5;
 Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17; Lk 2:22-40

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**Cooperative Care
 Center's
 wish for the month of
 January is for:
Canned Foods, Soup,
 Ramen
 Put your donation in the food
 cart in the cloister.
 Thank You!**