

Mass Intentions for the Week

December 17th – December 25th

Saturday, Dec 17th

5:30 PM ✠ Peter & Julia Rasa

Sunday, Dec 18th

7:30AM *St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners

9:00 AM ✠ Marcia O'Reilly

11:00AM ✠ Henry Rohs

✠ Jose R Sarden

✠ Anthony & Anna Alessi

✠ Martin Verostek

✠ Dinis Fernandes

✠ Guillermina Fragoso

12:30 PM ✠ Manuel Carvalho

✠ Luis De Jesús

✠ Hubert Lopez Guerrero

Monday, Dec 19th

7:30AM *St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners

7:00PM *St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners

Tuesday, Dec 20th

7:30 AM *St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners

7:00 PM *St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners

Wednesday, Dec 21st

7:30AM *St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners

7:00PM *St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners

Friday, Dec 23rd

7:30AM *St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners

Saturday, Dec 24th

5:30 PM ✠ Luis San Juan

Sunday, Dec 25th

7:30AM *St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners

9:00 AM ✠ Henry Bud Harra

11:00AM ✠ Henry Rohs

✠ Jose R Sarden

✠ Lee Fadem

✠ John Gracias

✠ María Ana & Leonardo Scelfo

✠ Carmela & Antonio Scelfo

✠ Giuseppe Scelfo

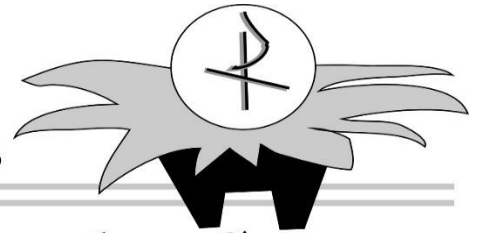
12:30 PM *St. Brendan & St. George Parishioners

Eucharistic Adoration



Important Notice There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday, at 7:30 a.m. after mass.

Born to us



Jesus the Savior

Grupo Carismático de Oración de San Jorge

El grupo de oración se reúne todos los martes en la Iglesia comenzando con la Santa Misa 7:00 pm, luego de 7:30 pm a 9:00 pm con cánticos, alabanza, reflexión de la Palabra y peticiones.

Mass intentions:



Mass Intentions must be requested and paid only in the Parish Office. All intentions must be requested by Wednesday before 12PM. Please **“Do Not”** deposit into the collection baskets. Thank you!

Intenciones de La Misa:



Las intenciones de la Misa deben de ser solicitada y pagada solamente en la oficina parroquial. Todas las intenciones deben ser solicitadas antes de las 12PM. del miércoles precedente. Favor de **“NO”** depositarlos en las canastas de colecta. ¡Gracias!

Mass Celebrants - Weekend of Dec 24th – Dec 25th

Saturday

5:30pm **Fr. Michael**

Sunday

7:30 am **Fr. Charlie**

9:00 am **Fr. Madrid**

11:00 am **Fr. Junior**

12:30 pm **Fr. Junior**

Weekend Collection Dec 10th – Dec 11th

5:30PM	\$ 666.00
7:30AM	\$ 477.87
9:00AM	\$ 1,370.00
11:00AM	\$ 1,258.00
12:30PM	\$ 843.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 797.00
Our Lady of Guadalupe	\$ 815.00
Total:	\$ 6,226.87

Thank you for your Generosity

Message from our Pastor 

We have come to the end of Advent and there is little time left to shop for Christmas. So, people are checking their list and checking it twice to be sure that they do not miss anyone. Now they will spend a lot of time, energy and worry pacing up and down the malls, reading the ads in the paper and surfing the internet to get just the right gift for each person on their list. When Christmas comes, they will be exhausted.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if there was one gift that was perfect for everyone, one gift that fits all? Well, thanks be to God there is. There is a gift that fits all. It is not something you can put under the tree. It is not something you can buy from Macy's or Neiman Marcus. It is priceless. It is the gift that God gave you. It is you, yes you, the unique, unrepeatable, indispensable you. The gift that fits all is the gift of self.

The gift of self is what Christmas is all about. John tells us, "In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God and the Word was God...And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us..." (John 1: 1-14) Paul puts it this way, "...though he was in the form of God, he did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather he emptied himself taking the form of a slave coming in human likeness...he humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross." (Phil. 2: 6-8) The gift of self is also what our daily Christmas, the Eucharist, is all about. "Take and eat; this is my body...Drink from it all of you, for this is my blood..." (Matt. 26: 26-28)

How foolish it is to think that Christmas could be anything less than the giving of self, of our love, our peace, our joy! But each year the world tries to change Christmas into a purely commercialized, secular celebration. More and more each year, it exploits Christmas as a marketing strategy which officially begins with Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade broadcast nationally in front of the Macy's Department Store. The last float in the parade features Santa Clause ushering in the biggest shopping season of the year. The purpose, of course, is to



engulf us in a sea of consumerism, consumerism that is disguised as gift-giving; gift-giving that is used as a substitute for the genuine gift of self.

But wait a minute! Check the list again! We have forgotten someone! Whose birthday are we celebrating anyway? What about the gift for Him? Isn't it amazing! We are celebrating the birthday of Jesus and we give gifts to everyone else! We are guilty of the very thing we warned others about: "Keep the Christ in Christmas," "Jesus is the reason for the season." But what gift could we possibly give? What gift would Jesus want? The only gift Jesus wants is the gift He has given us on the first Christmas, the gift he gives us daily in the Eucharist, the gift of self, the one gift that fits all.

"Take and receive, O Lord, all my memory, my understanding and my whole will. You have given me all that I am and all that I possess; I surrender it all to you that you may dispose of it according to your will. Give me only your love and your grace; with these I, will be rich enough and will desire no more."

Happy Birthday Jesus and a Merry Christmas to all!

Fr. Junior Flores
Pastor

Fuente: Catholic.net

Si quisiéramos exponer en una palabra la síntesis de la liturgia de la Palabra de este cuarto domingo de adviento podríamos decir: "Emmanuel: que significa Dios con nosotros". Este domingo es una especie de vigilia litúrgica de la Navidad. En él se anuncia la llegada inminente del Hijo de Dios. Se subraya que este niño que nacerá en Belén es el prometido por las Escrituras y constituye la plena realización de la Alianza entre Dios y los hombres. La primera lectura (1L) expone el oráculo del profeta Isaías. El rey Asaz desea aliarse con el rey de Asiria para defenderse de las acechanzas de sus vecinos (rey de Damasco y rey de Samaria). Isaías se opone a cualquier alianza que no sea la alianza de Yahvé. Lo que el profeta propone al rey es una respuesta de fe y de confianza total en la providencia de Dios, verdadero rey de Jerusalén. El

rey Asaz debía confiar en el Señor y no aliarse con ningún otro rey. Sin embargo, el rey Asaz ve las cosas desde un punto de vista terreno y naturalista: desea aliarse con el más fuerte, el rey de Asiria. Isaías sale a su encuentro y lo apremia: "pide un signo y Dios te lo dará. Ten confianza en Él". Sin embargo, el rey Asaz teme abandonarse en las manos de Dios y se excusa diciendo: "no pido ningún signo". En su interior había decidido la alianza con los hombres despreciando el precepto de Dios. Isaías se molesta y le ofrece el signo: "la Virgen está encinta y da a luz un hijo y le pone por nombre Emmanuel, es decir, Dios con nosotros". La tradición cristiana ha visto en este oráculo un anuncio del nacimiento de Cristo de una virgen llamada María (EV). Así lo interpreta el Evangelio de Mateo cuando considera la concepción virginal y del nacimiento de Cristo: María esperaba un hijo por obra del Espíritu Santo. Esta fe en Cristo se recoge admirablemente en el exordio de la carta a los romanos. San Pablo ofrece una admirable confesión de fe en Cristo Señor. Nacido según lo humano de la estirpe de David; constituido, según el Espíritu Santo, Hijo de Dios (2L). Pablo subraya el origen divino del Mesías y, al mismo tiempo, su naturaleza humana como "nacido de la estirpe de David". Verdadero Dios y verdadero hombre.



The Marian Prayer Group will meet Saturday January 7, 2017 @ 11:00 am. Mass will be celebrated and the rosary recited after mass. Gathering to follow... All are welcome



She will have a son
and name him
Emmanuel



Especially for: Christopher Bergen Fr. Michael Burke, Emma Bracigliano, Jose Bravo, Msgr. Patrick Brown, Loretta Cammarto, Charlene Carbonelli, Alexandra Cafferta, John Canemalla, Angela Cubati & Mary Ann DiPietro. Alyssa DiGiacomo, Joseph Eagan, Steve Farrell, Frank Feeney, Gerardo Fernandez, Maria Fernandez, Barbara Johnson, Rizel M. Flores Luna, Selby Flores, Delphina Gracias Christopher Grossman, Louise Gorman Trudy Lucas, Elba LeBron, Carmen LeBron, Lee LeBron, Kimberly Halupka, Mel nick Hank, Teresa Hewitt, Evelyn Kemp, Marie Kennedy, Richard Korczynski, Ivette Larsen, Jan Linton, Kathy Mc Dermott, Albert Mauro, Sophie Messina, Joan Mindrebo, Steven Mihalovic, Elena Montoya, Louis Morgan, Keith Oakley, Helen Ortiz, Andy Ponce, Thelma Reck, Anne Roback, Gerry Roback, Lolita Rodriguez, George Sharp, Jennifer Sogka, Frank Stclair, Carl Stramiello, Barbara Urgovitch, Judid Vivar, Phillip W. Wood, Nancy "Gisella" Zegarra.



The joint music ministries of St. Brendan and St. George, together with friends and under the direction of Dylan Wyka, will present a concert to the public to celebrate the twelve days of Christmas, which culminate on the Feast of the Epiphany, or Three Kings Day. Please come support the music ministries with a good will offering to help the costs of other musical endeavors throughout the year!

MARY
Conceived of the Holy Spirit

We also remember those who have died.



Straight & Narrow Collection
(Sat, Dec 24th – Sun, Dec 25th)

We want to thank you for your continual support in donating items to the men and women of Straight & Narrow, plus a special thank you to the money donated to this Diocesan agency.



On January 1, 2017- Bishop Serratelli will celebrate the 11:00 am mass. The Bishop will be blessing our new statue of Our Lady O Fatima, which was donated by our fellow parishioners the Parga Family (Adrino & Rosa). Thank you very much for this wonderful gift.

Winter Break



CCD, RCIA, CONFIRMATION YEAR 1 & 2

There will be No Classes on Sunday December 25th. & Sunday January 1st. Class will resume on Monday January 8th, 2017.



On Thursday December 22 the parish office will be closing at 12:00 noon. The office will be closed December 23, 24, 25, 26. Office will re-open on Tuesday December 27, @ 9:00 am closed. The Mass Schedule for Christmas Eve, Christmas, New Year's Eve, and New Year's Day are printed on the liturgical schedule.

UPCOMING LITURGICAL MASSES 2016-2017

Thursday, December 23, 2016- Decoration & Tree Lighting

10 am

Saturday, December 24, 2016 - Christmas Eve

5:30pm (English)

Sunday December 25, 2016 - Christmas Day

7:30am (English)

9:00am (English)

11:00am (English)

12:30pm (Spanish)

Saturday, December 31, - New Year's Eve

5:30pm

Sunday January 1, 2017- New Year's Day

7:30am (English)

9:00am (English)

11:00 am (English)

Celebrant Bishop Serratelli

12:30 pm (Spanish)

Friday, January 6, 2016- Twelve Days of Christmas- a fundraiser concert

7:30pm

Saturday, January 28, 2017- First Penance

11: 00 am

Saturday, March 11, 2017- First Penance

11:00 am

Sunday May 14, 2016- First Communion

11:00 am