

The Edwardian

The Nativity of the Lord



December 25, 2011



Mass Intentions for the Week

- Sat. December 24—Vigil: The Nativity of the Lord**
 4:30pm St. Edward Parishioners
 10:30pm St. Edward Parishioners
- Sun. December 25—The Nativity of the Lord**
 9:30 †Pascual Alfaro req. by family
 †Deceased members of Troop 904 & Post 2904 req. by Troop 904 & Post 2904
 †Jessica Vega req. by Mike Kurtzer
 11:00 St. Edward Parishioners
- Mon. December 26—St. Stephen**
 6:45 †Lucina Paner req.
 by Hermia Ramos & family
 8:15 St. Edward Parishioners
- Tues. December 27—St. John**
 6:45 †Jenny Schiller req. by Paul Vega
 8:15 †Fr. John Murphy 5th anniv.
 req. by Chun family
- Wed. December 28—The Holy Innocents**
 6:45 †Kathleen Mcguire
 req. by Andrew & Theresa Clancey
 8:15 St. Edward Parishioners
- Thurs. December 29—Fifth Day in the Octave of Christmas, St. Thomas Becket**
 6:45 †Jessica Vega req. by Paul Vega
 8:15 †Edward Ryczek req. by Ryczek family
- Fri. December 30—The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**
 6:45 St. Edward Parishioners
 8:15 St. Edward Parishioners
- Sat. December 31—Vigil: Solemnity of the Holy Mother of God**
 8:15 St. Edward Parishioners
 5:30 St. Edward Parishioners
- Sun. January 1—Solemnity of the Holy Mother of God/World Day of Peace**
 9:30 †Victor & Mary Depa req. by family
 †Joyce Kalish req. by Nick & Peg
 11:00 Fr. John Murphy
 req. by St. Edward Parish

“O Come Let Us Adore Him”



During the Christmas season, we will hear these words from one of our favorite hymns, “O Come All Ye Faithful”. When we sing these words, we should remember the angels, shepherds and wise men who were the first to come to adore the Lord. We are being called to follow their lead and we can respond by coming to Eucharistic Adoration. He waits for us.

On Tuesday, January 3, 2012 there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament starting after 8:15 a.m. mass and ending with Benediction at 7:30 p.m.

Next weekend, we will have the sign-up for one hour time commitments starting on the hour or half hour. Please plan what time will be best for you and try to find a prayer partner. There must be someone in the Church during the hours of adoration; so in case of emergency we will need people to be substitutes. Please stop in the vestibule after Mass this weekend and receive your stickers to mark your calendar and also sign the chart which will have the time slots available. You can say a rosary, read a scripture passage and meditate, or just enjoy the silence and before you know it an hour will be well spent in the presence of the Lord.

Church Happenings

Sunday, December 25 The Nativity of the Lord

Rectory Closed

Monday, December 26

School Closed

Tuesday, December 27

School Closed

No Religious Education

Wednesday, December 28

School Closed

GS #21236 5:00—7:00 p.m. CH

Legion of Mary 7:00—8:30 p.m. CR

Choir Practice Adults 7:00 p.m. UC

Thursday, December 29

School Closed

Boy Scout Mtg. 7:30 p.m. CH

Choir Practice Children 3:45 & 4:15 p.m. UC

Friday, December 30

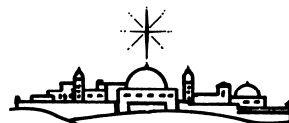
School Closed

Saturday, December 31

Novena/Rosary after 8:15 a.m. Mass

Sunday, January 1

Rectory Closed



MERRY CHRISTMAS



Christmas 2011

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

“God is closer to us than we are to ourselves,” said St. Augustine, and that closeness, through the power of the Holy Spirit in the wondrous mystery of the Incarnation, becomes visible in Jesus Christ. It also becomes visible in how we treat each other and how we radiate the hope Christ brings to the world. The Word made flesh reconciles God and his human family and all creation; that is God’s interpretation of the Christmas crib.

The giving of oneself to others constitutes the nature of God; therefore, Jesus never comes alone. To genuinely celebrate his birth, we cannot put individuals or entire peoples in boxes in order to dismiss them from our lives. Likewise, if we climb into a box to separate ourselves from others by our attitudes or actions, the Word made flesh cannot speak to us, transform us or save us. Moreover, if we allow our faith to be boxed in by our secular age, it becomes a personal hobby without any public presence, witness or role.

By her response, “My soul magnifies the Lord” (Luke 1:46), Mary shows complete trust and faith in God; her active cooperation with God is a model for all. As Pope Benedict emphasizes in *God Is Love*, “In these words she expresses her whole program of life: not setting herself at the center, but leaving space for God, who is encountered both in prayer and in service of neighbor—only then does goodness enter the world.”

God has spoken and the eternal Word is made flesh. With the courage born of our faith, we proclaim in word and action, in our very flesh and bone, that Jesus Christ our Savior is born. It is our turn to speak, to one another and to the world. A blessed Christmas to all of you and to all those whom God has given you to love—Merry Christmas!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I." The signature is written in black ink on a white background.

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.
Archbishop of Chicago

Dear Parishioners,

Today is the beautiful Feast of the Birth of Our Lord, Jesus Christ. Our hearts are full today as we come to worship the newborn King of all creation. It is a great renewal of our faith and trust in God that causes our joy today.

We are grateful for the many who come and join us today - family members home from school or visiting for the holidays, former parishioners, friends and neighbors who are new to St. Edward. We welcome everyone and are glad we can sing and pray together and receive the Lord Himself in Holy Communion on this His birthday.

Jesus came to be one of us, to become human, "incarnate of the Virgin Mary," so that we could have an intimate relationship with Him. Let us not be too humble or afraid to approach Him in our dark moments of fear and sorrow, and in our brighter moments of hope and joy. Because He came to us, we bring ourselves to Him. His birth and life and death and rising are the signs of God's great love for each of us. Let us realize His love and respond with our whole hearts in the way we will live our lives.

I want to thank everyone who contributed to our Christmas liturgies, those who cleaned the church, the decorators, altar servers and parents who drove them, the choir and musicians, readers, ushers, Eucharistic ministers, and you faithful parishioners attending Mass. Thank you all.

On behalf of Fr. Jim Beath, Fr. Joseph Taylor, Fr. Jim McIlhone and the wonderful staff of our parish and school, I wish for you and your family a Christmas full of peace and gratitude, joy and love, and an abiding relationship with the Christ Child today and every day to come.

Merry Christmas,

 Fr. Mike Cronin, Pastor

P.S. A gift for you today. After Mass please take a copy of the book *Rediscover Catholicism*. It is a gift to you from St. Edward parish. The author Matthew Kelly is proud of being a Catholic and wants us all to remember the great heritage that is ours in being part of the Catholic Church throughout the world and throughout history. We hope it will be uplifting for you. And I would like to suggest that after you have read it, that you pass it on to a family member or friend who might benefit from it (and ask that person to pass it along, too). It can be a way of sharing the good news of Christ among us, and may bring some fellow traveler closer to the Lord and His Church. May it also draw our minds and hearts in prayer to the most precious gift we will ever receive, Our Lord, Jesus Christ.

ALTAR SERVERS FOR WEEKDAYS
Mon., Tues. & Wed., December 26, 27 & 28: S. Campos & N. Gonzalez
Thurs., Fri. & Sat., & December 29, 30 & 31: H Quigley & J. Whiting

MASS SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEKEND

MASS	PRESIDER	LECTOR	EUCH. MINISTERS		SERVERS
Dec. 31 Saturday 5:30 pm	Fr. Jim McIlhone	Marty Lane	Paten: 1 Carol Farrell 4 Patty Villaverde 5 Barb Sapp	Cup: 2 Jerry Neja 3 Virgil Yumo	J. McDermott M. McDermott N. Gonzalez
Jan. 1 Sunday 8:00 am	Fr. Jim McIlhone	Don Manchester	Paten: 1 Bob Schmalz 4 Jan Schmalz 5 Carol Switalla	Cup: 2 Joseph Switalla 3 Marilyn Kieca	J. Hierl L. Lorenzo L. Lorenzo
9:30 am	Fr. Mike Cronin	Mary Lou Agronomoff	Paten: 1 Peggy Calderone 4 Sr. Mary Beth Minkel 5 Nick Calderone	Cup: 2 Fay Quintus 3 Ellen Villella	R. O'Donnell A. Kaleshi E. Andersen
11:00 am	Fr. Mike Cronin	Cris Licuanan	Paten: 1 K. Sugars 4 Naty Licuanan 5 Carmelita Ciruelas	Cup: 2 Dom Ciruelas 3 Lilia Cruzat	J. Whiting J. Whiting D. Paredes

**“TO EVERYTHING THERE IS A SEASON AND
A TIME FOR EVERY PURPOSE UNDER HEAVEN.”**

“A Time to Baptize”—

Isobel Margaret Krapfl, child of Clifford and Tara (Kennedy) Krapfl

“A Time to Heal”—

Ronel Acar, Cecile Bechtold, Mary Ann Breidenbach, Noelani Faith Brighton, Brian Burgeson, Purification Ciruelas, Arturo Del Rosario, Joan Henry, Matthew Jensen, Ronald Klish, Andoy Laqui, Will Lill, Loring Malibiran, Virgilio Mangubat, Begelita Marquez, Pat McNulty, Catherine McGill O’Connor, Tim Mrozinski, Chris Nikolich, Dorothy Osbourne, William Reidy, Bruno Rosellini, Suzan Shepherd, Noella and Herman Schutt, Kilian Bede White, Sherry Wooden

“A Time of War”—

Raul Donald Aguilar, Lou M. Arceo, Michael Camp, L.Cpl. Tim Ferretti, Sergeant Clifford Gara, Rory Hehir, Juan Hernandez, Collin John Jones, 1st Lt. Randall Kester, Craig Lensegrav, Joselito R. Mercado, Sean O’Connor, Gretel Ypil Odon, Spc. Nicholas Saladino, Robert Stillwell, SSG. Edward Swartz, Brian West

“A Time to Die”—

All the Military and Innocent Civilians who have died in the War.

Please keep all these listed, and their families, in your prayers.