

MERRY CHRIST MASS!

Roughly 2 thousand years have come and gone since the One we call Jesus was born of the Virgin Mary. This 25th day of December is almost certainly not the day of our dear Savior's birth. When young and strong Christianity spread taking over pagan holy days by Christianizing them.

Regrettably the secular mind has come to dominate our modern perspective and has transformed our Holy Day into a Santa Claus and a shopping holiday.

A popular expression for today's Christian is, "Keep Christ in Christmas" and we Catholic Christians could complete the thought saying, "Keep the Mass in Christmas."

Unlike the rest of us, Jesus Christ knew God perfectly for He was "one in being with the Father" (consubstantial) and knowing from direct experience to Whom He was returning upon death. The Last Supper, the first Mass, was the Passover meal that Jesus transformed. For He, the Lamb of God come down from Heaven, said "Do this in memory of Me."

He left no written words but He did promise to be with us until the end of time. He is the gift of Christmas!

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With 8 pilgrims, I'm off to the Holy Land (12/27-1/6). If you put a prayer in the wooden bowl in Narthex, I will put a note in the Wailing Wall of the Temple in Jerusalem stating it represents these prayers.



All Masses offered are for St. Anna's parish family:
Saturday, Christmas Eve at 4:00pm and 6:00pm
Sunday, Christmas Day at MIDNIGHT and 10:00am

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Classes resume for the students in the School of Religion on Sunday, January 8th.
MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!

The 10th grade Confirmation parent student meeting has been rescheduled for **SUNDAY, JANUARY 8TH AT 10:15 A.M.** in the Parish Hall. Parents, please plan to attend this important meeting.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

YGAB (Youth Group Advisory Board) meeting is Wed., January 4th at 7:00 p.m. in room 105.

The next WYN (Wednesday Youth Night) is Wed., January 11th from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Nursery

Available for Mass

9:00 Mass

Dec. 25 - Marianna Tanner
Jan. 1 - NEED SOMEONE!

12:00 Mass

Dec. 25 - Yaricxa Roman
Jan. 1 - Meagan Xydias

Meeting times for the week:

Adoration - Every Fri. @ 6am-12pm (Chpl)
ALL OTHER MEETINGS ARE CANCELED

Please join us in the parish hall January 14-15 2017, following all Masses, as we embrace Stewardship as a way of life for St. Anna's Parishioners.



WEEKLY READINGS - Dec. 25 thru Dec. 31
Saturday: Confessions begin at 4 PM

Sunday: Is 52:7-10. / Ps 98(97):1.2-3ab.3cd-4.5-6. / Heb. 1:1-6. / Jn 1:1-18.
Monday: Acts 6:8-10.7:54-59/Ps 31(30):3cd-4.6.8ab.16bc.17/Mt 10:17-22.
Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4. / Ps 97(96):1-2.5-6.11-12. / Jn 20:2-8.
Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:5-10.2:1-2. / Ps 124(123):2-3.4-5.7cd-8. / Mt 2:13-18.
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:3-11. / Ps 96(95):1-2a.2b-3.5b-6. / Lk 2:22-35.
Friday: Sirach 3:2-6.12-14./Ps 128:1-5/Coloss. 3:12-21/Mt 2:13-15.19-23.
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:18-21. / Ps 96(95):1-2.11-12.13. / Jn 1:1-18.

The Nativity of the Lord - Year A

