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Feast of the Holy Family

O Come
let us adore
Him

Today we celebrate what we have been waiting for in 'joyful hope' for so many weeks now! Today we celebrate that day when the eternal

Word of God became one of us and one with us, finding a home in our homes and in our hearts. There is no greater Christmas gift than the gift we celebrate today. There is no greater Christmas gift giving than the gift giving we celebrate today.

The gospel accounts of what happened on the first Christmas are accounts of marvellous greatness. There is a heavenly choir of angels praising God and announcing wonderfully good news to the needy and the waiting world. The message of the angels is passed on to men working in the night fields of Bethlehem, inviting them to see for themselves that the long-awaited Messiah has been born in the royal city of King David. The night sky is illuminated with the brightness of Divine Glory. Such signs of greatness are signs that this Gift of God is so very special and extraordinary. It is not surprising that the angels have to give an assurance that there is nothing to fear and that these signs are signs of really good news.

There are, however, other signs of the greatness of this night, the humble and simple events that simply give way to reverent wonder. The birthplace is an animal's loft, not a well-equipped room in a traveler's inn. The crib is a manger, not a fancy cradle. The new-born infant is not clothed in richly crafted garments but is wrapped in swaddling clothes. Attending visitors are shepherds rushing in from their fields, not courtiers ready to provide comfortable assistance.

Today's Christmas story is, therefore, a story of true greatness that is at one and the same time divinely magnificent and humanly simple. It is a story that is at one and the same time superbly heavenly and yet humbly earthly. It is a story of what is divine showing itself in what is human. It is the story of the birth of God made Man.

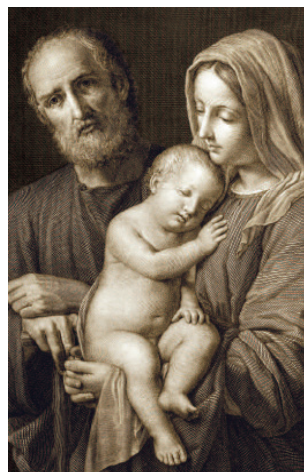
But what we read in this Christmas story is not just an account of an event that took place more than twenty centuries ago. It presents us today with the challenge

to find true greatness not in worldly glory but in humble simplicity. Of course, we will mark this day with all of our traditional expressions of reverent and joyful celebration. And rightly so! This is a day of great rejoicing! But let us always keep in our minds and in our hearts the lesson that the Christmas Infant will teach us by the life he begins to live today, that real greatness is found in humble simplicity and that the lowly are the ones who are really exalted in God's eyes.

A Blessed Christmas!

Fr. Roselle

Consecration to the Holy Family



Consecration to the Holy Family will be available for families during the Feast Day of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

Sunday December 26
@ 9 am & 11:30 am Masses
Brochures, supplied by Laurier Council 2004 of the Knights of Columbus, are available at the doors of the Church on so everyone can prepare for the Consecration.

All families are welcome to participate.



From St. Margaret's Clergy and Staff

Fr. Roselle, Deacon Tony, Deacon Tim,
Sandy, Jim, Katie, Theresa

Wishing you.....

A Holy and Blessed
Christmas

Seating for masses during the Christmas Season
is on a first come first serve basis

Nativity of Our Lord

Christmas Eve – Friday December 24



Note: There will be No Holy Hour and No 12:05 noon mass today

5 pm 8 pm 11 pm

Christmas Day - Saturday December 25

9 am 11:30 am No 5 pm mass

Feast of the Holy Family



Sunday December 26

9 am missa pro populo
11:30 am + Tomas Grabski
Requested by Adam, Lidia & family
NO 7:30 pm evening mass today

Octave of Christmas - Tuesday December 28

12:05 noon + Rade Macut
Requested by Kata & family

Octave of Christmas - Wednesday December 29

12:05 noon + Gordon Lavigne
Requested by Bill Lavigne

Octave of Christmas - Thursday December 30

12:05 noon + Eugenio & Caterina Moscon
Requested by John & family

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God



Vigil Mass: Friday December 31

Note: No Holy Hour or 12 noon mass today

5 pm missa pro populo

Saturday January 1

Note: No 10am and No 5pm mass today
11:30 am missa pro populo

Epiphany of the Lord

Sunday January 2

Note: No 7:30 pm mass today
9 am 11:30 am

Weekday Masses - January 3 - 8

Monday, No mass; Tuesday–Thursday 12:05 mass;
Friday Holy Hour 11am, 12:05 mass; Saturday 10am

Baptism of the Lord

Vigil Mass - Saturday January 8

5 pm

Sunday January 9

9 am 11:30 am 7:30 pm

Prayer Requests:

Shelley Smith; Nadine Adams; Stephen Roach; Elizabeth; Bernie Gemmell; Jenny; Georgette Taylor; Mel Boudreau; Peter Pattenaude; Bob Kokron; Florence Carson; Barb Mc; Brenda Bylow; Shirley Dower; Gina Grech; Gerard Turner; Liz Gaudet; John Jerome;

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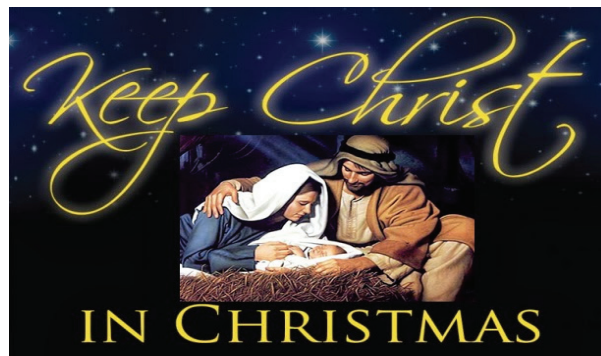
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