

The Holy Family 29th December

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-21; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Epiphany of the Lord 5th January

Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Baptism of the Lord 12th January

Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17



Cleaning & Flower Rosters for Next Three (3) Weeks

Flowers

29.12.2019 - Week 5 Samoan Community
05.01.2020 - Week 1 Samoan Community
12.01.2020 - Week 2 Noela Leituala

Cleaning

Maria Fidow
Madaline Brugger
Cynthia Castillo



Prayer for the Sick

Hudson Mc Hardy, Keith Auld, Lin Merrian, Marj, Gladys Robbin, Kim Shadwell, Jackie Ledger, Amy and Reagan Whiteman, Blake Dufty, Amanda Harding, Sarah Kathleen Jones, Marie Bonne, Maureen McCallion, Phil O'Dwyer.

Anniversaries

23rd December - 29th December Denis Cavanagh, Eileen McCauley, Elizabeth Mahulik, Mildred McGrath, Millicent Sharman, Lusua Aiavao, Grace Ferguson.

30th December - 5th January David Wood, Eileen Power, Georgina Pearson, Anbele Siruriene, Snow Hansen, Maria Aiojoaie, Si Souphan Leuang, Della Wilks, Ellen Smith.


6th January - 12th January Henryk Rudak, Bridget McKelvey, Mary Fryars, Dorrie Hall, John Uttley, Leonard Galligan, William Gee, John Joseph Eustace.

Recently Deceased

Taulapapa.

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ADVENT has a twofold character, for it is a time of preparation for the Solemnities of Christmas, in which the First Coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered, and likewise a time when, by remembrance of this, minds and hearts are led to look forward to Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. For these two reasons, Advent is a period of devout and expectant delight.



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22nd December 2019 Fourth Sunday of Advent



Divine Intervention

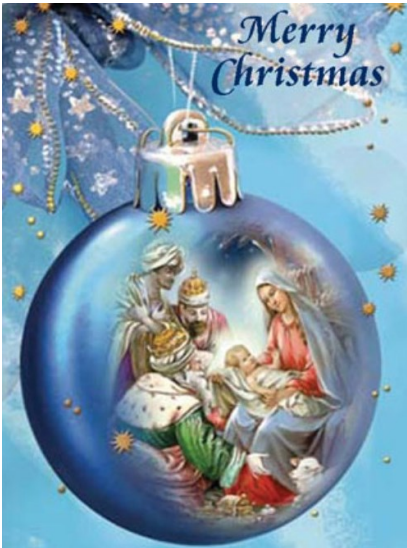
The birth of Jesus was not simply an ordinary or a historical event. It was God's design to save the human race. There were multiple divine interventions both in terms of preparation for the execution of God's redemptive plan, and also for the protection of the life of the young child, Jesus. God initiated the idea of saving the 'Fallen race' after they disobeyed God. The redemptive plan has been prophesized, especially by prophet Isaiah, who lived in the eighth century, before the birth of Jesus. When the time was due, God chose the young couple, Joseph and Mary, from Nazareth to take an active part in this magnificent saving action. The saving action happened only once and for all humanity. It was for humanity, and human beings were invited to take part. Joseph and Mary, each played a prominent role in the saving action, but the actual driving force behind the scene was the work of the Holy Spirit. Because human beings disobeyed God; God's Son took the form of a human, being born into this world, to obey God. In him the perfect obedience took place as he said: *'I come not to do my own will, but to do the will of the Father.'* Jn 4,34; 5,30, 6,38

Jesus was born in Bethlehem, but known as Jesus of Nazareth, the birthplace of Joseph and Mary. Both of them lived a simple life, and were humble at heart. They received God's favour, and God's messenger interrupted their personal plans. They abandoned their own plans to adopt God's plan for them. Mary vowed to live a single life style, and God's messenger changed her mind when she responded 'yes' to God. Joseph intended to divorce Mary informally on the grounds, that she was

pregnant before they came to live together. An engagement is not a legally binding in today's cultures, but in those days the betrothal could only be broken by divorce. The Jewish law at the time considered a pregnancy out of the wedlock was an act of adultery, and that person would be punished severely by stoning to death. To save Mary from this public disgrace, Joseph intended to leave her quietly. Mary probably knew nothing about Joseph's plan. His plan was shattered, when God's angel told him in his dream to abolish the idea, because what in her was not the work of any human person, but it was the work of the Spirit. In confirming the work of the Spirit, the name of the new born baby was chosen not by Mary or Joseph. The name was dictated by God and his name tells to the world about his life vocation- *'to save his people from their sins(Mat. 1,21)*.

Augustus called the first ever census, and that enabled Mary and Joseph to return to their birthplace to be registered. It was not a sheer accident, but a part of God's plan. Jesus was born at an open place, telling us that this world is only a passing place. He was born amongst the homeless, showing us that our true home is in heaven. He was born amongst the people society had rejected, confirming for us that God rejects no one. The shepherds waded in the snow to find the Light, assuring us that those who search for the Light certainly will find it. The birth of Jesus is the fulfilment of the promise God has made to save the human race. In him, we have hope, and are saved.

Vudinh Tuong



Merry Christmas

The Parish staff and I would like to wish you all a most Blessed Holy Christmas.

May this Christmas bring you the message of peace and repose.

Merry Christmas and a safe and joyful New Year.

Fr Tuong & Michelle

Mass Times next Three (3) Weeks

23rd Dec -	Mon -	9.00am	Mass
24th Dec -	Tues -		No 9.00am Mass
		5.00pm	Mass Christmas Eve
25th Dec -	Wed -	7.00am & 9.00am	Mass
26th Dec -	Thurs -	9.00am	Mass
27th Dec -	Fri -	9.00am	Mass

Saturday Mass Feast of the Holy Innocents

28th Dec -	Sat -	5.00pm	Mass
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The Knights of the Southern Cross invite you to join them in celebrating the Feast of the Holy Innocents. We will commence with the Rosary at 4.15pm followed by Mass at 5pm. After Mass, please stay for a light supper in the pergola.

Sunday Mass

29th Dec -	Sun -	7.00am & 9.00am	Mass
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30th Dec -	Mon -		No Mass
31st Dec -	Tues -	9.00am	Mass
1st Jan -	Wed -	9.00am	Mass New Year (followed with Morning Tea)
2nd Jan -	Thurs -	9.00am	Mass
3rd Jan -	Fri -	9.00am	Mass (not a Healing Mass today)

Saturday Mass

4th Jan -	Sat -	5.00pm	Mass
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Sunday Mass

5th Jan -	Sun -	7.00am & 9.00am	Mass
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6th Jan -	Mon -		No Mass
7th Jan -	Tues -	9.00am	Mass
8th Jan -	Wed -	9.00am	Mass
9th Jan -	Thurs -	9.00am	Mass
10th Jan -	Fri -	9.00am	Mass

Saturday Mass

11th Jan -	Sat -	5.00pm	Mass
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Sunday Mass

12th Jan -	Sun -	7.00am & 9.00am	Mass
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