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Sunday Mass: 11:00am Weekday Mass Schedule:

Tuesday
7:00pm
Wednesday
8:00am
Thursday
Confession 6:15pm
Mass 7:00pm
Friday
8:00am

Parish Office Hours:

9am-1pm Mon & Fri 9am-3pm Tues, Wed & Thurs (office closes for a half hour at 12 noon)

Sacraments of Marriage or Baptism:

Please contact the Parish Office to make an appointment to meet with Father Peter.

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Christmas Octave 2018-2019



From the Pastor's Desk

The Angel of the Lord said to the shepherds: "Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord". Annually, we hear the same angelic message when we celebrate the Nativity of the Lord. The Gospel assures us that the good news given to the shepherds is still for us: the Saviour is born for us to free us from the slavery to sin, to dispel every darkness and to grant us His precious gifts of joy, hope and love. That is the reality, in which we have been invited to participate. All we need is to open our hearts widely to our Saviour and rejoice His bounty.

I would like to wish all our parishioners, visitors and benefactors an abundance of the grace bestowed upon human race by the Incarnation of the Lord. May Baby Jesus find a dwelling place in our hearts and His widely open arms embrace all of us bestowing upon each individual His gracious gifts!

This Christmas season is for me not only an opportunity for sharing my best wishes, but also for expressing my gratefulness to all who have recently supported our Parish by prayers, commitment, engagement, time, talents, work and donations of any kind.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! *Fr. Peter*

Mass Schedule & Intentions for The Christmas Octave

MONDAY, December 24 *The Nativity of The Lord*11:30 p.m. Prelude (Choir)

12:00 Midnight Mass - The Pastor's Intentions

Christmas Day – *The Nativity of The Lord* 11:00 a.m. - The Parishioners of St. Lawrence

WEDNESDAY, December 26

Feast of St. Stephen
7:00 p.m. - The Parishioners of St. Lawrence

THURSDAY, December 27 *Feast of St. John the Apostle* 7:00 p.m. - Ted Zychowicz by Jadwiga Zychowicz

FRIDAY, December 28

Feast of The Holy Innocents
8:00 a.m. - Eva Dunlop, by St. Lawrence Choir

SUNDAY, December 30

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
11:00 a.m. - The Parishioners of
St. Lawrence the Martyr Parish

MONDAY, December 31 11:30 p.m. Exposition, Midnight Mass The Parishioners of St. Lawrence

TUESDAY, January 1 *Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God* 11:00 a.m. – Graciosa Canao, by Isabel Canao

WEDNESDAY, January 2 - Memorial, St.Basil the Great and St. Gregory Nazianzen 8:00 a.m. - All Souls, by Maria and Jose Diago

THURSDAY, January 3 - *First Thursday*Confessions and Adoration 6:15 p.m.
7:00 p.m. Mass - Artur DaSilva, by Isabel Canao

FRIDAY, January 4 - *First Friday* 8:00 a.m. - All Souls, by Jose Costa

SATURDAY, January 5 - *First Saturday* 10:00 a.m. - Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

SUNDAY, January 6 – *Epiphany of The Lord* 11:00 a.m. – The Parishioners of St. Lawrence the Martyr Parish



December 16 Sunday Collection \$ 1499



REMINDER CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES - There will be two opportunities to Celebrate the Nativity of the Lord:

Christmas Eve - Midnight Mass. The choir will begin with a prelude of Christmas Hymns at 11:30 p.m.

Christmas Day - Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m.

Parish Office Holiday Closure - The parish office will be closed from December 24th through to January 2nd, reopening on January 3rd. In case of emergency please call 289-246-9877

2019 Envelopes - the new envelopes are at the back of the church available for pick up. Please notify the office of an changes to your address as soon as possible and if you do not find your envelopes at the back of the church but would like some, please contact the office in the new year and we'll make sure you're taken care of.

In Memoriam - If you would like to have a name included in our in Memoriam section of the Bulletin for 2019 please contact the Parish Office - your contributions help to pay for the printing costs of this bulletin.

2018 Tax Receipts - Early in the new year we will be preparing charitable donation tax receipts. If you have moved please ensure that you update your address with the parish. Forms to update your information are available at the back of the church.

Congratulations to our Turkey Roll 50/50 winners! Audrey Smythe - winner of cash prize of \$1,838. Robert Macoritti - winner of the turkey with a saddle!