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English Language Roman Catholic Parish



#### THE CELEBRATION OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

# **MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!**



Afrikaans: Geseende Kersfees en 'n Gelukkige Nuwe Jaar! Albanian: Gëzuar Krishlindjet! Arabic: Idah Saidan Wa Sanah Jadidah (I'd Miilad Said ous Sana Saida!) Armenian: Shenoraavor Nor Dari yev Pari Gaghand! Asturian: Bones Navidaes Azeri-Azerbaijan: Tezze Iliniz Yahsi Olsun!

Basque: Eguberri Zoriontsua! Urte Berri Zoriontsua! Bengali: Shubha Baro Din o Naba Barsha! Brasilian Portuguese: Feliz Natal e Feliz Ano Novo! Breton: Nedeleg Laouen na Bloav Ezh Mat! Bulgarian: Tchestito Rojdestvo Hristovo! Tchestita Nova Godina! Bulgarian: Tchestita Koleda; Tchestito Rojdestvo Hristovo Catalan: Bon Nadal i un Bon Any Nou! Chinese-Mandarin: Kung Ho Hsin Hsi! Ching Chi Shen Tan! Chinese-Cantonese: Gun Tso Sun Tan! Gung Haw Sun! Croatian: Sretan Bozic! Czech: Prejeme Vam Vesele Vanoce a Stastny Novy Rok! Danish: Glaedelig Jul og Glaedelig Nytar! Dutch: Zalig Kerstfeest en Gelukkig Nieuwjaar! Egyptian: Colo sana wintom tiebeen! English: Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Eskimo: Jutdlime Pivdluarit Ukiortame Pivdluaritlo! Esperanto: Gajan Kristnaskon Estonian: Roomsaid Joulu Phui ja Uut Aastat! Farsi: Cristmas-e-shoma mobarak bashad Finnish: Hauskaa Joulua ja Onnellista Uutta Voutta! French: Joyeux Noel et Bonne Annee! Gaelic: Nollaig Chridheil agus Bliadhna Mhath Ur! Galician: Bo Nada Georgian: Gilotcavt shoba-akhal ts'els. German: Froehliche Weihnachten und ein Glueckliches Neues Jahr!



Greek: Kala Khristougena kai Eftikhes to Neon Ethos! Hawaiian: Mele Kalikimake me ka Hauloi Makahiki hou. Hebrew: Mo'adim Lesimkha. Chena tova Hindi: Shub Naya Baras Hungarian: Kegyelemteljes Karacsonyt es Boldog Uj Evet! Icelandic: Gledhileg Jol og Farsaelt Komandi Ar! Indonesian: Selamat Hari Natal dan Tahun Baru! Irish: Nolag mhaith Dhuit Agus Bliain Nua Fe Mhaise. Iroquois: Ojenyunyat Sungwiyadeson honungradon nagwutut. Ojenyunyat osrasay. Italian: Buon Natale e Felice Nuovo Anno! Japanese: Shinnen omedeto! Kurisumasu Omedeto! Kinyarwanda: Noheli nziza na Umwaka Mushya Muhire! Kirundi: Noheeri Nziiza n-Umwaaka Mushasha Muhiire! Korean: Sung Tan Chuk Ha! Latin: Natale hilare et Annum Faustum! Latvian: Priecigus Ziemas Svetkus un Laimigu Jauno Gadu! Malaysian: Selamat Hari Natal Maltese: Nixtieklek Milied Tajjeb u Is-sena T-tabja! Manx: Ollick Ghennal Erriu as Blein Feer Die. Seihil as Slaynt Da'n Slane Loght Thie. Marshallese: Monono ilo raaneoan Nejin Anij Norwegian: God Jul og Godt Nytt Aar! Occitan: Pulit nadal e bona annado Polish: Wesolych Swiat Bozego Narodzenia i Szczesliwego Nowego Roku! Portuguese: Feliz Natal e um Prospero Ano Novo! Rapa-Nui (Easter Island): Mata-Ki-Te-Rangi. Te-Pito-O-Te-Henua. Romanian: Sarbatori Fericite! La Multi Ani! Russian: Pozdrevly ayu sprazdnikom Rozhdestva Khristova is Novim Godom! Samoan: La Maunia Le Kilisimasi Ma Le Tausaga Fou. Serbian: Christos se rodi! Srecna Nova Godina! Sesotho: Litakaletso tse monate tsa keresemese le mahalohonolo a selemo se secha Singhalese: (Sri Lanka): Subha nath thalak Vewa. Subha Aluth Awrudhak Vewa. Slovakian: Vesele Vianoce! A stastlivy Novy Rok! Slovene: Vesele Bozicne! Screcno Novo Leto! Spanish: Feliz Navidad y Prospero Ano Nuevo! Swahili: Kuwa na Krismasi njema Swedish: Glad jul och Ett Gott Nytt Ar! Tagalog (Filipino): Maligayang Pasko! Masaganang Bagong Taon! Thai: Sooksun Wan Christmas Turkish: Noeliniz Ve Yeni Yiliniz Kutlu Olsun! Ukranian: Veselykh Svyat i Scaslivoho Novoho Roku! Ukrainian: Kristos Razhdast'sya Vietnamese: Chuc mung nam moi va Giang Sing vui ve! Welsh: Nadolic Llawen a Blwyddn Newdd Dda! Xhosa: Si ku ngwenelela ikresmesientle kanye no nyaka omtsha Zulu: Sinifisela ukhisimusi omuhle no nyaka omusha



### **COMING SPECIAL EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS**

- December 24 5 pm Christmas Eve Mass at Sweifieh
- December 25 Mass of Christmas morning at the Jesuit Center at 10:00 AM
- December 26 Feast of St. Stephen, the first martyr
- December 27 Feast of St. John the Evangelist
- December 28 Feast of the Holy Innocents (AM Mass only)
- December 28/29 Solemnity of the Holy Family
- January 1 Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God Mass at the Jesuit Center 10 AM
- January 3 First Friday; adoration following the morning Mass (Solemnity of the Holy Name of Jesus)

Titular Feast of the Society of Jesus

- January 4/5 Solemnity of the Epiphany
- January 10 Pilgrimage to the Baptismal Site Mass with Archbishop Pizzaballa at 10AM
- January 11 First Communion Class resumes
- January 11/12 The Baptism of the Lord
- January 18 Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity begins
- January 22 Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children



Pope Francis'

MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTIONS

## FOR DECEMBER The Future of the Very Young

That every country take the measures necessary to prioritize the future of the very young, especially those who are suffering.







I abdicate this space on this day for a classic editorial piece from another age, but one that I sincerely hope can still resonate with us today.

DEAR EDITOR: I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, 'If you see it in THE SUN it's so.' Please tell me the truth; is there a Santa Claus? VIRGINIA O'HANLON. 115 WEST NINETY-FIFTH STREET.

VIRGINIA, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, VIRGINIA, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus. It would be as dreary as if there were no VIRGINIAS. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You may tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, VIRGINIA, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God! he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

As we celebrate the birth of Christ, let us continue to pray for one another.

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#### **INFORMATION ON THE PILGRIMAGE TO THE BAPTISMAL SITE**

- The date of the holy pilgrimage 2020 falls on Friday, January 10, and the Mass, celebrated by His Excellency Archbishop Pizzaballa, the Apostolic Administrator of the Latin Patriarchate, will be held in the new church.

\* The celebration begins at ten in the morning with hymns and chants, followed by the Mass.

\* If you are traveling with a group, the Tourist Police will conduct a search of the believers before they board the bus and check the statements. All should be present at the Baptismal site gate no later than nine o'clock in the morning.

\* As for those who wish to go in their own car, they will have a special lane. The security services will inspect the car at the main entrance to the site and then go to line up in the private parking lots. Then people and bags will be searched. After completing the inspection, they head to the church site using the trans-buses. After the celebration is finished, they will be returned to the car parks on the same buses.

\* The official procession of the Archbishop and Bishop William Shomali will take off from the front of the Archdiocese to the Baptism Site at nine thirty in the morning.

\* For those traveling on pilgrimage buses – do not take big bags off the buses, and no food and drink, only bottles of water.

\* The church is not completely ready for use, there are still some dangerous areas, so all should abide by the instructions of the scouts and security men.

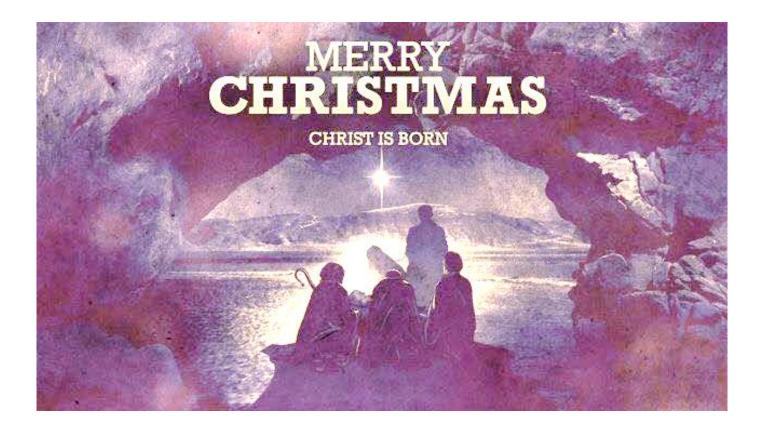
\* Confessions will be available after 9 as the available priests are in place.

Sacred Heart Parish is not organizing a bus so if you are interested, ask around to see if others are car pooling or if you can join another group on their bus. Details on the buses and numbers are supposed to be submitted by 30 December so plan ahead and make arrangements early.

#### **ADVENT BASKET CANS**

May be returned at any time at the Jesuit Center or at regular weekend Masses. And thank you for your generous support of our Care for the Poor program at our parish.





- The Law of Volunteering"- If you dance with a grizzly bear, you had better let him lead.
- "The Law of Avoiding Oversell" -When putting cheese in a mousetrap, always leave room for the mouse.
- "The Law of Common Sense"- Never accept a drink from a urologist.
- "The Law of Self Sacrifice" When you starve with a tiger, the tiger starves last.
- "Weiler's Law" Nothing is impossible for the man who doesn't have to do it himself.
- "Law of Probable Dispersal" Whatever hits the fan will not be evenly distributed.
- "Law of Volunteer Labor" People are always available for work in the past tense.
- "Conway's Law" In any organization there is one person who knows what is going on. That person must be fired.
- "Iron Law of Distribution" Them that has, gets.
- "Law of Cybernetic Entomology" There is always one more bug.
- "Law of Drunkenness" You can't fall off the floor.
- "Heller's Law" The first myth of management is that it exists.
- "Osborne's Law" Variables won't; constants aren't.
- "Main's Law" For every action there is an equal and opposite government program.
- "Weinberg's Second Law" If builders built buildings the way programmers wrote programs, then the first woodpecker that came along would have destroyed civilization.