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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!

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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.

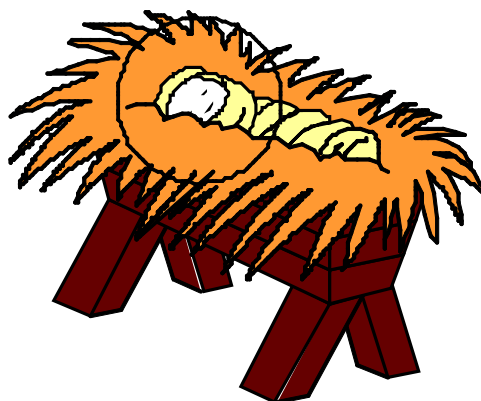
German: Froehliche Weihnachten und ein Glueckliches Neues Jahr!

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
Sinhalese: (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!
Ukrainian: Veselykh Svyat i Scaslivohe 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 nqwenelela ikresmesientle kanye no nyaka omtsha
Zulu: Sinifisela ukhisimusi omuhle no nyaka omusha





Pope Francis'

MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTIONS

FOR DECEMBER

The Elderly - That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

OUR PARISH PRAYS TOGETHER

Feel free to share your special needs and intentions, so they can be included here and all of our parish will join in praying with you. Individual names are welcome but not necessary.

For victims of natural disasters and violence
For family members who have died
For all those looking for work
For a woman concerned about her family
For those suffering from the cold
For the end to abortions

For those working for faith and justice
For the safety of all who are traveling
For a woman suffering from bone cancer
For those preparing for sacraments
For all those in pain
For justice for immigrants and refugees



COMING SPECIAL EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

December 22-January 2 - Jesuit Center closed for holidays; daily Mass schedule as usual except as noted
 December 24 – Christmas Vigil Mass (*Abbreviated*) – 5 PM at Sweifieh
 December 25 – Christmas morning Mass, 10 AM – Jesuit Center with carols
 December 26-30 – Usual schedule
 December 30 – 5 PM, Sweifieh – Mass of the Holy Family
 December 31 – 10 AM, Jesuit Center – Mass of the Holy Family
 December 31 – 6 PM – Freres Church, Vigil Mass of the Solemnity
 January 1 – 8:30 AM, Jesuit Chapel – Mass of the Solemnity (Quiet Mass, no singing)
 January 1 – 10 AM – Mass of the Solemnity with full singing and carols
 January 4 – Fr. Peter Schineller leaves for the U.S.
 January 6 – Epiphany, Holy Day of Obligation. Mass at the Jesuit Center – 8:30 AM
 January 6 – Celebration of the Birth of John the Baptist, Sweifieh, 5 PM
 January 7 – Celebration of the Birth of John the Baptist, Freres, 6 PM
 January 10 – Fr. Robert McChesney SJ arrives
 January 12 – Confirmation class resumes
 January 13 – First Communion class resumes
 January 14 – World Day of Prayer for Refugees and Migrants
 January 15 – 7 PM, “Ask Father John” at Paul David’s residence
 January 17 – Fr. Gerald on vacation until February 18

Mass Schedule:

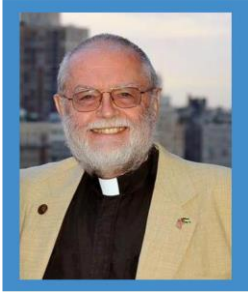
DAY	TIME	LOCATION
Monday to Saturday	8:30 AM	Jesuit Center
Saturday	5:00 PM	Sweifieh, St. Mary of Nazareth
Sunday	10:00 AM	Jesuit Ctr Chapel
	6:00 PM	Jabal Hussein, St. Jean Baptiste de la Salle
Confessions are 30 minutes before weekend Masses, or available by appointment.		

PLEASE REGISTER IN OUR PARISH

There is a **NEW** registration form. Go onto the website and there is a space where you can register online. This is the best and the easiest.

You can also send Fr. John an email or check in at the parish Facebook page (Parish Group) and he will guide you through the process. Painless.





RAMBLINGS

OF THE REVEREND REDACTOR



This is a picture of the front door of my office. When you travel a lot, you learn about packing, and weight, and a lot of things get left behind. Or sold, or given away. One of the casualties of travel over the years has been Christmas. Most of my Christmas clothing, my decorations, the little things I have acquired over the years have been passed on to others – sometimes as gifts, sometimes for a cash consideration.

So when the “season” started I didn’t have much in the way of personal decorations. We have many decorations in the community and the Jesuit Center – I think we have four Nativity sets, but I might have missed one. I was at a bazaar and I saw this – a nice piece of handcraft and a reasonable price, so I indulged, and hung it outside my office, so each time I came in to work, I would get a little greeting.

I mention this because it is a lesson I have also learned after many years of travel. Sometimes we need the small things to remind us, sometimes to cheer us up but mostly to remind us – of a holiday feeling, of family, of a time or a place that holds a special spot in our hearts. We need to take care of ourselves, not just physically but emotionally, psychologically and certainly spiritually.

Christmas is an extraordinary memory in the lives of most people, and that memory can be very important. But it can also color how we live the present. I remember saying to someone once that “It doesn’t feel like Christmas this year.” And my wise friend asked me, “Oh? Which one? Which Christmas doesn’t it feel like?”

I found myself reflecting on his answer, because he had hit on a great truth. The Christmas was I was six? The Christmas when I got a puppy? The Christmas after my father died? The first Christmas in the Jesuit Novitiate? Christmas in Lagos, Nigeria, where one of the signs of the holiday season was the dust storms that blew in from the desert? The first Christmas, when Mary and Joseph had to search for shelter, as do so many people today not just on one night but for much of their lives? For those people it probably does feel a lot like the first Christmas.

If Christmas is about giving, then we should rejoice, because the more we live, the more God gives us. If Christmas is about family, beyond our blood family, we have a spiritual family in the Church that reaches to the farthest corners of the earth, with members who are praying for us every second of every day. If Christmas is about the coming the Christ, Christ will come to us every day, if we are open and ready to receive Him. There was a short story I remember – Christmas Every Day. A girl wishes it could be Christmas every day, and she got her wish, and of course, it was terrible.

But Christ is and can be every day. And unlike the short story, it is and can be wonderful. May the love of the Christ Child be with you now and for the rest of the year. And let us continue to pray for one another.

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CHRISTMAS STYLE---Author: Unknown
Based on Corinthians

If I decorate my house perfectly with bows, and twinkling lights, but do not show love to my family, I'm just another decorator.

If I slave in the kitchen baking, cooking set a beautiful table, but do not show love to my family, I'm just another cook.

If I work at a soup kitchen, carol in a nursing home and give all to charity, but do not show love to my family, it profits me nothing.

If I trim the spruce with shimmering angels and crocheted snowflakes, attend a lot of holiday parties and sing in the choir's cantata, but do not focus on Christ, I have missed the point.

Love stops the cooking and baking to hug a child.

Love sets aside the decorating and cooking to kiss the husband.

Love is kind, though harried at times and tired.

Love doesn't envy another's home and Christmas china and table linens.

Love doesn't yell at the kids to get out of your way.

Love doesn't give to those who will be able to give in return, but to those who can't.

Love bears all things, believes all things, and endures all things.

Love never fails, Video's will break, pearl necklaces will get lost, golf clubs will rust.

Real True Love is giving the gift of love that will endure forever.

Be mindful That Happiness Is Not Based on Possessions, Power or Prestige,
But On Relationships With People You Love And Respect.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL
AND TO ALL A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS