

GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)

In Advent Readings we look back to the Jewish longing for the coming of Christ. It climaxed when John the Baptist called people to prepare by admitting sins, asking forgiveness and changing their ways - all symbolized by their baptism (their washing) in the river.

Now we look ahead to Christmas when Christ comes to us in the Mass of his birth; also to when he will come to each at our death; also when he will come at the world's end. We now should listen to John the Baptist's call to change for the better and be reconciled, if needed..



MASS TIMES FOR THE LORD'S DAY

SATURDAY 5.30 P.M. SUNDAY 8 A.M. 10 A.M. 5.30 P.M.

WEEKDAY MASS: Monday (St. Lucy) 8 a.m. Tuesday (St. John of the Cross) 7 p.m.
Wednesday (Advent) 9 a.m. Thursday (Advent), 7 p.m. Friday (Advent) 9 a.m.

RECONCILIATION (Confession & Forgiveness). Our priest will be available in the Reconciliation Room this week Tuesday and Thursday night from 6 o'clock till 7 o'clock and on Saturday afternoon from 4 o'clock to 5 o'clock.

WORKING BEE NEXT SATURDAY 18th DEC. to clean up our grounds and prepare the Hall for an overflow of the Christmas Eve Mass. If you can, please help for an hour or two or longer, any time from 8 a.m. on. Please bring useful gardening equipment. Thanks

THE FIVE CHRISTMAS MASSES

CHRISTMAS EVE	(Friday 24 th)	5.30 p.m.
CHRISTMAS EVE	(Friday 24 th)	7.30 p.m.
CHRISTMAS	(Midnight)	12 Midnight
CHRISTMAS DAY	(Saturday 25 th)	8 a.m.
CHRISTMAS DAY	(Saturday 25 th)	10 a.m.



For these Mass we need Servers, Ministers of the Word and Communion, Cross Bearers, screen operators, Offertory procession, collectors, and ushers.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION. Children of our Parish who attend any school are eligible, provided they did begin receiving Reconciliation (Confession). **THE FINAL ENROLMENT EVENING** for parents to enrol children in the parish preparation is **this Sunday Dec. 12th at 6.45 p.m.** in the Church. The Meeting is after the 5.30 p.m. Sunday Mass. This meeting is definitely not for the children but for adults. Parents who are not Catholic are very welcome but are not obliged to come. If your child received the Sacrament of Reconciliation here earlier this year, there is no need to bring Baptism & Reconciliation certificates of, but otherwise you will need to bring these two.

THE FILIPINO FEAST OF THE HOLY NAZARENE will be celebrated here in our grounds and Church on Sunday 9th Jan.. The Procession will begin at 11.30 a.m. and the Mass will follow at 12 Noon. Then there will follow a communal get together and food and drink in the school grounds.

WE CAN PREPARE A GIFT FOR CHRIST AT CHRISTMAS by giving through St. Vincent de Paul locally, through Caritas Project Compassion overseas. Envelopes for both of these agencies are now at the foot of the Jesse Tree

A NEW DEVICE. For the second (Parish collection) is a **Tap & Go terminal** in the foyer now. We enter the amount we wish to donate, then tap our debit/credit card. If we want a receipt it will be printed there for us. Another option some have chosen for this second (Parish) collection is a **monthly direct debit**: Once a month a credit/debit card can be debited an amount set by you. Please contact our Office if you want a direct debit form emailed out.