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Sunday, December 31, 2023



THE HOLY FAMILY

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom;
and the favor of God was upon him. - Lk 2:40

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass:
5:30 PM, 7:00 PM (Spanish)

Sunday Masses:
7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:00 PM
1:15 PM - Spanish

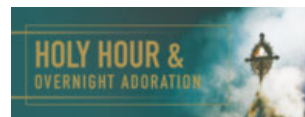
Daily Masses:
Monday—Friday
7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 6:30 PM, Tuesdays 6:30PM - Spanish



Saturday	December 30
5:30 pm	Janet Allen Severino
7:00 pm (Español)	In honor of St. Joseph, Julian Flores, Arielita Mendoza & Shirley Manzano
Sunday	December 31
7:30 am	The People of the Parish
9:00 am	Intentions of Mildred Lobaton
10:30 am	Helen Acebo—Birthday
	Thanksgiving
12:00 pm	The Tom Family & The Anointing Fire Ministry—Thanksgiving
	Pedro Jose Bourdierd
1:15pm (Español)	
Monday	January 1
7:00 am	Georlando Delgado
9:00 am	Dominic E. Francisco
6:30 pm	Daniel Manning—1st Anniversary
Tuesday	January 2
7:00 am	Patricia Sutherland
9:00 am	Jose Tom—Birthday Thanksgiving
6:30 pm (Español)	James Casey
Wednesday	January 3
7:00 am	Rocio Builes
9:00 am	Nancy L. Osborne—5th Anniversary
6:30 pm	Lis & Jendrysik
Thursday	January 4
7:00 am	Telesforo Mendoza
9:00 am	Catherine Spina
6:30 pm	Cesar Augusto Herrera
Friday	January 5
7:00 am	Estelita Batungbacal
9:00 am	Vincent P. Brennan
6:30 pm	World Peace
Saturday	January 6
7:00 am	Patricia Sutherland
9:00 am	Maria Luisa Garcia
5:30 pm	Edward Fuentes
7:00 pm (Español)	Julian Sosa
Sunday	January 7
7:30 am	The People of the Parish
9:00 am	Roy Mustard
10:30 am	Louis J. Gioia
12:00 pm	Alfonso Rivera
1:15pm (Español)	The Chavez Family
3:00 pm	Special Needs Inclusive Family Mass
5:30 pm (Tagalog)	Special Intention

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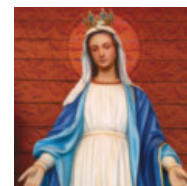
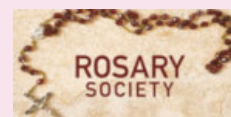
See page 5 for the 2024 new weekday Mass and Adoration Schedule.



First Friday Holy Hour on January 5th—7pm—8pm.
8pm—midnight silent adoration.
Friday midnight—Saturday 6am adoration led by the Anointing Fire Ministry in the Main Church.
Saturday 6am-7am adoration led by Rosario del Aurora. 6:45am Benediction.

SPECIAL NEEDS ALL-INCLUSIVE FAMILY MASS
This monthly Mass will be on Sunday, January 7th at 3pm, especially for individuals with disabilities and their families, but all are welcome!

Rosarians will gather for the 9am Mass on Monday, January 1st, and pray the rosary together after Mass. All are invited to join in the Rosary.



Join us—January 6th
2,000 Hail Marys
First Saturday of each month
6:30am—4:30pm
Adoration Chapel ramp side
Come & join us to honor Mary,
Our Beloved Mother.

Memorial Fund/Special Intention
Week of Dec. 30—Jan. 5—Altar Bread
In loving memory of James Casey
Requested by The Casey Family

A Reflection From Our Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters



As we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family of Nazareth today, these words from a Christmas Homily of Pope Francis are appropriate:

"...the Gospel reveals a paradox: it speaks of the emperor, the governor, the mighty of those times, but God does not make himself present there; he does not appear in the grand hall of a royal palace, but in the poverty of a stable; not in pomp and show, but in the simplicity of life; not in power, but in a smallness which surprises.

In order to discover him, we need to go there, where he is: we need to bow down, humble ourselves, make ourselves small. The Child who is born challenges us: he calls us to leave behind fleeting illusions and go to the essence, to renounce our insatiable claims, to abandon our endless dissatisfaction and sadness for something we will never have. It will help us to leave these things behind in order to rediscover in the simplicity of the God-child, peace, joy and the meaning of life.

"Jesus was born rejected by some and regarded by many others with indifference. Today also the same indifference can exist, when Christmas becomes a feast where the protagonists are ourselves, rather than Jesus; when the lights of commerce cast the light of God into the shadows; when we are concerned for gifts but cold towards those who are marginalized".

Pope Francis then added in unscripted remarks: "This worldliness and materialism has taken Christmas hostage. It needs to be freed."

His words reminded me of a conversation I had with a college freshman, home from college for Christmas. In one of her philosophy classes, she was asked to critique students' motives for going to college in the first place. She found that many of them didn't know, except that they wanted to make as much money as possible in the future.

The deepest longing within many of these young people, she said, seemed to remain unfulfilled. There is a longing, a desire, she said, that cannot be fulfilled just by material things. She saw a generation that had been swept up in the materialism that society pushes upon us.

The deepest longing she spoke of is within each one of us. This longing can only be satisfied in one place, by one person alone. As the Holy Father said at the conclusion of his Christmas homily:

"Let us allow ourselves also to be challenged tonight by Jesus. Let us go to him with trust, from that area in us we feel to be marginalized, from our own limitations. Let us touch the tenderness which saves. Let us draw close to God who draws close to us, let us pause to look upon the crib, and imagine the birth of Jesus: light, peace, utmost poverty, and rejection. Let us enter into the real Nativity with the shepherds, taking to Jesus all that we are, our alienation, our unhealed wounds. Then, in Jesus we will enjoy the flavor of the true spirit of Christmas: the beauty of being loved by God. With Mary and Joseph we pause before the manger, before Jesus who is born as bread for my life. Contemplating his humble and infinite love, let us say to him: thank you, thank you because you have done all this for me".

This weekend we continue to celebrate the answer to our deepest longings, as we end 2023 and look forward to the New Year 2024.

Peace in Christ, and Happy New Year,

Fr. Sean

Una Reflexión de Nuestro Pastor

Queridos hermanos y hermanas



Al celebrar hoy la Solemnidad de la Sagrada Familia de Nazaret, estas palabras de una homilía de Navidad del Papa Francisco son apropiadas:

"...el Evangelio revela una paradoja: habla del emperador, del gobernador, de los poderosos de aquellos tiempos, pero Dios no se hace presente allí; no aparece en la gran sala de un palacio real, sino en la pobreza de un establo; no en la pompa y el espectáculo, sino en la simplicidad de vida; no en el poder, sino en una pequeñez que sorprende.

Para descubrirlo, tenemos que ir allí, donde está: tenemos que inclinarnos, humillarnos, hacernos pequeños. El Niño que nace nos desafía: nos llama a dejar atrás ilusiones fugaces e ir a la esencia, a renunciar a nuestras pretensiones insaciables, a abandonar nuestra interminable insatisfacción y tristeza por algo que nunca tendremos. Nos ayudará a dejar atrás estas cosas para redescubrir en la sencillez del Hijo de Dios, la paz, la alegría y el sentido de la vida.

"Jesús nació rechazado por algunos y visto con indiferencia por otros. Hoy también puede existir la misma indiferencia, cuando la Navidad se convierte en una fiesta donde los protagonistas somos nosotros mismos, en lugar de Jesús; cuando las luces del comercio arrojan la luz de Dios a las sombras; cuando nos preocupamos por regalos y nos olvidamos de los marginados".

El Papa Francisco luego agregó en comentarios sin guion: "Esta mundanidad y materialismo ha tomado como rehén la Navidad. Necesita ser liberado."

Sus palabras me recordaron una conversación que tuve con un estudiante de primer año de universidad que estaba en casa durante la Navidad. En una de sus clases de filosofía, se le pidió que criticara los motivos de los estudiantes para ir a la universidad. Ella encontró que muchos de ellos no lo sabían, excepto que querían hacer tanto dinero como fuera posible en el futuro.

El anhelo más profundo de muchos de estos jóvenes parecía que no está completo. Esa Espera y sus deseos no se completaría con lo material. Ella vio una generación que ha sido arrastrada en lo material la cual es empujada por la sociedad nos empuja.

El anhelo más profundo del que habló está dentro de cada uno de nosotros. Este anhelo solo puede ser satisfecho en un lugar, por una sola persona. Como dijo el Santo Padre al final de su homilía de Navidad:

"Permitámonos también ser desafiados esta noche por Jesús. Vayamos a él con confianza, desde esa zona en la que nos sentimos marginados, desde nuestras propias limitaciones. Toquemos la ternura que salva. Acerquémonos a Dios que se acerca a nosotros, detengámonos a mirar el pesebre e imaginemos el nacimiento de Jesús: luz, paz, extrema pobreza y rechazo. Entremos en la verdadera Natividad con los pastores, llevando a Jesús todo lo que somos, nuestra alienación, nuestras heridas no sanadas. Entonces, en Jesús disfrutaremos del sabor del verdadero espíritu de la Navidad: la belleza de ser amados por Dios. Con María y José nos detenemos ante el pesebre, ante Jesús que nace como pan para mi vida. Contemplando su amor humilde e infinito, digámosle: gracias, gracias porque habéis hecho todo esto por mí".

Este fin de semana continuamos celebrando la respuesta a nuestros anhelos más profundos, ya que finalizamos 2023 y esperamos el Año Nuevo 2024.

Paz en Cristo y Feliz Año Nuevo,

Padre Sean

2024 NEW WEEKDAY MASS and ADORATION SCHEDULE

In January we will begin a new weekday Mass and Adoration schedule.

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday thru Friday Mass: 7:00am, 9:00am and 6:30pm
Saturday morning Mass: 7:00am, 9:00am

The 6:30pm Mass on Tuesdays will be in Spanish
The 7:00am Mass on the first Saturday of each month will be in Spanish.

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

The Sunday Mass schedule will remain the same:
Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:30pm English & 7:00pm Spanish
Sunday: 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, 12:00pm English, 1:15pm Spanish

ADORATION SCHEDULE

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:
Every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 12:00pm

BENEDICTION:

Every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 6:15pm

HOLY HOUR

The first Friday of the month 7:00pm - 8:00pm (English)
The last Tuesday of the month 7:00pm - 8:00pm (Spanish)

FIRST FRIDAY OVERNIGHT ADORATION in the MAIN CHURCH

The first Friday of the month:
Friday 7:00pm - 8:00pm Holy Hour
Friday 8:00pm - Midnight silent adoration
Friday Midnight - Saturday 6:00am adoration led by Anointing Fire Ministry
Saturday 6:00am - 7:00am adoration led by Rosario del Aurora
Saturday 6:45am Benediction



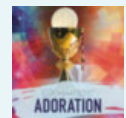
March for Life 2024

The Knights of Columbus is again sponsoring a bus trip to the March for Life in Washington, DC on January 19. This is a prayerful & peaceful opportunity to join with thousands of people from around the world to help make abortion unthinkable in our lifetime. This year's theme is 'With Every Woman, For Every Child'.

The bus will leave St. John's at 6am & return approximately at 10pm, with brief rest stops along the way. We ask for a donation of \$25 per person to help cover our costs.

Also, the Knights of Columbus welcome all to their annual Right to Life Mass on January 14 at the SMA Fathers (Tenafly). We will gather at 2pm for Adoration and the Rosary, followed by Mass at 3pm.

For more information or to reserve your spot on the bus, contact Gerry Flood: 914-343-5508, gerryflood@gmail.com



Come & Pray

Adoration
This Week:

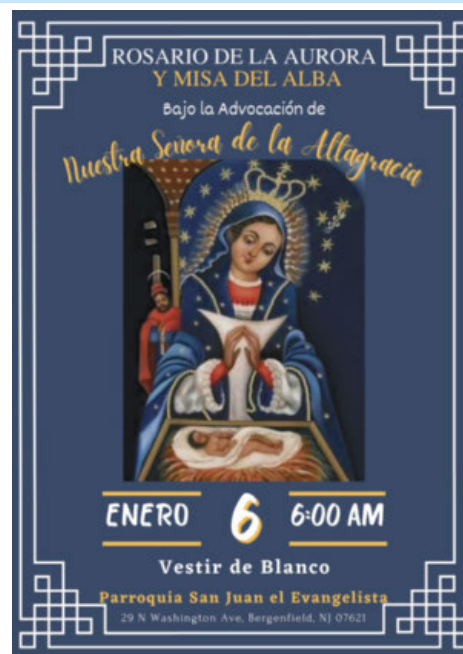
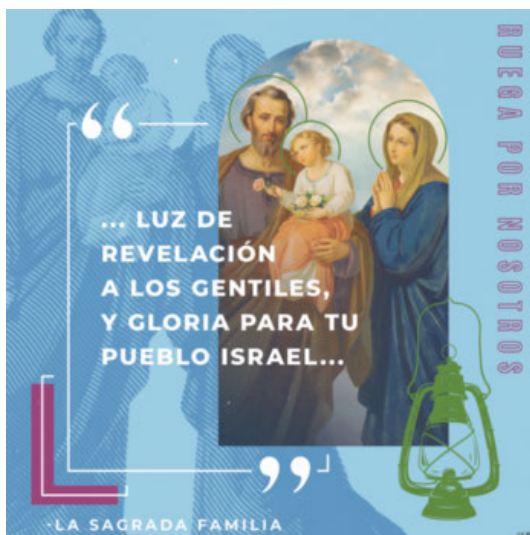
Tuesday
12 pm—6:15pm

Wednesday
12pm—6:15pm

Thursday
12pm—6:15pm



Las oficinas de la Rectoría y Educación Religiosa estarán cerradas el 1 de Enero.



2024 NUEVO HORARIO DE MISA Y ADORACIÓN ENTRE SEMANA

En enero comenzaremos un nuevo horario de Misa y Adoración de lunes a viernes.

HORARIO DE MISA DE LUNES A VIERNES

Misa de lunes a viernes: 7:00am, 9:00am y 6:30pm
Misa del Sábado por la mañana: 7:00am, 9:00am

La Misa de los martes a las 6:30pm será en español
La Misa de las 7:00am del primer sábado de cada mes será en español.

HORARIO DE MISA DOMINICAL

El horario de la Misa dominical seguirá siendo el mismo:
Misa de Vigilia del Sábado: 5:30pm Inglés y 7:00pm Español
Domingo: 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am, 12:00pm Inglés, 1:15pm Español

HORARIO DE ADORACIÓN

Exposición del Santísimo Sacramento:
Todos los martes, miércoles y jueves comenzando a las 12:00pm

BENEDICCIÓN

Concluyendo con benedición todos los martes, miércoles y jueves a las 6:15pm

HORA SANTA

El primer viernes del mes 7:00pm - 8:00pm (inglés)
El último martes del mes 7:00pm - 8:00pm (español)

PRIMER VIERNES ADORACIÓN NOCTURNA EN LA IGLESIA PRINCIPAL

El primer viernes del mes:
Viernes 7:00pm - 8:00pm Hora Santa
Viernes 8:00pm - Medianoche adoración silenciosa
Viernes a medianoche - Sábado 6:00am adoración dirigida por el Ministerio Anointing Fire
Sábado 6:00am - 7:00am adoración dirigida por Rosario del Aurora
Sábado 6:45am Benedicción

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