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Mass Schedule

First Friday 7:00pm & First Saturday 9:00am

Saturday 5:00pm-Sunday 8:30am, 11:00am, & 12:30pm (Spanish)

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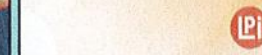
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Gospel Meditation

ENCOURAGE YOURSELF TO A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE



As we age, time seems to pass more quickly. Years seemingly fly by as one holiday flows into the next, January quickly becomes December and life maintains its hectic pace. What do we accomplish in all of that busyness? Perhaps technology is responsible for some of the frenzy, keeping us isolated in our social media worlds, communicating through texts rather than in person, and always connected to world events. We're over stimulated in many ways by information, noise, opinions, and ideologies. Yet, we still find the time to decorate our homes, purchase gifts, and plan Christmas gatherings. We know, however, that the true meaning of Christmas is not found in twinkling lights, beautifully adorned trees, perfectly set tables or exchanged gifts. We are being called to something deeper and more authentic. Christmas reminds us to look for God along the way of our lives and not get distracted by the illusions around us. Our world's complexity can leave us feeling displaced, desperate, alone, neglected, and unimportant. Joseph and Mary felt that way too. In the midst of all that captures and intrigues us in our self-created virtual worlds, is this longing for the anchor of faith to keep us grounded and make sense of it all. Only faith can give us the perspective to see what truly matters in life. We discover our divinely blessed humanity. The uncertain and challenging journey to Bethlehem gives way to the tender moments of birth and its embrace. Christmas softens us and slows us down a bit. It shows us Jesus as the light who enlightens everyone. It shows us the truth. The faith that comes from Christmas calms our fears and allows us to go into the nighttime of our lives courageously. We are never lost or alone. We need to stop and savor more of life's moments before they slip away in time. God is with us, loving us, and leading us where we need to be. God is born again and again in every soul willing to give birth to His presence. God connects us and provides us with a place where we feel safe and welcome: home. Merry Christmas! ©LPi



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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Being the Sign

I think the real challenge of evangelization in the modern age is the reality that pretty much everyone has already heard of Jesus Christ or, at least, they think they have. To our 21st-century eyes, the angel who shared news of the birth of Jesus with the shepherds had an easy job. All he had to do was announce it. Our baptism compels us to do the same to announce the coming of Christ over and over again, always and everywhere. But our audience is not a group of illiterate shepherds in ancient Judea. Our audience is a world that has heard so much about Jesus they often claim weariness of his name. So how do we do it? If we walk into a crowd of strangers and tell them we want to talk about Jesus, their reaction will probably be either "I already know about Jesus, thanks," or "I've heard of him, and based on the behavior of those who claim to follow him, I'm really not interested in hearing more." Because in the end, our very lives are how we "announce his salvation" in the present day. We announce it in our actions to strangers. We announce it in our treatment of people who have wronged us. We announce it in our interactions with those who disagree with us. How long had the coming of the Messiah been foretold to the Israelites? So long that, no doubt, many of them despaired of his coming altogether. So, God had to give them a sign:

"You will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger."

Now we are the sign.

The world has heard of Christ by now. But have they all seen him? It's our job to show them.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

The Year of Grace

Merry Christmas to all of our Parishioners at St. Pius X Parish in Jamul!

We are grateful for all of our wonderful volunteers that dedicated their time to decorate the parish in such a breathtaking manner as we await the birth of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! This amazing group of men and women from the Knights of Columbus and the Mother Mary Ladies Guild along with volunteers from various groups such as Bible Study, Men's Fellowship, Choir, Sacristans, Lectors and numerous volunteers served joyfully for the Lord.

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace."

1 Corinthians 15:10



WEEKLY STEWARSHIP	
December 18, 2022	
Envelope Giving	\$1,566.00
Plate Giving	\$1,551.00
Online Giving	\$642.34
Total	\$3,759.34
Weekly funds needed for church operations	\$5,000.00
Overage/Deficit	-\$1,240.66

New Years Day Mass Schedule

Saturday, December 31st
5:00pm (Bilingual)

Sunday, January 1st
8:30am + 11:00am
12:30pm (Spanish)

Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 2, 2023



ST. PIUS X YOUTH EVENT TELEVISION RAFFLE



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Drawing on **Sunday, February 5** - Be the Winner! See any Youth Group Member to purchase a ticket, or two or three! Support the Youth Group Program and their upcoming trip to World Youth Day in August 2023 to Portugal. Other Youth activities include:

The Steubenville Conference, Fun, Religion, Snacks, Volunteer Opportunities, the L.A. RE Congress Youth Day and Retreats. Thank you for helping these young people achieve their goals.

REPORTING SEXUAL ABUSE

Complaints about Sexual Abuse by a member of the Clergy, a parish Catholic Employee or a Volunteer can be made <https://www.safeinourdiocese.org/> or call (858) 490-8353 misconduct@sdccatholic.org.

BUILDING A BETTER MARRIAGE

Diocesan Marriage Enrichment Series: The Office for Family Life and Spirituality is inviting all couples of the diocese to attend one or more of their upcoming six-part series on an assortment of topics including healthy communication and conflict resolution, love languages, managing differences, cultivating the virtues, and learning to forgive. This series is open to ALL couples including those preparing for marriage, newlyweds, and more seasoned couples. Join us on Wednesday nights at 7 pm between **January 11 and February 15** at the Pastoral Center (3888 Paducah Dr, San Diego 92117). What a great way to prepare for Valentine's Day! To register, please call 858-490-8256 or visit tinyurl.com/dmarriageenrichment.

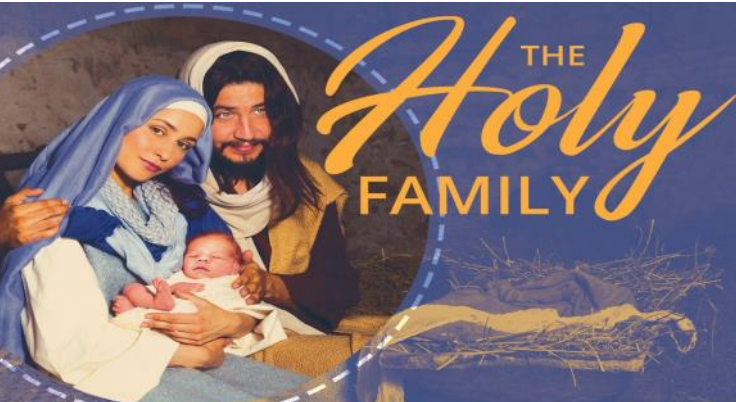
I ITH SAN DIEGO WALK FOR LIFE

Changing Hearts, Saving Lives: Join Cardinal McElroy and 2,000 faithful's to stand up for the lives of the unborn on **Saturday, January 14, 8:30 a.m.** at Waterfront Park, Downtown San Diego. Bring your loved ones with life-affirming posters and enjoy inspirational speakers, live music, exhibitors, and raffles. Go to www.sandiegowalkforlife.org.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD ABORTION HEALING WEEKEND RETREAT

Have you been Emotionally and Spiritually impacted by a past Abortion experience? Do you feel like you are the only person walking through the pain and grief of your past? Do you long for someone to take your hand and say they have been there too? The Rachel's Vineyard Abortion Healing Retreat team for Military, Veterans, and Families would like to invite you to a weekend healing retreat on **Feb. 10-12, 2023** near Columbus, Georgia. The retreat is free thanks to generous donors. He is calling you to be whole. God wants to speak truth to those places in your heart that have been broken by abortion. For information or to register: Military, Veterans, and Families contact Jody Duffy at military@pathatl.com or (404) 247-9046

THE Holy FAMILY



WHY DO WE DO THAT? Christmas Gifts

Question: Why do we give gifts at Christmas?

Answer: Great events in and of themselves are not tangible. They occur in life but leave no mark behind, nothing that someone could come across and know that something significant occurred. So we mark the event with monuments, holidays, gold watches or plaques, making a meaningful event tangible and memorable. Gifts at Christmas do the same thing. They mark the occasion of the birth of Jesus, communicating a bit of the joy of the day by allowing us to be both giver and receiver. Gift-giving sets aside the day as special and different. The special foods, customs, decorations, and gifts all help focus our attention on the importance and meaning of the day and at the same time allow us to share personally in its joy and happiness. In giving gifts, though, we can share in the meaning of Christmas in a significant way. We imitate God in sharing with others. We give a bit of ourselves to others in the gifts we give, just as God gives us the gift of his Son. No wonder we often say that the best gifts are those that come from the heart. Given in love, these presents are wrapped in the best covering of all. ©LPi

LIVE THE LITURGY

The true meaning of Christmas is not found in the twinkling lights, the beautifully adorned trees, or the exchanged gifts. It is revealed when we find God along the way of our lives, especially when we feel displaced, desperate, and alone. Fleeing from their home, Joseph and Mary cautiously made their way through the uncertain, complex, and dark paths to a longed-for place of safety and welcome. Not sure where to lay their heads, they created makeshift preparations for the birth of their child, the Son of God. God, who always was, is, and will be, without beginning or end is the one constant in life who sees us through difficult and scary times. Jesus is the light, which enlightens everyone, and comes into the world to show us the truth. It is joyful good news that calms our fears and allows us to go forth into the nighttime of our lives, courageously. This is the meaning of Christmas. We are never lost or alone. God is with us, loving us and leading us where we need to be. ©LPi



QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading: Isaiah prophesied of God's promise to send "a child to us" who will be "a great light" and bring us "abundant joy and great rejoicing." How will you show to others today your joy at the birth of Jesus?

Second Reading: Paul teaches Titus that Jesus is "the grace of God" who has come to save all people. In response, we believers are called "to live temperately, justly, and devoutly in this age." What makes this challenging to do in our time?

Gospel: We hear Luke's account of the birth of Jesus. Luke tells us how the message of the angel of the Lord frightened the shepherds. In response, the angel said, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people ..." How will your family celebrate today the birth of Jesus, our Lord and Messiah? ©LPi



Mission Statement "A Tiny Church with a Big Heart"

We, the people of God at St. Pius X Church in Jamul, Seek to live the Christian life by celebrating God's Word, Living the Eucharist, and reaching out in peace and justice to all of God's People. We are to build a loving supportive community in Jamul, By listening and sharing with each other. We believe, with God's grace, the power of Jesus' example, and the gifts of the Spirit, we will fulfill Christ's Mission to love one another and establish the Kingdom of God on earth.

DECEMBER 25, 2022 THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD



Sun:	Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3]/Heb 1:1-6/ Jn 1:1-18
Mon:	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22
Tues:	1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Wed:	1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8/Mt 2:13-18
Thur:	1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35
Fri:	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 /Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
Sat:	1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18

Observances for the week of December 25, 2022

Sunday:	The Nativity of the Lord
Monday:	St. Stephen, First Martyr
Tuesday:	St. John, Apostle and Evangelist
Wednesday:	The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
Thursday:	St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr
Friday:	Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Saturday:	St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve

MASS Intentions

Dec 25	Sun	8:30am	The Nativity of the Lord
Dec 25	Sun	11:00am	The Nativity of the Lord
Dec 25	Sun	12:30pm	The Nativity of the Lord
Dec 26	Mon		NO MASS
Dec 27	Tues	7:30am	For the Parishioners
Dec 28	Wed	7:30am	+Alfredo Juarez
Dec 29	Thur	7:30am	For the Parishioners
Dec 30	Fri	7:30am	For the Parishioners
Dec 31	Sat	5:00pm	New Year's Eve –Bilingual



The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." — Lk 2:10-12



Keep them, I pray Thee dearest Lord. Keep them for they are Thine. Thy priests whose lives burn out before Thy consecrated shrine. Keep them, for they are in the world, yet from the world apart; When earthly pleasures tempt, allure—shelter them in Thy heart. Keep them, and comfort them in hours of loneliness and pain, When all their life of sacrifice for souls seems but in vain. Keep them, and O remember Lord, they have no one but Thee. Yet they only have human hearts, with human frailty. Keep them as spotless as the Host, that daily they caress; Their every thought word and deed, deign, dearest Lord, to bless.

Mary, Queen of the clergy, Pray for them.

Sunday: Rev Jay Banal
Monday: Rev Abel Barajas
Tuesday: Rev. Karl Bauner
Wednesday: Rev Efrain Bautista
Thursday: Rev. Eduardo Bernardino
Friday: Rev. Jeffrey Blangiardi SJ
Saturday: Rev Higinio Garcia

Saint John the Apostle | December 27

Saint John was one of the Twelve, part of Jesus' inner circle, among the few that witnessed the Transfiguration, the raising of Jarius' Daughter, and the Agony in the garden at Gethsemane. He and his brother James were the sons of Zebedee and Salome. When Jesus called them, they left

their father mending nets and followed him. Jesus called the brothers "Boanerges," meaning "sons of thunder" — they were passionate in their faith and Jesus had to rebuke them for their fiery zeal on more than one occasion. John, the younger brother, possibly the youngest disciple, was the only one present at Jesus' death. Saint John the Apostle is traditionally thought to be the author of the fifth Gospel, the three Epistles of John, and the Book of Revelation.

However, there has been some debate among scholars from antiquity to the present. Tradition also gives him the title Beloved Disciple and John's Gospel sees him seated next to Jesus at the last supper and the one to whom Jesus gives the care of Mary at the crucifixion. Although Church tradition says that John survived the other disciples, living a long life, much of it is steeped in myth and legend. Some say he retired to Ephesus after the crucifixion with Mary and remained there until he died. But in other traditions he is more active. For a time he remained in Jerusalem with the other disciples, then founded churches in Asia Minor. In a legend of his persecution, during the reign of the Emperor Domitian, John is taken to Rome and thrown into a cauldron of boiling oil but preserved from death. He is then exiled to the island of Patmos where the Book of Revelation was written. Most accounts agree that after his exile and the Assumption of Mary he returned to Ephesus where he died sometime after 98, during the reign of the Emperor Trajan.

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ST. PIUS X JAMUL

Meets every Tuesday at 6:30pm
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MOTHER MARY'S LADIES GUILD

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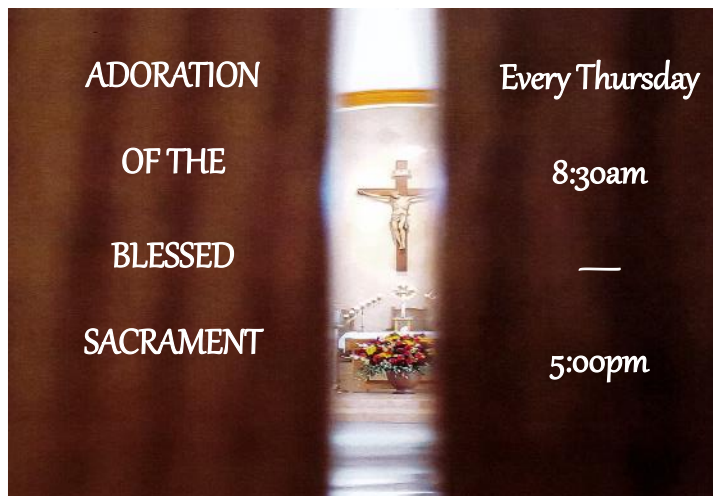


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