

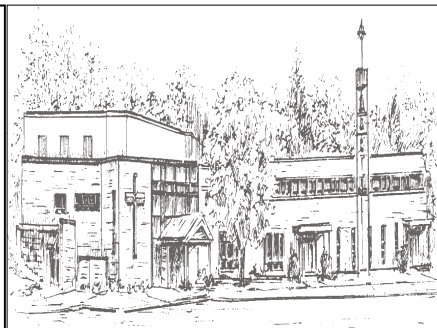
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*Together—Renewing our commitment to God and our community.*

*Masses: Daily (Tues—Friday) 7:30am*

*Saturday 5pm, Sunday 8:15 & 10:30am*

*Confessions: Saturday 4pm, Thursday & Friday 7:00am*



*December 24, 2017*

*Fourth Sunday of*  
**ADVENT**



### Reflections on a Pilgrimage

A few weeks ago, I had the wonderful opportunity to make a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. It was a great experience as we had the chance to visit many of the places connected with the life and ministry of Jesus. One of the highlights of the pilgrimage was the visit to the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem to see the manger where Jesus was born and the Shepherd's field. The group celebrated the Holy Mass in the chapel of St. Helena and proceeded to the Manger. Presiding over the Eucharistic celebration on that day I reflected about the importance of the place and how everything is arranged so well in the Divine plan of Salvation. In the book of prophet Micah, 5:2, we read like this: "You **Bethlehem Ephrathah**, Too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you One will go forth for me to be ruler in Israel. His goings forth are from long ago, from the days of eternity." Announcing the birth of Jesus to the shepherds, the angel said: "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people; for today in the **city of David** there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.".....When the angels had gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds began saying to one another, "Let us go straight to **Bethlehem** then, and see this thing that has happened which the Lord has made known to us" (Lk.2:10-11,15).

The name "Bethlehem" comes from two Hebrew words: 'beth' which means 'house' and 'lehem' which means 'bread'. Does it really surprise you that Jesus who was to become the "Bread of Life" was born in a place called "house of bread"? Also when the shepherds visited the new born King they found him "laying in a manger". Manger is a place where we place fodder for the animals. The place where he is born, the manger where he is placed after His birth – all these foretells something about the life and mission of Jesus. Gandhi once said: 'There are people in the world so hungry, that God cannot appear to them except in the form of bread". As we celebrate Christmas, we announce to the whole world that is hungry for life, love and healing, that a savior is born unto them – a Savior who can fill the void that many in the world experience today.

What are we to do receive such a king into our lives? T.S Eliot has written a poem (1927) "the Journey of the Magi". In the poem Eliot retells the story of the Magi who travelled to Palestine to visit the new born Jesus according to the gospel of Mathew. Standing at the place of Nativity, the Magi is confused and he asks this question to himself: "... but set down, this set down; This: were we led all that way for a Birth or a Death?" Of course, there was birth for them – they had seen the new born baby and his mother. But to accept the child they had to die – they had to die to their old ways, their pride, their selfishness, their anger, their pursuit of worldly allurements.

This is true for us too. If we have to accept Jesus, then we have to die to our sinfulness. Allow Jesus to be reborn in our hearts so that he may radiate the light of his presence from within us as sharing and selfless love, expressed in compassionate words and deeds, unconditional forgiveness, the spirit of humble service and overflowing generosity. "Christmas is the perfect time to celebrate the love of God and family and to create memories that will last forever. Jesus is God's perfect, indescribable gift. The amazing thing is that not only are we able to receive this gift, but we are able to share it with others on Christmas and every other day of the year". Wishing you all a Merry Christmas!

~ Fr. Antony Skaria, CFIC

### HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve Mass—4pm

Christmas Day Mass—8:15am & 10:30am

Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God  
Monday, January 1st at 8:00am

## Christmas Flower Donations

### Donor

### In Memory of...

<i>Donna Anderson</i>	<i>Gordon Anderson, Gary Anderson, Clara Anderson &amp; Isadore &amp; Catherine Demars</i>
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<i>John &amp; Bobbie Jablonski</i>	<i>Parents of John &amp; Bobbie Jablonski</i>
<i>Keith Jacobson</i>	<i>Margaret Jacobson</i>
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<i>Barb Reichstadt</i>	<i>Ken Reichstadt</i>
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<i>Special Thank You To:</i>	<i>Bill &amp; Barbara Frid, Mary Ann Hanson, Amy Kuntz, Cathy La Barre, Alice Marlow, Mary Petrie Nikki Rusk</i>

# FAITH

## Readings for the Week of December 24, 2017

Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [2a]/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38  
 Monday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25  
 Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20  
 Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14  
 Tuesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 [6]/Mt 10:17-22  
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8  
 Thursday: 1 Jn 1:5--2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18  
 Friday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35  
 Saturday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40

## Mass Schedule & Intentions

MONDAY	DEC 25	8:15 AM	Tom Kaliszewski+
		10:30 AM	Dave Wilcox+
TUESDAY	DEC 26		NO MASS
WEDNESDAY	DEC 27	7:30 AM	Pat Milbert+
THURSDAY	DEC 28	7:30 AM	Kent Patet+
FRIDAY	DEC 29	7:30 AM	Dianne Badalich+
SATURDAY	DEC 30	5:00 PM	Harold Schlemmer+
		10:30 AM	AI & Martha Smeby+
SUNDAY	DEC 31	8:15 AM	Barbara Waldera+
		10:30 AM	AI & Martha Smeby+

## Liturgical Minister Schedule December 30th & 31st

LECTORS		
SATURDAY	Betty Wright	5:00 PM
SUNDAY	Kristi Luskey	8:15 AM
SUNDAY	Scott Swedin	10:30 AM

## Ushers

SATURDAY	5:00 PM	Jody Griffin & Tony LaMotte
SUNDAY	8:15 AM	Michelle Englemier & Joe Nelson
SUNDAY	10:30 AM	Ken Schult & Norm Quast



## Please pray for the sick who have asked for our prayers

*Karen Fritz Helfter*

*Sr. Mary Madonna Ashton,  
CSJ*

*Kathy Olsen-Roebke*

*Jim Bruhn*

*Kevin Conroy*

*Judy Fuglie*

*Yvonne Hain*

*Grayce Hartman*

*Bill Holzmer*

*Geri Loder*

*Randy Gillette*

*Olivia Milner*

*Ed Oster*

*Margaret Overman*

*Jim Schema*

*George Schneider*

*Tom Van Hale*

*Whitey Willer*

*Becky Thomas*

*Frank Strut*

*Barb Thompson*

*Marla Hawley*

*Myrt Milner*

*Vi Stewart*

*Gloria Powers*

*Sandy Otto*

*Simon Scott*

*Mildred Hoff*

*Bob Bringgold*

*Ken Rouse*

*Marlene Brickley*

*Bill Reynolds*

*Katy~*

*Marcy Jansen*

*Patti Praml Schultz*

*Dustin Bergh*

*Cathy Derr*

*John Jablonski*

*Alice Hamilton*

*Patty O'Brien*

*Jim Glenn*

*Lyndon Baker*

*Chris Cheney*

*Terry Lawrence*

*Patti Lenzen*

*Joanie Gutzman*

*Mike Snaza*

*Linda Pelletier*

*Sandy Lotzer*

*Joan Woods*

*Karen Kappahn*

*Bill Novotny*

*Scott Barrett*

*Becky Rettler*

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*Sharon Blaiser*

*Colleen Greely*

*Bob Meehl*

*Marion Novotny*

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