

# Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

December 25, 2011

Today is born the Savior,  
Christ the Lord!

*For unto us  
a child is born  
unto us a son is given*

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## MASS SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME	SAINT	INTENTION	REQUESTED BY
Mon. Dec. 26	5:00	St. Stephen	Raymonde Lecours	Friend
Tues. Dec. 27	8:30	St. John	Bob Haley	Jack and Family
Wed. Dec. 28	5:00	Holy Innocents	Angel Marie Bright	Carl and Jeannie Bright
Thur. Dec. 29	8:30	St. Thomas Becket	Brian Benedict	Family
Fri. Dec. 30	8:30	The Holy Family	Courana Bishop	Don and Jeanette Pierce

## SUNDAY MASSES

Sat. Dec. 31	4:30	St. Sylvester	Parishioners and Benefactors	
Sun. Jan. 1	8:00		Mary Giuffre	Tony and Mary
	9:30		Dorothy Gaboriault	Bill and Ann
	11:30		Children of Pauline Ekwelie	

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND YOUTH MINISTRY

We wish all our CGS, Grades 1-6, EDGE and Confirmation families a most blessed Christmas! We will see you in 2012!

### SALVATION ARMY DINNER

Thank you to all who helped make Thursday's Salvation Army Dinner a success! We so appreciate the generosity of our parish, especially at Christmastime, to fill the bellies and warm the hearts of the needy in our area. May your Christmas be blessed!

### WORLD MARRIAGE DAY IS FEBRUARY 5, 2012

Couples celebrating significant anniversaries (5, 10, 25, 40, 50 etc.) in 2012 are invited to participate in a special Mass with Bishop Matano on Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am at St. Joseph's Co-Cathedral. Couples wishing to participate should call Cindy in our parish office. Kindly give her your names with information about the number of years you are celebrating. We will forward the names to the Diocese late in January.

### WELCOME

We welcome into our parish community newly baptized Cailin Clare Fitzgerald.

### WE THANK EVERYONE WHO HAS HELPED US TO PREPARE AND CELEBRATE THE CHRISTMAS MASSES

We are especially grateful to those who cleaned and decorated the church and the parish center. We thank our Deacons, Music Ministers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Lector, Servers, and Ushers. Fr. Gaudreau and Fr. Sullivan are most grateful for your beautiful cards and good wishes. We thank you for all the "goodies" that were dropped off at the rectory. **MAY THE LORD BLESS YOU ALL MOST ABUNDANTLY THIS CHRISTMAS AND THROUGHOUT 2012.**

### NEW YEAR'S DAY FAMILY BLESSINGS

We invite families to come to Mass together for the Feast of Mary Mother of God on January 1<sup>st</sup>. The priests and the deacons will offer "Family Blessings" after the closing hymn.

### WE WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

We are always welcoming new people to our community and we invite them to become registered members of the parish. We would very much like to meet you in person. So, please come into the Parish Office, located in the Parish Center, to meet our Pastor, Fr. Bernie Gaudreau, and to register with Cindy, our parish secretary. You may call us at 802-864-4166 to make an appointment to register.

### COLLECTION ENVELOPES

We are in the process of reviewing the list of envelope users. We have discovered that we are mailing collection envelopes to a fairly sizeable number of people who are not using them. Since this represents a fairly substantial expense for the parish, we cannot continue sending packets of envelopes to those who are not using them. Parishioners who make their contributions through EFT will not be dropped from the list.

### LIFELINES

This is an educational, pro-life-issues oriented program for cable access channels. It is sponsored by the Chittenden County Right-to-life Committee. The programs are hosted by Bob Sekerak and feature local special guests. Previously aired programs can be viewed on line at: <http://www.lcatv.org/search/node/Lifelines>. Look for Lifelines in the weekly schedule of Comcast Channel 15.

### CONSIDER "MAKING" A CURSILLO!

*What is Cursillo?* It is a spiritual weekend beginning on Thursday evening and ending Sunday night. During these three days those attending listen to talks given by Priests, religious and lay people. These talks focus on living fully our Catholic faith every day. The weekend allows those attending to experience a Christian community in action! So if you are interested in having a close encounter with Christ consider a Cursillo weekend. The next men's weekend is scheduled for April 19-22, 2012; the next women's weekend for April 26-29, 2012. Further updates will be forthcoming or contact Diane Geoffroy, Lay Director of Cursillo for info at [dgeoffroy@hotmail.com](mailto:dgeoffroy@hotmail.com) or see Fr. Bernie.

### STOCK DONORS TAKE NOTE!

If you plan to donate stock to the parish, please call the parish office for specific instructions BEFORE you take any action. If these instructions are not followed, your donation may not be accessible to the parish. Even if you have done this in the past, please call because the instructions may have changed.

### LAST WEEK

Collection - \$5,238.00  
Snow Removal - \$1,482.00  
Attendance - 891

The Second Collection for next week will be for the Development Fund.

### GRACE FOR CHRISTMAS DINNER

*(A Christmas candle may be lighted to signal the beginning of prayer.)*

**Sign of the Cross by all:**

"In the name of the Father ... (+) ..."

**Leader:** "Glory to God in the highest."

**All:** "And on earth peace to people of good will."

**Leader:**

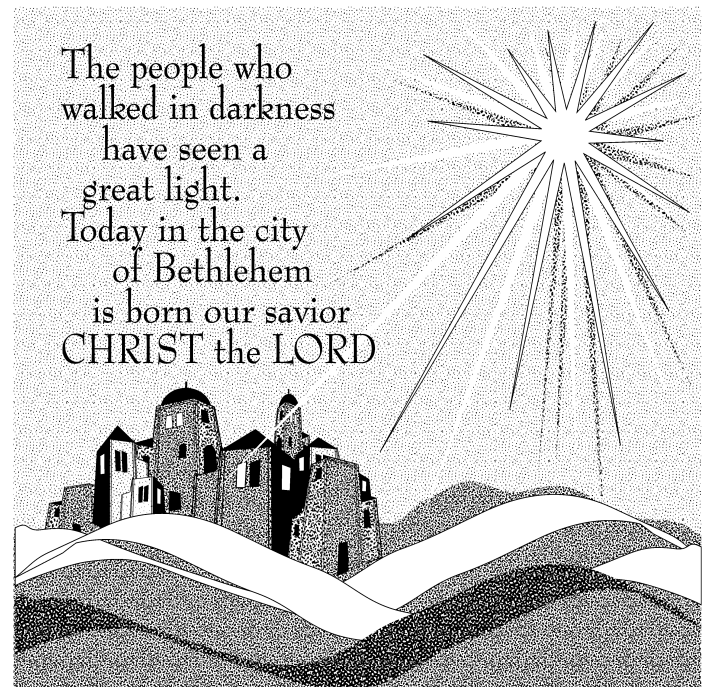
"Lord Jesus, in the peace of this season  
our spirits rejoice:  
With the angels and the beasts,  
the shepherds and stars,  
with Mary and Joseph,  
we sing God's praise.

By your coming  
may the hungry be filled with good things,  
and may our table and home be blessed.

Glory to God in the highest."

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**All:** "In the name of the Father ... (+) ..."



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