

December 25, 2011

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD



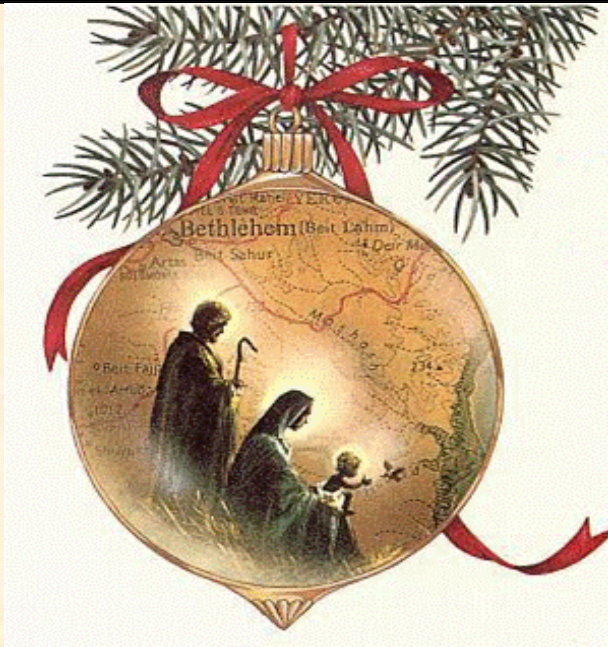
Holy Name of Mary Parish

Serving San Dimas and La Verne and surrounding communities
Staffed by the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary



The beginning of love
is to let those we love be
perfectly themselves, and not to twist them
to fit our own image.

Otherwise we love only the reflection of
ourselves we find in them. -Thomas Merton



My dear sisters and brothers,

We have come together to hear again the old story of a stable and a baby born to a peasant couple, alone and far from home. It's a story we have heard every year for as long we can remember. This story is so wrapped up in our Christmases past that it has become part of us. But at some time, the celebrations are over and things get back to the way they were. The question this Christmas is, do they have to? There is a better thing than the observance of Christmas Day and that is the keeping of Christmas.

Are you willing:

- To forget what you have done for other people, and to remember what other people have done for you?
- To ignore what the world owes you, and to think about what you owe the world?
- To put your rights in the background and your duties in the middle distance, and your chances to do a little more than your duty in the foreground?
- To see that men and women are just as real as you are, and try to look behind their faces to their hearts, hungry for joy?
- To own up to the fact that probably the only good reason for your existence is not what you are going to get out of life, but what you are going to give life?

- To close your book of complaints against the management of the universe, and look around you for a place where you can sow a few seeds of happiness?

Are you willing to do these things, even for a day? Then you can keep Christmas.

Are you willing:

- To stoop down and consider the needs and desires of little children?
- To remember the weakness and loneliness of people growing old?
- To stop asking how much your friends love you, and ask yourself whether you love them enough?
- To bear in mind the things that other people have to bear in their hearts?
- To try to understand what those who live in the same home with you really want, without waiting for them to tell you?
- To trim your lamp so that it will give more light and less smoke, and to carry it in front so that your shadow will fall behind you?
- To make a grave for your ugly thoughts, and a garden for your kindly feelings, with the gate open?

Are you willing to do these things, even for a day? Then you can keep Christmas.

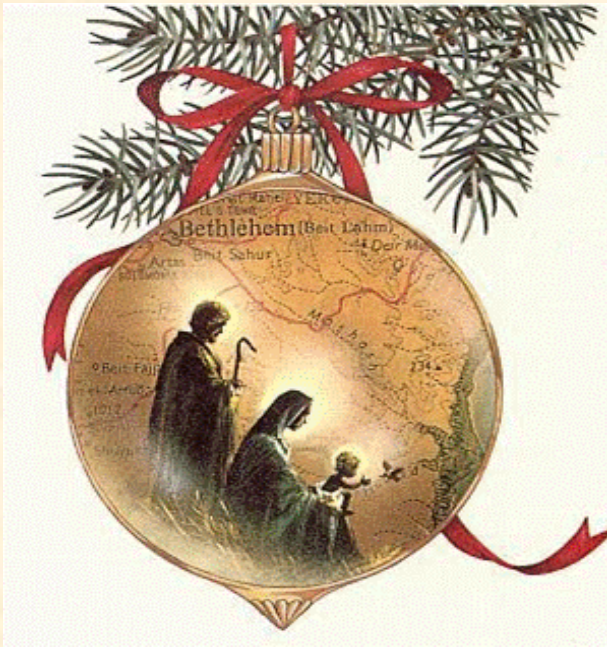
Are you willing:

- To believe that love is the strongest thing in the world –
- Stronger than hate, stronger than evil, stronger than death –
- And that “The blessed life which began in Bethlehem nineteen hundred years ago is the image and brightness of the Eternal Love”? (Dickens)

Then you can keep Christmas. And if you can keep it for a day, why not always? But you can never keep it alone. Together each morning, let's begin the walk to our daily Bethlehem of new life, and each evening give thanks we are able to do it together.

This Christmas I love you more than last.
Fr. Rich, SS.CC.

Christmas tells us that God is holding us as we experience the often frightening process of change.



Mis queridas hermanas y hermanos,

Nos hemos reunido de nuevo para escuchar la vieja historia de un establo y un bebé nacido de una pareja de campesinos, solos y lejos de casa. Es una historia que hemos escuchado todos los años durante desde el momento que puedo recordar. Esta historia esta tan envuelta, en nuestras Navidades pasadas que se ha convertido en parte de nosotros. Pero en algún momento, estas celebraciones han terminado y las cosas vuelven a como estaban. La pregunta en esta Navidad es que si esto tendría que ser así? Hay una cosa mejor que la observancia de la Navidad y es el mantenernos siempre en Navidad.

¿Estás dispuesto:

- A olvidar lo que has hecho por los demás, y para recordar lo que otros han hecho por ti;
- Hacer caso omiso de lo que el mundo te debe y pensar en lo que tú le debes al mundo;
- A poner tus derechos en el fondo y tus deberes en la media distancia, y tus posibilidades de hacer un poco más de tu deber en primer lugar;
- A ver que los hombres y las mujeres son tan reales como tú, y tratar de mirar detrás de sus caras a su corazón, con hambre de alegría;
- Poseer el hecho de que probablemente la única buena razón para tu existencia, no es lo que vas a recibir de la vida, sino lo que le vas a dar la vida;

- A cerrar tu libro de quejas contra el manejo del universo, y mirar a tu alrededor para encontrar algún lugar, donde puedas sembrar algunas semillas de felicidad?

¿Está dispuesto a hacer estas cosas aunque sea por un día? Entonces se puede celebrar la Navidad.

¿Estás dispuesto:

- A agacharte y considerar las necesidades y deseos de los niños pequeños;
- A recordar la debilidad y la soledad de las personas que están envejeciendo;
- A dejar de preguntar que tanto te aman tus amigos, y preguntarte si los quieres lo suficiente;
- Tener en cuenta las cosas que otras personas tienen que soportar en su corazón;
- A tratar de entender lo que realmente quieren aquellas personas, que viven en la misma casa contigo, sin esperar a que le digan;
- A recortar tu lámpara para que de más luz y menos humo y a llevarla adelante para que tu sombra quede detrás de ti;
- A hacer una tumba para tus pensamientos feos, y un jardín para tus buenos sentimientos, con la puerta abierta?

¿Está dispuesto a hacer estas cosas, aunque sea por un día?

Entonces se puede celebrar la Navidad.

¿Estás dispuesto:

- A creer que el amor es la cosa más fuerte del mundo -
- Más fuerte que el odio, más fuerte que el mal, más fuerte que la muerte.
- Y que "la vida bienaventurada, que comenzó en Belén hace 1900 años es la imagen y el brillo del amor eterno?" (Dickens)

Entonces se puede celebrar la Navidad. Y si se puede mantener durante un día, ¿por qué no siempre? Pero nunca se puede mantener por sí sola. Todas las mañanas, vamos a empezar la jornada a nuestro diario Belén de una nueva vida y cada noche demos gracias que podemos hacerlo juntos.

Esta Navidad Te amo más que el año pasado.
Fr. Rich, SS.CC.

La Navidad nos dice que Dios nos está sosteniendo al experimentar el continuo aterrador proceso de cambio.



"Christmas Blessings to you and your family!"

from the school faculty and the parish staff

Laura Abraham, Andrea Alarcon, Trianne Avelar, Janice Balinas, Maria Bartelt, Mary Cady, Linda Cassidy, Carole Chambers, Maureen Fischer, Veronica Flores, Catherine Giors, Claudia Gregory, Katherine Gregory, Janelle Hagget, Loreto Hannah, Candice Kuzmickas, Tina Low, Debbie Marquez, Debbie Marshall, Gail Mahaney, Terri McFadden, Elvia Montanez, Shoughn Melgar, Loretta Neag, Maribel Ortega, Christine Padilla, Donna Rohrer, Jaclyn Stoops, Beth Venegas, Mike Wyka, Kristy Vena, Ron Hale, Susan Bugelli, Deborah Lamborghini, Clare Eubanks, Lani Galvan, Brenda Luna, Janice de Hart, Sharon Hueckel, Dolores Gomez, Charlie Martinez, Melanie Bailey, Gabby Ulloa, Ken Beauchamp, Tom Ruggless, Christian Guadamuz, Dn. Marv and Sharon Estey, Dn. Mario and Irene Lopez, Dn. Al and Rita Austin, Dn. Jose and Maria Guadamuz, Fr. John Roche, Fr. Donal McCarthy, Fr. Peter Dennis, Fr. Peadar Cronin and Fr. Rich Danyluk.

Mass Schedule for the Week

Sat.	4:00	C	Manuel Garcia, Sara Wutherspoon, People of the Parish
	7:00	PD	Int. Sonya de Hart, People of the Parish
	12:00	D	John Moltoni, People of the Parish
Sun.	8:00	D	James Virzi, People of the Parish
	10:00	C	Vicki Buctero, Int. Heather Duran, Int. June Snodgrass, Conrado Zari, Jose Jerry Zari
	12:30	D	People of the Parish
	5:00	C	People of the Parish
Mon.	8:30	PD	Joseph Zanoni, Peter Keenan, Santiago Berbano
Tue.	8:30	C	Henry Di Santo, Thomas Kidd
Wed.	8:30	D	Alberto Mostajo
	6:30	D	People of the Parish
Thu.	8:30	M	Fr. Raphael Flammia, SS.CC., Florante Jornacion
Fri.	8:30	D	Francisco De Castro, Maggie Arballo, Joanna Arballo, Frank Soliz
Sat.	5:00		People of the Parish, Tillie Elias, Edward Elias, Carmen Salado
Sun.	8:00		Encarnacion Gregoria Sandoval
	10:00		James Virzi, Roger J. Esquer, Susan Heding, Int. June Snodgrass
	12:30		People of the Parish
	5:00		People of the Parish

Presider Key*

C=Cronin D=Danyluk PD=Peter Dennis M=Donal McCarthy
R=John Roche *Schedule subject to change

We wish to express our deepest gratitude for all your love and support, for celebrating little Manny's life with us. Thank you for everything!
Love, The Hernandez Family

What's Happening at HNM

No news on collections this time. Because this is Christmas weekend and the bulletin had to go to print early, I had to write my article before the collection was counted. I'll catch up after the first of the year.

As I write this, I am thinking that this has been a very good Advent season for me. I have so much to be thankful for. First, there is the health of my wonderful wife. Thanks for all your prayers; God is good and has healed her. I am also thankful to all of you who come through so generously every time you are asked. And I pray for good health for all and that we are able to get the "Hall for All" started (if not finished) in 2012. It's a long shot, I know, but miracles do happen!

At this time, we are still short on Together in Mission. I am hoping that during the next week we get the pledges and money collected so we have only a very small check to write to the Archdiocese for the balance.

Between Christmas and New Years, the parish office will have just one person on duty to help you on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and half of Friday. We will resume regular hours on Tuesday, Jan 3rd.

Wishing you a very merry Christmas and a happy new year. May God bless your family and be with you always.

Ron

Please Pray For the Sick and the suffering:

Kathleen Quiroz, Joanne Hould, Danielle Contreras, Jeffrey Charland, Russ Hueckel, Irma Nunez, Renee Tenniese, Baby Matthew Castro, Guillermo Salgado, David Phelps, Marvel Gates, Auerlia Benedict, Augustine Garcia, Carmen Benitez, Ginny Vestal, Elvira Perez, Erlinda Dominguez, Barry King, Frances Jimenez, Jim Drolet, Wright Family, Douglas Carter, Petra "Nene" Irlandez, Amilea Saldivar, Elaine Kuhar, Carol Hepburn, William Snyder, Irma Nuñez, Florence Astudo, Gail Wagner, Jessica Gardner Parrinello, Graciela Loaiza, Carlos Macias, Alex Atkus, Annette Dore, Jennifer Probert, Sandy Feese, John Giacomini, Lisa Johnson, Mary Saikali, Patricia Gasparo, Fe Olanio, Sadie Macias, JoAdel Richardson, Georgina Alexander, Cindy Mercado, Sherri Harris, John Baker, Jose Diomampo, George Bustamonte, Bill O'Brien, Juan Carlos Aranoa, Angela Rene Perry, Angela Gutierrez, June Snodgrass, Jane Fagan, Joseph Lacher, Baby Yvette Leon, Joshua Garcia, Angelica Idiaquez, Isabel Lucero, Michelle Marcus, MaryRose Shivers, Julio Escobedo, Linda Duran, JoAdel Richardson, Armando Nava, Gary Andrew, Carmen Barker, Brian Stevenson, Sonya de Hart, Patricia Gerend, Joe Calderon, Mary Ruelas, Eloise Logan, Scott McConnell, Jerry McConnell, Tony Mezenski, Olivia Valencia, Debbie Claborn, Kathy McConnell, Shane McConnell, Tom Logan, Elias Castro, Stephanie Hernandez, Eloy Manalo, Katherine Kewell, Robin Chartier, Michelle Cicone, Liz Beaman, Lynn Martinez, Miguel A. Silva, Leo Esparza, Heather Benner, Alison Giardmelli Brunetta, Bill Arballo Jr., Michele Marcas, Manuel Pulido, Terri Ruggless, Joshua Garcia, Don Davidson, Karen Sherer, Marie Peaker, Faye Ziegler, Josefina Meza, Alvar Macis, Johnny Coto, Virgie Yniguez, Szarina Schroeder, Kate Bautista, Patricia Harriman, Teresa Avila, Carol Durban, Fr. Tim Nichols, JoAnn Baker, Toni Medina, Josephine Blancarte, Willy Frixione, and Roberta Sanchez.


PASTORAL OFFICE DECEMBER SCHEDULE

Monday, Dec. 26th —CLOSED

Friday, Dec. 30th: 9-12

Monday, Jan. 2nd—CLOSED

EL HORARIO DE LA IGLESIA PARA DICIEMBRE

lunes, 26 de diciembre la oficina estará cerrada

viernes, 30 de diciembre 9-12

lunes, 2 de enero la oficina estará cerrada

**EARLY MORNING ADORATION
HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

We are not having Early Morning ADORATION due to HOLIDAYS on the following dates:

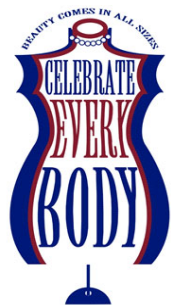
DEC 24, 25 & 26 (Saturday to Monday) CHRISTMAS BREAK Resume Tuesday, Dec. 27, 2011

DEC. 31st, & JANUARY 02, 2012 (Saturday 2011 and Monday 2012) Resume Tuesday 03, 2012


QUEEN OF PEACE ROSARY GROUP

You are invited to join us on Thursday evenings for prayer and Mass. We meet in the Damien Chapel at 6:45 pm—Mass begins at 7:30 pm.

Dec 29, 2011 Praise and Worship (no mass)


Celebrate Every Body!
Jackie Bristow Memorial 5K

Run/Walk and
Munchkin Mile

Saturday,

January 7, 2012

San Dimas Civic Center

Start time 8am for

Munchkin Mile, 8:30am for 5K

More info and online registration at

www.jackiememorial.org

Jackie Bristow grew up in San Dimas and attended Holy Name of Mary and St. Lucy's High School. Jackie was an altar server and sang in the teen choir at Holy Name of Mary. While at St. Lucy's, Jackie ran cross country for three years, and graduated at the top of her class in 2006. Jackie passed away on January 1, 2008 from complications related to an eating disorder. She was only 19 years old.

"A HALL FOR ALL"

Hall for All Christmas Update

We have launched our campaign for a new parish hall! Called "A Hall for All," it will be used by virtually every ministry and group in the parish for everything from coffee and donuts after Mass to wedding receptions to school pageants and graduation ceremonies. It will also include a Youth Center and classrooms for religious education, as well as space for the parish outreach activities. To learn more – and to see our beautiful campaign video or to contribute electronically – go to www.hnmparishhallforall.org. Included in today's bulletin is a colorful bookmark with our campaign prayer on the back. As you use it, please pray for all who will use the hall and all who will give sacrificially to help make it a reality. With God's grace and an outpouring of generosity, perhaps we will have broken ground by this time next year.

Salón para todos - Actualización de Navidad

Hemos lanzado nuestra campaña por el nuevo salón de la parroquia! Llamado "Un Salón para Todos", que será utilizado por casi todos los ministerios y grupos de la parroquia, para todo, desde café y donas después de la misa, a recepciones de bodas, concursos escolares y ceremonias de graduación. También incluirá un Centro Juvenil y salones de clases de educación religiosa, así como espacio para las actividades a los de afuera. Para obtener más información - y para ver nuestro video de la hermosa campaña o contribuir electrónicamente - ir a www.hnmparishhallforall.org. Incluido en el boletín de hoy marcado a colores, y con nuestra oración de campaña en la parte de atrás. Cada vez que lo use, por favor oren por todos los que vayan a utilizar el salón y todos los que dan con sacrificio para ayudar a que sea una realidad. Con la gracia de Dios y un derroche de generosidad, tal vez vamos a tener un terreno listo para construir, por este tiempo, el año que viene.

**Confirmation
Class**

Adult Confirmation

Adult Confirmation is beginning again soon! If you are an adult, 18 or older, and have not completed your initiation, we invite you to join us to receive the sacrament of Confirmation! Adult Confirmation classes begin on Thursday, January 26th from 7:15 to 9:00 p.m. in the school's 8th Grade classroom. We will meet each Thursday evening through the Easter Season. Please bring copies of your Baptismal and First Eucharist certificates. There is no need to pre-register; just show up on the first day of class. Class fee is \$50.00. Also, if you have completed your initiation process and would like to be a Sponsor to one of our candidates, please come and join us...we always need sponsors who are willing to share their faith and walk the journey with our Candidates who will be receiving this sacrament. If you need more information, please call Lani in the office at ext. 136.



Blessings Gift Shop

Hours:
Mon—Fri, 9 am to 5 pm;
Sunday: 9 am to 12 noon
(909) 599-1243 ext. 199

Merry Christmas!

From all of us at the Blessings Gift Shop

Peggy Amaro, Toni Callen, Karen Disbrow, Mary Herrera, Joanne Landowski, Sylvia Mascarenhas, Darlene Miyashiro and Susan Bugelli.

We will be closed beginning Thursday December 22nd through January 2, 2012. Happy New Year! We have a lot of exciting things planned for the new year!



Prayer Shawl Ministry is in need of YARN. We are in need of darker colors and at least 4 skeins of one color. Please bring your donation to the parish office attention Brenda Luna. Many of our shawls have gone out to the parish community, to the bereaved, to the sick and to those having upcoming surgery. Thank you for your continued love and support of this ministry.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter

A CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR MARRIED COUPLES:

Couples..... want to give each other something really special this Christmas? How about a gift filled with Romance and Excitement? That's just the beginning of what you will receive on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. For more information call Cameron and Barbara Troxell at (909)621-5724 or visit www.wwme-laeast.org.

Upcoming dates: January 27-29, 2012

Faith Formation – Christmas Break

There is no Sunday School or Elementary Faith Formation this week or next. May you and your family have a very blessed Christmas season!



Fresh & Easy “Shop For Schools” Fundraiser Starts Now!

From now – Dec. 31st, Fresh & Easy will give HNM School a \$1 cash donation for every \$20 spent in **one transaction**. Please save your receipts and bring them to the school or drop in the collection basket for us please.



OUR NEW OUTREACH Catholics Coming Home

Catholics Coming Home is one parish outreach that can easily involve every member of the Holy Name family. I think we all know of friends, relatives, co-workers or family who, though once active Catholic, have stopped regular mass attendance, and we hope you can embrace an “ambassadorship” to remind them that we can help arrange a homecoming.

As parishioners, all we need to do is to extend a smile and a quiet invitation. Many formerly practicing Catholics are already being nudged by God, and simply need to know that there is an unquestioning welcome waiting here with our parish family.

For those who might be currently inactive, and have the opportunity to read this, please know that this specially designed program is equipped to offer counseling, advice, problem solving and whatever might be needed to bring you up to speed on anything going on with the Catholic Church. Don't let your situation, whatever it may be, discourage you from coming back to the table, either here at Holy Name of Mary or in any other parish you may prefer.

There is a real beauty here – an unquestioned rightness to the Catholic faith – a handshake directly back to Jesus over 20 centuries. The Holy Eucharist, the central wonder of the mass, is a spiritual food that just isn't available somewhere else. Though all religious expressions have value and much truth, there is a special fullness to our beliefs that can give guidance to lives, unity to families and a peaceful certainty to souls.

If there has been a difficulty in your previous church experience, talk to us about it. Chances are, we can sort it out and bring about renewal that can change your life. As a formerly “absent Catholic”, I can guarantee that for me, coming back to church a little older, a little wiser, a lot more experienced, a little balder, was simply – coming home! You can enrich our parish family and build a new life of faith right here with us.—Jerry Stephens, parishioner

For more information please call (909) 599-1243 ext. 136 or 137

**Early Morning Adoration Weekday Mornings
 from 6:00 a.m.— 8:30 a.m.**



Holy Name of Mary is collecting inactive cell phones. Please drop off your inactive cell phone at the parish office today.

Thanks!



Celebrity Reader, Elvia Montanez (HNM's Pre-K teacher), reads to a group of HNM School children at Barnes & Noble.

THANK YOU FROM CONCERN AMERICA

On Sunday, December 11, hand crafted textiles, baskets, ceramics and wood products from Concern America were displayed. As community of the faithful you were generous, purchasing handcrafts valued at \$612.50. We are very grateful to Father Danyluk for his hospitality and support, and to everyone who purchased handicrafts. Through your generosity you have helped to spread hope for a better future to hundreds of economically disadvantaged people in many developing countries of our world. Thank you.

For information about Concern America's many programs or if you would like to see a selection of Concern America crafts you are invited visit our web site at concernamerica.org. To place an order for something you saw at the sale, please call our office at (800) CON-CERN (800-266-2376).

Christmas

The shepherds who heard the joyous news from the angels on that first Christmas night and then hurried to find the infant Savior must surely have been changed by that experience. How has His coming changed my life?

Pomona Catholic School
presents

"A Toast To Your Future"

Meet and Greet Sunday, January 8, 2012
1:00pm-3:00pm, All are welcome

Reminder – Class of 2016

High School Placement Test
Saturday, January 21, 2012, 8:00am-12:00pm
To register, contact (909) 623-5297 ext. 17
www.pomonacatholic.org

DID YOU KNOW?

Keep holiday parties safe for children

Wine, cocktails and spiked eggnog may make your holidays festive, but they're no party for young children. Children often accidentally drink alcohol after holiday parties, by sampling partially empty glasses and what's left in the punch bowl. Ingesting as little as 3 ounces of hard liquor potentially can be fatal to a child weighing 25 pounds. Alcohol causes blood sugar levels to drop, which can lead to confusion, seizures or even comas. Clear away all glasses and other alcoholic containers immediately as soon as guests leave after your holiday party. Keep the poison control center phone number programmed in your phone and posted on your refrigerator: 1-800-222-1222.

For particular help, you may call Assistance Ministry at (213) 637-7650.

Justice and Peace

In 1990 John Paul II wrote, "I sense that the moment has come to commit the Church to a new evangelization. No believer in Christ can avoid this supreme duty". Reflect on Benedict XVI's 2010 Christmas message to understand why the Church is focusing on a new evangelization. "If the truth were a mere mathematical formula it would impose itself by its own power. But if Truth is Love, it calls for faith, for the 'yes' of our hearts."

Mathematics forces us to accept the truth it presents — two plus two equals four. The difficulty today is that our secular society is caught up in this "scientific" way of thinking and insists that God reveal himself in this way. When he does not, they deny his existence. God reveals himself in the poverty of a manger to make clear that he will not impose himself on us. He comes as a child who is powerless, helpless. He is capable of evoking in us not just an intellectual assent, but also a "yes of our hearts" to a reality that "surpasses even our most daring hope."

We glimpse this truth in the birth of every child whose parents realize that they are called to love in a new way — a way that surpasses their prior experience and expectations. A helpless child can impose nothing but has the power to make a gift to his parents — the gift of awakening in them a greater love. So the child, who has been given life by his parents, reciprocates in a mysterious way, giving his parents a greater life. The "yes of the heart" that the child evokes from his parents reveals the mystery of human love that has the capacity to respond with a similar "yes of the heart" to God.

A Truth that is Love calls not merely for an intellectual assent, but for a commitment of the entire person. It calls each of us to become the person God intended by awakening our capacity to love in a greater way. The communication of this Truth that is Love calls for the witness of those who have said "yes" with their hearts and whose "yes" can be seen in the example of their daily lives. *Carl A. Anderson, Supreme Knight, Columbia Magazine, December 2011*

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Holy Name of Mary Mass Schedule

Saturday:

First Saturday 8:30 AM
5 PM in English

Sunday:

8 AM, 10 AM & 5 PM in English
12:30 PM *en Español*

Weekdays:

Monday — Friday: 8:30 AM in English
Wednesdays 6:30PM *en Español*
First Friday: Adoration until 6 PM

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Pastoral Center: 909-599-1243 **Fax:** 909-599-4230

Pastoral Center hours: Monday—Friday 9AM to 5PM
First Saturday 9AM to 12PM Sunday 9AM to 12PM

Blessings Gift Shop: Monday—Friday 9AM to 5PM
Ext. 199 Sunday 9AM to 12:00 noon

Website: HNMparish.org **Email:** hnm@hnmparish.org

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Mt 2:13-18
 Thursday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35
 Friday: Sir 3:2-7, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3;
 Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or Heb 11:8, 11-12,
 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]
 Saturday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18
 Sunday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, Dec 25—The Nativity of the Lord

8:00 The Nativity of the Lord Christmas Mass CH
 10:00 The Nativity of the Lord Christmas Mass CH
 12:30 The Nativity of the Lord Christmas Mass—Spanish CH
 5:00 The Nativity of the Lord Christmas Mass CH

MONDAY, Dec 26—St. Stephen

8:00 Centering Prayer Chapel
 8:30 Daily Mass CH
 9:00 Daily Rosary Group Chapel
 7:30 AA Meeting LIB

TUESDAY, Dec 27—St. John

6:00 Adoration CH
 8:00 Centering Prayer Chapel
 8:30 Daily Mass CH
 9:00 Daily Rosary Group Chapel
 10:00 Tuesday Rosary Group Chapel
 6:00 Lector Practice—Spanish CH
 7:00 Adult Choir Rehearsal—English CH

WEDNESDAY, Dec 28—The Holy Innocents

6:00 Adoration CH
 8:00 Centering Prayer Chapel
 8:30 Daily Mass CH
 9:00 Daily Rosary Group Chapel
 6:30 Mass—Spanish CH
 7:00 Reconciliation—Spanish CH
 7:00 Pastoral Council Meeting PC
 7:00 Bible Study-Spanish S7
 7:00 Maravillas de Jesús Meeting S8
 7:30 Boy Scouts Meeting SR

THURSDAY, Dec 29—St. Thomas Becket

6:00 Adoration CH
 8:00 Centering Prayer Chapel
 9:00 Daily Rosary Group Chapel
 4:30 Children Choir Practice—Spanish CH
 7:00 Bible Study Chapel
 7:00 Adult Choir Rehearsal—Spanish Music Office

FRIDAY, Dec 30—The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

6:00 Adoration CH
 8:00 Centering Prayer Chapel
 8:30 Daily Mass CH
 9:00 Daily Rosary Group Chapel
 7:00 Maravillas de Jesús Sr. Bldg/Chpl

SATURDAY, Dec 31—ST. Sylvester I

4:00 Children's Christmas Vigil Mass CH
 7:00 Christmas Vigil Mass CH
 12:00 Christmas Mass—Bilingual CH

SUNDAY, Jan 1—The Holy Mother of God

8:30 Communion Service CH
 3:30 Reconciliation CH
 5:00 Mass CH
 8:00 Holy Hour CH

Note: Not all meetings, reservations and religious education classes are listed, so please check with your meeting coordinator to confirm your meeting schedule.



The next meeting is
Monday, January 16th

Christmas Blessings

May this Christmas be for each of us a time of moving beyond reason to wonder, beyond grasping to letting go and beyond competition to cooperation in the power of the Babe of Bethlehem.

May the God of the child delight our adult, may the God of the poor confront our wealth, may the God of the weak mellow our strength, and the blessing of God in human flesh be perceived in us and in all people, now and for ever.

May the imagination of the shepherds, and persistence of the wise men, and transforming acceptance of Joseph, the compassion of Mary for her child and for all the oppressed be in our minds and actions today and always.



At the heart of Christmas is the Christ child, the Child of Christmas who has something powerful to say to everyone. He is the Child of new birth and anticipated suffering, the Child of warmth and of exile, the Child of welcome and contempt. Christ is the child between sadness and joy, hurt and healing, death and life.

I offer this reflection:

If you have lost a loved one this year—a child, a parent, a partner, a friend—then Christ the child of consolation is for you. If you have had a newborn child this year then Christ the child of joy is for you;

If you have become estranged from your family, from those you love because of misunderstanding or mistakes, then Christ the child who was estranged from his parents in the Temple is for you. If you have become reconciled with a loved one, then Christ the healing child is for you;

If you cannot return to the country of your birth this Christmas because of fear or war, than Christ the child who fled into Egypt is for you. If you have returned home to your family for Christmas, then Christ the child of welcome is for you;

If you are recovering from an addiction to alcohol or drugs, then Christ the child of strength is for you. If you are despairing of any progress, then Christ the child of hope is for you;

If your heart is troubled by fear or anxiety, then Christ the child of peace is for you. If you are at peace with yourself and others, then Christ the child of gratitude is for you;

If your marriage has broken down then Christ the child of comfort is for you; if you have married someone you love then Christ the child of love is for you;

If you are tired by life and its anxieties then Christ the child of rest is for you; if you are full of expectancy and joy then Christ the child of celebration is for you.

Christ the Christmas child is for all of us in our joys and sorrows, our successes and failures, our fears and our dreams. Christmas, when we welcome the Christ child, is not just for children.

Merry Christmas!