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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 21, 2014



Dear Friends,

My Christmas Greeting is what could be called the "Old English Catechism Code". **The Twelve Days of Christmas**, which appears to be a cavalcade of excessive and useless gifts, is reputed to be a way for persecuted Catholics to remember their Catechism and have fun at the same time. When you hear the carol,

this explanation may become a cheerful part of the New Evangelization.

THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

A Partridge in a pear-tree

(Christ, truly present in the Eucharist)

Two Turtle Doves (Old and New Testaments)

Three French Hens

(Three theological virtues: Faith, Hope, and Charity)

Four Calling Birds

(Four Gospel writers: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John)

Five Gold Rings

(Five books of the Old Testament: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy)

Six Geese a-laying (The six days of Creation)

Seven Swans a-swimming (Seven Sacraments:

Baptism, Penance, Confirmation, Holy

Communion, Anointing the Sick, Holy Orders, Matrimony)

Eight Maids a-milking (Eight Beatitudes: Blessed are the poor in spirit; Blessed are those who mourn; Blessed are the meek; Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness; Blessed are the merciful; Blessed are the pure in heart; Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness)

Nine Ladies Dancing (The Nine Fruits of the Holy Spirit:

love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control, as listed in the Galatians 5:22)

Ten Lords a-leaping (The Ten Commandments)

Eleven Pipers piping (The eleven faithful

Apostles, i.e. the original Twelve minus Judas)

Twelve Drummers drumming (The twelve points of doctrine in the Apostles' Creed).

Nowell, Nowell!

-Fr. Luczak

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

I feel blessed to be a part of this Parish at a time when everyone is getting ready to celebrate one of the greatest events in history, namely the birth of "JESUS," the Son of God. This is one such feast that adds so much joy and fun that as a kid, I looked forward to its celebration. As the years rolled by and I chose to follow the way of the Lord, the celebration in my life started taking a new dimension. I began to experience the love of God in the manifestation of his Son as man. What an immense love God bestowed on mankind that He sent His Son to be born of a virgin.

Mother Mary accepted the invitation and did the will of God in her life and that is her greatness.

Jesus chose to be born as per the will of His father. How the

second person of the Trinity (Jesus) could become man, a mystery to be comprehended and yet he not only became man, but was born in a manger, the lowliest form that man could choose.

What sort of comforts do we look forward to in our life? Are we prepared to do something that God has planned for us and put our trust in Him as One who never fails? We need to draw our strength from Mother Mary whose trust was in God and therefore she was triumphant, in spite of adversaries.

This Christmas when we are exchanging gifts, let us not forget that we can present a gift to baby Jesus. How? If the feast of Christmas means love, then, let us use the expressions of love like being charitable in even the simplest of ways. Smile at others, be hospitable, share ideas, be understanding, reach out to help others. All of these qualities will make the manger a more comfortable place for Jesus to be born again in our midst.

As an Associate Pastor, I extend my wishes to you this Christmas. I wish you joy and happiness as we celebrate the birth of Jesus. Let it be a source of blessing for us to make Christ better known especially to those who have not heard of Him. Let us add Jesus into our lives and in the lives of others and thus make our universe a better place in which to live.

MERRY CHRISTMAS to you dear parishioners and to all your loved ones!

Fr. Mario Pereira, S.F.X.

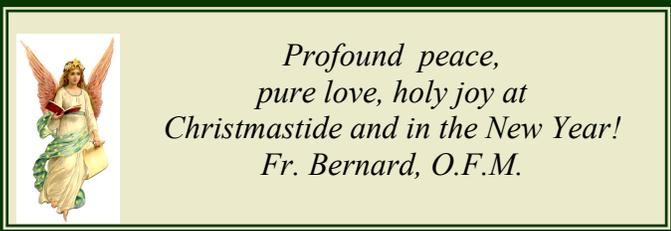
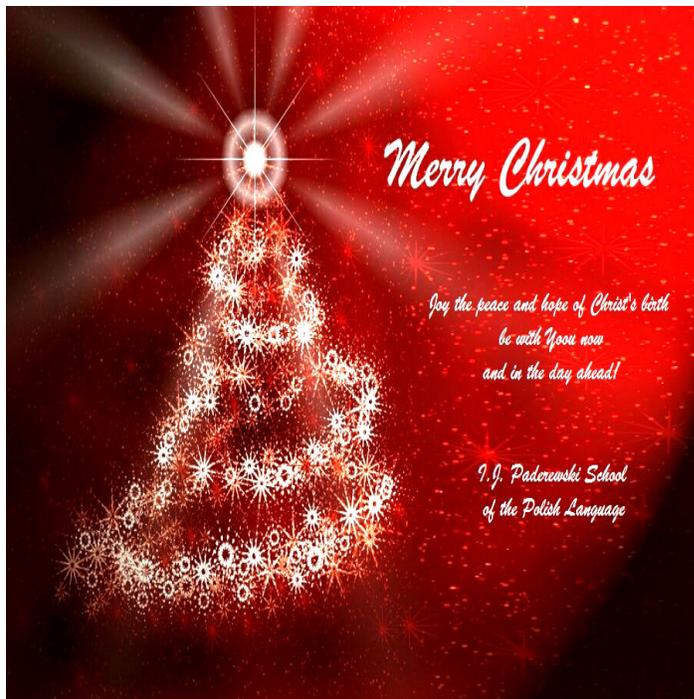




Dear Friends,
I have been assisting at St. Isaac's for at least 10 years and have always felt welcome among you. Thank you for your support and prayers. At Christmas time we hear the message once again that God has come and "pitched his tent among us". How great the honor that is ours. How great the opportunity to walk in his footprints. He is there for us in good times and bad.

May you find some quiet time to be reflective and thoughtful during this "holy day" season. Grateful to our many blessings and gifts, and always quick to share with the least, the lost and the last is an attitude I ask for myself and for you as well.

Peace and Joy, Fr. Ron Kalas



May the Holy Spirit of Christmas fill your heart. May the Divine Infant of Bethlehem grant you His Choicest Blessings, May His Grace increase in your soul throughout the New Year.

The Rectory Staff



All the students, catechists, assistants and staff of the Religious Education Program extend our best wishes to all the people of the parish for a very Loving, Happy, Healthy and Merry Christmas.

May this be one of the best Christmas seasons shared with family, friends and neighbors as we celebrate the birth of our Savior. May we remember in our prayers those who are traveling far distances that God will give them a safe journey and all those who will not be home for Christmas. May we embrace those who are alone this holiday season so that the world around us can smile with joy at our Savior's Birth. To one and all, a very Merry Christmas and a Wonderful New Year!

“Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means God is with us”. The Human Concerns Commission wishes everyone a joyful Christmas and New Year with assurance that God will be with you!

May your holidays be happy days, filled with love and laughter.

May each day bring joy your way, in the year to come, and all that follows after.

And remember that Jesus is the reason for the season!

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays from the Altar Servers!



*The light of the Christmas star to you
The warmth of home and hearth to you
The cheer and good will of friends to you
The joy of a thousand angels to you
The love of the Son and God's peace to you.*

Our Lady of Knock Planning Committee

As we celebrate the birth of Jesus, may you be adorned with His love, graced with His peace, and filled with His presence.



St. Isaac Jogues Women's Club

Each Christmas we celebrate the birth of Jesus, and it is made more joyous by celebrating with special people like you. Have a peaceful and blessed Christmas.



Ministry of Care

And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth.

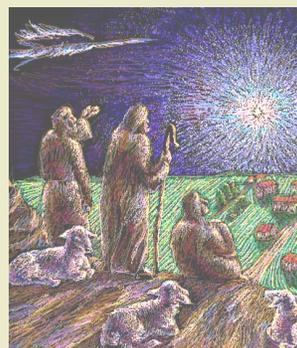
JOHN 1: 14

May Christ's grace and peace be with you during this Christmas Season and throughout the New Year.



St. Isaac Jogues Lectors

Blessings at Christmas



May your Christmas be blessed with peace & joy.

Prayer Shawl Ministry



Jesus said that where two or three come together in His name, He is with them. Best wishes to all for a blessed Christmas.

From the a.m. Small Faith Sharing Group

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
Our glory is to stand before the world as your own sons and daughters. May the simple beauty of Jesus' birth summon us always to love what is most deeply human, and to see your Word made flesh reflected in those whose lives we touch. Amen.
Blessings in this holy season and throughout the new year!
The Liturgy Board

Merry Christmas to all!
 Fill up your life with love, compassion,
 tolerance, peace and happiness.
 And may God's goodness be with you.
 Celebrate God's light, not just on this
 blessed holiday but all through
 the New Year !



Knights of
 Columbus
 North American
 Martyrs Council
 4338



Christmas Greetings! Good
 Cheer! Our wish for you is
 to experience Christmas
 love and joy every day
 through the 2015 year!
 Merry Christmas and Happy
 New Year!
 SIJ Men's Club



*May the peace and joy which
 radiates from the heart of the Holy
 Child fill you and yours with the
 wonder and splendor of this blessed
 season.*

*May the miracle of his coming be an
 inspiration and comfort to you
 always. We wish you a most joyous
 Christmas.*



WESOŁYCH ŚWIĄT - The Polish Community

One holy and silent night the grace of
 God came into the world in a child
 named Jesus, a gift from God through
 Mary's faithful belief in Him and in His
 ways. May Jesus and the gifts of
 Christmas be with your families every
 day of the coming year and may all
 grow in wisdom, age, and grace.

A blessed Christmas and New Year,

Baptism Preparation



*Maligayang Pasko at
 Masaganang Bagong Taon!
 Kapayapaan ang hiling para
 sa buong mundo!*



From the:

Filipino American Organization at St. Isaac Jogues

Translation:

Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year!

Wishing for Peace all over the world!

Jesus Is Born!

*The Archangel Gabriel appeared to
 Mary and said you will conceive a
 child and name him Jesus.*

*Mary accepted God's will and
 wholeheartedly welcomed, embraced,
 and loved the child in her womb.*

*Pray for the sanctity of life. Let us
 welcome, embrace, and love the
 unborn, the disabled, the terminally
 ill, and the elderly.*

Pro-Life Activities

CHRISTMAS DAY TABLE PRAYER

Lord God of Life,
 together with the beautiful traditions of
 decorating the Christmas tree,
 of singing carols and giving gifts, this
 Christmas dinner is an important
 part of our celebration of the birth of our
 Lord, Jesus Christ.
 Come, Lord our God, and surround
 our feast day table
 as awe delight in this joyous
 season of Christmas.
 Gift us in this meal with the taste of
 happiness as we savor this coming
 together of family and friends.
 As sparkling stars and singing angels re-
 joiced
 at the birth of the Christ Child in Bethle-
 hem,
 so may we take great joy in this our
 Christmas dinner-celebration.
 May You, our God, bless it and us
 in Your holy name: Father, Son and Holy
 Spirit. Amen.

(Conclude by singing
Angels We have Heard on High)



We wish you and
 yours the merriest
 Christmas and a New
 Year full of peace, joy,
 and love.

Parish Life
 Commission

*Merry Christmas! Feliz
 Navidad! Maligyang Pas-
 ko! Joyeux Noel! Wesolych
 Swiat! Buon natale! Frohe
 Weihnachten! Nollaig Shona!
 Thank you for bringing
 our families into your fami-
 ly. Thank you for being
 God's gift of grace to our
 families. We wish you a
 blessed and joyous Christ-
 mas and Happy New Year.*

The Deacon Community

May the Word who became flesh and dwelt among us
 help us listen to him, follow his way, and so to be bet-
 ter disciples in the coming year.

Christmas Blessings
 The Bible Study Group



“The Star they had seen in the east went ahead
 of them until it stopped over the place where
 the child was.” -Matthew 2: 9-11

May the light of Jesus shine upon you and your
 families strengthening your faith and growing
 the joy in your heart throughout the Christmas
 Season and the coming New Year.

From your SIJ Parish Pastoral Council

“Good News and great joy to all the world:
 Today is born our savior, Christ the Lord!”
 Let us welcome him to our hearts and
 homes!



Merry Christmas,

**For a child is born
 to us,
 A Son is given to
 us...
 Isaiah 9:5**



**O Come, let us adore Him!
 Christmas Blessings to you and
 yours!**

Medjugorje Holy Hour

May the Holy Child
 born to us this day of
 the Blessed
 Virgin Mary bring all
 renewed hope for peace on
 Earth.



Merry Christmas
 Sacristans



May you have a joyous
 Christmas and a New
 Year blessed with peace
 and happiness.

The Maintenance Staff



St. Vincent de Paul

For the lives that you have changed,
And the families in crisis that you have saved,
May you and your families be blessed!

May God's light encircle you and God's love enfold you.

St. Vincent de Paul Ministry

Amen I say to you:

***Whatever you did for one of the least of
my brethren you did it for me.***

Matthew 25:40

Christian, remember your dignity, and now that you share in God's own nature, do not return by sin to your former base condition. Bear in mind who is your head and of whose body you are a member. Do not forget that you have been rescued from the power of darkness and brought into the light of God's kingdom. (Leo the Great, 5th century)

**Merry Christmas and a New Year blessed with a deeper relationship with Christ!
The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**

*May our Divine Redeemer bestow
His Peace on you and your home, And
may His Blessings be with you always.*

***St. Isaac Jogues
Money Counters***

**Hark the Herald Angels Sing,
Glory to the Newborn King!
Let us lift our hearts in praise and thanksgiving
this Christmas. May the gift of Jesus bring
joy, peace, comfort and hope to our lives.**

**Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year.**

Ministry of Praise



**...and this will be a sign for you, you will find a
child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a
manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a
multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and
saying, "Glory to God in the highest
heaven, and on earth peace among
those whom he favors!"**



**Merry Christmas!
Eucharistic Ministers**

ADVENT CORNER



*(Light all four candles on the wreath or
just a single candle if no wreath)*

Scripture Readings: Monday – I Samuel 1:24-28 & Luke 1:46-56; Tuesday – Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24 & Luke 1:57-66; Wednesday – II Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 & Luke 1:67-79; Christmas Eve – Isaiah 9:1-6, Titus 2:11-14 & Luke 2:1-14; Christmas Dawn – Isaiah 62:11-12, Titus 3:4-7 & Luke 2:15-20; Christmas Day – Isaiah 52:7-10, Hebrews 1:1-6 & John 1:1-18

Reflection: With which person(s) of the Advent/Christmas season do you most feel connected to this year? Why? How will this affect your celebration of the Christmas season?

Prayer: God of tender mercy, guide us along the way of your peace so that this Advent leads us to the Christ Child's manger. Help us discover your presence in our lives so that we might more readily respond to the Spirit speaking in our hearts. Encourage us as we reach out to serve you in the needy and the least of our brothers and sisters. Give us hope for the coming of your Kingdom in all its fullness. May we become, like the angels of old, heralds of the Good News of salvation. Amen.

Action: Invite family, friends and neighbors to join you for Christmas Mass. Set up your manger scene, bless it and share memories of past Christmas seasons.

*Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth;
Break into song; sing praise.
Shout with joy to the King,
the Lord who comes to govern the earth.
Psalm 98: 4, 9*

*May your Christmas be filled with
peace and love,
The Spiritual Life Commission*



*May God Who Made The Stars
To Shine Fill Your Heart With
Love Divine.*



**Love in Christ,
Blessings To You
This Christmas
From SPRED**

Our Circle of Friends
Bobby-Patrick-Katie-Jack-
Christopher-Joesph-Ronaldo and
Dee-Julie-Mary-Theresa-Marie-
Zenie-Adriean

“And the Word was made Flesh”

*May the Word be your guide this
season and your journey in
the New Year.*

*God’s Blessings,
Liturgy Planners*



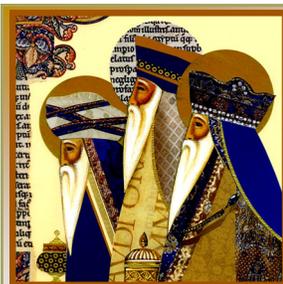
*Feliz Navidad y
Feliz Año Nuevo!
Love from all of
us at Maternity
BVM Parish!*



**Have a most holy and
peaceful Christmas!
The Parish Finance
Committee sincerely
thanks you for your
extremely generous
contributions of time,
talent, and treasure
this past year and
prays that your New
Year will be so
blessed that your
generosity may
abound even more.**

**In this season of light, joy,
and hope may the Lord’s
gentle, loving touch embrace
you, bring you healing
memories and support you
with the presence of family
and friends.**

**Christmas Peace,
Bereavement Ministry**



*The Ecumenical & Interreligious Committee
wishes everyone peace and God’s blessing as we
strive to fulfill the mission of Christ-*

*“that all may be one, as you, Father in me, and I
in you...” John 17*



During the humdrum of Christmas shopping and preparing for stockings, we tend to forget the true meaning of Christmas. While spending time with our loved ones and stuffing ourselves into Grandma's favorite pie, do not forget that the true spirit of Christmas lies on "giving" and teaching others the spirit of Christmas and God. Such as volunteering on your free time, donating your "infamous" cookies for a bake sale, or maybe just putting a smile in everyone faces and saying "Merry Christmas!" Christmas is the time to remember to be thankful and spend with our family and others we loved. Linus from *Charlie Brown Christmas* once said, "I never thought it was such a bad little tree. It's not bad at all, really. Maybe it just needs a little love." Merry Christmas and God Bless-the SIJ Teen Group



"I never thought it was such a bad little tree. It's not bad at all, really. Maybe it just needs a little love."

BLESSING PRAYER FOR THE CHRISTMAS CRIB

Read Isaiah 9:1-2, 5

Lord,

As we pray before this our Christmas crib-shrine and await the fest of the Birth of the holy Child, call forth the dormant child from within each of us; cause us to wonder and to rejoice again in this most ancient feast.

As the magi came bearing gifts, may we, this Christmas, gift one another with the gold of charity, the myrrh of kindness and the incense of prayer.

With the shepherds, we come to the birth of Christ seeking a simple celebration, where the greatest gift will be ourselves given to You, our God, and to each other.

May the star of Bethlehem which shone brightly over the first crib stand guard over our home, filling it and all the earth with light and peace.

Sing a verse of Silent Night.

We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You because by Your holy birth You give hope to all the world. Amen.

Wedding Banns

I

Brian Daniel

&

Janelle Gianakopoulos

January 10, 2015



Wedding Banns

III

Sajan Kuriakose

&

Mary Maliakal

December 27, 2014



Sunday, December 21	
8:00 a.m.	Eduardo Rodriguez, Gushna Baut Gabriel & Ljubica Greblo Camille Allegretti
10:00 a.m.	Julia & Pascual Pimentel Kurian & Mary Esthappan
12:00 p.m.	Special Intention Christian Brian Zulawinski & Benedicto G. Cobarde-
Monday, December 22	
8:00 a.m.	<i>Purgatorial Society</i> Special Intention -Deditha Cobarde
Tuesday, December 23	
8:00 a.m.	Richard MacDonald Hal Yamanaka Mari Zaccaria
Wednesday, December 24	
8:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m. Midnight	Rocco Martocci Mary Jane Polinski Julio & Consuelo Sitjar
Thursday, December 25	
8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	Richard M. Arendt Steven Zourkas, Ed Brezinski Patricia Hildebrandt
Friday, December 26	
8:00 a.m.	Edward Puisis
Saturday, December 27	
8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.	<i>Communion Service-No Intentions</i> Edwin Piecuch
Sunday, December 28	
8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.	<i>For The Living & Deceased Members of SIJ</i> Ed Brezinski Marguerite Smoczynski Rustico Mallari Benita Lojo Irene Szlenk

Christmas, December 24 & 25	
4:00 p.m. –	Fr. Pereira/Deacon Paul
Midnight –	Fr. Luczak/Deacon Paul
8:00 a.m. –	Fr. Kennedy/Deacon Paul
10:00 a.m. –	Fr. Kennedy/Deacon Paul
12:00 p.m. –	Fr. Pereira/Deacon Paul

Liturgy Next Weekend	
December 27-28	Celebrant
Confessions –	Fr. Pereira
5:00 p.m. –	Fr. Luczak/Deacon Paul
8:00 a.m. –	Fr. Luczak/Deacon Paul
10:00 a.m. –	Fr. Pereira
12:00 p.m. –	Fr. Pereira

Altar Servers

Wednesday, December 24 4:00 p.m.	Nelson Perumpel, Julia Jaroslowski, Steve Livingston
Midnight	Rene Dumayas, Anna Koziol, Alyssa Fortaleza,& Jonathan Piska
Thursday, December 25 8:00 a.m.	Matthew & Nathan Ledesma, Carlo & Athena Lasco
10:00 a.m.	Matthew & Mark Magno, Maya Gherman & Jeffery Kurian
12:00 p.m.	Lawson Mathew, Alexandra & Christopher Wais & Jonathan Magboo, Jr.
December 27 5:00 p.m.	Anna Koziol, Dennis George, Diann George
December 28 8:00 a.m.	Trisha Bonto, Matthew Bonto, Imani Garner
10:00 a.m.	Ged Vallo, Tara Vallo, Steve Livingston
12:00 p.m.	Mark Mangurali, Yuriy Martyniuk, Ann Benoy





Buon Natale & Felice Anno Nuovo!
 Civediamo per Lo Tavola De San Giuseppe
 il 15 Marzo. Buoni Festel!
 Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
 We will see you at the St. Joseph Table
 March 15.
 Happy Holidays!
 The St. Joseph Table Planning Committee

The Music
 Ministry of St.
 Isaac Jogues
 wishes you a
 very merry
 Christmas and a
 blessed New



Year! Please come enjoy beautiful music at
 our concert on Sunday, January 4, 2015 at
 3:00 p.m. in the church for a wonderful way
 to end this happy season.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

CHRISTMAS EVE, DECEMBER 24

4:00 P.M. (CAROLS BEGIN AT 3:30 P.M.)

MIDNIGHT (CAROLS BEGIN AT 11:30 P.M.)

CHRISTMAS DAY, DECEMBER 25

8:00 A.M., 10:00 A.M., AND 12 NOON

PASTOR: Rev. Andrew Luczak
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 Deacon & Mrs. Paul M. Stanton

WEEKEND LITURGY PRESIDER:

Rev. Bernard Kennedy, O.F.M.

Eucharistic Celebrations:

Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30, & 12:00 Noon
 Monday - Friday: 8:00 AM
 Saturday: 8:00 AM & 5:00 PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday, 11:00 - 12:00 Noon or anytime by request.

Pray for...

JIMMY RANCICH
 BERNARD KENNEDY, SR.
 ALEXIS BARGA
 DELAINE KENNEDY
 MARY ANN CASTAGNA
 MICHAEL DIORIO
 ATANACIA MALLARI
 ALBERT JULLIARD
 MARY LOU ROMANO
 JACQUELINE LEKSANDER

"Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means, 'God is with us.'"

Merry Christmas! May the joy and hope which Jesus' birth brings in this Christmas season stir your hearts to remember God's faithfulness and love. We extend a special invitation to those who have been away from the Catholic Church for a little while, or a long one, whatever the reason – COME HOME. You are missed and we want to have you with us again! RSVP to Deacon Paul or Dee Stanton, 847/966-1180.

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