

January 2, 2022



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# *The Epiphany*

## OF THE LORD

Magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying,  
“Where is the newborn king of the Jews?  
We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.”  
Matthew 2:1-2

**MASS SCHEDULE**

MONDAY through  
FRIDAY 7:30 am Mass

**SATURDAY**  
4:00 PM

1st Saturday Mass 7:30 am

**SUNDAY**

7:30, 9:00 & 11:00 am, 1:00 pm (Spanish);  
5:00 pm (Life Teen)

**CONFESSIONS**

Thursday: 5-7pm / Saturday 8:15am - 9:30 am

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Every Wednesday from 8 am to 8 pm and  
Every Friday there is 24-Hour Adoration - 8:00 am ending with  
Benediction at 7:45 am Saturday  
In the Adoration Chapel Located at the south end of Parish Hall

**HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION**

As Announced in  
the Bulletin

Please open your camera on your  
phone and scan this QR Code to  
direct you to the music for this  
weeks Sunday Masses.  
**Please sing with Us!**



**WOULD YOU LIKE  
TO HAVE YOUR  
BELOVED REMEMBERED?**

We invite parishioners to consider a gift of flowers for the altar  
in thanksgiving, in memory, or in celebration of a loved one or  
special event.

PLEASE CALL CAROLINA MENENDEZ  
(909)987-9312

so you can designate the weekend & occa-  
sion.

These intentions will be recognized in  
the bulletin. **Minimum cost for 2 med.**  
**\$100 or 1 large arrangement is \$75.**



**Mass Schedule & Intentions**

**Saturday, January 1, 2022—New Year Day—Solemnity of Mary**

9:00 AM †Maria Isabel Aguilar  
Laura de Castaneda—*Happy Birthday*  
4:00 PM People of the Parish

**Sunday, January 2**

7:30 AM Wendalinda Bautista  
†Wolfgang Weirher  
9:00 AM †Pasquale Consiglio  
Vince Diamzon—*Healing*  
11:00 AM †Edmond El Dabe  
Gamurot & Junsay Families  
1:00 PM Deacon Richard Ahmada  
Jonathan Garcia  
5:00 PM Joee Flores—*Thanksgiving*  
†Terry Malady

**Monday, January 3**

7:30 AM †Socorro Valdez  
†Lois Robinson

**Tuesday, January 4**

7:30 AM Robert Gonzalez  
Elba Perez - *Happy Birthday*

**Wednesday, January 5**

7:30 AM All the Souls in Purgatory  
†Lucy Barca

**Thursday, January 6**

7:30 AM †Terry Malady  
Gregory Gannon  
†Ireneo Garcia

**Friday, January 7**

7:30 AM †Edmond El Dabe  
†Terrance Malady

**Saturday, January 8**

7:30 AM Heart of Mary Ministry  
†Mike Hein  
4:00 PM Martha Alvarez - *Happy Birthday*  
†Sandra Marie Danzo

**Sunday, January 9**

7:30 AM People of the Parish  
Rodriguez & Riveros Family  
9:00 AM †Henry Montoya Sr.  
Vince Diamzon - *Healing*  
11:00 AM Emilia Toste  
†Rafael & Gustavo Reveles  
1:00 PM †Karine Alexandra Carranza  
†Roberto Carlos Valencia  
5:00 PM †Rosalie Hahl  
†Mary Teluch

*May they Rest in Peace*

†Doris Evans  
†Nicole Danielle- Cortez  
†Benjamin Laureano  
†Guillermina Ruiz  
†Ralph Kirsch  
†John Seller  
†Fernando Quiroz



**Our Parish Financial Corner**

**Sunday 12-19-2021:**

Envelopes/checks:	\$ 10,852.00
Plate:	\$ 1,785.00
Online Giving 12-19-2021:	\$ 7,945.00
<b>Total for 12-19-2021:</b>	<b>\$ 20,582.00</b>

JPII Repairs	\$ 605.00
YEA Total to date:	\$ 1,420.00

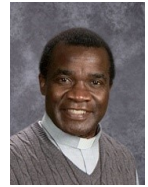
**Total Misc.:** \$ 2,379.00

**Diocesan Development Fund  
Campaign Progress**

**Diocese Goal:** \$99,975.00  
**Pledges Made:** \$107,809.00  
**Gifts Received:** \$107,249.79  
**Donors:** 277  
**Percent of Goal:** 107.28 %  
**As of:** Dec 19, 2021 5:09PM

We have exceeded our diocesan goal so now the extra donations come back to the parish! Thank You for all who are completing their pledges! THANK YOU!!

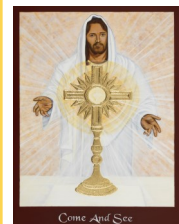
Dear Parishioners,  
 For your convenience we have provided several ways you can send us your offering.



- Safely drop off in the office between the hours 8:30 am to 4:30 pm Mon-Thurs., Fri. 9am-12.
- Drop in the mail slot in the Serra Building which is checked daily
- Mail in to St. Peter & St. Paul, 9135 Banyan St. Alta Loma, 91737
- Online giving via our website [stpeterstpaul.com](http://stpeterstpaul.com)
- Through your bank

*Thank you for your continued support of our parish and we are so grateful to be back in the pews! May God bless you and keep you and your families safe.*

In Christ's Service  
 Fr. Henry



*Heaven On Earth.....Come spend some time in the quiet presence of our Lord. Bask in the warmth of His love.*

If you would like to sign up for 1 hour, please contact Karen Hein at (909) 987-9312 ext.



"Yes, gifts are given at weddings, but the Magi bearing gifts is not really the right reading for a wedding."



## Merry Christmas to you All!

When Jesus was born very few people celebrated His birth. Among those few who celebrated His birth were the Shepherds. The way the shepherds celebrated the birth of Jesus Christ reveals to us the pattern of our Christian life – in other words, it reveals the way we are called to live our Christian life. Here is the pattern of our Christian life revealed to us by the Shepherds:

First, the Shepherds **HEAR** the Good News – “*the Saviour of the world has been born... GO and see Him...*”

Second, In obedience they **GO** to the stable to **SEE** the Saviour.

Third, They **TELL** everyone around them about the Saviour.

This is the pattern of our Christian life. We **hear** about Jesus; then we come to meet and know Him; and then We cannot help it, but share this encounter with the world. Hear the Word, Adore the Lord, Tell the world.

Just like the Shepherds, may you also pray for the courage and opportunity this Christmas season to tell someone else, very simply, what Jesus means to you.

I thank God that you have made St. Peter and St. Paul Parish your spiritual home!

**On behalf of the staff that serve our parish, we wish you and your families a happy, holy Christmas and a blessed New Year - 2022!**

**Merry Christmas!**

*Fr. Henry Sseriiso*





*Prayer For Our Sick*  
 "Please Pray for the Healing of our Family & Friends"  
 Please call the parish office, to add a person to the prayer list. Due to the many prayer requests, the name will remain on the list for 4 weeks. If additional prayers are needed, call to re-submit the name.  
 Thank You & May God Bless you.



Dear Jesus, divine physician and healer of the sick, we turn to you in this time of illness. Oh dearest comforter of the troubled, alleviate our worry and sorrow with your gentle love, and grant us the grace and strength to accept this burden. Dear God, we place our worries in your hands. We place our sick under your care and humbly ask that you restore your servant to health again. Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge your will and know that whatever you do, you do for the love of us. Amen. —*Catholic Prayers for All Occasions*  
 1/27/2021

Ignacio Pacheco  
 Elaine Rohr  
 Juana Vega  
 Corrine Williams  
 Richard Foss  
 Paula Bayer  
 Veronica Perez  
 Monique Fuentes-Ochoa  
 Cynthia Miranda  
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 Norma Castellanos  
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 Ernie Ochoa  
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 Antonio Munar  
 Jennifer Ray  
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 Mary Ramirez  
 Maria Topacio  
 Monica Camara  
 Elvira Garcia Rodriguez  
 Olga Ferriola  
 Richard Ferriola  
 Karla Lombardi  
 Juan Carlos Boxler  
 Donna Siazon  
 Rosa Arrieta  
 Jeff Don

Pat York  
 Ernie Mena  
 Carlos Baldago  
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 Cecilia Ramirez  
 Suzann Medici  
 Cecilia Bermudez  
 Aurora Torres  
 Leslie Gatpayat  
 Leanne Powers  
 Aurora V. Seli  
 Jeffrey Scott Roy  
 Rachel Siazon  
 Ariel Mirote  
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 Maria Nicoforos  
 Mary Levy  
 Liz Gonzalez  
 Dolores Hernandez  
 Danene Ball  
 Tricia Henderson  
 Tim Beitler  
 Shelly May  
 Frank Decoteau  
 Starr Norwood  
 Mike Smith  
 Kathy James  
 Regina Burr  
 Teresa Canchola



You are invited to a Mass of Thanksgiving for the Ordination of Arinze Michael Ezeoke to transitional Deacon. Please join us as we offer our prayers and support to Arinze as he has taken the next step to his priestly ordination.

**Where:** St. Peter & St. Paul Church

**When:** Saturday January 8th at 4 pm

Dinner reception following after Holy Mass in the Parish Hall

January 2, 2022

**“Protect us, Lord,  
watch over us as we sleep”**

COME, LET'S GIVE THANKS  
TO OUR LORD  
FOR HAVING REACHED  
THE END OF THIS DAY.

**NIGHT PRAYER  
WITH  
BENEDICTION**

EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 8:00 PM  
IN THE ADORATION CHAPEL



**“HOPEFUL, LOVING,  
MEMORY MINISTRY”  
HLMM- “How Love Moves  
Many”**

Please join the Hopeful Loving Memory Ministry on Saturday January 15th for sharing, prayer and understanding as a Caregiver in your walk with a memory impaired loved one. Our meeting is from 10am to Noon every 3<sup>rd</sup>. Sat. of the month.

*“Please come to be “Blessed, Heard and Loved.”*

For Info Contact; Deborah Waters (Cell #@ 951/203-8287)-or-Josie Urquizu (home # @ 909/987\*7348)

“Important”-Please leave a return # & brief message when you call and we will get back to you asap.

Thank you & God Bless You! Our HLMM team;  
*Deborah and Josie*

## The St. Vincent de Paul Corner

*“Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.”*  
Matthew 25: 31-46

Thank you for your generous participation in St. Peter and St. Paul's ongoing food collection.



*Non-perishable, currently dated food, may be left at any time  
in the receptacle in front of the Church office.*

(Suggestions: pop tops, chef Boy ardee, cereal, peanut butter, crackers, ramen, granola bars, canned foods etc.)

*Your donations are distributed to His Hands in Upland,  
Mary's Mercy Center in San Bernardino,  
those in need locally and the homeless who call our Helpline*

If you or someone you know is struggling with utility bills or other needs, our helpline is available on  
**Most Mondays and Tuesdays from 8:30 to 3:00**

**1-800-716-0646**

Leave a message and your call will be returned.

Questions: Scott, SVDP President: [sandnsky8@gmail.com](mailto:sandnsky8@gmail.com) or Sherry, Food Ministry: [Busiabaer@outlook.com](mailto:Busiabaer@outlook.com)

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Rosary Making Group	Cay Kim	980-4248
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Military Prayer Ministry	Jonathan & Lynde Peralta	938-3243
Altar Guild	Cheryl Harshman	973-8766

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St. Vincent De Paul Society	Helpline	(800) 716-0646
World Apostolate of Fatima	Joan Combs	476-2754



The Military Ministry at St Peter St Paul is currently seeking parishioners with family members serving in the military.

### Military Ministry Request

The Military Ministry at St. Peter & St. Paul is seeking anyone interested in being part of our team, which will be made up of parishioners who have family members actively serving in the military. As well as, those who have a love for our military and are dedicated to keeping those who have served in our prayers. Activities of this ministry will consist of mailing care packages to military family members of our parishioners, support for families that have a loved one serving in active duty, coordinating with past and present military families for parish events, organizing special Masses and events for the Military holidays and celebrations. you are interested in being involved in this ministry, please contact: Jonathan & Lynde Peralta (Jonathan @ 951-285-0270, Lynde @909-938-3243)

(PFC) Jacob Beaty  
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(SGT) Kurt Rehnburg  
(SMCCA) Raymund Alvaran  
(E3) Alexander Jimenez  
(PFC) Jacob Rivas

(PFC) Christian Lopez  
(SSG) Kamrin Pavlos  
(PO) Matthew Peralta  
(MSG) Victor Sanez  
(SSG) Jordan Stone  
(Specialist) Nathan Taylor  
(Sgt) Riley Villapando  
(SR) Nicole Woodall  
(USMC) Joseph Luzzini  
Daniel Duarte III

### Military Prayer List Please pray for those serving our country

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Si usted desea ser miembro de uno de estos ministerios o necesita más información, por favor contacte al coordinador y deje su nombre, teléfono y al ministerio que le gustaría participar.

THEY OPENED  
THEIR TREASURES  
AND OFFERED HIM GIFTS  
OF GOLD, FRANKINCENSE,  
AND MYRRH.

MATTHEW 2:11

# THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 2, 2022

## GIFTS

Gifts are everywhere at this time of year. Christmas gifts. Hostess gifts. Hidden gifts. Wrong-size gifts. Unexpected gifts. Unwanted gifts. Unreciprocated gifts. And in today's readings we hear about even more gifts: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. But we know intuitively (or, one hopes, eventually!) that gifts are symbols of something much deeper and less tangible. The gift of God's Son is, of course, at the heart of our Christmas festivities. We are not—and never—alone, because “God is with us.” (Thus the name Emmanuel.) But wait, that's not all! The liturgy reminds us over and over that this is a “holy exchange.” As Christ came to share in our humanity, we come to share in his divinity. The full significance of that mystery is a gift we have yet to unwrap completely.

## WHAT KIND OF GOD IS THIS?

Christmas is a season of abundance. Christmas cookies and carols. Parties and presents. Mangers and mistletoe. The same is true in our church. Within a period of nine days we celebrate Christmas, the Holy Family, Mary Mother of God, and today the Solemnity of the Epiphany. Truly an embarrassment of liturgical riches. (And we are not finished yet!)

However, for many people, Christmas is already over. Trees litter the curbside or make their way back to the attic. Presents are put away or returned. We prepare to go back to school or work. But as Christians we have barely dipped our toes into the profound mystery of a God who walks among us. What kind of a God is this whose kingdom is not limited by our borders, fears, expectations, or imaginations? Today's psalm reminds us, “Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.” Diversity and inclusion are not new to God's agenda.

## TRADITIONS UNCOVER MEANING

Two traditional rituals, one liturgical and one domestic, help underline the meaning of the Epiphany. The Proclamation of the Date of Easter is an option for inclusion at Mass today. This text which formally announces the dates of the upcoming major feast days reminds us that Christmas is best honored in the context of the whole story of salvation that culminates in Easter. Or as writer Nathan Mitchell reflects, the wood of the crib becomes the wood of the cross.

The second tradition connected to Epiphany is the blessing of the door of one's home with chalk. It includes a prayer for protection for all who enter therein. One explanation of this tradition ties it to the Passover in the Book of Exodus: the marking of the doorposts with the blood of the lamb kept the Israelites safe. This tradition too offers a connection between Christmas and Easter.

As we continue to mine the richness of this season we hum along with the angels, *Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

## TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 60:1–6

Psalm 72:1–2, 7–8, 10–11, 12–13

Ephesians 3:2–3a, 5–6

Matthew 2:1–12







## The “Epic” Story of the Catholic Church

### Church History from a Catholic Perspective!

*Epic: A Journey through Church History* is a captivating and fast-paced look at the story of the Catholic Church up to the present day. You'll learn about the major people, places, and events that comprise the captivating story of Christianity. It will provide you with an understanding of Church history that enables you to have a greater sense of meaning and identity as a Catholic. This “*journey through Church history*” is the story of the People of God; it is the story of God’s family on Earth.

**Wednesday Mornings                      9 AM – 11 AM**

**Wednesday Evenings                      7 PM – 9 PM**

**Both sessions will be Zoomed until further notice**

### Upcoming topics

**1/12: Crusaders & Scholars - Part I**

**1/19: Crusaders & Scholars - Part II**

**1/26: Crusaders & Scholars - Part III**

Feel free to contact Jenny Campbell at (909) 987-9312 ext. 250 or  
 jcampbell@stpeterstpaul.com

Zoom links through Flocknote. Sign up here: <https://spspaltaloma.flocknote.com/>

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### Regular Parish Office Hours (909) 987-9312

**Monday - Thursday**

8:30 am - 4:30 pm

**Friday - 9:00 am - 12:00 pm**

### Children's Faith Formation & Baptism (909) 980-9423

Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday 9:00 am to 3:00 pm or by appointment Closed Fridays

**Baptism & Children's Faith Formation, Grades 1 – 5**  
Please contact us through email so that we may assist you as soon as possible

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\*Please contact us through email so we may assist you as soon as possible

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## *Parish Mission Statement*

We the people of St. Peter and St. Paul Parish, as members of the Roman Catholic Church, are a sacramental, worshipping community on a journey towards the fulfillment of Christ's Kingdom. We strive to provide a spiritual haven for all people without distinction. We are equally committed to the challenges of the gospel message. We accept its call to ongoing conversion, the use of our gifts for the benefit of our community, and loving service to one another.

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**DECEMBER/JANUARY**

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- 1/11: PTG MEETING**



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Convert heretics and unbelievers, soften the hearts of sinners so that they may return to Thy friendship; give prosperity to our country and peace among the nations of the world; pour down Thy blessings upon our friends, relatives, and acquaintances, and upon our enemies, if we have any; assist the poor and the sick; have pity on the souls of those whom this year has taken from us; and do Thou be merciful to those who during the coming year will be summoned before Thy judgment seat.

May all our actions be preceded by Thy inspirations and carried on by Thy assistance, so that all our prayers and works, having been begun in Thee, may likewise be ended through Thee. Amen.



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# Synod

## Listening Sessions

The entire Catholic Church is called to participate in the upcoming Synod of Bishops! This Synod is entitled: "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission."

Pope Francis has called the entire People of God to journey together!

This Synod is not just another meeting with oral presentations and written reports. This Synod is a process of journeying together by listening, dialoguing, praying, discerning, and making decisions together for the purpose of proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Pope Francis is asking each local diocese to gather - clergy, religious and laity together - to listen to each other's joys and hopes, and griefs and anxieties (c.f. Gaudium et Spes no. 1).

The "goal" of this journeying together is not to create a new vision or pastoral plan with objectives. Rather, the goal of our journeying together is to be present with one another, to listen and learn with each other, and to grow closer to the Lord and His Church.

**Location: Parish Hall**

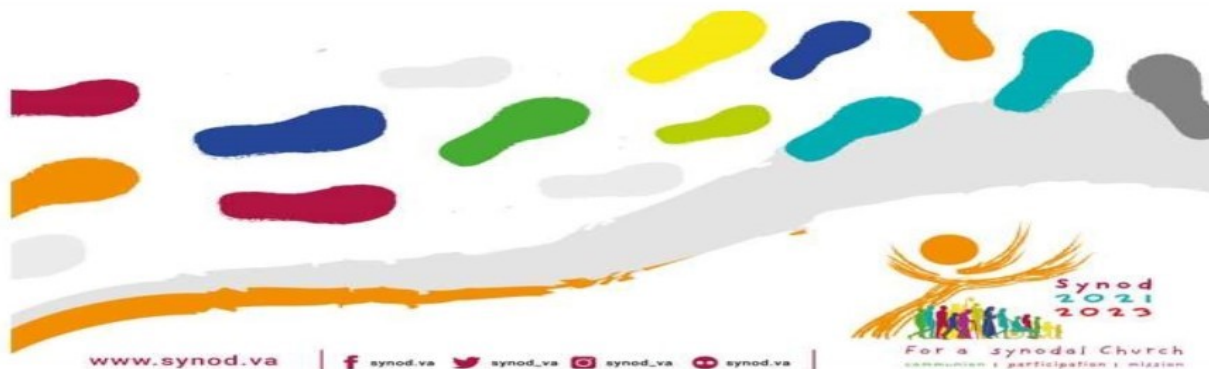
Date: January 11, 7pm, **Councils/Committees**

Date: January 14, 6pm, **Hispanic Committees**

Date: January 29, 9am, **Liturgical Ministries**

Date: February 5, 9am, **Service & Support Ministries, Prayer Groups, Organizations/Clubs**

Hospitality will be provided, please RSVP with your ministry leader  
**More Listening Sessions in the coming months...**



January 2, 2022

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In our parish the Master of Ceremonies is responsible for the proper and smooth conduct of the various liturgical ceremonies such as the Solemn Mass, Triduum observances etc.

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David DiGiuseppe is the Master of Ceremonies Ministry coordinator. Our Church is very much in need of both Men and Women to join this rewarding ministry. If you are interested in becoming an Emcee, or would like more information please contact David DiGiuseppe at [daviddigiuseppe@hotmail.com](mailto:daviddigiuseppe@hotmail.com) for more information

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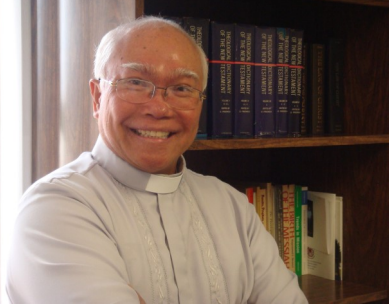
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## St. Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church

### Who was Joseph in the life of Jesus?: *Fr. Ben Alforque*

St. Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church

#### Who was Joseph in the life of Jesus?

In Luke 1:26-27, after establishing the time (“in the sixth month”) and space (“a town of Galilee called Nazareth”) for his “historical” account about the circumstances of the conception and birth of Jesus, Luke turns now to the socio-anthropological dimension: a young unmarried Mary, in contrast to the old married Elizabeth, is betrothed to a man named Joseph. Betrothal was a mutual agreement of parents; but the betrothed did not live together while mutually observing their fidelity and love for each other. Linking Joseph to David finalizes the identity of Jesus as the only Messiah and there is no other. Joseph, the poor of Nazareth, is the link of Jesus, the Messiah, to the royal Davidic line.

In Luke 2:1-7 again Luke sets up the “historical” circumstances surrounding the birth of Jesus: “In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus (Roman emperor) that the whole world should be enrolled...when Quirinius was governor of Syria” (by whom Israel as a Roman colony was ruled through its local puppet and despot). The census or enrollment of the population of the empire was the State’s tool to determine who could be soldiers of its military force, workers of its farms and factories and how much tribute or taxes could be levied from each to support the ruling families. This royal decree from the center of power is in contrast to that obscure town of Nazareth in Galilee (the hideout of the resistance movement against Roman rule and its local despotic puppet) and now powerless Bethlehem (*Beth* = house, *lehem* = bread, hence: Bethlehem = House of Bread) a tiny city of David in the old glorious but bygone days of the Davidic dynasty. Joseph’s quiet compliance to the oppressive State turns into a silent obedient commitment of an ordinary man to the vulnerable pregnant Mary and homeless powerless Jesus. Luke is serving notice of the birth of Jesus as the advent of the sign of contradiction and conflictivity. Joseph provides the link to this sign of contradiction and conflictivity by his quiet compliance to earthly power on the one hand, and silent obedience to the will of God, on the other. Joseph makes the silent encounter between the mystery of Jesus’ liberating alternative Kingdom of God and the oppressive unjust Kingdom of Power on earth happen.

In Luke 2:16-20 we find the poor, lowly and humble ambience of the manger as the privileged space for the emergence of a spectacular message from heaven. As Mary ponders the message of the shepherds in her heart, Joseph rises as the silent keeper of this dramatic spectacle of Messiahship and Lordship connected to the Davidic lineage (“For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord ... wrapped in swaddling clothes ... (Luke 2:11-12) through him.

In Luke 2:41-52 Joseph watches in silence as Jesus claims God’s divine paternity for himself and that he would be after the affairs of his Father. And yet, after finding Jesus in the Temple, Joseph will bring Jesus home. There he becomes the silent teacher of Jesus in matters of faith and trade, of life’s principles and carpentry, of wisdom and practicality. If Jesus later in his life becomes teacher – the Only Teacher of life and faith – he has learned the trade of creativity and preaching from the heart from Joseph. Joseph is the silent profound wise teacher by word and example of Jesus.

In Luke 3:23-38, we find the genealogy of Jesus from Luke’s special source, a tradition about the lineage of Jesus which is different from the Matthean genealogy. Luke’s genealogy begins with Jesus as the son, as was thought, of Joseph and ends with Adam, the son of God. This makes Jesus a member of the universal humanity, and not just an exclusive possession of the Jewish nation (Matthew’s tradition). The belongingness of Jesus to the human family is made possible by attaching him to Joseph. That makes Joseph the silent guardian of the mystery of the Incarnation of Jesus.

Joseph the worker, the carpenter – Matt. 13:55, Mark 6:3, Luke 4:22; John 6:42 – and the father, as thought of, of Jesus. Identifying Jesus to Joseph and his trade has made Jesus and his words and deeds unacceptable to the people. Because he “originated” from Joseph, an ordinary man, a simple carpenter. Because Jesus’ mentor was a silent insignificant worker. This experience of unacceptability and rejection has become an invitation to prophetic solidarity with the poor, the workers, the rejected and marginalized at the periphery of society. It is to these people, the poor, the sinner, the outcast, the lawless, that Jesus would identify himself with. Joseph is Jesus’ silent teacher to a quiet persistent solidarity with the silenced poor of a silent Yahweh.



In Luke’s Gospel, Joseph with his Silence is the Quiet Protector of the Silence of God.

A Happy, Quiet, Profound and Liberating New Year to us all. – *Fr. Ben*

January 2, 2022

# JANUARY

# Youth Ministry and Confirmation

## Youth Groups:

### EDGE

Middle School

Edge will be meeting on the following  
Thursday evenings at 6:00 pm  
January 20<sup>th</sup>

Invitation to all teens and families for the Immaculate Conception December 8th at 5:30 pm

### LIFE TEEN

High School

Life Teen will be meeting on the following  
Wednesday evenings at 6:00 pm  
January 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup>

## Catechism:

### Sacramental Prep.

Sacramental Preparation continues  
on January 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>  
Thursdays: 5:30 pm

### CONFIRMATION

Confirmation Continues  
January 9<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>  
Sundays: 3:00 pm  
Tuesdays: 6:00 pm

## Young Adults:

### Renewed

Walk For Life (Off Site) - January 22<sup>nd</sup>  
XLT in the Church - January 27<sup>th</sup>

Contact us through instagram or contact Melissa for more information.  
For all event details follow us on instagram @renewedspsp

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