

*Fabio's News***Christmas Time**

The Church, in her mission to go around the world carrying the Good News, has wanted to dedicate time to deepen, contemplate and assimilate the Mystery of the Incarnation of Jesus, the Son of God. At this time we know it as Christmas, this celebration comes from the ancient Jewish Festival of Lights and seeking to give a Christian meaning to the pagan celebrations of the winter solstice (the word solstice comes from the Latin solstitium which means: still sun is when the sun reaches its greater or lesser apparent height in the sky with respect to the equator) the church took advantage of the moment to celebrate Christmas.

Until the third century, we have no news about the day of Jesus' birth. The first testimonies of Priests and ecclesiastical writers indicate various dates. The first direct testimony that the Christmas of Christ was on December 25th is offered by Sixth African July in the year 221. The first direct reference to its celebration is that of the Philoclian liturgical calendar of the year 354 ("On December 25 Christ was born in Bethlehem of Judea").

During several weeks of Advent, we have been preparing for that great moment of the Birth of Baby Jesus. A Baby Jesus who wants to be born again in our heart, in the family, in the neighborhood, in the community, bringing us peace, joy and happiness. Now, everything depends on us, that is, on the time that we give him in our life.

Christmas: time to forgive those who have offended us, and also to ask for forgiveness to those who have done much harm with words, thoughts and actions. Do not allow pain, hatred and resentment to take over your mind and your heart in this beautiful time that God has given us.

I wish you with all my heart a Merry Christmas.



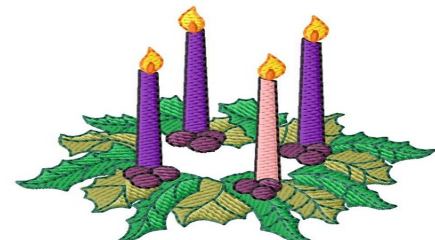
If you are not already an active member of this community, consider sharing in what we have to offer. Our parish is here to assist all who wish to know God more deeply. We serve the community through outreach, education, social activities, sacramental preparation, and comfort of the sick and those who mourn. Feel free to call us if we may be of service to you in any way.

Thank you From the Outreach Ministry

The Outreach Ministry would like to thank everyone who participated by taking an Angel from our Jesse Tree and fulfilling the wishes of a needy child. All 94 Angels were taken from the Tree within 10 days and ALL 94 gifts were returned promptly.

Thank you, because through your generosity our Jesse Tree was a BIG Success.

May the birth of Baby Jesus bless you for your kindness.



**5:00 PM SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2017**

Extraordinary Ministers	Terry Scalera, John Scalera, John Varga, Mary Ruth Jones, Barbara Pellerito, Andy Pellerito
Lector	Lori Lucius
Ushers	Syl Grudzien, Harry Rowe
Altar Servers	Otilia Ramirez, Juanita Ramirez, Axel Ramirez

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2017

Extraordinary Ministers	8:00 AM: Dr. Jim Spoden, Jennie Taylor, Janet Spoden, Carol Balaun, Bob Cincotta 10:00 AM: Steve Roberts, Teresa Roberts, Mary Roberts, Sam Liscar, Christine Tobiasz, Matt Major
Lectors	8:00 AM: Eddie Meyer 10:00 AM: Steve Roberts
Ushers	8:00 AM: Hugh Howell, Bart Ziccardi 10:00 AM: Ross Wood, Steven Smith, John Pennington, Frank Cacciatore
Altar Servers	8:00 AM: Teddy Strange 10:00 AM: Rachel Thibodeau, Jeremy De La Torre

We Pray for/Oramos por:

Dr. Joe and Liberty Lazzarini, Monika Bertone, Butch Hunter, Marion Conroy, Kevin Bente, Landis Hicks, Baruchi Ben Jacob, Fr. Doug Medlin, Richard Geston, Eleanor Balaun, Ryan Steen, Kerri Steen, Janet Surovec, Fr. Victor Reyes, Robert Naramore, Gerry Herdliska, Bill Wilcox, Melvin Blank, Stella Wallace, Doug Sharp

(Please, call the Parish Office (706)-865-4474 for additions or to remove a name. Please know our List will be updated every 3 months) (Por favor, comunicarse a la oficina para agregar nombre del enfermo)



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2017	5:00 PM
+Andy Farkus (D)	(Bereavement Ministry)
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2017	8:00 AM
+Linda Blankenship (D)	(Bereavement Ministry)
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2017	10:00 AM
+Andrew Potesta (D)	(Pat Potesta)
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2017	12:30 PM
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2017	5:00PM
+Mary Purk (D)	(Bernard Purk Jr.)
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2017	10:00PM
Intentions of Eleanor Balaun (L)	(Carol Balaun)
MONDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2017	10:00AM
+Sid Brangham (D)	(June Brangham)
MONDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2017	12:30 PM
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2017	12:15 PM
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2017	12:15 PM
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2017	6:30 PM
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2017	12:15 PM
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2017	12:15 PM
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2017	5:00 PM
+Anicia Montes (D)	(Vivian Overn)

Christmas Vigil Mass

Sunday, December 24

5:00 PM Mass (English)

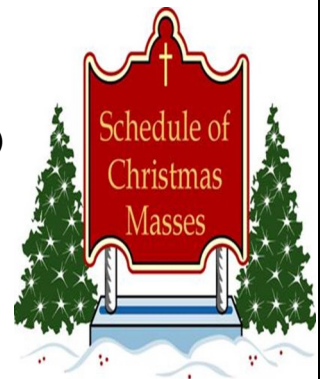
10:00 PM Mass (Bilingual)

Christmas Day

Monday, December 25

10:00 AM Mass (English)

12:30 PM Mass (Spanish)





“St. Paul’s Seniors Group

We are still looking for a Senior who would like to head up a Senior’s Group at St. Paul’s. There is so much we could do with an active Senior Group. Prince of Peace calls their group Forever Young! If interested, please contact Darrel Chaney at 770-715-1599 or darrelchaney@windstream.net.

What you do at St. Paul’s, Matters.....for eternity!”

Darrel

Gifts of IRAs to lower income before year end:

“My spirit rejoices in God my Savior” - Isaiah 61:10

As we rejoice this Advent in the coming of the Savior, we can plan how to share that joy with others. Now there is a simple way to plan your Will online. In addition to caring for your family when you are gone, remember to include the parish endowment fund in these plans. Create your Catholic Legacy by going to www.cfngalegacy.org and click on “Plan Your Will.” If you have any questions, please call Juliet Greco at the Catholic Foundation, 404-497-9440 or email jgreco@cfnga.org.

Feast of Christ the King

In celebrating the start of the Christian year, you can impact your missionary activity by making a gift to your parish or other Catholic entity in your will. Let the Catholic Foundation help you find the best vehicle to save tax dollars and leave your Catholic legacy. For more information, please call Juliet Greco at the Catholic Foundation, 404-497-9440 or email jgreco@cfnga.org.

Craft Group



What is the Craft Group?

The Craft Group shows off whatever craft we're working on, and will teach if anyone is interested. A lot of knitting, crocheting, Quilting and sharing. The Craft Group also makes items for others... prayer blankets etc.

We will meet in the Parish Hall on Wednesday, January 3, 2018, at 6:30PM in the Parish Hall.

Women’s Guild

The **Women's Guild** will meet on **Saturday, February 10, 2018, at 10:00AM** in the Parish Hall. We will discuss plans for the year and future meetings. Refreshments will be served.

Beverly Farkus, President

Religious Education Classes (SOR)

School of Religion will be closed for Christmas on the following days: *Wednesday Session*, December 20, 27 and January 3. *Sunday Session*, December 24, December 31. We will resume classes on Sunday, January 7. Have a wonderful Christmas!

Noticias de Fabio

Tiempo de Navidad

La Iglesia en su misión de ir por el mundo llevando la Buena Nueva ha querido dedicar un tiempo a profundizar, contemplar y asimilar el Misterio de la Encarnación de Jesús el Hijo de Dios; a este tiempo lo conocemos como La Navidad, esta celebración proviene de la antigua fiesta judía de las luces y buscando dar un sentido cristiano a las celebraciones paganas del solsticio de invierno (**la palabra solsticio viene del latín solstitium que significa: sol quieto** es cuando el sol alcanza su mayor o menor altura aparente en el cielo con respecto a la línea ecuatorial) la iglesia aprovechó el momento para celebrar la Navidad.

Hasta el siglo III, no tenemos noticias sobre el día del nacimiento de Jesús. Los primeros testimonios de Padres y escritores eclesiásticos señalan diversas fechas. El primer testimonio directo de que la navidad de Cristo fuese el 25 de diciembre lo ofrece Sexto Julio Africano el año 221. La primera referencia directa de su celebración es la del calendario litúrgico filocaliano del año 354 (“ el 25 de diciembre nació Cristo en Belén de Judea”).

Durante varias semanas de Adviento, nos hemos ido preparando para ese gran momento del Nacimiento del Niño Jesús; un Niño Jesús, que quiere nacer de nuevo en nuestro corazón, en la familia, en el vecindario, en la comunidad, trayéndonos paz, alegría y mucha felicidad. Ahora, todo depende de nosotros, es decir, del espacio que le queramos dar a él en nuestra vida.

Navidad: época de perdonar a quienes nos han ofendido, y también de pedir perdón a quienes les hemos hecho mucho daño con las palabras, pensamientos y acciones. No permitas que el dolor, el odio y rencor se apoderen de tu mente y tu corazón en esta época tan bonita que Dios nos ha regalado.

Feliz Navidad les deseo de todo corazón.

Sea Usted Bienvenido

Si aún no es un miembro activo de esta comunidad, considere compartir lo que tenemos para ofrecer. Nuestra parroquia está aquí para ayudar a todos los que desean conocer a Dios más profundamente. Servimos a la comunidad a través de asistencia al necesitado, actividades sociales, preparación sacramental visitas al enfermo, y consuelo a los que lloran la pérdida de un ser querido. No dude en llamarnos si podemos servirle de alguna manera.

Clases de Educación Religiosa (SOR)

La Escuela de Religión estará cerrada por Navidad en los siguientes días: Sesión Miércoles, 20 de diciembre, 27 y 3 de enero.

Sesión Dominical, 24 de diciembre, 31 de diciembre. Vamos a reanudar las clases el domingo 7 de enero, 2018. ¡Que tengan una Feliz Navidad!



HORARIO NAVIDEÑO

Vigilia Misa de Navidad

Domingo, 24 de Diciembre

Misa 5:00 PM (Inglés)

Misa 10:00 PM (Bilingüe)

Día de Navidad

Lunes, 25 de Diciembre

Misa 10:00 AM (Inglés)

Misa 12:30 PM (Español)