

Fourth Sunday of Advent & Christmas - The Nativity of the Lord,
Year B, December 24th and 25th, 2017



In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary.
(Lk 1:26-38)



So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child;..
(Lk 2:15-20)

Last Week's Collection

Sunday Offering - \$ 1837.60
'Host a Family..' \$ 5.00
Repair & Renovations fund - \$ 15.00
Christmas decorations: \$ 22.00
Bless you for your continued generous support.

Upcoming Events - 2018

Host a Family Fund Raising Programs:

Friends, please join and support that we may help our 2nd Syrian family.



Fourth Week of Advent

Father, all-powerful God, your eternal Word took flesh on our earth when the Virgin Mary placed her life at the service of your plan. Lift our minds in watchful hope to hear the voice which announces his glory and open our minds to receive the Spirit who prepares us for his coming. We ask this through Christ our Lord. ~AMEN.



Mass Schedule & Intentions from December 23, 2017 to December 31, 2017

Saturday	5:00PM	† Giuseppina Nero by Husband Amore & family Aldo Ferrusi by Wife Maria Ferrusi Leslie Sumbler by Maria Fazzalari Ruggero & Caterina Sdao by Carmelo & Maria Mazzei
Sunday	10:00AM	† Beni Inneo by Wife Nardina & family Domenico Locco by Wife and family Franco Sdao by Carmelo & Maria Mazzei Maria Eisenring-DeChellis by Rosanna D'Alessandro
Christmas Eve Mass	5:00PM	For all our children and young families
	11:30PM	Carol Singing
	12:00AM	Midnight Mass For All your intentions
Christmas Day	9:00AM	For us and for all our dearly deceased ones
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Tuesday		NO MASS
Wednesday	9:00AM	Communion Service
Thursday	6:30PM	† Dominic Mammarella by Wife & family Adoration to follow Mass
Friday		† Vincenzo Guzzi by Dr. Paul Mirando
Saturday	5:00PM	† Giuseppina Gallo by Ralph DeFazio
Sunday	10:00AM	Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph. We pray for all the families.
	5.00PM	Mass of Thanksgiving - for 2017
New Years Day Monday	10:00AM	The Solemnity of Mary , The Holy Mother of God! A day of obligation, too. Also celebrated as World Day of Peace! Church office will be closed on Tuesday, Dec.26th - boxing day.



Saint Andrew the Apostle, pray for us



Pope Francis - General Audience
December 20, 2017

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

In our continuing catechesis on the Eucharist, we now turn to the celebration of Mass, starting with the introductory rites. These rites are not marginal: they dispose us to listen in faith to the word of God and to partake worthily in the Eucharistic sacrifice. Each ritual gesture is expressive of the mysteries we prepare to celebrate. As the priest kisses the altar, we are reminded that Mass is an encounter of love with the living Christ. As we join in making the sign of the cross, we recall that by our baptism we share in the love of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, revealed on the cross of Christ. So too, the liturgical greeting – “The Lord be with you” – and our response – “And with your spirit” – bring us together as members of Christ’s body the Church, each with his or her own gifts to offer in a harmonious symphony of praise and thanksgiving. The introductory rites culminate in the penitential act, in which we humbly acknowledge our sins, in order to pass with the Lord from death to new life through the sacramental celebration of his passion, death and resurrection.



Dear friends, after 24 days of preparation we are going to celebrate Christmas. It is a time we gratefully remember God's fatherly love in sending Jesus, His only begotten Son to our world. Jesus is God's statement that He loves us unconditionally and that we are so precious before Him. And this love compels us to love God and care for one another. And when we live this love Christmas becomes meaningful and joyful. Saint Mother Teresa of Kolkatta said: “It is Christmas every time you let God love others through you”. Yes, it is Christmas every time you smile at your neighbour and offer him your hand.

I wish you all a very blessed and joyful Christmas. With love and prayers, Fr. Paul.

New Year's Mass Schedule

Dec. 30 Saturday 5PM
Dec.31st Sunday morning - **one Mass only - 10AM**

Year-End Mass of Thanksgiving
Dec.31st, Sunday - 5pm

New Year's Mass: 2018 Jan.1 Monday - 10AM

Call to vocation

We wish to congratulate two young women in our diocese who have answered the call to the religious life. On September 8, 2017, Lauren Nicole Katanik entered into the Candidacy with the Sisters of Our Lady Immaculate and Victoria Mary Robles will enter as a Postulate to the Order of Discalced Carmelites on December 29, 2017. Please pray for these two young women and continue to pray for an increase in vocations to the religious life.

Thank You
Heavenly Melodies Concert - Thank you

Last Sunday we had the special Mass and Christmas Concert. We thank the Gethsemane Youth Choir for singing for the Mass and leading the concert. The talent and the dedication of those young people really challenged everybody. We are so grateful to them and to the Gethsemane Ministry. We are so proud of Lara Kaba who sang a Christmas song in Arabic. The presence of Mr. Christopher Kerho, St. Andrew's School Principal, meant a lot. We appreciate it very much. Thanks Mr. Kerho. Special thanks to Mrs. Maria Marshall for organizing this program, and to Elizabeth, her daughter for her helps. Thank you to all the Volunteers who sold the door prize tickets and to all who purchased it. It is the busy season of Christmas. But many of you spared your valuable time and participated in the program. Thank you, thank you! Preparing the lunch items was not an easy task. But these Volunteers proved again that they can do it. A big thank you to Stephen Martin; Rosa Puthiayakunnel; Barbara Nenadovich, Doug Garant; Maria Fazzalari; Greg and Monique Shinton. The winner of the 50/50 was pleased to donate the money back. We thank Mrs. Jeniffer Labenski for her generosity. Thank you all, for your good will and support!



In Memoriam

Lydia Mary Matchett, a long time member of our parish community passed away on December 14th. A funeral Mass was held for her here at St. Andrew's church on December 18th. We thank the family for choosing St. Andrew's for memorial donations. Our condolences and prayers go out to her family members and we pray that God may grant eternal rest to Lydia.