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## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MON Dec 22 7:00 PM Christmas Novena Mass  
TUE Dec 23 3:00 PM Mass at the Senior's Home  
7:00 PM Christmas Novena Mass  
WED Dec 24 5:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass  
7:30 PM Christmas Eve Mass  
THU Dec 25 10:00 AM Christmas Day Mass  
FRI Dec 26 12:00 PM Maverick Grieve  
SAT Dec 27 7:30 PM Jason Halverson  
SUN Dec 28 10:00 AM Resurrection Parish

## NEW YEAR MASS TIMES

THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

### NEW YEAR'S EVE

Wednesday, December 31  
Mass at **7:30 PM**

### NEW YEAR'S DAY

Thursday, January 1  
Mass at **10:00 AM**

On Christmas morning, what's more important than Santa entering our home is God entering our hearts.

Begin the day in Christmas prayer by considering spending time with Scripture.

The Synoptic gospels of Matthew (1:18-25) and Luke (2:1-20) give us traditional accounts of the birth of Jesus. The first chapter of John's gospel also portrays the powerful story of the Incarnation.

If you're looking for a prayer to offer privately or to say with family to begin the day, consider the words given to us by current and former popes:

*"On this day of joy, we are all called to contemplate the Child Jesus, who gives hope once again to every person on the face of the earth. By his grace, let us with our voices and our actions give witness to solidarity and peace.*

*Merry Christmas to all!"*

*Pope Francis, Christmas 2016*

## CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2026

**Parents MUST STAY with the child during the classes. It's not a drop-off. Please come 15 minutes early.**

### First Reconciliation: Grade 2 and higher.

Class #1 - Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> at 2PM in the Hall.  
Class #2 - Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> at 2PM in the Hall.  
Celebration of First Rec. **February 15<sup>th</sup> at 2PM in the Church**

**Children must have celebrated their First Reconciliation before starting First Communion classes.**

### First Communion: Grade 2 and higher.

Class #1 - March 1<sup>th</sup> at 2PM in the Hall  
Class #2 - March 8<sup>th</sup> at 2PM in the Hall  
Class #3 - March 29<sup>th</sup> at 2PM in the Hall

**Celebration of First Holy Communion April 12th**

### Confirmation: Grade 6 and higher.

Class #1 - April 19<sup>th</sup> in the Hall at 2PM  
Class #2 - April 26<sup>th</sup> in the Hall at 2PM  
Class #3 - May 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Hall at 2PM

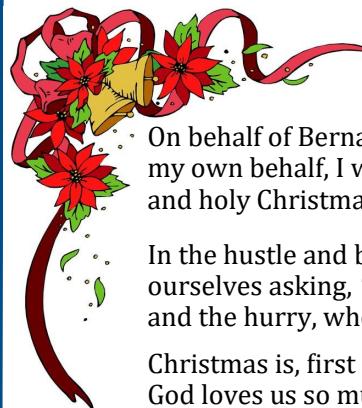
**Date of Confirmation to be determined by Bishop Jensen.**

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**The Parish Office will be closed from Dec. 25 to Jan. 2 for the Christmas holiday.**  
**Regular office hours will resume on Jan. 5.**



## "PILGRIMS OF HOPE"

On behalf of Bernadette Antonio, our parish secretary/bookkeeper, and on my own behalf, I would like to extend to you and your families a very happy and holy Christmas and all God's blessings throughout the New Year.

In the hustle and bustle that leads up to our celebration of Christmas, many of us find ourselves asking, *"What's it all about?"* We sometimes wonder in the rush, the stress and the hurry, whether we have somehow missed the real meaning of it all.

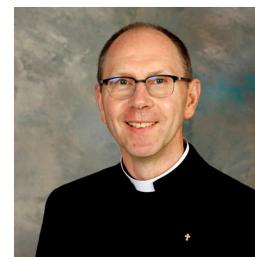
Christmas is, first and foremost, about Love, God's Love. How much does God love us? God loves us so much that God gave us the most precious gift imaginable, Jesus, God's own Son. That's the heart of Christmas.

This great and wonderful love calls us to love one another. We share love in and through our human relationships. Love isn't always a warm and cozy feeling; love is a commitment and a decision to stick by others, come what may, through thick and thin, when the going is easy and when the going gets more challenging. The love that we share in our human relationships is a reflection of the love of God, calling us to give of ourselves for others.

At Christmas, we remember that Jesus was born in poverty, in a stable among the poorest people and the farm animals. What does this mean for us today? You and I are called to look for the face of Christ in the poor, those at our own door and in places far from here. Love can look like a cup of coffee offered, a hand held, a smile shared, and a story heard. I firmly believe that, in the end, we will be judged by how we care for the poor.

And Christmas is also about repentance and forgiveness. Love takes commitment and work, and sometimes we don't get it right. We're not perfect. But with God there is mercy and forgiveness, and second chances. And so must we offer those gifts to others. Christmas is a time of renewal, of fresh starts and coming together.

Outside the Church we have the big sign *"Keep Christ in Christmas"* and we wonder how to do that. I think that Jesus himself gave us the best insight; if you want to keep Christ in Christmas, look around you, and look for Him. He is here. Feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, forgive the guilty, welcome the stranger, care for the sick, visit the imprisoned, and love your enemies. *"Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."*



Many Blessings.

**Fr. Chris Lynch**  
Pastor.

**Thank you for all the greetings, cards, gifts, and prayers!**

