

December 25, 2022

Solemnity of the
Nativity of the Lord

And the Word became flesh
and made his dwelling among us.



Holy Name Cathedral

Our Vision

A world in communion with Jesus Christ.

Our Mission

Holy Name Cathedral, as a Catholic parish and the seat of the Archdiocese of Chicago, forms a community of disciples who inspire, nurture, and join people on their faith journey to encounter and grow in Jesus Christ.

Mass Schedule

Monday-Friday

7:00am, 8:00am (livestream) & 12noon
Wednesday evenings at 5:15pm

Saturday

9:00am (livestream) & 5:15pm Vigil Mass

Sunday

7:00am, 8:30am, 10:30am (livestream),
12:30pm, 5:15pm

Saturday Reconciliation

9:00am to 12noon

Reflections from Our Rector



Dear People of God,

The story is told of a young girl going to see the baby Jesus in the manger for the first time. She looked at the scene for awhile and then turned to her dad and said, "Where does Jesus live for the rest of the year?" Can each of us answer

that question?

Christmas is about Jesus Christ. Christmas is about us --- gifts received and gifts shared. A gift is not a gift until it is given away and the Advent/Christmas Seasons are about preparation, giving and learning how to give out love ---and letting love come in.

The following thought-provoking story best captures the Spirit of Christ (mas):

As the elderly man walked the beach at dawn, he noticed a youth ahead of him picking up starfish and flinging them into the sea. Finally, catching up with the youth, he asked him why he was doing this. The answer was that the stranded starfish would die if left in the morning sun. "But the beach goes on for miles and there are millions of starfish," countered the old man.

"How can your efforts make any difference?" The young man looked at the starfish in his hand and then threw it to the safety of the waves. "It makes all the difference to this one," he said.

Remember the seven simple rules to be happy:

1. Free your heart from hatred.
2. Free your mind from worries.
3. Live simply and for others.
4. Give more.
5. Expect less.
6. Forgive, forgive and forgive more!
7. Last, but most importantly, root life in God through faith in Jesus Christ.

Are you aware that if we died tomorrow, the company that we are working for could easily replace us in a matter of days. But the family we left behind will feel the loss for the rest of their lives. And come to think of it, many of us

pour ourselves more into work than into our own family, an unwise investment indeed, don't you think?

On this Christmas Day, I close with this profound story which beautifully captures what the Spirit of Christmas should be long after the gift-wrapping paper has been tossed away.

A teacher gave a balloon to every student, who had to inflate it, write their name on it and throw it in the hallway. The teacher then mixed all the balloons. The students were then given five minutes to find their own balloon. Despite a hectic search, no one found their balloon.

At that point, the teacher told the students to take the first balloon that they found and hand it to the person whose name was written on it. Within five minutes, everyone had their own balloon.

The teacher said to these students: "These balloons are like happiness. We will never find it if everyone is looking for their own. But if we care about other people's happiness, we'll find ours too."

May your day be filled with happiness and joy.

Each one of us does make a difference and Christmas is about "coming home." Come home to the Lord as we celebrate Christmas as God's Family together awaiting a New Year.

You have been the face of God to me since my arrival on July 1, 2016 sharing of your time, talent and treasure - Christmas' real meaning. I brag to others about the wonderful generosity of this Faith Community. I want to humbly thank all of you for sharing your generosity, love and faith with me, the staff, resident priests, deacons, sisters, each other and the wider community. In the name of our entire staff, I wish you and your family a Holy Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

With Christmas joy and blessings,

Fr. Greg



Your Cathedral

Rectory Holiday Hours

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| Friday, December 23 | 9am – 4pm |
| Saturday, December 24 | Closed |
| Sunday, December 25 | Closed |
| Monday, December 26 | 9am – 4pm |
| Friday, December 30 | 9am – 4pm |
| Saturday, December 31 | Closed |
| Sunday, January 1 | Closed |
| Monday, January 2 | 9am – 4pm |

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On the Cover

“The Adoration of the Shepherds,” Gerard van Honthorst (1590-1656). Wallraf-Richartz Museum, Cologne, Germany.

What happened in Mary’s womb, and in the stable in Bethlehem, happened only once. The Word became flesh. The divine Word, the divine Son, the second



person of the Trinity, took on a human body and a human soul. “Flesh” does not mean merely the body; it means all of our human nature: a soul and a body that had to grow together. His human soul had to grow just as his human body did. And the body he got was mortal.

St. John defines the Incarnation this way: “The Word became flesh.” To put the word “became” between the Word and the flesh, between the divine Word of God and mortal human nature, to equate God and man, was the greatest equation ever written. Einstein’s equation between energy and matter is the fundamental equation of the physical world; and Christ, the equation of Word and flesh, of divinity and humanity, is the fundamental equation of the spiritual world.

That’s our Christmas present: God gave us himself.

Source: Food for the Soul by Peter Kreeft

Welcome! Make Holy Name Your Cathedral.



We are delighted to welcome you to Mass today, whether you are visiting Chicago, visiting our parish or looking for a parish to join. Through your presence and active participation, we can offer rich, spiritual renewal every day. Our Faith Community is very diverse, composed of people like you. As our Rector likes to say, “You are the Church. We are the Body of Christ.” Our hope is that your experience today encourages you to join our community. There are many ways to get involved. Join one of our ministries or attend an upcoming event featured in today’s bulletin. Or become a new member of our Faith Community – all are welcome! Just scan the QR code to register as a new parishioner.



Order of Worship

Prelude *(Sun 10:30 and 12:30)*

Noël 'Joseph est bien marié'

Claude Balbastre

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

harm. by Michael Praetorius

Entrance Hymn

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Worship Hymnal #426

Gloria

Gloria for Christmastime

Richard Proulx

First Reading

Worship Hymnal #1016 (7am Mass #1015)

Isaiah 52:7-10/ 16

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6

Second Reading

Hebrews 1:1-6

Gospel Acclamation

Worship Hymnal #326

Gospel

John 1:1-18 OR 1:1-5, 9-14

Offertory Hymn

Good King Wenceslaus *(Sun 10:30 and 12:30)*

arr. by Reginald Jacques

Angels We Have Heard on High

(all other Masses)

Worship Hymnal #417

Holy, Holy

A Community Mass

Worship Hymnal #353

To all our faithful parishioners who give of their time, talent and treasure – thank you for your generosity. To all of our visitors today from all over the country and world, know that your monetary gift will go toward the support of the mission and ministries of Holy Name Cathedral. Thank you for your generosity.



Memorial Acclamation

A Community Mass

Worship Hymnal #356

Amen

A Community Mass

Worship Hymnal #355

Lamb of God

Holy Cross Mass

Worship Hymnal #381

Communion Antiphon

All the ends of the earth have now beheld the salvation of God, our own God.

Communion Hymn

The First Nowell

Worship Hymnal #449

Silent Night

Worship Hymnal #413

Communion Motet

Nativity Carol *(Sun 10:30 and 12:30)*

John Rutter

Recessional Hymn

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Worship Hymnal #414

Postlude

Echo Noël

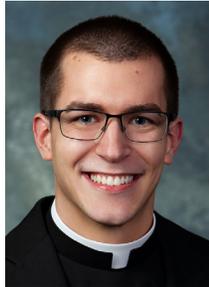
Louis-Claude Daquin, arr. Virgil Fox

Catholic Illuminations

Keep Celebrating! Christmas Has Only Just Begun!

By Fr. Andy Matijevic

Our secular world tells us that once Dec. 25 passes, the Christmas music stops playing, we toss trees to the curb for pick up and we go to the store to return gifts or get other items on sale. And then we look forward to the next holiday. How quickly the stores put away Christmas and take



out hearts and arrows for St. Valentine's Day! But in our Catholic tradition, we don't only celebrate 'days,' such as feast days and solemnities; we also celebrate seasons. As the Gloria rang announcing the birth of the Christ child to the shepherds, we join in the angelic hymn acknowledging Christmas as more than a day.

We begin our Christmas season with the Christmas Octave. An "octave" is an eight-day celebration where the solemnness and joy of the first day are prolonged. The Octave of Christmas lasts from Dec. 25 to Jan. 1. We celebrate eight days of the same reality, the Incarnation of God in the flesh. For eight days, the season reminds us of the joy, the mystery, and the reality of what has occurred. God has visited his people and walks with us. However, we don't just celebrate the same day repeatedly. Each passing day in the octave builds up to the eighth day when it reaches its climax. In the Christmas Octave, the eighth day is the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God.

By recognizing the role of Mary in our history of salvation, we celebrate a simple woman from Nazareth who said yes despite the fears and the unknown. We build up each day from Christmas to Jan. 1, aware that without Mary, salvation would not have come, our Savior would not have been born of flesh, and He would not have been able to redeem what He has assumed (St. Athanasius).

As we move into the Octave of Christmas, let us truly immerse ourselves in the reality of what we celebrate:

God has become man and walks the journey of life with us, and He is Emmanuel — God with us. As we move throughout this week, let us pause and rejoice, for each

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day this week has the same solemnness as Christmas morning. Keep the Christmas music playing, keep the decorations up, and keep the cookies on the table because the season of Christmas has only just begun.

Volunteer! Get involved at Holy Name Cathedral

Are you interested in becoming involved in a ministry or volunteer opportunity at Holy Name Cathedral. As our Rector often says, "YOU are the church, we are the Body of Christ." We cannot do everything that we do at here without a dedicated group of lay volunteers. We are so grateful for all of our volunteers who put in their time and talent toward the mission of Holy Name Cathedral.

Some of the areas where you can get involved include: Bible Study Groups, Blessings in a Backpack, Career Network Ministry, Friends of Fr. Augustus Tolton, Garden Ministry, Knitting & Crocheting Group, Ministry of Care, Social Programs for Young Adults, Thurs/Fri Night Suppers at Catholic Charities.

If you're interested in Cathedral volunteer opportunities, please scan this QR code and someone will be in touch with you.





Fr. Andy Matijevic with the Sisters of the Oblates of Jesus at Holy Name Cathedral: (from second left) Sr. Luisa, Sr. Guillermina (Mother Superior), Sr. Landy (Superior General), Sr. Luz and Sr. Angeles.

As They Renew Their Vows, Let Us Say Thank you, Sisters!

Each year, on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the sisters living and working at Holy Name Cathedral renew their vows. We are blessed as a Faith Community to have these wonderful sisters support our Cathedral, day in and day out. And in case you were lucky enough to enjoy the Cathedral Christmas concert on Friday, December 9, they are creators of that delicious hot cocoa, made with ingredients and love from home.

The Oblate Sisters of Jesus the Priest is a Roman Catholic religious congregation of sisters. Founded in Mexico in 1924, it is now represented in Mexico, the United States and Italy. Their charism is “to love the priesthood and to make it loved,” so the apostolates of the sisters predominantly center on assisting priests and promoting the priesthood. These include, but are not limited to, ministering in seminaries, aiding retired priests, sewing vestments, assisting in rectories, working as secretaries for bishops, and conducting



religious education in some parishes.

The Oblate Sisters are also very musical, emphasizing singing and playing instruments during their liturgies and sometimes writing their own music. Currently, the number of sisters worldwide is close to 100, with thirteen of their twenty convents located in Mexico. In the United States, the sisters, numbering around 18, can be found in the archdioceses of Chicago, New York, and San Francisco. The motto of the order is “In Oblation to the Lord”.

Evangelization

Welcome to Our Newest Catholics!

Holy Name Cathedral welcomes new Catholics year round, not just during the Easter Vigil in our Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults ministry. We are pleased to introduce our newest Catholics.

St. Therese de Lisieux cohort*

The St. Therese de Lisieux RCIA cohort celebrated initiation into the Church, Sunday, Oct. 2, 2022.

Four adults were baptized, confirmed, and received Eucharist for the first time. Welcome Calvin Auyeung, Amanda Broughton, Christopher Hines and Clayton Lewis. In addition, Luis Aguirre and Connor Retana, both baptized Catholic, were confirmed and received Eucharist for the first time.

Miles Kleinsmith was baptized, confirmed, and receive his First Eucharist, Sunday, October 23, 2022

We are grateful to the team members of the cohort: Dr. Eileen Knight, Richard Kaczmarek, Linda Quinde, and Dr. Ken Ortega)

St. Anna the Prophet cohort*

On Nov. 20, 2022, inquirers from the St. Anna the Prophet Cohort publicly proclaimed their desire to continue the faith journey toward initiation into the Catholic Church, Easter 2023.

Catechumen (Seeking Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist): Bradley Greenfield, Pamela Murphy, Denise Shaughnessy, and Daniel Wilson

Candidates (Baptized in other Christian denominations, seeking Confirmation, Eucharist): Robert Larson, Thomas Metcalf, Gabrielle Rancifer, Austin Whittington

Candidates, baptized Catholic, seeking Confirmation and First Eucharist): Karla Chavez, Yaneth Garcia, Audrey Pence Tomanelli, Daniel Tomanelli

Team: Jeff Lipschultz, Nate F. Dr. Ken Ortega)

*a cohort is a group on their spiritual journey together



Evangelization

The Stump of Jesse

And the Word was Made Flesh and dwelt among us!

By Fr. Ton Nguyen

Why are tears falling down his face?" I wondered. Suddenly, a man rushing toward his determined destiny abruptly stopped, turned towards the other man, and initiated a conversation. Then he invited him to the coffee shop. It happened so quickly that I was just speechless. I continued to observe this holy encounter. The busy man purchased his new acquaintance a cup of coffee and a donut, gave some words of comfort, and departed. It looked like a short exchange, yet it was very profound. I no longer saw the tears on his face, and now he seemed



grateful, his eyes radiating a serene peace. The Gospel of John says, "And the Word was made Flesh and made his dwelling among us."

The Lord does not just make a quick stop and give some comfort. In His incarnation to be like us in all things but sin is a wonderful mystery.

With an ardent desire to fathom the mystery of the Incarnation, our hearts fill with the breathtaking beauty of the Word. For it was made Flesh and radiated with the glorious light of glory from the fact that Jesus dwelt among us. Echoing with angel voices, I sing to the Lord that He will adorn you and your family with inexpressible joy and rapture. May his presence, peace and grace be with you. Have a Merry Christmas! JMJ.

Need to be Confirmed? Register for Spring Class

If you are over the age of 18, baptized Catholic, regularly attending Mass and receiving Communion, and think God is calling you to deepen your faith and make an adult commitment to it, you may be feeling the call to the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Holy Name Cathedral offers an eight-week preparation course for the Sacrament of Confirmation beginning in



March, culminating with the Mass of Confirmation occurring in April 2023. Please scan the QR code to register. If you have questions, email Dr. Ken Ortega, kortega@holynamecathedral.org.



Looking to become Catholic? New RCIA Cohort Starts this Spring

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process through which adults discern if the Catholic tradition of the Christian life is appropriate for them. Through discussions, prayers, and reflection, we accompany the person on this journey of faith, allowing each person to develop a relationship with God.

When a person considers becoming a Catholic, we, the Faith Community of Holy Name Cathedral, welcome him or her to begin the process from the moment of Inquiry. Each person has a unique relationship with God, and our team's objective is to accompany each person on that journey.

We will begin our next cohort for people interested in becoming Catholic or Catholics seeking both Confirmation and Eucharist in April. Please contact Dr. Ortega to set up a time to be acquainted, and discuss the process, kortega@holynamecathedral.org.



Help Blessings in a Backpack Fight Childhood Hunger

Many children returning to school will benefit from the National School Lunch Program on weekdays. But when the weekend comes around, these same children are faced with food insecurity, not knowing where their next meal will come from until the following Monday. Our Blessings in a Backpack program is one way to mitigate this problem by providing food for the weekend.

This school year, we are serving St Thomas of Canterbury School in the Edgewater neighborhood. In addition, we are exploring expansion to another school. To meet this growing demand, we need help from our volunteer community. Some of the needs include:

Program Management Coordinators

This group will provide an overall leadership role in general program oversight. Will develop a knowledge of the general operations of the program and assist with coordination and overall planning.

Delivery Drivers

The program can not succeed without volunteers to deliver the packs to the school. We need team of volunteers so that this is not a burden to any one individual. St Thomas of Canterbury school (5525 N Magnolia Ave.) is the delivery location and is easily accessible from Lake Shore Drive. We can deliver either Thursday or Friday during school hours.

Packing Weekly Bags

This involves packing the food sacks with the inventory of items that have been selected for the week. Our food items are typically delivered to the Cathedral mid-week, so we typically pack on Thursday mornings in the Rectory. It usually takes about 90 minutes with a team packing 200 bags.

Fundraising

We will be developing a new strategy this year to raise



funds for our program. We welcome volunteers to brainstorm ideas and build plans for fundraising.

Backpack Additions

We welcome new ideas to add seasonal items or creative arts to add surprise elements to the children's bags. There are many ways to get involved in this worthy program. Perhaps come to one of our weekly packing sessions to meet other members of ministry team. Just scan the QR code and our program coordinator will be in touch with you.





Heartfelt Thanks

A heartfelt thank you for your generosity at Christmastime. Your prayers and financial support help to advance our vision of bringing “A World in Communion with Jesus Christ.” Our liturgies, evangelization programs, service ministries and so much more welcome you to your Cathedral home throughout the year.

Your generosity is a blessing to our Faith Community, our local community, and all we serve throughout the world. If you would like to make a Christmas donation to Holy Name Cathedral, please go to tinyurl.com/HNCgiving or scan the QR code.



Planned Giving

During this most holy season, rejoice in the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. As stewards of our faith, please continue his good work on earth by considering a gift to Holy Name Cathedral through your will or trust, retirement assets, life insurance policies or charitable gift annuity. Please consult your attorney and financial advisor for more information to remember Holy Name in your will.



A Light Shines in the Darkness

It is Christmas! Our Gospel reading on this festive holy day is the opening words of the Gospel of John. St. John says, “The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came to be through him.” That is why we celebrate today. Pope Francis opened his sermon on Christmas day last year by saying this: “In the darkness, a light shines. An angel appears, the glory of the Lord shines around the shepherds and finally the message awaited for centuries is heard.”

At Mass on Christmas Eve we hear, “I proclaim to you good news of great joy; today a Savior is born for us, Christ the Lord.” It is this joy we need to feel, this joy we need to carry to others. Many have expressed the joy of today. Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI once said this about Christmas: “Joy is the true gift of Christmas. We can communicate this joy simply: with a smile, a kind gesture, a little help, forgiveness. And the joy we give will certainly come back to us... Let us pray that this presence of the liberating joy of God shines forth in our lives.”

The angel Gabriel greeted our Blessed Mother Mary with the Greek word, *Kaire!* That means “Be joyful.” God is near us today; He is so near that He became a child. Let us take that joy and share it with others; let us take that joy and change our lives and the lives of others. When we say “Merry Christmas” let us mean it with every fabric of our being.

Source: Catholic Stewardship Consultants

Upcoming Events

Watch the bulletin for updates on our 2023 events including the Heart of Holy Name Cathedral and the Rector’s Event. Please join us for fun and fellowship as we raise funds in support of Holy Name Cathedral’s mission and ministries.

Fellowship

A Little Humor from the Rector



“The grocery chain had to remove 50,000 milk cartons from their stores. The labels had to be changed from ‘open here’ to ‘open at home!’”

Join our Thursday/Friday Suppers Ministry Team

Our Thursday/Friday Supper Ministry can use your help! Every Thursday and Friday, Holy Name Cathedral partners with Catholic Charities and parishioners to serve 120 people who need a helping hand. There are a number of ways to get involved: serve at Catholic



Charities, bake cookies or small desserts for the meal, help us find local restaurants to donate meals or volunteer to provide music. For more information, scan the QR code.

“And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.”

— Hebrews 13:16

Join Our Young Adult Ministry at Holy Name

Holy Name Cathedral Young Adults Ministry welcomes everyone in their 20’s and 30’s to share companionship in Christ. All young adults are invited to share this joy and love through events designed to deepen faith, to serve those in need, and to bring together friends, old and new.

We host a wide range of events throughout the year focusing on service, social and spiritual activities including:

- **Monthly Fellowship Gatherings:** On the first Sunday of each month, we gather for Mass at 5:15pm, and then we move to the Parish Center Club Room (or in the Courtyard if weather permits) for a brief talk and some social time with food and refreshments. On Sunday, Jan. 8, we will gather for a wine & cheese event.

- **Men and Women’s Young Adult Bible Study:** Both groups meet every Tuesday evening at 7:00pm in the Rectory. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, Jan. 3.



- **Young Adult Music Ministry:** On the first Sunday of each month, we meet for a brief rehearsal at 4:15pm before we perform at the 5:15pm mass. Both musicians and vocalists are welcome.

- **Second Friday Supper Ministry:** We meet at Catholic Charities on La Salle at 3:00pm to provide a hot meal to 130 in-person and takeaway guests.

- **Young Adult Ministry Newsletter:** We’d love to have you journey with us. Scan the QR code and we will add you to our bi-weekly newsletter with all our upcoming event dates and details.



LOSS — Loving Outreach to Survivors of Suicide

At Catholic Charities, we provide counseling and support services to individuals grieving the loss of a loved one to suicide. Through LOSS, we compassionately accompany survivors on their grief journey. Our staff and volunteers at Catholic Charities offer a safe, non-judgmental environment where survivors can openly discuss



feelings and experiences. We help survivors to find community, direction, and resources for healing. Scan the QR code or go to catholiccharities.net for more information

What is a Mass Intention?

Holy Name Cathedral offers you different possibilities when you request that Mass be celebrated for a particular intention. Requesting a Mass intention means that you are asking that the grace of Christ's sacrifice in his death and resurrection be applied for a particular purpose. To request a Mass Intention, please stop by our Rectory. Any questions, call (312) 787-8040.

Light a Prayer Candle

Lighting a candle for your family and friends or for a prayer is an important Catholic tradition. It would be our



honor to have one of our priests light a Cathedral Candle on your behalf. They will pray to our Lord to intercede on behalf of your personal intention. Scan the QR code to complete the form.

Wedding Banns



- I Emily Jagielo & Scott Priestly
- II Isabella Pascente & Michael Webb
- III Mallory Abel & Samuel Wildeman

Mass Intentions

Colored dots represent the priest's vestment color

- **Mon., Dec. 26 (Saint Stephen, The first Martyr)**
 - 7 AM + Emilia Maranan
 - 8 AM + Artemio Pita Rosales
 - 12 PM + Mary Prybil
- **Tue., Dec. 27 (St. John, Apostle and Evangelist)**
 - 7 AM + Jon M, Stanford
 - 8 AM + Sara Rosales
 - 12 PM + Bernardo Brito Jr.
- **Wed., Dec. 28 (The Holy Innocents, Martyrs)**
 - 7 AM + Cyriac Pullapilly
 - 8 AM + Jean O'Brien
Theresa Jobin
+ Meint Vanlerland
+ Esther Pena
+ Cecilia Ayoup
+ Humberto "Bombis" Gamino
 - 12 PM + Charles Doherty
 - 5:15 PM + Natalie Small
- **Thursday, December 29 (Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord)**
 - 7 AM + Edna Bolling
 - 8 AM + Anton Sotak
 - 12 PM +The William Goodman Family
- **Friday, December 30 (The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph)**
 - 7 AM Sister Ann Marguerite, Lsp
 - 8 AM + Ismael Barajas
 - 12 PM Rizalina Claravall
+ Clara Tarvidas
+ Lucy Antonia Claris Ogufero
+ Ralph Bonaccorsi
+ Robert Casey
+ Meint Vanlerland
Jane Sabatino
+ Cheryl R. Quijano
+ Joey Rafool
- **Saturday, December 31 (Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord)**

No mass Intentions

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