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# St. Joseph Catholic Church

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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**December 20, 2015**

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## News, Reminders, and Events

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

<b>The Nativity of the Lord (Vigil Mass)</b>	<b>Thursday, December 24</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
<b>The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Day)</b>	<b>Friday, December 25</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>
<b>The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)</b>	<b>Friday, January 1</b>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>

St. Joseph Music Ministry is excited to bring you music for Masses throughout the holiday season. Many of our musicians/vocalists are away for the holidays. We invite anyone who is interested to join in the choir in this Christmas season. For the Christmas Masses we will rehearse Thursday, December 24 at 3:45 p.m. and Friday, December 25 at 8:15 a.m. Please feel free to join us!

Ministerio de música de St Joseph se complace en ofrecerte música para las masas a lo largo de la temporada de vacaciones. Muchos de nuestros músicos/cantantes están ausente para los días de fiesta. Invitamos a cualquiera que esté interesado a participar en el coro en esta temporada de Navidad. Para las Misas de Navidad se ensayan el jueves, 24 de diciembre a las 15:45 y el viernes 25 de diciembre a las 8:15 Siéntase libre de unirse a nosotros!

It is with great joy that we announce that Msgr. John Gregory Kelly has been named as auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Dallas. He has been serving the diocese for 34 years, most recently as the Vicar for Clergy. The ordination will be February 11, 2016 at the cathedral. Remember him in your prayers as he begins this new ministry.

Es con gran alegría que anunciamos que Monseñor John Gregory Kelly ha sido nombrado como obispo auxiliar de la diócesis de Dallas. Él ha estado sirviendo a la diócesis durante 34 años, más recientemente como el Vicario para el clero. La ordenación será 11 de febrero de 2016 en la Catedral. Recordarlo en sus oraciones como comienza este nuevo Ministerio.

On behalf of Fr. Marcus and Deacon Joe, a sincere **THANK YOU** to all parishioners who have remembered them with their Christmas gifts and prayers.

En nombre del padre de Marcus y diácono Joe, un sincero **GRACIAS** a todos los feligreses que han recordado con sus regalos de Navidad y oraciones.

CCD classes will resume on Sunday, January 10. Enjoy your holidays, and remember the true meaning of the season.



Las clases de CCD se reanudarán el domingo, 10 de enero. Disfrute de sus vacaciones y recuerde el verdadero significado de la temporada.

<b>Saturday</b> <b>December 19</b> 5:30 p.m. Mass †Wendy S. Selvaggi by Tom Selvaggi	<b>Sunday</b> <b>December 20</b> 9:30 a.m. Mass For the People	<b>Monday</b> <b>Dec. 21</b> No Mass	<b>Tuesday</b> <b>December 22</b> 6:30 p.m. Mass †Ralph Moyer by Family and Friends	<b>Wednesday</b> <b>December 23</b> No Mass	<b>Thursday</b> <b>December 24</b> 6:00 p.m. Mass †Ralph Moyer by Family and Friends	<b>Friday</b> <b>December 25</b> 9:30 a.m. Mass For the People	<b>Saturday</b> <b>December 26</b> 5:30 p.m. Mass †Mary Lou Hall by Boyd & Cary Roberts
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The usual stipend for a Mass is \$5.00.

### THE PASTOR'S CORNER

#### What am I Supposed to Do for the Year of Mercy? (Part 2)

by: Mike Jordan Laskey

*The willingness to enter into the chaos of another.* This definition of mercy unlocked my imagination and I was flooded with images and stories.

Mercy is a desperate mother leaving her newborn son in a church's manger during the Advent season and multiple parish families stepping forward to adopt him.

Mercy is a mother who sleeps on the floor of her three-year-old son's room at 2:00 a.m. because he thinks there are monsters in there.

Mercy is a priest welcoming someone who has returned to the Sacrament of Reconciliation after decades away and can't remember the Act of Contrition, responding with warmth and gentleness.

Mercy is the hashtag #PorteOuverte, or "Open Door," that Parisians used on the night of the terrorist attacks to signal that they would still open their homes to anyone who needed shelter.

Mercy is a Philadelphia pizza parlor that allows customers to spend an extra dollar to put a Post-It note on the wall. Homeless members of the community can trade a Post-It note from the wall in for a slice of pizza.

Mercy is the Gospel stories of the prodigal son, the woman caught in adultery, Matthew the unscrupulous tax collector, and Peter the denier. The forgiveness they receive does not condone them in their selfishness. They are not condoned, but redeemed.

Each of these examples features the "willingness" that is emphasized. Instead of avoiding or dismissing the chaos of another, these people of mercy move toward the chaos with creativity and boldness. What can you do to celebrate the Year of Mercy?

#### Our Parish Weekly Need: \$ 2,771.60\*

Las necesidades semanales de nuestra parroquia: \$2,771.60\*

#### Last Sunday, December 13, 2015: \$ 3,278.87

Colección desde el domingo pasado: \$ 3,278.87

Monthly Mortgage Payment: \$ 3,402.50

Pago mensual de hipoteca: \$ 3,402.50

Last Sunday's Building Fund: \$ 1,390

Fondos recaudados el domingo pasado: \$ 1,390

Building Fund December Total: \$ 2,395

Total de fondos diciembre: \$ 2,395

Mass Attendance: 339

Cantidad de asistentes: 339

\*What it takes to function not including the Mortgage Payment.

\*Lo que se requiere para el funcionamiento de la parroquia, sin el pago mensual de la hipoteca.

**RCIA is a journey of conversion to God and what He intends for us.** The Catholic Church warmly welcomes new members and tries to provide appropriate spiritual formation according to each person's needs. If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, please contact Fr. Marcus.

Si usted está interesado en aprender más sobre la fe católica, póngase en contacto con el p. Marcus.



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