

*St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Church
Fr. Innocent Subiza, Parochial Administrator
Deacon Ed Morgado*

CHRISTMAS

2016

*O COME,
ALL YE*

Faithful

*JOYFUL
AND
TRIUMPH*





**The Nativity of the Lord
December 25, 2016**

The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness has not overcome it.

— John 1:5

THE GIFT OF GOD’S WORD

On this day of gifts and gift-giving, it seems appropriate that we take a moment to reflect on the great gift of God’s Word. Because it is creative, God’s Word always points to its author, always calls us to respond. Because it is powerful, God’s Word can link the sublime with the ridiculous, the transcendent with the immanent, the divine with the human. Because it is graceful, God’s Word establishes a relationship of deep intimacy between us and God.

At the heart of God’s Word lies a tantalizing tension between the mysterious and the mundane. In our liturgical celebration, this unresolved tension both reveals the meaning of life for us and calls us to respond, to act upon that meaning.

Once accepted and opened, the gift of God’s Word is a gift that keeps on giving and keeps on calling us to give in return. It dares us to be like the gift-giver and to become gifts for others, not only at Christmas, but at every moment of life.

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A Christmas Prayer

Heavenly Father,

*We celebrate the birth of Your Son,
Jesus, remembering the words of the
angels on the night of His birth,
“Peace on earth to all of good will.”*

*Today, as never before, Almighty God,
we pray for Your loving peace. May
peace be the guiding force in the
hearts of our world leaders. May
peace reign in every corner of the
globe and the hearts of every man,
woman and child upon this earth.*

*This Christmas and always, may we
embrace Your wonderful gifts with
courage and conviction. In so doing,
we will also be embracing Your
greatest gift to us, Your Son, the Prince
of Peace!*

Amen



**Mass Intentions
12/24/16—12/31/16**

Day	Date	Time	Intention
Saturday	12/24		For The Faithful
Sunday	12/25		
Monday	12/26	8:30am	No Mass Request
Tuesday	12/27	8:30am	Tony Coelho
Wednesday	12/28	8:30am	No Mass Request
Thursday	12/29	8:30am	No Mass Request
Friday	12/30	8:30am	Dominic Coelho
Saturday	12/31	8:30am	No Mass Request

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — All the ends of the earth will behold the salvation of our God (Isaiah 52:7-10).

Psalm — All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God (Psalm 98).

Second Reading — God has spoken to us through the Son, the very imprint of God’s being (Hebrews 1:1-6).

Gospel — The Word became flesh; from his fullness we have all received grace (John 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
- Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
- Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18
- Thursday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:36-40
- Friday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 [12-17]; Ps 128:1-5; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
- Saturday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
- Sunday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8;

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

Week of January 1, 2017

Altar Servers

Saturday, 12/31/16, 5:00pm
 Courtney & Drew Biggs, Zoe Moelle

Sunday, 1/1/17, 8:00am
 Not Filled

Sunday, 1/1/2017, 10:30am
 Jack Shanahan, Seth Crawford, Gabe Barnes

Sunday, 1/1/2017, 3:30pm
 Samanta Aviles, Stephanie Soto, Michelle Soto,

Sunday, 1/1/2017, 5:30pm
 Nicolas Horn, Dillon Holloway, Charles Naggiar

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday, 12/31/16, 5:00pm
 (C) Chuck Mercer, (Co-C) Laurie Ellis, Vernon Psuty

Sunday, 1/1/2017, 8:00am
 (C) Carolyn Goulding (Co-C) Rita Parish, Paul & Peg Raburn,
 Trish Jensen, Laszlo Privari, John Carr

Sunday, 1/1/2017, 10:30am
 (C) Samantha Niece (Co-C) Barbara Kilborn, Nati McGowan,
 Rhemee Browckway, Tom Galleo, Lisa Russo

Sunday, 1/12017, 5:30pm
 (C) John Sheehan (Co-C) Joanie Tristant Stephanie Holloway,
 Michele & Eric Broussard

Lectors

Saturday, 12/31/16, 5:00pm
 Kathleen & David Rose

Sunday, 1/1/2017, 8:00am
 Cindy & Tom Fossum

Sunday, 1/1/2017 10:30am
 Adam & Logan Crawford, Barbara Kilborn

Sunday, 1/1/2017, 5:30pm
 Shana McDonald, Abigail Besselman

Greeters

Saturday, 12/31/16, 5:00pm
 Sally LaPorta, Linda Pierce, Joyce Swartz, Gloria Grimm
 Rosie Wohlfromm

Sunday, 1/1/2017 8:00am
 Kate Sabins, Marcia Kitchell, Sharon Hane, Betty Mathews,
 Joan Thompson,

Sunday, 1/1/2017 10:30am
 Maureen Spencer, Ruth Wright, Micheline Turner,
 Bernice Ambrose, Ben & Jack Niece

Sunday, 1/1/2017, 5:30pm: Joe Tatman

Ushers

Saturday, 12/31/16, 5:00pm, Not Filled

Sunday, 1/1/2017, 8:00am
 Bill Fixmer, John Marcella, Victor Alcazar

Sunday, 1/1/2017, 10:30am
 Gary Crockett, Tom Huckins, Paul Law

Sunday, 12/18/16, 5:30pm: Joe Tatman

Sacristans

Saturday	12/31/16	5:00pm	Jim McKeivitt
Sunday	1/1/2017	8:00am	Julia Eggert
Sunday	1/1/2017	10:30am	Joe Offer
Sunday	1/1/2017	3:30pm	Juan Ramirez
Sunday	1/1/2017	5:30pm	Michele Broussard



RCIA



Journey of Faith

ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...

- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- Has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized?
- Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?
 Are Catholic and have questions?

We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. There are separate sessions for children or youth. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting. For information please contact Judy at (530) 823-7122 judy_jones@stteresaauburn.com



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MERRY CHRISTMAS !

" Glory to God in the highest and peace on earth to his people."!

We celebrate Christmas, we celebrate Jesus who is "the same yesterday, today and forever"; Jesus who is Emmanuel, God with us: ageless, never old, always new. We celebrate the fact that not only did God once come to us as one of us, but that God still continues to come among us in countless ways, ways we can touch and ways that touch us.

Christmas means that God is part of our family and that we are part of God's family. Ever since Christ took flesh in our flesh in Bethlehem, Christmas became an ongoing thing, a forever thing, not a once-upon-a-time thing.

Let me conclude with a little poem I came across not long ago :

Light looked down and saw the darkness
"I will go there", said Light
Peace looked down and saw war
"I will go there", said Peace
Love looked down and saw hatred
" I will go there", said Love
So He, The Lord of Light, the Prince of Peace, the King of Love
came down and crept in beside us.

My dear friends, He is still beside us! That is why there is hope. That is why there is Christmas!

Merry Christmas to you all !!!!

Fr Innocent Subiza
Parochial Administrator



La Natividad del Señor 25 de diciembre de 2016

La luz brilla en la tinieblas,
y las tinieblas no la recibieron.

— Juan 1:5

EL DON DE LA PALABRA DE DIOS

En este día de recibir y dar regalos, parece apropiado que tomemos un momento para reflexionar sobre el gran don de la Palabra de Dios. La Palabra de Dios es creativa y por eso siempre apunta a su autor, siempre nos llama a responder. La Palabra de Dios es poderosa y puede enlazar lo sublime con lo ridículo, lo trascendente con lo inmanente, lo divino con lo humano. La Palabra de Dios es llena de gracia, establece una relación de intimidad profunda entre nosotros y Dios.

En el corazón de la Palabra de Dios yace una tensión seductora entre lo misterioso y lo mundano. En nuestra celebración litúrgica, esta tensión sin resolución revela el significado de la vida para nosotros y también nos llama a responder para actuar según ese significado.

Una vez que la aceptamos y la abrimos, el don de la Palabra de Dios es un regalo que sigue dando y sigue llamándonos a dar a cambio. Nos reta a ser como el dador de regalos y a convertirse en regalos para los demás, no solo en Navidad, sino en cada momento de la vida.

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LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Todos a una gritan alborozados. Verá la tierra entera la salvación que viene de nuestro Dios (Isaías 52:7-10).

Salmo — Los confines de la tierra han contemplado la victoria de nuestro Dios (Salmo 98 [97]).

Segunda lectura — Dios nos ha hablado por medio de su Hijo, la imagen fiel de su ser (Hebreos 1:1-6).

Evangelio — El Verbo se hizo carne; y todos recibimos de él en una sucesión de gracias sin número (Juan 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]).

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LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Hch 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Sal 31 (30):3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22

Martes: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Sal 97 (96):1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Miércoles: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Sal 124 (123):2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18

Jueves: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Sal 96 (95):1-3, 5b-6; Lc 2:36-40

Viernes: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 o Col 3:12-21 [12-17]; Sal 128 (127):1-5; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Sábado: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Sal 96 (95):1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18

Domingo: Nm 6:22-27; Sal 67 (66):2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gál 4:4-7; Lc 2:16-21

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Hoy celebramos el nacimiento de Jesús, comenzando con la Misa de Gallo. A esta Misa se le añade la tradición popular que ha comenzado en el hogar con pesebres, comidas y regalos. Se nos haría difícil imaginar terminar el año sin la Navidad. Pero el calendario cristiano sólo la ha festejado algunos 1800 años. Los primeros cristianos únicamente celebraban la Pascua de Resurrección, siguiendo lo que todos los evangelios nos relatan de los eventos de la Pasión, Muerte y Resurrección de Jesús. Sólo Mateo y Lucas mencionan su nacimiento.

Alrededor del año 200 d.C., los cristianos egipcios empezaron a conmemorar el nacimiento de Jesús el 20 de marzo que era el noveno mes de su calendario. Con el tiempo, la idea de festejar el nacimiento del Mesías se extendió a otras comunidades cristianas, pero con diversas fechas como el 19 de abril, el 6 de enero, el 28 de marzo y otras. Fue hasta el siglo cuarto que se fijó la fecha para el 25 de diciembre, gracias a Juan Crisóstomo y al Papa Julio I. Otras fuentes señalan que en el año 366 los cristianos comenzaron a celebrar el nacimiento de Cristo, sol de justicia, precisamente el 25 de diciembre.

En realidad no sabemos cuándo nació Jesús, pero sí sabemos que hay que celebrar el hecho que Dios se hizo uno de nosotros.

—Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Gluz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

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Confidential Registration Form

Welcome to St. Teresa of Avila Parish Community! In order for us to best serve you and your needs, please provide us with the following information.

Last Name: _____ **First:** _____ **Date of Birth** _____

Address: _____ **Phone #:** _____

City/State: _____ **Zip Cpde:** _____ **Cell #** _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Occupation: _____ **Work #:** _____

Baptized: Yes | | No | **In What Religion:** _____ **First Communion: Yes** | | **No:** |

Confirmation: Yes | | **No** | **Married in the Catholic Church: Yes** | | **No** | **If No, Please Explain:** _____

Spouse Name: _____ **Maiden Name:** _____ **Date of Birth:** _____

Occupation: _____ **Cell #:** _____ **Work #:** _____

Baptized: Yes | | **No** | **In What Religion:** _____

First Communion: Yes | | **No** | **Confirmation: Yes** | | **No** |

Child Name: _____ **Date of Birth:** _____

Baptized: Yes | | **No** | **In What Religion:** _____

First Communion: Yes | | **No** | **Confirmation: Yes** | | **No** |

Child Name: _____ **Date of Birth:** _____

Baptized: Yes | | **No** | **In What Religion:** _____

First Communion: Yes | | **No** | **Confirmation: Yes** | | **No** |

Child Name: _____ **Date of Birth:** _____

Baptized: Yes | | **No** | **In What Religion:** _____

First Communion: Yes | | **No** | **Confirmation: Yes** | | **No** |

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First Communion: Yes | | **No** | **Confirmation: Yes** | | **No** |