



The Nativity of the Lord

THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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Celebration of The Eucharist

Saturday: 4:30 pm
Sunday: 9:00 am, 11:00 am
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 8:30 am
Thursday: 12:00 noon

Eucharistic Adoration (First Friday - following the 8:30 am Mass and closing with Solemn Benediction at 12:00 noon)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:30 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.
Or by appointment.

Sacrament of Baptism

Second Sunday of the Month
By appointment only.

Sacrament of Marriage

By appointment only - Contact the pastor at least one year in advance.
An approved preparation course is mandatory.

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NATIVITY OF THE LORD – CHRISTMAS – Dec. 25, 2022



Dec. 27th – Dec. 30th

Tues. 8:30 a.m. - †

Wed. 8:30 a.m. - †

Thurs. Noon - †

Fri. 8:30 a.m. - Tak Hing Wong †

READINGS FOR – Jan. 1st

1st Reading: Numbers 6.22-27

2nd Reading: Galatians 4.4-7

Gospel: Luke 2.16-21



**FEAST OF
ST. STEPHEN
Mass will be
celebrated on
Monday
December 26th
8:30 a.m.**

**DECEMBER 31ST NEW YEAR'S EVE
04:30 P.M.**

**JANUARY 1ST NEW YEAR'S DAY
09:00 A.M.
11:00 A.M.**



**Monday
December 26**

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THE WORD THIS WEEK

***"Today a Saviour has been
born to you."***

Christmas day is truly an amazing grace for all humankind. It's a day that has been eagerly awaited by generations of believers and entertained through the many and hopeful oracles of biblical prophets. Today, the promises of God are now fulfilled through the amazing birth of a child in the night of Bethlehem and in the chilliness of a manger. First, Mary and Joseph are the only witnesses of such a marvel. But soon, the good news is proclaimed twice to humble shepherds "keeping watch over their flock by night," by "an Angel of the Lord," joined later by "a multitude of the heavenly host." Some saw the light in the little One born into the darkness. They hastened to honour the One who began life in that very unlikely place. Hope, peace, joy and quiet splendour filled the air; doubt and despair disappeared into the darkness. It was still night, but a new light had been born into the world. This was only the beginning of the greatest good news ever proclaimed on earth. In Luke's narrative, it's not only the number of heavenly messengers that increases, but also that of the human recipients: "on earth peace among those whom he favours!" Born in the City of David, this child is not only the Saviour and Messiah awaited by Israel: He is no less, as the Letter to Titus puts it, "the grace of God ... bringing salvation to all." Let us rejoice then – both as people who believe in this Saviour and Messiah and together with all nations on earth whom God favours.



COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

The Knights of Columbus and Catholic Women's League are actively organizing charitable events in support of our communities. With their ongoing efforts, we are providing meals, clothing and financial support to those in need.



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MESSAGE FROM Father Anthony

To all parishioners, heartfelt thanks and gratitude for your continued support. As your pastor, I have been blessed to witness the presence of Christ in our parish through the dedication, sacrifices and hard work of so many parishioners. I am very grateful for the many who serve in ministry as Lectors, Musicians and Choir Members, Altar Society, Decorators and those who build-up our community - the Knights of Columbus, the Catholic Women's League, Legion of Mary and all who give of their time and talents in any other capacity.

On behalf of Deacon's Michael and James and Ornella, I wish each of you a Blessed and Joyous Christmas and New Year! Please be assured of my prayers for your intentions and a remembrance at Holy Mass.

Have a great Christmas with all your family and friends! God Bless You!

Father Anthony



may you know the comfort & joy of God's presence this Christmas season & always!

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