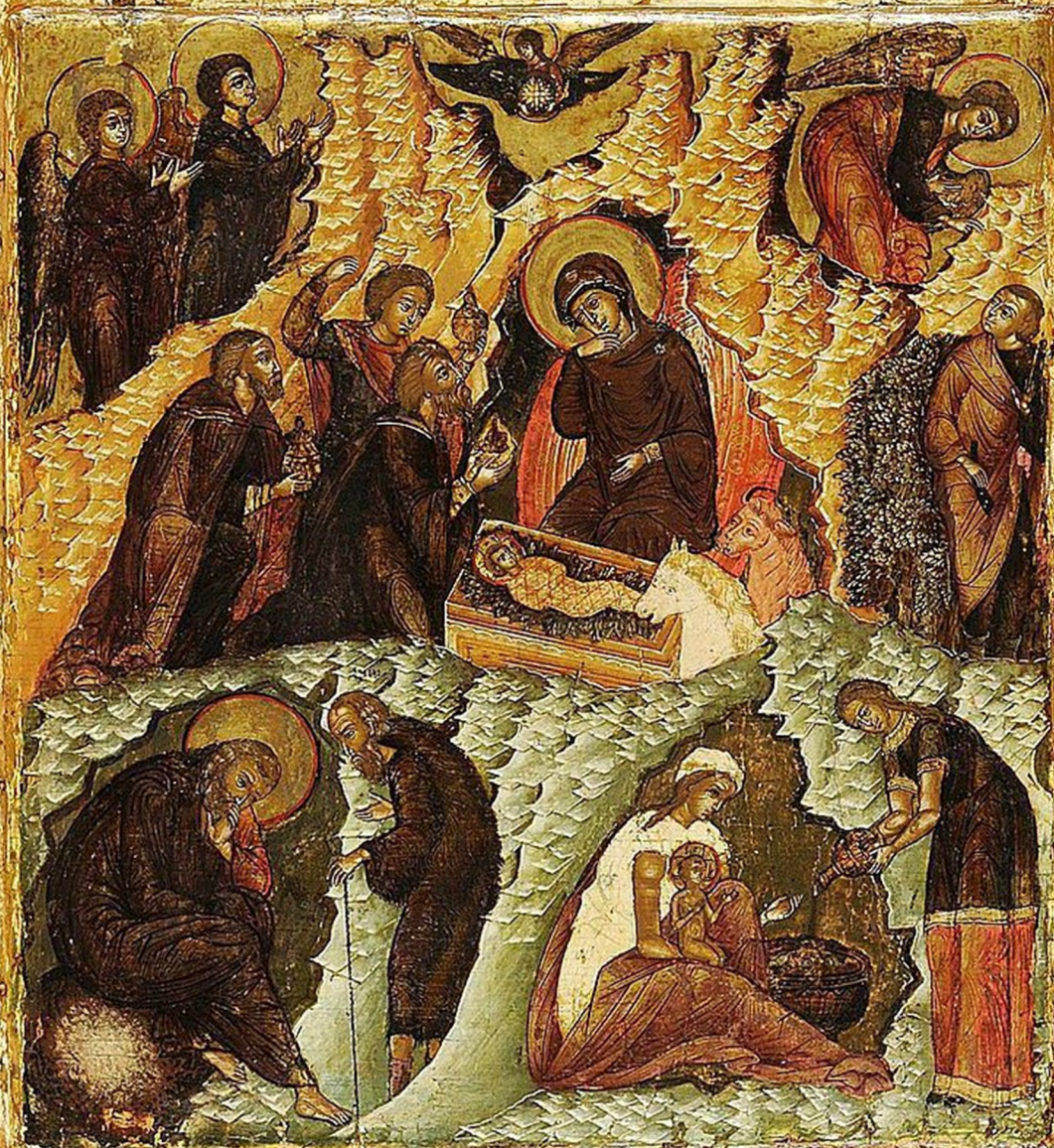


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*Christmas Octave
2021*



DEC. 24 FRIDAY

Christmas Eve

4:00 p.m. For God's protection of all our children

7:00 p.m. For Victims of natural disaster

10:00 p.m. For our parish families

DEC. 25 SATURDAY

Christmas Day (The Nativity of the Lord)

10:00 a.m. For those without families during the holidays

DEC. 26 SUNDAY

8:00 a.m. Sara Walters†

Joan Lemasters

10:00 a.m. Charles Freeman†

Kitty & Stan Pazyk

DEC. 27 MONDAY

8:00 a.m. Joseph A. & Mary C. Patrello†

Cathy & Roger Frame

DEC. 28 TUESDAY

8:00 a.m. Philip Patrello†

Pete & Judy Mysliwicz

DEC. 29 WEDNESDAY

8:00 a.m. James Brinkman†

Jane Klug

DEC. 30 THURSDAY

8:00 a.m. Veronica & William DiCola†

Rosemary Patrone

DEC. 31 FRIDAY

4:00 p.m. Philip Patrello†

Lewis & Kathy Bee

JAN. 1 SATURDAY

4:00 p.m. For our parishioners living and deceased

JAN. 2 SUNDAY

8:00 a.m. Sara Walters†

Rosary group

10:00 a.m. Mary & Carl Jura†

Carl A. Jura

When Two or More are Gathered ...

Your purposeful bulletin editor had hoped to fill this issue with Christmastime memories from many parish families for Holy Family Sunday. Many continue to be shy—so parish staff pitched in! We hope their recollections will evoke your memories of Christmas as we also celebrate the love and devotion that exemplify the Holy Family.

Christmas is when God becomes one of us so that we can become part of God. Now because of Jesus we can be part of each other in a meaningful and loving way. So together as God's family, thank you for being with us and may every blessing of Christmas be upon you and in the year to come,

Fr. That Son, Sr Agatha, Susan, and Kathy

Fr. That Son



For the last week of Christmas shopping, the crowded stores, putting up decorations, people rushing like mad.

It's not like that everywhere. My childhood Christmas was all spiritual. Getting presents never entered in my mind—no exchange of gifts among friends or family members. No Santa Claus visit ever in our house, but not because I was a very bad boy. On the contrary. I was the best behaving kid in class. (That's how you got your grade in Catholic school in Vietnam—both for academics and behavior). Santa must skip Vietnam altogether! We only had three days off from school for Christmas, but there was an incredible day of festivities on Christmas Eve. The centerpiece of many Catholic homes was the crèche made out of newspapers that took several weeks to make. I can't recall if anyone had a Christmas tree, but families were very proud of their handmade crèche along with the Holy Family and animals. On Christmas Eve, I would pass several times the 'Buche de Noel' cake on our dining table—so much tempted to stick

my finger on it. The cake is a French yule log full of butter and chocolate.

Catholics and Buddhists alike couldn't wait to attend midnight Mass. The Buddhists loved to come to Church to listen to the Christmas carols—only once a year. It's not surprising that some last-minutes Catholics stood outside for Mass and the Buddhists who knew what time for Mass was lucky enough to sit inside. When it came to attending Mass, my Father said we have to be there one hour before, Christmas or no Christmas, so we had seats. Church bells were ringing everywhere at midnight.

After Mass, people were walking home, like ants coming out of the sidewalks, with so much singing of the Christmas carols, and the children mimicking the familiar tunes. My father would lead us home, although my brothers and sisters would want him to walk faster. No one dare to rush in front of him though. When we arrived home, my father gathered the family around the manger scene to give thanks to the baby Jesus and like every year we enjoyed our after midnight dinner of 'Réveillons de Noel' -- roast duck, paté, French bread, cheese, and the 'Buche de Noel' that I was waiting for all night.

Prayer REQUESTS

Homebound: Rachel Kerekes, Doris Murphy, Phyllis Prado.

Nursing Homes: Hazel Markey, Katie Renshaw, Joan Weekly, Alma VanSyoc, Ron Flading, Barb Meyer, Raymond Pennybacker.

Recently Sick: Joseph Grampa, Bobby Kleinedler, Anna Mae Veronis Holliday, Sami Wilson, Kathryn Ferrera, Danielle Wilson, Loretta Saporito, Mary Stees, Judith Harbert, Megan Freeland Roskovensky, Annalyn Liette, Mike Gardill, Sandina Leonard, Deanne Ferraro, Celeste Evans, Ted Scarbin, Debbie Hand, Georgia Pettit.

Susan



It wasn't until some time in my late twenties that I began to question the existence of Santa Claus and -- not by coincidence -- came to know the true meaning of the Christmas holiday. As a youth, I was always Santa's greatest admirer and defender. Year after year he would find his way to our house even though it was mired in boring drabness, unlike all the other gaily lit and festooned houses on our street. Every Christmas Eve my brothers and I would glumly survey our house: no tree, no stockings, no lights. Before bed we would nervously sprinkle bits of carrots around, hoping to grab the attention of Rudolph's nose. Our pleas to our mother to bake something homemade for Santa were met with: "No. Santa likes Oreos." All this combined with an endless list of questionable behavior made it easy to fall into exhausted sleep. And yet every single year, Santa pulled through: no matter how early we awoke Christmas day, a Christmas wonderland awaited our incredulous eyes.

This continued, until one year in my late twenties when I suddenly metamorphosed into a wife and mother. That year I remember *really* looking forward to going to bed Christmas Eve. I *really* wanted to wake up to a house full of Christmas. On that fateful Christmas Eve however, my husband revealed he did not believe in Santa Claus; furthermore, he stated that he was Buddhist and his tradition was to go to Midnight Mass to listen to Christmas carols. So, that's what we did. To this day, I remain thankful for that new tradition -- and thankful for the fact that Santa still hasn't noticed I've moved away from my childhood home where I continue to spend Christmas Day -- with the whole darn family.

THIS MODEST space is part of the cavern in Egypt where the Holy Family lived for three months while fleeing from Herod. A church was built over the cavern in the 4th Century by the Coptics to honor the Holy Family's time among them. We hope this view brings inspiration.



(Dru Meyer photo: pilgrimage trip)

Sr. Agatha



I grew up on a farm where we kept cattle, donkeys, sheep, goats, pigs, and chickens. Our parish church was seven miles from our farm.

Some of my siblings went to Christmas Eve Mass while the rest would go to the Christmas Day Holy Mass. We had to do it this way so that somebody would tend the animals on Christmas day. We walked to our church because we did not own a car. We did not mind to do that.

On Christmas day in the morning our breakfast was: home-baked bread which mother baked day before. She baked it in a big iron pot in an oven built outside. We had tea with milk and sugar and the homemade bread. We did not drink tea on a regular basis. Corn meal porridge was our usual breakfast. So Christmas day was special for us children because we had the opportunity to drink tea.

For lunch we had brown rice, goat meat, or beef depending on what my parents decided to slaughter for that Christmas. We ate lots of meat that day. There was no cake or biscuits. We did not miss that, because we were very satisfied with the rice and lots of meat. Cake was something I got to eat when I entered the convent. On Christmas day we received new clothes. This is the day we would expect to get new clothes as needed. 26 December was Boxing Day. We continued to celebrate Christmas though we did not go to church. Our priest was not available. We did not have a resident priest in our parish.

Collection Will Aid Stricken in Kentucky



Bishop Brennan has approved a special collection for the first weekend of January to benefit relief work in Kentucky. Proceeds will support the humanitarian and recovery efforts of Catholic Charities agencies working on the ground to help those in need.

Donations also can be made through the diocese's website: www.dwc.org/disasterrelief

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Darrell & Barbara Myers Family

From

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SCHEDULES JAN. 1 & 2

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8:00 a.m. **C. Frame / S. Kent**

10:00 a.m. **E. King / J. Klug**

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Christmas 2021

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