



HOLY INFANCY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Dear Parishioners,

Merry Christmas and peace to you and all your loved ones! Young and old alike develop wish lists for Christmas. The child in all of us dreams of what we most desire and the joy of expectation engages our imagination.

This year my dreams for Holy Infancy have developed into the following list. I trust God the Father will grant us these gifts as I ask you all now to pray with me for:

- 1) More wonderful children in our Catholic Grade School
- 2) Blessings on the work of our Parish Pastoral Council starting in January 2017
- 3) More unity in our parish family and in our particular families
- 4) An increase in attendance of Sunday Mass and in sacrificial giving of time, talent and treasure so we can meet the needs of our mission.

Many blessings have come our way in 2016 and I have great hope for our Parish and School Family as we look towards 2017. The words of the Prophet Isaiah (Is 9:1-6), from the first reading of the Mass at Night on Christmas Eve, speak to my heart in a special way this year:

“The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; You have brought them abundant joy and great rejoicing ... For a child is born to us, a son is given us; upon his shoulder dominion rests.”

Jesus has the power to bring us blessings of “abundant joy and great rejoicing” – if we stay focused on Him. So like those “who walked in darkness” – look to the “great light.” He is longing for us to receive Him in the Holy Eucharist and the vibrant sacramental life of the Church. He is gazing at us from the eyes of our children, spouse and neighbors. He is reaching out to us in the poor and immigrant looking for a better life, as He is in the rich seeking to live in solidarity with the poor.

Fr. Brendon and I have continually seen Jesus blessing us through all of you during these last 18 months. Thank you all for your wonderful support. Finally, along with your annual Christmas donation, we again ask that, if you have not already done so, please give us the gift of helping us update our records by filling out as fully as possible this enclosed information form.

With all of our Deacons, Religious and Staff of our Rectory, School, Gift Shop, and St. Michael's Cemetery, we wish you abundant blessings this Christmas and throughout the whole year!

In Christ's Peace,

Father Andy Gehringer

Fr. Brendon Laroche

Mi Parroquia, Mi Familia † My Parish, My Family † Minha Paróquia, Minha Família



CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

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SATURDAY , DECEMBER 17, 2016
CONFESSIONS 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2016
CHRISTMAS EVE
CHRISTMAS CAROLS – 5:00 PM – ENGLISH
MASS - 5:30 PM – ENGLISH
LIVE NATIVITY and MASS – 8:00 PM – SPANISH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2016
CHRISTMAS DAY
7:15 AM – ENGLISH
8:30 AM – PORTUGUESE
10:00 AM – SPANISH
11:45 AM – ENGLISH

SATURDAY DECEMBER 31, 2016
CONFESSIONS 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2016
NEW YEAR'S EVE
5:15 PM – ENGLISH
7:00 PM – SPANISH

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2017
NEW YEAR'S DAY
7:15 AM – ENGLISH
8:30 AM – PORTUGUESE
10:00 AM – SPANISH
11:45 AM – ENGLISH