



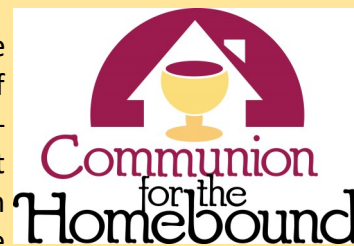
## STEWARDSHIP OF TIME &amp; TALENT

**December 15, 2019**

Envelopes Used	99
Envelope Collections	\$ 4,901.00
Plate Collections	\$ 499.00
TOTAL	\$ 5,400.00

**HOME BOUND AND SHUT-IN PARISHIONERS**

Home Bound and Shut-In parishioners are brought Holy Communion by Fr. Timothy. If you have family members who are home-bound please contact the office at 619.445.2145 so that they can be placed on the Holy Communion List for the home bound/shut-ins. Thank you!



## GOSPEL READINGS &amp; MASS INTENTIONS DECEMBER

		<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>INTENTION</u>
Tuesday:	<b>Lk 1:67-79</b>	Tuesday, Dec 24	4:00 pm	†Andrew Tompkins
Wednesday:	<b>Jn 1:1-18</b>	Tuesday, Dec 24	7:00 pm	For the People
Thursday:	<b>Mt 1:1-18</b>	Wednesday, Dec 25	10:30 am	Rev. Timothy Deutsch
Friday:	<b>Jn 20:2-8</b>	Thursday, Dec 26	8:00 am	Sean Clark
Saturday:	<b>Mt 2:13-18</b>	Friday, Dec 27	No Mass	
Next Sunday:	<b>Mt 2:13-15, 19-23</b>	Saturday, Dec 28	5:30 pm	For the People
		Sunday, Dec 29	8:00 am	Genevieve Muhleman
		Sunday, Dec 29	10:30 am	†Jim Archer



Continue to Keep in Your Prayers and Hearts those on our Healing and Deployed Military Lists.

*Amen, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, It shall be granted to them by my heavenly father. Matthew 18:19*



*May the heavens be opened to Dorothy, and the Angels rejoice with her.  
May the Archangel St. Michael conduct her to Thee.  
May Thy holy Angels come forth to meet Dorothy, and carry her to the  
city of the heavenly Jerusalem.  
Eternal rest give to Dorothy, O Lord. And may perpetual light shine on her.  
May she rest in peace.  
Amen.*



We wish to inform you of the death of longtime parishioner Dorothy Venancio. Dorothy was very active in the parish in her younger years, and was a faithful participant at the 10:30 am Mass until becoming homebound.

Dorothy is survived by three of her five children, Richard Venancio, Steven Venancio, and Marie McKenna. Dorothy leaves a loving legacy of ten grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Please keep Dorothy, her family and her friends in your prayers.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### **Religious Ed Christmas Schedule**

Following is the schedule for classes during the Christmas Season:

#### **Pre-K - Journey (9th Grade):**

December 29: No class

January 5: No class

January 12: Regular class resumes

#### **Formation:**

December 29: No class

January 5: Regular class resumes



**Please Note:** The parish office will be closed beginning **Tuesday, December 24, 2019**

-Wednesday, January 1, 2020. We will reopen on **Thursday, January 2, 2020**. We would like to wish all of our parishioners a Blessed and Joyous Christmas and Happy New Year!

**Waffle Breakfast** The Knights of Columbus will once again be hosting a Waffle Breakfast honoring all the widows of the parish, on **January 19, 2020** after both of the Masses. Mark your calendar and save this date as this is a very popular and yummy event.



*It is the Night of Our Dear Savior's Birth.  
May your hearts be filled with wonder  
throughout the Christmas Season and all of 2020.*

*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year  
from Queen of Angels.*



*thank you!*

The Woman's Auxiliary has good news to report: "We are happy to announce that this year's Bake Sale profited over \$600!! A BIG thank you to our dedicated bakers, because without them there would be no bake sale. And to our fabulous parishioners for your continued generosity."



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### **Holy Sacrifice of the Mass**

Saturday: 5:30 pm

Sunday: 8:00 & 10:30 am

### **Daily Mass**

8:00 am: M, W, Th, F

### **Holy Days**

Please see The Messenger

### **First Saturday to Honor the Immaculate Heart of Mary**

Mass 9:00 am

### **First Friday to Adore the Sacred Heart of Jesus**

Exposition/Adoration

10:30 am-11:15 am

(Benediction follows)

Confessions

10:35 am-11:15 am

Mass 11:30 am

### **Confession**

Sat. 4:00 to 5:00 pm

or by appointment

### **Baptism**

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Month

Contact Fr. Timothy

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Mary, Queen of Angels, Pray for Us!

## PASTOR'S PAGE

As we celebrate Christmas 2019, we should reflect upon the ancient nature of the Church. Let us ponder an ancient sermon by Pope Saint Leo The Great (+461), who lived in a tumultuous time. St. Leo is a reminder that The Church renews Herself in every age through the abiding power of the Holy Spirit who dwells within Her.

SERMON XXI: ON THE FEAST OF THE NATIVITY, I.

### All share in the joy of Christmas.

Our Savior, dearly-beloved, was born today: let us be glad. For there is no proper place for sadness when we keep the feast of the birth of Life, Who destroys the fear of mortality and brings to us the joy of promised eternity. No one is kept from sharing in this happiness. There is for all one common measure of joy, because as Our Lord the destroyer of sin and death finds none free from charge, so is He come to free us all. Let the saint exult in that he draws near to victory. Let the sinner be glad in that he is invited to pardon. Let the pagan take courage in that he is called to life. For the Son of God in the fullness of time which the inscrutable depth of the Divine counsel has determined, has taken on him the nature of man, thereby to reconcile it to its Author: in order that the inventor of death, the devil, might be conquered through that (nature) which he had conquered. And in this conflict undertaken for us, the fight was fought on great and wondrous principles of fairness; for the Almighty Lord enters the lists with His savage foe not in His own majesty but in our humility, opposing him with the same form and the same nature, which shares indeed our mortality, *though it is free from all sin*. Truly foreign to this nativity is that which we read of all others, "no one is clean from stain, not even the infant who has lived but one day upon earth." Nothing therefore of the lust of the flesh has passed into that peerless nativity; nothing of the law of sin has entered. A royal Virgin of the stem of David is chosen, to be impregnated with the sacred seed and to conceive the Divinely-human offspring in mind first, and then in body. And lest in ignorance of the heavenly counsel she should tremble at so strange a result, she learns from conversation with the angel that what is to be wrought in her is of the Holy Spirit. Nor does she believe it loss of honor that she is soon to be the Mother of God. For why should she be in despair over the novelty of such conception, to whom the power of the Most High has promised to effect it. Her implicit faith is confirmed also by the attestation of a precursory miracle, and Elizabeth receives unexpected fertility: in order that there might be no doubt that He who had given conception to the barren, would give it even to a virgin.

### The mystery of the Incarnation is a fitting theme for joy both to angels and to men.

Therefore the Word of GOD, Himself GOD, the Son of GOD who "in the beginning was with God," through whom "all things were made" and "without" whom "was nothing made," with the purpose of delivering man from eternal death, *became man*: so bending Himself to take on Him our humility without decrease in His own majesty, that remaining what He was and assuming what He was not, He might unite the true form of a slave to that form in which He is equal to God The Father, and join both natures together by such a union that the lower should not be swallowed up in its exaltation nor the higher impaired by its new associate. Without detriment therefore to the properties of either substance which then came together in One Person [of The Son], Majesty took on humility, Strength weakness, Eternity mortality: and for the paying off of the debt, belonging to our condition, inviolable nature was united with possible nature, and true God and true man were combined to form one Lord, so that, as suited the needs of our case, one and the same Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, could both die with the one and rise again with the other.

Rightly therefore did the birth of our Salvation impart no corruption to the Virgin's purity, because the bearing of the Truth was the keeping of honor. Such then beloved was the nativity which became the Power of God and the Wisdom of God even Christ, whereby He might be one with us in manhood and surpass us in Godhead. For unless He were true GOD, He would not bring us a remedy, unless He were true Man, He would not give us an example. Therefore, the exulting angel's song when the Lord was born is this, "Glory to GOD in the Highest," and their message, "peace on earth to men of good will." For they see that the heavenly Jerusalem is being built up out of all the nations of the world: and over that indescribable work of the Divine Love how ought the humbleness of men to rejoice, when the joy of the lofty angels is so great?

### Christians then must live worthily of Christ their Head.

Let us then, dearly beloved, give thanks to God The Father, through His Son, in The Holy Spirit, Who "for His great mercy, wherewith He has loved us," has had pity on us: and "when we were dead in sins, has quickened us together in Christ," that we might be in Him a new creation and a new production. Let us put off then the old man with his deeds: and having obtained a share in the birth of Christ let us renounce the works of the flesh. Christian, acknowledge your dignity, and becoming a partner in the Divine nature, refuse to return to the old baseness by degenerate conduct!

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Remember the Head and the Body of which thou art a member. Recollect that you were rescued from the power of darkness and brought out into God's light and kingdom. By the mystery of Baptism you were made the temple of the Holy Spirit: do not put God dwelling within you to flight from you by base acts, and subject thyself once more to the devil's kingdom: because thy purchase money is the blood of Christ, because He shall judge you in truth Who ransomed you in mercy, who with The Father and The Holy Spirit reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

*Pope Saint Leo's pontificate (Reigned 440-461), next to that of St. Gregory I, is the most significant and important in Christian antiquity. At a time when the Church was experiencing the hastening disintegration of the Western Empire, when all seemed lost, this great pope, with far-seeing sagacity and powerful hand, guided the destiny of the Roman and Universal Church. He died 10 November, 461.*

Wishing you all a very Merry and Blessed Christmas,  
Father Tim

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### **What the Animals Knew at Christmas** by Donald DeMarco

You may have wondered, and rightly so, why the ox and the donkey appear so often beside the Christ Child in various images of the Nativity. These two rather disparate animals frequently appear in Catholic medieval paintings of Christ's birth and in nearly all of the Orthodox icons of the first Christmas. Yet they are not mentioned in the New Testament narratives. Nonetheless, even in the earliest example of a Nativity scene known to us, a swaddled Babe is flanked, not by Mary and Joseph, but by the ox at his head and the donkey at his feet.

Apocryphal texts, such as the pseudo-Matthew, record these animals worshipping the Christ Child. Also, in what seems to be an Arabic translation of Habakkuk 3:2, the prophet states: "Between two animals, you are made manifest." Although these texts may not be authentic, they nonetheless add weight to the legend.

The most important and reliable biblical text, Isaiah 1:3, makes it clear that the ox and the donkey are not present in the manger scene to provide atmosphere, nor is their presence the product of a pious imagination.

According to the great prophet, "An ox knows its owner, an ass its master's manger; but Israel does not know, my people has not understood." This text makes it clear that the ox and donkey know something very important that even many human beings do not know — namely, who their Master is. This resonates with Christ's question to Simon Peter: "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answers correctly and is rewarded by being given the keys of the kingdom of heaven and being made the Church's first pope (Mt 16:16-19).

Pope Benedict XVI includes a chapter entitled "Ox and Ass Know Their Lord" in his book *The Blessing of Christmas*. "It is striking to note," he writes, "in the medieval pictures of Christmas how the artists give the two animals almost human faces and how they stand before the mystery of the Child and bow down in awareness and reverence."

According to the pope emeritus, this makes sense because "we are but oxen and asses vis-à-vis the Eternal God, oxen and asses whose eyes are opened on Christmas night, so that they can recognize their Lord in the crib."

The birth of Christ opens our eyes so that we come to know who our real Master is — and it is not wealth, power, status or pleasure.

A second important point is brought out in Deuteronomy 22:12, where we read: "You shall not plow with an ox and an ass harnessed together."

According to dietary proscriptions in the Old Testament, the ox was considered to be a "clean" animal, while the donkey was regarded as "unclean." Also, the ox was seen as representing Israel, whereas the donkey symbolized the Gentiles. Biblical scholars have explained the presence of the ox and the donkey at Christmas as representing Christ joining factors that are usually regarded as extremes. Therefore, the birth of Christ is the union of the spiritual and the corporeal, the clean and the unclean, the uncreated and the created, the human and the divine, heaven and earth and time and eternity.

Christmas is about a birth. But, more importantly, it is about opening our eyes to our true Master, who has widened our perspective on life, showing us that there is far more to our lives than what we can find immediately around us — and that we have much greater capacities for love and peace than we could ever have imagined. May this Christmas be your happiest and most meaningful.

<http://www.ncregister.com/site/article/what-the-animals-knew-at-christmas/>

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