

## December 25, 2024 — Christmas Day



And the Word was made flesh

And dwelt among us,

And we saw His Glory,

Full of Grace and Truth.

My dear brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ,

I understand it is sometimes difficult to see the good when we feel so overwhelmed by despair; but Christmas reminds us of something critical to keep in our minds, "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it" (John 1:5). My friends, there are many more reasons to be grateful and filled with hope because of our faith. God has and will continue to help us to see all of this through.

Therefore, we are reminded that we are a Christmas people and that Jesus is incarnated in every act of love and kindness we extend to one another. God can reach us beyond all the barriers the world can create and revive us by giving us strength in times of great distress. So, we can do this, and we will overcome because we are the Church, the body of the risen Christ!

Now, I pray that you may see a bright future awaiting. I believe, as many of you do, too, that God is leading us into a new season of life and ministry together. We have grown so much as a parish family. My only request is that we continue to do so by inviting others, getting to know each other, and showing appreciation of each other. We have done well at this and I am pleased to see such a friendly and welcoming spirit! Let us continue to grow together and in such a spirit let us celebrate many more Christmases together.

As your pastor, along with our staff, we are called to serve alongside you.

With this, I invite you to stay connected and don't underestimate the value of your presence (online or in-person), service, prayers, witness, and giving/pledging for the renovation of the old school building. We need each other more than ever before. Please reach out to each other and encourage one another, particularly as we may be tempted to give up hope. Ask for help if you need it.

I am privileged to be your pastor, and I feel incredibly blessed and honored to be with you. My prayers are with you always. You are remembered in my Masses and in my daily prayers. Thank you for all your support and keep me, too, in your valuable prayers.

May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi, and the peace of the Christ child. Amen.

I wish you all a very Happy and Peaceful Christmas and a very Prosperous New Year 2025.

With gratitude, love and Prayers, Fr. Charley

## Christmas Flowers Honorees 2024 <u>In Memory of:</u>

Don & Mary Jo Rumble

Bob Hargrave

Ben & Esther Gries

Vincent & Mary Martha Mullen

The Reeder & Runkle Family

The Wieter & Monken Family

The Massa & Fitzgerald Families

Marvin & Mary Ortwerth

John O'Brien

The Bifano & Pokrzywa Families

David Mandel

Paul & Bert Lamont

Thomas Patrick McKeone, Sr.

Thomas "Tim" McKeone, Jr.

Danilo C. Diana

Emma S. Diaz

Joseph Moniz

Ann Medeiros

Richard Moniz

James Mims

Thomas Patrick McKeone Sr.

Tim McKeone

Pillarella and LaPonseee Families

Zoe Christian

Eileen Burns

Rafael Urrutia, Sr.

Anna Whalen

Frank & Aline Creighton

Diane Lewis

The Knatt Family

Rose Ann Nussberger

Moses Manglona

Peter & Jeanette Malkasian

The Meyer Family

The Wiegmann Family

Edward & Barbara Stluka

Mark & Mary Wheeler

Michael Thomas

John O'Brien

The Ragoza & Weller Family

Robert Bergh

Henry Day

Michael Smith

John & Marion Smith

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Frank & Annamae Kapes

William Skinner

John & Su<mark>zann</mark>e Sansing

William & Katalin Gibson

Albert Rich

Aaron Berryman

Charles Holder

Teresa Martinson

Louise Lord

The George Plattsmier Family

The Maurice Bellard Family

Ouseph & Kathrina / Robby/ Annie/ Regina

## In Honor of:

The Andrzejewski Family

Angelina Machota

Yangmeelo Thao

Christine Oney

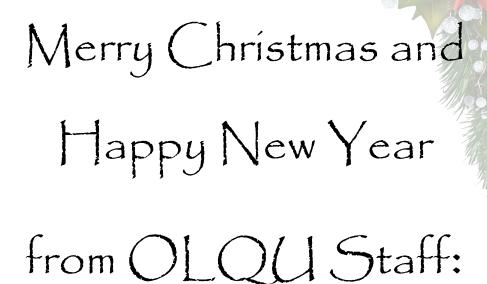
Elaine Hallaert

Apollonia L. Manglona

Ralph & Toni Lehtinen

Mr. & Mrs. Cypret

Arthur Nussberger



Deacon Jim Multeri Mark Blackburn Shirley Bernal Donna Pillarella Susan Turner

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December 31st and January 1st