

4th Sunday of Advent

December 24, 2017



∞ 10:00 AM Mass Celebration

- ✦ Happy 69th Wedding Anniversary
Mr. & Mrs. Palmer Req. Parish Family

- ✦ In Memory of ~
 - Isaac Polite Req. Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Clarke
 - Mildred & Dennis Gibson, Jr.
Req. Delores Gibson

- ✦ God's Blessings Dolores Gibson Family
Req. Dolores Gibson

∞ 12 Noon Mass Celebration

- ✦ Happy 37th Anniversary
Joanne Moore & Will Holmes
Req. Joanne Moore

- ✦ Birthday Blessings for Caleb Hazel
- ✦ God's Healing for Linda Hazel
- ✦ In Memory of Dolphy Eugene Hazel
Req. Linda Caleb Hazel

∞ 5:00 PM Mass Celebration

Remember in your prayers for God's Healing

Fr. Joseph Abraham, Sandy Bryant, Georgeann Campbell,
Doris Colon, Beverly Correia, Ron Copland,
Anthony Davis, Dr. Rose Marie Dorvily, Cynthia Fairly,
Carolyn Green, Linda Hazel, Will Holmes, Troy Lima,
Roland Melhado, Lennox Osouna,
Terrace & Doris Palmer, Katherine Randall,
Santos Rodriguez, Evelyn Washington, Yvonne Young

Our 2018 Contribution Envelopes are available.
Please pick up your envelopes along with your
2018 Parish Calendar.

Morning Mass – 8:30 AM
Monday - Tuesday - Wednesday
St. Benedict the Moor
Thursday – Friday ✦ St. Bonaventure

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent; Christmas Eve
Glorious Mysteries
2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29
Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

Monday: *Merry Christmas Joyful Mysteries*
Midnight: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk
2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14
Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-
6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Tuesday: *Sorrowful Mysteries*
St. Stephen, the First Martyr
Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc
and 17 [6]/Mt 10:17-22

Wednesday: *Glorious Mysteries*
St. John, Apostle & Evangelist
1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Thursday: *Luminous Mysteries*
The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18

Friday: *Sorrowful Mysteries*
St. Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr
1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35

Saturday: *Joyful Mysteries*
1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40

Next Sunday: *The Holy Family; New Year's Eve*
Glorious Mysteries
Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3 or Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 105:1-2, 3-
4, 5-6, 8-9, [7a, 8a] or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 /
Col 3:12-21 /Lk 2:22-40

The Twelve Days of Christmas.

What does leaping lords, French hens, swimming swans, and especially the partridge who won't come out of the pear tree have to do with Christmas? Well... From 1558 until 1829, Roman Catholics in England were not permitted to practice their faith openly. Someone during that era wrote this carol as a catechism song for young Catholics. It has two levels of meaning: the surface meaning plus a hidden meaning known only to members of their church. Each element in the carol has a code word for a religious reality which the children could remember.

- The partridge in a pear tree was Jesus Christ.
- Two turtle doves were the Old and New Testaments.
- Three French hens stood for faith, hope & love.
- The four calling birds were the four gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke & John.
- The five golden rings recalled the Torah or Law, the first five books of the Old Testament.
- The six geese a-laying stood for the six days of creation.
- Seven swans a-swimming represented the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit--Prophesy, Serving, Teaching, Exhortation, Contribution, Leadership, and Mercy.
- The eight maids a-milking were the eight beatitudes.
- Nine ladies dancing were the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit--Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self Control.
- The ten lords a-leaping were the Ten Commandments.
- The eleven pipers piping stood for the eleven faithful disciples.
- The twelve drummers drumming symbolized the twelve points of belief in the Apostles' Creed.

Now this is your his-tory lesson! Shared this interesting and enlightening tip on how this strange song came to be a Christmas Carol.

Our Sacrificial Giving to our Parish

Together let's meet our weekly goal of \$5,000.00

✦ 10:00 AM 163 ~ \$3,292.00

✦ 12 Noon 103~ \$1,061.00

✦ 5:00 PM 45 ~ \$519.00

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2017 Annual Catholic Appeal

Please help us meet our goal!

We need \$5,821.00!

78 Donors Pledged- \$19,725.00

Collected to date - \$15,434.00

Sunday Mass Intentions \$20.00

Weekday Mass Intentions \$15.00

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Please submit your Mass Intentions

In a timely manner – one (1) week before requested date of intention or Tuesday of the Sunday requested.

Anima Christi

Soul of Christ, make Me Holy. Body of Christ, Save Me.

Blood of Christ, Fill Me with Your Love.

Water from Christ's Side, Wash Me.

Passion of Christ, Strengthen Me. Good Jesus, Hear Me.

Within Your Wounds, Hide Me.

Never Let Me Be Parted From You.

From the Evil Enemy, Protect Me.

At the Hour of My Death, Call Me, and tell Me to

Come to You,

That with Your Saints I May Praise You Through All Eternity.

Amen

