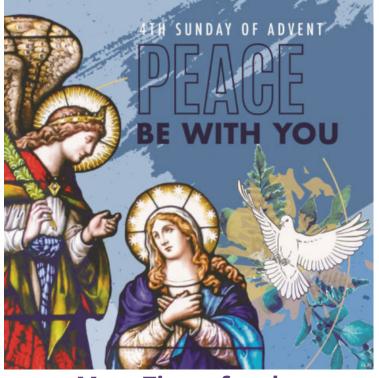
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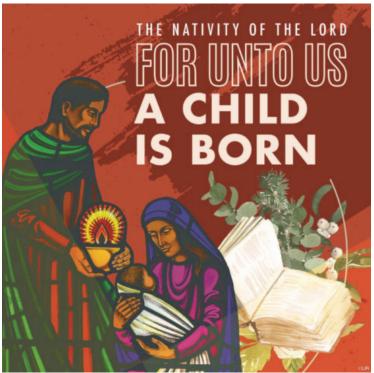
DECEMBER 24, 2023 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT **DECEMBER 25, 2023**THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD





Saturday, December 23 4:00pm

Sunday, December 24 7:00am, 8:30am, and 10:30am



Christmas Mass Times
Sunday, December 24
4pm in Church & Parish Center
6pm & 11pm in Church

Monday, December 25 8:30am & 10:30am in Church



The Parish Office is closed through New Year's Day, Jan. 1, and the Faith Formation Office is closed through Jan. 7 for the Christmas Break.

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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND MASS

Sat. Vigil: 4pm

Sun.: 7am, 8:30am, 10:30am, 5pm

DAILY MASS

Mon.-Sat.: 8:15am Tues.: 6:00pm Fri.: 6:30am

CONFESSIONS

Tues.: 5:00-5:45pm **Thurs.:** 7:00-8:00pm **Sat.:** 2:30-3:30pm

ROSARY

Sun.: 4:15pm (Family Holy Rosary) **Tue.**: 9:15am (Rosario en Español)
5:15pm (Rosary for our Youth)

Thu. 6:30pm (Rosary for Life)

OFFICE HOURS

PARISH OFFICE

Sunday: 9:30am-12:00pm **Mon.-Fri.:** 9:00-11:30am **Mon.-Thurs.:** 1:00-5:00pm

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- The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church (51)

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Sunday, December 24

7:00 am Parishioners 8:30 am † Carol McElwain 10:30 am † Sophie M. Zamaites & † Joyce Peplinski

Christmas Eve Masses

4:00 pm † Arthur Lambert 4:00 pm* † Larry Frederick *Mass held in the Parish Center 6:00 pm Living & deceased members of the Dragotti & Lavelle families 11:00 pm † Arthur Lambert

Monday, December 25

The Nativity of the Lord 8:30 am † Marilyn Hable 10:30 am Living & deceased members of the Yeager & Manning families



Tuesday, December 26

St. Stephen, the First Martyr 8:15 am † Minh Tran 6:00 pm Living & deceased members of the McGrath family

Wednesday, December 27

St. John the Apostle 8:15 am † Froilan & † Felicia Pangilinan

Thursday, December 28

The Holy Innocents 8:15 am † Froilan & † Felicia Pangilinan

Friday, December 29

6:30 am Poor souls in Purgatory 8:15 am † Rhegan Crabtree

Saturday, December 30

8:15 am † William M. Hart 4:00 pm † Al Hammond

Sunday, December 31

7:00 am † Fr. Scott Sperry 8:30 am Parishioners 10:30 am † Orfelinda Garza 5:00 pm † Jessie J. Doering



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Weekly Budget	
Weekly Surplus	
Fiscal Year-to-date Total	\$739,548.70
Fiscal Year-to-date Budget	\$685,053.00
Fiscal Year-to-date Surplus	\$54,495.70
OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS	
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Building Fund Balance	





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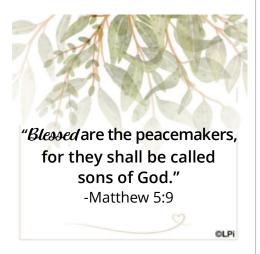
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How the Beatitudes Help Us Experience Heaven's Happiness on Earth — Part 4

Jen Arnold, M.A. in Theology and Catechetics — www.CatholicHeartAblaze.com

We have now reached the fourth Sunday of Advent, as well as Christmas Eve. We will finish our series on the Beatitudes with a reflection on the final two, and thus enter the Christmas season with a renewed desire to live truly happy lives by following the formula Jesus gave us.



Before we understand peace, we should clarify what it is not. Peace is not merely the absence of conflict. Today's world tells us that we ought to be quiet when we disagree, "live and let live," or "go along to get along." To outwardly reject sin as such is considered judgmental, combative, and agitating. However, when we stay silent for the sake of not rocking the boat, is that authentic peace? People or situations can have no outward signs of fighting or conflict while still experiencing strife and tension under the surface.

Real peace requires that hearts and minds be rightly ordered. So, while sin sows disorder, virtue sows order, which has the natural effect of peace. For the person who seeks to be a peacemaker, he must first ensure his own interior life is rightly ordered. Then, with spiritual maturity, he can proceed with wisdom and charity to help facilitate peace around him. It is rare to see a conflict in which one side is completely right and the other is completely wrong. Most often, both parties contribute to the problems and disorder. For this reason, this particular beatitude often finds itself at the later stages of one's spiritual journey. It takes quite a bit of work, time, and experience cultivating a properly ordered interior life to reach the point of it having a positive effect on the exterior.

The reward for this beatitude is that the peacemaker shall be called a son, or child, of God. God the Father is the author of peace because he is the author of the rightly ordered, created world, and it is fitting that anyone who participates in that order and peace is the child of the Creator. Before the Fall, in the Garden of Eden, there was no strife, hardship, conflict, or chaos. It is only when sin entered the world that we began to see the effects of sin disrupting the order of creation and, hence, the loss of peace. The Father will recognize a reflection of himself in the person who seeks to reject the disorder of sin and the restoration of proper order and goodness.

Jesus, who arrives tomorrow as an infant child, is the Prince of Peace. He came to destroy sin and restore order to the world by offering an opportunity for repentance, forgiveness, and reparation. Jesus humbled himself to take on human flesh and to share in our human experience, showing us that each of us can do our part to restore order to the world and be peacemakers. His entire ministry was devoted to teaching us how to do just that.

The Blessed Virgin Mary also exemplifies what it means to be a peacemaker. By Eve's first sin, disorder came into the world, and by Mary's fiat, order was restored. While Eve disobediently picked the fruit of the tree that was forbidden, Mary gave her consent to have the fruit of her womb nailed to the tree for the sake of humanity's reconciliation and, as a result, peace.

In his book Heart of the Gospel, Fr. Sebastian Walshe offers a four -step process for working toward peacemaking. First, "we must establish peace within ourselves." In other words, we must establish right order in our own hearts before we can even begin to establish it outside of ourselves. Secondly, we must patiently bear the burdens of others. because if we are easily disturbed by the weaknesses of others and place unobtainable demands on them, we cannot facilitate peace (see Galatians 5:22-6:2 and Romans14:14-20). The third step is fraternal correction, in which we are called to name sin as sin, but do so with the motivation of love and conversion for the sinner (see Matt 18:15-17). Again, this works better when one's interior

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life is properly ordered first, and we take the wooden beam out of our own eye before pointing out the speck in our brother's. The final step of being a peacemaker is forgiveness and reparation. This is a continual process of forgiving others as we have been forgiven, but also of mending the fences, when possible, where sin has caused damage. When reparation is not possible on this earth, maintain peace in your own heart, while offering prayer and sacrifice for others, with the hope of reparation and peace in eternal heaven.



This final beatitude is the perfect culmination of the previous seven. We have already established that the beatitudes are the heart of the gospel message and the roadmap for achieving real happiness, so it seems odd on the surface that the final thing for which we should strive is persecution. Whether mental, emotional, or physical - persecution is painful, and our human nature is not predisposed to seek it out. However, a well-formed soul knows that persecution is actually a cause for joy, because it means you are doing things right according to God's will. Not

only does persecution mean that you are striving to be a good Christian and love Jesus in your heart, but it also means you are bringing Jesus to others. After all, why would anyone persecute you for your Christianity if you were keeping it to yourself and not bothering anyone else with it?

To be clear, beatific persecution is not persecution for any reason, no matter what it is. Beatific persecution is being subjected to suffering for truth or virtue. It is to suffer specifically for God because you live in pursuit of truth and virtue. It is fitting then, that the reward for this is Heaven, because this is the ultimate reward for a life well-lived, an eternal paradise where we will see God, as he is, face to face. The more persecution you endure for your Christian witness, the more confident you can be that you're on the right path, so rejoice in your persecutor's attacks! The fact of the matter is that each one of us will suffer and die. How much better to suffer and die for what is good and right with the promise of eternal paradise, than to suffer and die in vain for worldly concerns and temporal desires?

Again, we can look to Jesus and Mary as examples of pursuing this beatitude without fear. Shortly after the birth of her Son,

it was prophesied to Mary that a sword would pierce her heart, so it was evident from the beginning that her "yes" to God would not come without a heavy price. Yet, this did not deter her. Jesus also knew what his fate would be, but he continued to preach the gospel message to the masses without hesitation. They boldly lived for truth and virtue so that others would be encouraged to do the same, and the persecution eventually came. What did Jesus say or do to warrant the suffering and death he endured? What mercy was offered to his mother's heart as she followed and watched? Can you look to them as an example of how to be a Christian witness in the world at a fraction of the cost of the suffering?

This Christmas season, reflect on the beatitudes as something to be pursued for the sake of happiness that is to be experienced both in the here and now, as well as eternally. Meditate on how the Incarnation of Christ as an infant in his mother's arms radiates the peace and happiness that we all seek. Finally, contemplate how living the beatitudes can create a permanent disposition of the tranquility of the nativity scene in our hearts year-round.



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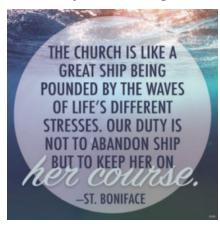
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Family Catechesis Corner

All Aboard!

In our last article about the Mass, we looked at the entrance procession and how it is a reminder to us that we are all journeying to our heavenly home. Would you be surprised to learn that where we, the congregation, sit for Mass is also related to our journey to our heavenly home? It's true! Where we sit in church at Mass is called the nave. The priest, deacon, and altar servers sit in the sanctuary, but today we will focus on the nave. The nave is the central area of the church, and in the cruciform churches (ones shaped like a cross), the distinction between the sanctuary and the nave is more pronounced, but in our church, the sanctuary begins in the area just before the steps in front of the altar. We will look at the sanctuary in a later article. The nave, on the other hand, extends from the entrance, or narthex, all the way to the sanctuary. The word, nave, comes from the Latin word "navis" which means "ship." One of the reasons this word was most likely chosen is because a ship was an early symbol for the church. Ships and boats figure prominently in Sacred Scripture. Jesus and his apostles would take a boat to cross the Sea of Galilee during his public ministry. Jonah was on a boat, briefly, before he got tossed overboard and swallowed by a large fish. Moses floated down the Nile River in a basket, but it served like a boat. Most prominently, Noah had a boat, better known as the ark, that became the vehicle through which God saved his creation from the sin of the world. And this is why we sit in the nave at church, and why one of the symbols of the Catholic Church is a ship... because the Church is the vehicle through which God is saving his creation from the sin of the world. Recently, I got the opportunity to go on a very large boat and I was reminded of some of the protocols associated with boarding a boat. You seek permission to go aboard, and permission to disembark. You are made aware of life-saving measures like life jackets and lifeboats. There are places you can go on the boat, and places reserved just for the crew. But all the protocols and workings of the ship are meant to take us somewhere. Well, the Church is the same way. When we go to Mass, we are symbolically boarding God's



boat. There is a place for us, there is a place for the priest and those who assist the priest, and there are things we must do, like participate in the Mass. All of this is because we are journeying to our heavenly home... together. Think about this the next time you enter church for Mass. All are welcome, but it's a special place where we have a special role to play, even when we think we are just sitting in the pew. See you on board at Mass!



Childcare Volunteers Needed

Help babysit children ages 1 - 5 years old in the nursery during ministry events. Adults and teens are welcome to volunteer (teens may earn service hours).

Approximate time commitment: 2-3 hours a month. Contact Samantha in the Faith Formation Office if interested.



Formation for Parents

If you would like to be part of a faith-sharing group for parents, that would meet at the same time as the Children's Faith Formation classes, please contact Rob.

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MEN OF ST. JOSEPH

A Ministry for the Men of the Parish

Our Mission: To strengthen and support the men of our parish by deepening our personal relationship with Jesus Christ through fellowship and catechesis.

Meeting Schedule

Wednesdays at 6:30pm Rooms 7-8-9

Dec. 27 - No meeting (Christmas) Jan. 3 - Gender Ideology

Adoration

The Men of St. Joseph are blessed to take part in Perpetual Adoration by sitting with our Lord from midnight to 1:00am each Sunday. We rotate through our adorers, and are always looking to extend the invitation to others. Join us at one of our meetings, or contact Mark Porter at quantumfog @cox.net for more info.



SATURDAY MORNING "CAFÉ"

Essentials of the Catholic Faith

Presentations by Karen & Jack Henz Certified Catechist Trainers from the Kino Institute

January 6 & 13 from 8:30am-12:30pm February 3 & 10 from 8:30am-12:30pm

Rooms 7-8-9

Saturday morning "CAFÉ" classes continue for adult Catholics. All are invited to attend one or more upcoming classes on the *Catechism*.

- Jan. 6 & 13

Part 1 of the *Catechism* (1st Pillar)

- Do I really know: "Who is Jesus?" What has Jesus done for me, and why does this matter? How do we know that the early Church WAS the Catholic Church? (ESS 103)
- Feb. 3 & 10

Conclusion of Part 1 of the Catechism (1st Pillar)

• What is the Paschal Mystery? What does the Bible say about what we believe about Mary? What is the Catholic Church, and, what happens after we die? (ESS 104)

Please contact Karen: khenz2020@gmail.com or Jack: jfhenz@gmail.com by **Wednesday**, **Jan. 3 or Jan. 31** before the corresponding sessions that you are interested in attending. These classes are free and NO HOMEWORK is required!



Rest in Peace

Joe Ledesma

Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and perpetual light shine upon him. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

St. Philip Neri Festival

Sat. January 6, 2024

Get your tickets for the Third Annual St. Philip Neri Festival at Vertuccio Farms at catholiccomedy.com/festival. The is a fun event for the whole family and children 12 & under are FREE! The festival will donate 75% of ticket sales to help build a beautiful new church for the parishioners of St. Edward here in the Diocese.





BAPTISMS

Bennett Borel Hatke Audrey Jane Nielsen Lilliana Serenity Vensor Logan Samuel Vensor

Congratulations!

You have put on Christ, in Him you have been baptized. Alleluia, alleluia!

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Knights' Kids Event Provides for Needy Children

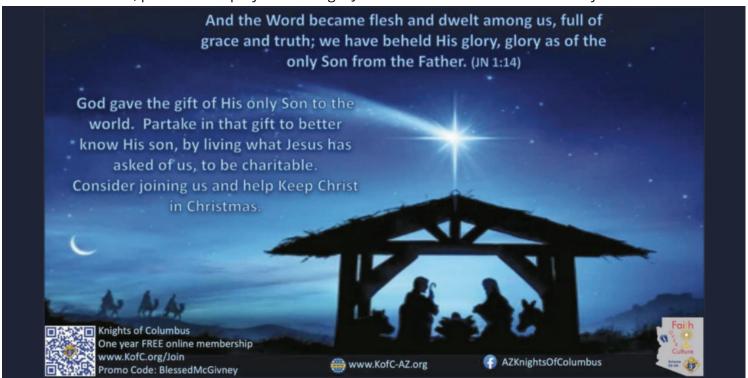
On Saturday, December 2, the Corpus Christi Knights of Columbus Council 10062, along with volunteers from the Corpus Christi Catholic Church and In Country Vietnam Veterans, provided a shopping event for forty-five children who attend Frank Elementary School in Guadalupe. This is the 16th year the Knights have held this event at the JCPenney Ahwatukee store, located at 5050 East Ray Road .

The children, along with their escorts, were each given a list of items to purchase. The staff at the school helped determine sizes for the children's clothing and footwear. In addition to the clothing provided by fundraising events of the Knights of Columbus, the generous associates of the JCPenney store donated toys and stockings that were filled with supplies for each child. Breakfast with a visit from Santa was provided to the children and the forty-plus volunteers who escorted them through the store.

The Corpus Christi Knights of Columbus Council 10062 thank all who helped make this Christmas a little merrier for some very needy children in Guadalupe. Additionally, a very hearty thank you to all at the JCPenney store here in Ahwatukee for helping to make this happen. Fundraising efforts are already underway for next year's Knights Kids event.

Youth Free Throw Championship

Attention parents/guardians of and boys and girls ages 9 through 14. The 2024 Youth Free Throw Championship, held by the Knights of Columbus Council 10062, is coming on **Saturday, January 13**. Winning contestants from Corpus Christi will move on to the Regional Free Throw Championship in February at a sight to be determined. Winning contestants at the Regional Championship will move on to the State Championship in March. Participants will receive certificates at the Parish Championship and medallions at the Regional and State Championships (if moving on). Registration forms can be found on kofc10062.org (you will need to copy and paste) or you may obtain a form by emailing JulTiritilli@gmail.com. All participants need to be registered by **January 12 at 5pm**. Forms may be scanned and emailed back or dropped off at the Parish Office. Forms without a parent or guardian's signature of consent will not be accepted. For further information, please call Deputy Grand Knight Julius Tiritilli at 480-250-2208. Thank you.





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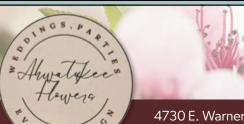
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TODAY'S READINGS

4th Sunday of Advent (Year B)

#1100

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 89

Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

OFFERTORY HYMN

Your Light Will Come, Jerusalem by Bob Hurd

Refrain

Your light will come, Jerusalem; for on you will dawn the glory of the Lord, and all nations will walk in your light, alleluia, alleluia

Verse 1:

Christ the light of the world, a light dispelling the darkness. May we, his body, reflect that holy light. (*Refrain*)

Verse 2:

His light is mercy and peace, a peace surpassing all telling. May we, his body, be instruments of peace. *(Refrain)*

Verse 3:

His light is justice and truth, and love which casts out all hatred. May we, his body, prepare the reign of God. *(Refrain)*

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Emmanuel by Steve Angrisano

Refrain

Come, come, Emmanuel!
Son of God, appear.
Heaven and earth, rejoice!
Salvation is drawing near.
Salvation is drawing near.

Verse 1:

O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel, That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear. *(Refrain)*

Verse 2:

O come, O Wisdom from on high, Who ordered all things mightily; To us the path of knowledge show, And teach us in her ways to go. *(Refrain)*

Verse 3:

O come, O Rod of Jesse's stem; From ev'ry foe deliver them That trust your mighty pow'r to save, And give them vict'ry o'er the grave. *(Refrain)*

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