Isaiah 9:1: A people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

The Christmas Season is a time for people to decorate homes, trees, and cities with beautiful lights. They want to light up the night with signs of their joy and hope. Christians always have candles, oil lamps and lights to remind us of the power of prayer in the presence God who is with us, Emmanuel.

Just as in the time of the first Christmas, the miraculous birth of Jesus the Christ, darkness is present physically and spiritually. Modern electrical lights give us the ability to see with our eyes more fully for humanity. Our Lord has given us his spirit to light our souls with faith, hope, joy and peace. This is Christmas, the birth of our Lord.

Let us pray with our Blessed Mother and St. Joseph for peace in the world. May the gifts we give and receive be from the charity of our hearts filled with God's love for one another.

With your prayers and continuing support of our parish, we will build, renew, and educate our church families in the New Year to come.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Fr. Mike Snyder and Staff



The Poinsettias for Christmas are in Memory Of or In Honor Of the following:

The Kortman Family, The Robson Family, The Thompson Family, The Cox Family, Norman and Mildred Eckert, Roland and Mildred Hymel, Ligaya Camagong, Bart and Maria Camagong, Tam Bao, Leonor Tam, Thomas Grand, Lacy Grand, Jacqueline Grand, Gerald Wagener, Elizabeth Grand Wagener, David Grand, Mary Wronko, Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Dubuisson, Mr. & Mrs. James Smelley, The Porterfield Family, The Mills Family, Msgr. Gregory Johnson, W.C. (Speedy) Brondum, Ruth and Marvin Wilson, Barbara Runyon, The Miller Family, The Webber Family, Herschel Vail, Holy Souls in Purgatory, JR and Celeste Williams Family, Cosme and Angelina Esquibel Family, Bill Gryder, Neil Gryder, Robbie Beeler, The Massony Family, Ruth Boney, Billy Boney, Frank and Ida Boney, Mary and Chester McPhearson, The Peppard Family, Ruth Woods, David Lloyd, Duane Lloyd, Helen Lloyd, Bennett Gianelloni, The Nelson Family, The Salik Family, The Castelin Family, Richard M. Durkin, Camille B. Durkin, Rev. Alfred L. Camp, The Mitchell

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY DECEMBER 26 Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Matthew 10:17-22 6:30 a.m. Dr. Malcolm Latour 8:15 a.m. Mr. Adelbert (Debbie) Catchot TUESDAY **DECEMBER 27** 1 John 1:1-4; John 20:1a & 2-8 6:30 a.m. Mr. Leroy Picard 8:15 a.m. Mr. William Mansfield **WEDNESDAY** DECEMBER 28 1 John 1:5—2:2; Matthew 2:13-18 6:30 a.m. Ms. Laura Noble 8:15 a.m. Dr. & Mrs. Leon (Orpha) Striegel DECEMBER 29 THURSDAY 1 John 2:3-11; Luke 2:22-35 6:30 a.m. All Souls in Purgatory 8:15 a.m. Mr. James W. Wilson FRIDAY **DECEMBER 30** Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23 6:30 a.m. Int. Ms. Deborah Foushee 8:15 a.m. Mr. Thomas Bram SATURDAY **DECEMBER 31** 1 John 2:18-21; John 1:1-18 8:15 a.m. St. Alphonsus Parishioners 4:00 p.m. Ms. Ligaya Camagong SUNDAY JANUARY 1 Numbers 6:22-27; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21 7:30 a.m. Ms. Joicelyn Mayfield 9:00 a.m. Ms. Gwen Noble 11:30 a.m. Congregation 5:30 p.m. Int. Mr. Jordan William Odom

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Sunday Collection.....\$14,070.08 Weekly Online Collection.....\$1,810.00 Retired Religious Collection.....\$1,960.00 May God Bless You for your generous and faithful support

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