

SAINT PAUL'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Nativity of the Lord



WORD OF GOD FOR A SUNDAY:

It is Christmas. All the preparations – the food, gifts, songs, Christmas greetings, even the parties – all is preparation for this day when we celebrate the mystery of divinity within a tiny child. This mystery moves little children and wise men and women. Let us remember.

THE READINGS:

Isaiah 9:1-6

Out of darkness – into the light.

Titus 2:11-14

Reject evil and chose to live devoutly.

Luke 2:1-14

Is not the enraptured gaze of Mary as she contemplated the face of the newborn Christ and cradled him in her arms that unparalleled model which should inspire us every time we receive Eucharistic communion?

Pope John Paul II *Ecclesia de Eucharistia* 55

Offertory Collection

December 18, 2005

\$1345.00

Lectors for next weekend's Masses are: 5 p.m. – Jean Beldyk-Byers, 9 a.m. – Linda Michel.

The **Sanctuary Candle** is lit from December 24th – January 7th in memory of Richard & Rose Meli by Louise Meli.

Eternal rest grant to Robert Rodgers, brother of Fr. Hilary Rodgers, Associate Pastor of St. Helena's, and all the souls of the faithful departed.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday,	December 24,	5:00 PM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE (living & deceased) 7:00 PM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE (living & deceased)
Sunday,	December 25,	9:00 AM (rip) Jane Mitchell by Dr. Agatha Anstreicher
Monday,	December 26,	NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
Tuesday,	December 27,	8:00 AM (rip) Paul Stapp by Chris Stapp
Wednesday,	December 28,	NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
Thursday,	December 29,	8:00 AM (rip) Wallace Newcomb by Walter & Barbara Wisowaty
Friday,	December 30,	NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
Saturday,	December 31,	5:00 PM (rip) John Gann by Ruth Press
Sunday,	January 1,	9:00 AM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE (living & deceased)

The next **available dates** for **Mass Intentions** are March 21, 23, and 25, 2006. **Mass stipends** are **\$10**.

Catholic Forum – Listen to Catholic Forum every Sunday morning at 10:05 on 1150 AM WDEL or www.wdel.com. Next Sunday, January 1st, tune in to learn about post-holiday depression from Catholic Charities' Sturgis Dodge. Catholic Forum is a production of the Office of Communications of the Diocese of Wilmington.

Vocations – In the miracle of Christmas, God Himself came to earth in flesh and blood in the person of Jesus Christ. At every Mass, through the ministry of priests, Christ comes before us once again, this time hidden in the sacramental forms of bread and wine. If you think you might be called to the priesthood, please call or write Father Joe Cocucci, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113 or jcocucci@cdow.org).



May

Jesus Christ,
the King of Kings
and Lord of Lords,

the only begotten Son of God

be in your hearts and minds now and forever.

Be assured of my prayers for you and your loved ones

in my
Christmas
Masses

and in
all my
prayers

and Masses
throughout the Christmas Season!

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Father Philip Siry, Pastor