St. Joseph's Parish



& St. Anthony's Mission Church

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Weekend Masses

St. Joseph's, Beaverton Saturday 5 pm Sunday 11 am



St. Anthony's Mission Church 28118 Hwy 48, Virginia Sunday 9 am

Weekday Masses at St. Joseph's

Wednesday 7:00 pm Thursday 9:15 am Friday 9:15 am followed by ½ hour of adoration except for 1st Friday of the month

First Friday Adoration 1st Friday of the month at 7 pm followed by 1 hour of adoration

Mass at Lakeview Manor 2nd Wednesday of the month at 11 am

Mass at Bon Air Nursing Home 3rd Wednesday of the month at 1:30 pm

Confessions Before all Weekday & Sunday Masses **Parish Registration:** We welcome all new parishioners and ask that you register with our Parish office. Please register before seeking other sacraments.

Holy Communion for Sick and Shut-ins: It is our pleasure to bring Holy Communion to the sick and elderly of our parish. Please notify the office.

Baptisms: Parents who wish to have their children baptized should introduce themselves to the Pastor and then make an appointment with the parish office.

Marriages: Couples planning to be married must contact the parish at least one year in advance.

1st Reconciliation, 1st Holy Communion, and Confirmation Call the parish office.

Parish Organizations

Knights of Columbus Legion of Mary Volunteer Screening Finance Council Children's Liturgy Parish Social Ministry

School: Holy Family, Beaverton, 705 426 2961

DECEMBER 25TH 2011, <u>NATIVITY OF THE LORD</u>

CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS

THE LIGHT OF LOVE HAS COME TO EARTH IT'S TIME FOR US TO PAUSE TO SEE THE LIGHT AND FEEL IT'S WARMTH AND CELEBRATE IT'S CAUSE



A LIGHT WILL SHINE ON US THIS DAY

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

From the Pastor's Desk:

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Blessed Christmas

I wish all my parish families a Holy and Blessed Christmas. As I look back, I think we all have happy memories and so much to be grateful for. As we celebrate our Christmas Masses, as a parish family, you can be sure that you are remembered in my prayers. My one prayer is that you, your family and your homes are filled with the blessing of Peace, Joy and Love. I am grateful for all your involvement and the support both spirit ual and financial you give as we all work together to build the Faith Community. Thank you sincerely for your thoughtful Christmas greetings and gifts. And thank you all especially for making me feel at home with your love and support. God Bless you all always. Fr. Oswin.

Joy shared at Christmas, is Joy multiplied.

| Sunday Readings: First Reading: Isaiah: 52: 7-10 | Psalm 98: "All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God". |
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| Second Reading: Hebrews: 1: 1-6 | Gospel: John: 1: 1-18 |

CATECHESIS

THE SACRAMENTS OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION; BAPTISM (cont.)

The fruit of Baptism, or baptismal grace, is a rich reality that includes forgiveness of original sin and all personal sins, birth into the new life by which man becomes an adoptive son of the Father, a member of Christ and a temple of the Holy Spirit. By this very fact the person baptized is incorporated into the Church, the Body of Christ, and made a sharer in the priesthood of Christ. Baptism imprints on the soul an indelible spiritual sign, the character, which consecrates the baptized person for Christian worship. Because of the character Baptism cannot be repeated. Those who die for the faith, those who are catechumens, and all those who, without knowing the Church but acting under the inspiration of grace, seek God sincerely and strive to fulfill his will, can be saved even if they have not been baptized. Since the earliest times, baptism has been administered to children, for it is a grace and a gift of God that does not presuppose any human merit; children are baptized in the faith of the Church. Entry into Christian life gives access to true freedom. With respect to children who have died without Baptism, the liturgy of the Church invites us to trust in God's mercy and to pray for their salvation. In case of necessity, any person can baptize provided that he have the intention of doing that which the Church does and provided that he pours water on the candidates head while saying; "I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit". . to be cont'd

Question and Answer (CCCC pg. 78)

Starting when and to whom has the Church administered Baptism? From the day of Pentecost, the Church has administered Baptism to anyone who believes in Jesus Christ. Why does the Church baptize infants? The Church baptizes infants because they are born with original sin. They need to be freed from the power of the Evil One and brought into that realm of freedom which belongs to the children of God.

THE REAL PRESENCE

Fr. Bernard Perkins: "Because the Eucharistic Jesus is also the risen and glorified Lord, he is not only a human presence in the heavenly kingdom, but also the fulfillment of a promise made personally to each one of us at the Last Supper, a promise by which Christ takes us to himself in the Eucharist and bestows on us the gifts of peace, charity, and unity"

> **POPE BENEDICT XVI** "Spiritual Thoughts" – (To Seminarians – Aug. 19/05) "Holiness: The secret of holiness is friendship with Christ and faithful obedience to his will".

UNIVERSAL CHURCH The Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for Dec. 2011

General Intention: Peace among All Peoples.

That all peoples may grow in harmony and peace through mutual understanding and respect. **Missionary Intention:** That children and young people may be messengers of the Gospel and that they may be respected and preserved from all violence and exploitation.

| <u>PARISH</u> | Christmas Mass Schedule | | |
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| St. Joseph's Church – Beaverton | Christmas Eve - 5 pm & 10:30 pm | Christmas Day - 11 am | |
| New Year's Eve – 5 | pm New Year's Day | New Year's Day - 11 am | |
| St. Anthony's Mission Church – Virgin | ia Christmas Eve - 8 pm | New Year's Day – 9 am | |

<u>CHRISTMAS HAMPER/ANGEL PROGRAM</u> We want to sincerely thank all those who participated and especially those who have worked so hard organizing, sorting, shopping and delivering the hampers to the families. Thank you for the gifts as well as the cash donations, we were able to purchase many basic supplies for these families. May God Bless you all.

MASS INTENTIONS

We join in prayer with those who have requested that Masses be offered for their loved ones, living or deceased +. Date

| | <u>Time</u> | Mass for | Requested by |
|--------------|-------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Sat. Dec. 24 | 5 pm | + Tom O'Grady | Bob & Margaret Serran |
| Sat. Dec. 24 | 8:00 pm | + For all the Family Souls | Kay Flindall |
| Sat. Dec. 24 | 10: 30 pm | People's Intention pm | |
| Sun. Dec. 25 | 11 am | + Mabel & Marshall Wilson | Noella Alcox |



PLEASE PRAY FOR : Alex Auciello, Tina Bialogrecki, Alyssa Brand, Nora Christian, Sister Ann Clancy, Debbie Cormier, Doug Gates, Ron Harris, Elizabeth and Orest Kortko, Nancy Lemire, Muriel Lynch, Irene MacGillivrey, Horvath Maria, Melinda McKillop, Jennifer Nealon, Lillian O'Neil, Rita Reilly, Evelyn Valerie Sweetapple, and all the sick of the parish. <u>Please kindly let us know when the sick are blessed with healing</u>.

LEGION OF MARY – Wednesday's at 1:00 pm at the Rectory.LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS, Thank you Offertory\$ 1,769.75

<u>QUOTE</u>: "The Word of God, Jesus Christ, on account of His great love for mankind, became what we are in order to make us what He is Himself".... St. Irenaeus

HUMOUR: An older sister was trying to motivate her younger brother to good behavior. "If you are not better, Santa Claus will not stop and see you next week," she told the four year old. "He'll pass right over this house".

"What"? said the tot. "Won't he even stop for *you*?"

From the Parish Office: . .

MAY THE BLESSINGS OF THIS

HOLY SEASON BE WITH YOU ALWAYS.

