



December 24 & 31, 2017

"GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST AND PEACE TO MEN OF GOODWILL" - the words of the Angels to the shepherds in Bethlehem is a powerful reminder to all of us that the celebration of Christmas is the announcement of peace for all. The baby in the manger is truly the Prince of Peace. He is here to fill our hearts with lasting peace and love. I take this opportunity to wish all the parishioners, "A Blessed Christmas and a prosperous New year 2018". Wishing you and your families the specials of this great time of grace, namely, Hope, Joy, Peace and Love!

The creator of this vast and wondrous universe entered our history on this night and became human for us. What this means, of course, is that God does not intend to destroy us but to redeem and restore us to be the people he created us to be. This Christmas story tells us that there is a way out of our sinfulness and hopelessness, because God is with us. We are not alone. There is a mighty God with in us to strengthen us in our weaknesses and temptations.

As Emmanuel, Jesus lives in the sacraments, especially in the Holy Eucharist, in the Holy Bible, in the praying community and in each believer, with the Holy Spirit who is transforming us daily into the "Temples of the Holy Spirit." Hence, each Christmas reminds us that we are bearers of God with the missionary duty of conveying Jesus to others around us by loving others as Jesus did, through sacrificial, humble and committed service. Sharing with others JESUS, the Emmanuel living with us, is the best Christmas gift we can give to, or receive from, others.

I pray that we may put on the attitude of gratitude for all the blessings of God. I pray that we may not be happy with the feelings of Christmas but live what we truly celebrate. Let us keep CHRIST in Christmas that the blessings of this season of Grace will remain with us now and always!

Fr. Michael

YOU'RE INVITED! Catholic Community Services of Lane County is going to be 65 years old, and invites you to help them celebrate all these years of helping out our neighbors in need! A votive Mass will be held on **January 24th, 5:30pm**, at St. Paul Church (1201 Satre St. Eugene), with informal reception to follow.



LITURGICAL MINISTERS: January 6/7 (2018)

	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>	<u>GREETERS</u>	<u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</u>
4:00pm Vigil (Sat.)	Rick Colby Tim Zwettler	Joseph Rugloski	Betty Bartlett Deanne Herman	Pat Major (H) Gert Zacharek (T)
10:30am Morn	Mike Hennessey Phil Williams	Elizabeth Kahle Trevor Kahle	McCarthy Family	Linda Thomas-Bush (H) Teri Sally (T)

~ AREA NEWS ~



SAVE the DATE! It's the *Roe v. Wade* Rally on Sunday, **January 14th** (2018), at the Pioneer Courthouse Square in Portland! Featured speaker is Archbishop Sample. The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a bus for the trip — no set cost, but a free-will offering appreciated. The bus will be at South Eugene High School parking lot, boarding at **11:30am**, and leaving promptly at **12 noon**, arriving back in Eugene approx. 6:30pm. Questions? Contact Eric Walter at 541-554-2074 ... dress warmly and bring a sack lunch. No reservations necessary, but seats are on a first come basis.

BRING IN THE NEW YEAR WITH ECYA! GAMES, FOOD, AND YULETIDE FUN with Eugene Catholic Young Adults (ages 21-39, married or single) on **New Year's Eve**, Dec. 31st Question? Get more info at: @gmail.com or 541-270-9329 or [facebook.com/EugeneCYA](https://www.facebook.com/EugeneCYA).

UPCOMING RETREATS:

HEALING BROKENNESS AFTER ABORTION — If you, or someone you know, has been impacted with the affects from an abortion, consider the healing and freedom that can be experienced from participation in a Rachel's Vineyard retreat: "It was amazing and restorative—a safe beginning of healthy grieving and acknowledgement—initiating a beginning of the ability to move forward in other aspects of my life." May this holy season of fulfilled longing and hope through our Savior, lead you toward a life change at a Rachel's Vineyard retreat Where mercy, compassion, and forgiveness bring Jesus' healing. The next weekends are in Portland **February 16-18 (2018)**, and in **Medford April 27-29 (2018)**.. For more info on Oregon retreats, call: 541-942-2861, or email: projectaurora@aol.com, or visit: www.project-aurora.org, or visit the national websites: www.project-aurora.org.



Mass Intentions

- (Mon.) Jan. 1 **8:30am** Bob & Aileen Serrano † by Lolita & Bruno Madrid
10:30am Bud Patterson † by St. Peter Altar Society
- (Tues.) Jan. 2 Communion Service
5:30pm NO Tues. Span. Mass through February 12, 2018
- (Wed.) Jan. 3 Communion Service
- (Thurs.) Jan. 4 Communion Service
- (Fri.) Jan. 5 Communion Service
- (Sat.) **Jan. 6** 4:00pm Millie Mohnen † by Sharon & Bob Beckmann
6:00pm —
- January 7 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**
8:30am Mary M. Danovich (95 BD) by Teresa Danovich
10:30am Maria Lieu & Jerome Tac Nguyn † by Kim Dungan
12:45pm Rufina Sanchez Atnoño † by Silverio Cortez Ruiz

~ **ALL WEEKDAY (M-F) MASS INTENTIONS** ~
FROM JANUARY 8 — FEBRUARY 5
WILL BE CELEBRATED IN INDIA

READINGS FOR JANUARY 1-7 (2018) ...

MONDAY (MARY, MOTHER OF GOD)	JANUARY 1
Nm 6:22-27	Ps 67:2-3,5,6,8
Gal 4:4-7	Lk 2:16-21
TUESDAY	JANUARY 2
1 Jn 2:22-28	Ps 98:1-4
Jn 1:19-28	
WEDNESDAY (HOLY NAME OF JESUS)	JANUARY 3
1 Jn 2:29—3:6	Ps 98:1-3,6
Jn 1:29-34	
THURSDAY	JANUARY 4
1 Jn 3:7-10	Ps 98:1,7-9
Jn 1:35-42	
FRIDAY	JANUARY 5
1 Jn 3:11-21	Ps 100:1-5
Jn 1:43-51	
SATURDAY	JANUARY 5
1 Jn 5:5-13	Ps 147:12-15,19-20
Mk 1:7-11	
EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	JANUARY 7
Is 60:1-6	Ps 72:1-2,7-8,10-13
Eph 3:2-3,5-6	Mt 2:1-12