"The LORD let his face shine upon you, and be gracious to you!" -Nm 6:25

> NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

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# Hail, Queen of Peace

A Reflection from Fr. Matteo Invernizzi



The first day of the new year is dedicated to Mary, the Mother of God. It is also, for the Catholic Church, the commemoration of the World Day of Peace, instituted by pope Paul VI in 1967. Since then, the cry for peace has become a constant concern for Christians and for all the people of good will. As Pope Francis often says "The legacy of the two world wars has been a world where hundreds of big or smaller wars are fought all over the place. He refers to them as the "Third Word War in pieces". Every one who has served or who has someone actively serving in the Army knows well the toll of these wars.

Beside the wars in distant countries, there is another one closer to us that equally worries us. It is the culture of war and violence that affects the daily relationships in our families, in our society, and in our country. We long for peace, we struggle for it, and often we feel powerless against the constant pressure of a society that seems to work only through a logic of power and division.

I recently met a young person who was in deep pain because of her anxiety. She keep saying: "Please, help me to have peace. I just want to stop feeling inadequate, making the wrong decisions, loving the wrong people, and worrying about the wrong things. When I was a child, the world seemed so nice and clear to me. I knew what was right and what was wrong. But now that I've grown up, it's all blurred. I can't discern the truth anymore". Her cry brought me to consider my past life, especially the time when I was young and entangled in the same struggles. After a few days, I wrote her this message: "The peace that you are looking for exists, but it is not the result of a magic trick or of the suppression of your feelings and emotions. In Isaiah's prophecies, the Messiah is called by the name of "Prince of Peace". And his name is also Emmanuel, meaning God with Us. Peace is the fruit of the presence of the Lord amongst us. Therefore you can be at peace even if you are full of unanswered questions or if you are in pain because of the poor decisions you made in the past because you are not alone, not anymore. You can share your pain, your longing, with Jesus, with the Blessed Mother, with the Saints, and also with the people that He gave you to accompany your journey towards Him".

What helped me to become an adult, to find true peace, was the discovery of the Church as the Body of Christ. The Church is the place where God answers to my questions and where he shares my need for friendship and love. This is why the Mother of God is called the Queen of Peace and this is why we honor her at the beginning of every year; she has been the door through which the Prince of Peace came into the world and she remains the greatest way to access Him. Mary is the mother, a tender and loving presence that shows us Christ in the difficult moments of our life. Mary is the Church, the place where my pains are embraced and sustained by the loving presence of my brothers and sisters and where my wounds are healed through the sacrament of Reconciliation and the Eucharist.



# DAILY READINGS

#### Saturday, December 31

1st reading: 1 Jn 2:18-21 Psalm: 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 Gospel: Jn 1:1-18

#### Sunday, January 01

1st reading: Nm 6:22-27 Psalm: 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 2nd reading: Gal 4:4-7 Gospel: Lk 2:16-21

#### Monday, January 02

1st reading: 1 Jn 2:22-28 Psalm: 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 Gospel: Jn 1:19-28

#### Tuesday, January 03 1st reading: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6

Psalm: 98:1, 3CD-4, 5-6 Gospel: Jn 1:29-34

#### Wednesday, January 04

1st reading: 1 Jn 3:7-10 Psalm: 98:1, 7-8, 9 Gospel: Jn 1:35-42

#### Thursday, January 05

1st reading:1 Jn 3:11-21 Psalm: 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 Gospel: Jn 1:43-51

#### Friday, January 06

1st reading:1 Jn 5:5-13 Psalm: 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 Gospel: Mt 1:7-11

#### SACRISTY LAUNDRY

Peggy Silvers

# **COLLECTION COUNTERS**

Tuesday, 01/03 - 10:00am

Tricia Kreggeris

# MASS INTENTIONS

#### Saturday, December 31

9:30 † Charles Hayes by the Park Family

# 4:30 † Kevin Lowler by the Lowler Family

#### Sunday, January 01

- 7:30 † Michael Powers by Eloise and Phil Georgen
- 9:30 People of the Parish 11:30 Steygert and Fritz Families
- by Denise Fritz 5:00 Mary Hanley by the Spinuzzi Family

#### Monday, January 02

9:30 † Becky Dvorak by Connie and Al Kobza

#### Tuesday, January 03

- 7:00 † Juliana Dibmarucot by Ron and Maryann Reyes
- 9:30 † Leonard Mackley by Mary Caswell

#### Wednesday, January 04

7:00 † Mary Grace DeHaan by Ron and Maryann Reyes

9:30 † Carol Bauer by the Kuzik Family

#### Thursday, January 05

7:00 Souls in Purgatory 9:30 † Col. Henry Sobieski by the Sobieski Family

#### Friday, January 06

- 7:00 Rosie Bednarczyk by Paul VanHoudt
- 9:30 † Marcia Ressler by Valerie Novak

#### Saturday, January 07

- 9:30 Fr. John Roderick Birthday Blessings
- 4:30 † Maureen Mooney by Terri and Jeff Brown

#### Sunday, January 08

- 7:30 Veronica and Steven Drew
- 9:30 People of the Parish
- 11:30 Catherine and Andrew
- by Leo and Carmen Albiniak
- 5:00 † Tim Chamberlain by Mary Roman

# PARISH CALENDAR

#### Sunday, January 01

8:00am	CL
11:00am	Parishioner's Rosary
11:00am	RCIA
6:00pm	HS youth group

#### Monday, January 02 PARISH OFFICES CLOSED

#### Tuesday, January 03

1:00pm	Bible Study-Beckingham
5:30pm	KC Meeting
6:30pm	CCC Class- Chuck Graham
6:30pm	Venturers of the Star

#### Wednesday, January 04

5:30am	St. Joseph Mens Group
8:15am	ENDOW
1:00pm	Gospel of Matthew Study Grp
5:30pm	KC Meeting
6:00pm	Boy Scouts 766

#### Thursday, January 05

6:00pm	Gospel of Matthew Study Grp.
7:00pm	Sojourners
7:30pm	CL

#### Friday, January 06

9:00am	ENDOW
6:00pm	AHG
6:30pm	Spanish Prayer Group

#### Saturday, January 07

8:00am	Marian Cenacle
8:50am	Pro-Life Rosary
10:15am	Altar Server Training

# FEAST OF THE WEEK

"A tree is known by its fruit; a man by his deeds. A good deed is never lost; he who sows courtesy reaps friendship, and he who plants kindness gathers love. Many a man curses the rain that falls upon his head, and knows not that it brings abundance to drive away the hunger."

Feast of St. Basil the Great Feast Day: January 02



Ron Riedl Jeanette Nansel

# FAITH ALLINE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TUESDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, OR HOMESCHOOL | FOR GRADES 1-5



Do you want your kids to learn and live their faith within a vibrant and loving community? Register them for Religious Education (RE) at Nativity! Our weekly sessions, which are led by Fr. Matteo, Sr. Mariagrazia, and our RE team, feature games, skits, talks, and other fun-filled ways to grow in faith and friendship.

#### AVAILABLE SESSIONS

Tuesdays 6:30-8:00pm | Grades 1-5 Wednesdays 4:30-6:00pm | Grades 1-5 Homeschool Curriculum | Grades K-5

#### COST

**Registered Parishioners:** First Child: \$85

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Registration is currently open! To sign up, use the following link or the QR code:



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#### YOU'RE INVITED

Join us for the 2023 Knight of Joy Gala! The event will be held February 4, 2023 from 5:00-11:00pm at the Establishment (11885 Bradburn Blvd.). For more information or to register, go to the link below.

#### **HELP NEEDED**

For the gala, we need help with auction activities, sponsorship, sales, and entertainment. Contact Erica at e.bardeau@nool.us if you would like to help.

More information: school.nool.us/gala



#### **CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES**

Nativity: Faith & Reason school was bustling with activity during the week leading up to Christmas. The students performed in a beautiful Christmas concert, "A Light Shines in the Darkness;" shopped for gifts at Santa Shop; and sung Christmas carols for the residents at Adara Living Center.















# FROM THE PARISH



# LIVING DYNAMICALLY IN CHRIST

When you entered the church through the gathering area you probably saw the Parish Life board filled with cards for every ministry we have at Nativity. We are blessed to have more than eighty. There is a lot going on at Nativity: prayer groups, Bible studies, education opportunities, ways to assist with the liturgy, and groups for those young and old.

At the root of all these ministries is a desire to be a community. Our hope is that through involvement with your parish you find joy in belonging - in being on a journey with like minded people that leads to the fullness of life in God's Kingdom forever. If you want to know more about our ministries and join a group, please look at our website www.nool.us/ministries. All our ministries are listed with a brief description and contact information.

### TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY: THE EARLY CHURCH

#### Tuesdays beginning January 8 | 1:00-2:30pm



Epic: The Early Church will lead you on a powerful, fast-paced journey through the first 500 years of Church You'll history. meet courageous saints, eloquent

theologians, ruthless emperors and heroic martyrs. Join us for this 10-Part study program starting January 8. The

cost is \$32 for materials. Please sign up at nool.us/bible-study-2. With questions, please contact Cyndi Beckingham at dcbeckingham@msn.com.



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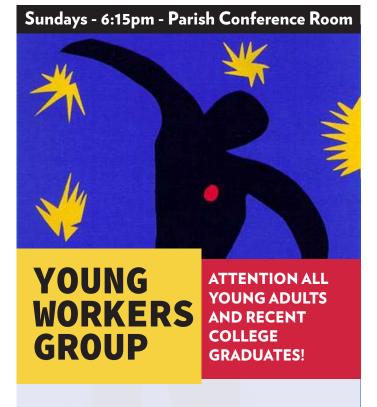
Please join TOFF for their upoming playdate on Wednesday, January 4. Make sure you are signed up to receive TOFF Flocknotes for location or text Anne Gray at (303)910-4521. Additionally, mark your calendar for Wednesday, January 18, at 9:30am. TOFF will join Camille Ibsen from Nativity's St. Stephen Ministry for a presentation on the options available for support for all mothers and women of the parish.

# NATIVITY FRONT DESK CLOSING

The Nativity front desk and offices will be closed Saturday, December 31, and Monday, January 2, for New Years. Any events held during that time will be cancelled due to being closed.

#### NATIVITY WIDOWS

Nativity Widows will meet Wednesday, January 11, for lunch at 12:00pm. Check in at the front desk, and bring a sack lunch and a drink. We'll eat together and play a game. It is not necessary to bring an ornament. Call Mary Č. Baylie at 303-466-1125 if needed.



Join Fr. John Roderick in a new young workers group at 6:15pm on Sundays in the parish conference room. The group is a proposal to help live and grow in the Catholic faith through friendship, charity, and cultural discussions. If you have questions, please contact Fr. John at j.roderick@nool.us or 303-469-5171.



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#### **STEPHEN MINISTRIES**

Do you struggle during the holidays? ... you are not alone.

Many people experience hardships involving grief, health issues, divorce or other personal or financial issues during the holiday season. If you are one of these people, or you know someone who is, we want to help. Nativity Parish has Stephen Ministers immediately available to walk with you through this time.

Stephen Ministers are specially trained lay ministers who provide free, confidential, one on one Christian care to people who are experiencing a life challenge or crisis. We are "The After People" and are ready to come along side you or your friends, neighbors, coworkers, or relatives and provide comfort and support for as long after as is needed.

"My Stephen Minister listens—really listens. He doesn't judge me or tell me what to do but walks side by side with me. I never realized how helpful and healing that can be. With his care and support, I'm making it through." - Brian

If you or someone you know would benefit from a Stephen Minister, please reach out to us at 303-469-5171 x 113 or stephenministry@nool.us.



# MARY, A MODEL OF STEWARDSHIP

Listen. Think. Act.

That is a mantra or slogan for many different groups. Some seek to battle prejudice and bias. Other groups hope to eliminate poverty or reduce crime. I have even found some companies use it as a way of increasing engagement among their employees. In a nutshell, it is about taking in what you have heard and then reflecting on it before you act. The most fruitful actions are those that take place after careful reflection.

This is an important thing to remember for those trying to live a stewardship way of life. If we are honest with ourselves, too often most of us jump to conclusions too quickly or act in ways that cause friction because we didn't really think about the consequences of our actions. We are moving too fast in a world that seems to be moving ever faster.

When the shepherds came to visit Jesus, the newborn King, they told Mary everything that the angels had told them. Luke tells us that after hearing all this, she "kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart." No response. No panic. No action. Her reflection was the appropriate response.

In this New Year, you and I would do well to remember this Gospel account of Mary, the Mother of God. Let us resolve to listen more, reflect often, and then act accordingly. We are called to use our gifts wisely, sowing them in good soil. If we just throw them out, allowing them to simply fall wherever they may, have we really used them for God's glory? We need to listen. Think. Then act.



# HOPE CORNER

A very blessed Christmas to you and your family! We all know that Christmas is a special celebration of the birth and adoration of Christ. It is also defined in society as "the most wonderful time of the year." And, while we may have joyous traditions and celebrations this time of year, it can also be a time of sadness, loneliness, anxiety and despair. Stress is well documented during the Christmas season with financial concerns, uneasiness or conflict in family gatherings, unrealistic expectations, cooking, baking, parties, and crowds. They all contribute. But, there is also stress due to those who are experiencing job loss; the newly divorced, widowed or single and with no friends/family around; and those remembering loved ones who have died and are no longer at your dinner table. What can you do around this time if you're noticing stress reactions?

1. Go for a walk. Make a new goal to walk daily. You'll lower your stress hormones and soak in vitamin D.

2. Write down three things you are grateful for each day using all of your senses, i.e. the smell of an evergreen tree, hearing a bird sing, touch of a cozy blanket, taste of hot tea, seeing the magnificence of the mountain range.

3. Listen to uplifting music. Research shows that listening to music can reduce anxiety, blood pressure, and pain as well as improve sleep quality, mood, mental alertness, and memory. An uplifting, beautiful song I recently heard that I'd recommend is called, "Contracorriente" by Jacinta Ojeda (you can find it on Spotify). It is about hope, strength and courage while focused on God's calling for all of us.

4. Show kindness to others. It never fails to lift one's mood when you smile at a stranger, wave hello to someone, or volunteer in some way to serve others.

5. Acknowledge feeling sadness and grief. Journal or talk with someone about how you feel. Do something proactive to honor those you've lost, i.e, cook their favorite meal, light a candle in their honor, or create a memory box of wise or loving things they've told you and spread this wisdom to others.

6. Reach out to others. Write a letter to someone you care about, send a card, text or call. Join a new group, class, activity or engage in a community event.

7. Breath in the fresh air and blow out the worries. While breathing, focus on Psalm 46:10, "Be still and know that I am God" or John 16:33, "In this world you will have trouble, but take courage, I have overcome the world."

8. Do not ever hesitate to reach out for help. People do care and you are never alone. You can call the 24-hour new national mental health line at 988 or text "TALK" to 38255.

Please contact The Hope Corner with any questions or comments. If you or a family member needs referral, information or community-based resources, contact Becky Kusick, MA, LPC at, hopecornerministry@gmail.com or 303-907-6499.

# CHRISTMAS TREE REMOVAL

Nativity of Our Lord, Broomfield, Boy Scout Troop 766, will be providing a Christmas tree recycling pick up on Saturday, January 7, 2023 for Broomfield Area residents. We are hopeful this will be a successful fundraiser for our troop. Suggested donation is \$10-\$20 per tree picked up.

To schedule a tree pick up simply scan the QR code below. Sign ups close on January 5, 2023. Only registered trees will be picked up. Please remove all ornaments and tinsel from your tree. Sorry, but no flocked or artificial trees can be collected for recycling.

Email Dawn Howe at dawn.howe@troop766.org if you have questions. We thank you in advance for your support of scouting.



#### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

We gather together to begin the New Year by honoring the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. We also bow our heads to pray for world peace. Peace for the world also starts with peace in our families. The following is a part of Prayer for the New Year by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). It is a prayer for a blessing on our children:

Remember us, O God; from age to age be our comforter. You have given us the wonder of time, blessings in days and nights, seasons and years. Bless your children at the turning of the year and fill the months ahead with bright hope that is ours in the coming of Christ. You are our God, living and reigning, forever and ever. Amen.

For more information on our Nativity of our Lord St. Vincent de Paul chapter as well as meeting times and updates, please visit our Flocknote service at nool.flocknote.com/svdp.

#### Dialogue Between Generations, Education and Work: Tools for Building Lasting Peace January 01, 2022 by Pope Francis



1. "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who announces peace" (Is 52:7).

The words of the prophet Isaiah speak of consolation; they voice the sigh of relief of a people in exile, weary of violence and oppression, exposed to indignity and death. The prophet Baruch had wondered: "Why is it, O Israel, why is it that you are in the land of your enemies, that you are growing old in a foreign country, that you are defiled with the dead, that you are counted among those in Hades?" (3:10-11). For the people of Israel, the coming of the messenger of peace meant the promise of a rebirth from the rubble of history, the beginning of a bright future.

Today the path of peace, which Saint Paul VI called by the new name of integral development, [1] remains sadly distant from the real lives of many men and women and thus from our human family, which is now entirely interconnected. Despite numerous efforts aimed at constructive dialogue between nations, the deafening noise of war and conflict is intensifying. While diseases of pandemic proportions are spreading, the effects of climate change and environmental degradation are worsening, the tragedy of hunger and thirst is increasing, and an economic model based on individualism rather than on solidary sharing continues to prevail. As in the days of the prophets of old, so in our own day the cry of the poor and the cry of the earth [2] constantly make themselves heard, pleading for justice and peace.

In every age, peace is both a gift from on high and the fruit of a shared commitment. Indeed, we can speak of an "architecture" of peace, to which different institutions of society contribute, and an "art" of peace that directly involves each one of us. [3] All can work together to build a more peaceful world, starting from the hearts of individuals and relationships in the family, then within society and with the environment, and all the way up to relationships between peoples and nations.

Here I wish to propose three paths for building a lasting peace. First, dialogue between generations as the basis for the realization of shared projects. Second, education as a factor of freedom, responsibility and development. Finally, labour as a means for the full realization of human dignity. These are three indispensable elements for "making possible the creation of a social covenant", [4] without which every project of peace turns out to be insubstantial.

2. Dialogue between generations to build peace

In a world still gripped by the pandemic that has created untold problems, "some people attempt to flee from reality, taking refuge in their own little world; others react to it with destructive violence. Yet between selfish indifference and violent protest there is always another possible option: that of dialogue. Dialogue between generations". [5]

All honest dialogue, in addition to a correct and positive exchange of views, demands basic trust between the participants. We need to learn how to regain this mutual trust. The current health crisis has increased our sense of isolation and a tendency to self-absorption. The loneliness of the elderly is matched in the young by a sense of helplessness and a lack of a shared vision about the future. The crisis has indeed been painful, but it has also helped to bring out the best in people. Indeed, during the pandemic we encountered generous examples of compassion, sharing and solidarity in every part of the world.

Dialogue entails listening to one another, sharing different views, coming to agreement and walking together. Promoting such dialogue between generations involves breaking up the hard and barren soil of conflict and indifference in order to sow the seeds of a lasting and shared peace.

Although technological and economic development has tended to create a divide between generations, our current crises show the urgent need for an intergenerational partnership. Young people need the wisdom and experience of the elderly, while those who are older need the support, affection, creativity and dynamism of the young.

Great social challenges and peace processes necessarily call for dialogue between the keepers of memory – the elderly – and those who move history forward – the young. Each must be willing to make room for others and not to insist on monopolizing the entire scene by pursuing their own immediate interests, as if there were no past and future. The global crisis we are experiencing makes it clear that encounter and dialogue between generations should be the driving force behind a healthy politics, that is not content to manage the present "with piecemeal solutions or quick fixes", [6] but views itself as an outstanding form of love for others, [7] in the search for shared and sustainable projects for the future.



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Friday - School Mass 8:15am

Saturday Vigil Mass 9:30am | 4:30pm

Sunday 7:30am | 11:30am 9:30am | 5:00pm

#### Confession

Thursday 5:00-6:00pm

Saturday 8:00-9:30am 3:00-4:30pm

Sunday 30 min. before weekend masses

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