

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER STEVEN C. ROGERS

One of the greatest sentiments ever spoken or ever heard is "Merry Christmas!" My heart is filled with joy and true thanksgiving this year because I have the pleasure of wishing all of you a Merry Christmas! The joy and excitement that you have given me throughout this year is a gift that I will remember forever. That God would choose me to be a priest is remarkable to me, but that he would call me to serve two wonderful parish families is far better than anything I could have imagined or expected. Your support and generosity activates in me excitement and gratitude every day.

There are many things that happen around us each and every day that can work against our joy and peace, that challenge the Christmas Spirit. Troubles from afar in foreign lands, concerns raised in our Church, conflicts in our families, compromises in our health and security, setbacks at every turn, all this can weigh us down and bring sadness and grief. Such is life in the human condition. However, Jesus comes to each of us to lift us up and raise our spirits and bring us peace and joy. Putting Christmas Spirit in everything we do, every day of our lives, changes us and it will change the world around us as well. We need Christmas!

It is easy to lose sight of the many good things that are happening, it is easy to lose count of our many gifts and blessings. Worse, it is easier to give a negative response to all that goes on and to everyone who stands in the way. That is, if we don't have faith, hope and love. That is where all of you come in. Your faith is a witness to God's presence. Your hope is a testimony of God's greatness. All things are possible with God. Your love is a tremendous gift and your eagerness to share it sheds the Christmas light to the darkest areas of the human condition.

Sharing the many blessings of family and friends here, old and new alike, for me, has helped to make this the best Christmas ever. Thank you for being the wonderful parish families you are. Thank you for being you and allowing me to be me. Indeed, God has come to us. Christ is with us. Together, let us embrace Christmas joy and continue to be that joy for each other throughout the coming year.

God has many blessings in store for us in 2016. May we have the same excitement and anticipation for the coming of God's plan in the new year as we have had in preparing our hearts and minds this Christmas.

Merry Christmas!

In Christ,

Father Steven C. Rogers

CATHOLIC RADIO – KEXS 1090AM features local, national, and worldwide programs, including Mass, Rosary, music, and call-in talk radio.

Is this for me? If the memory of the abortion still hurts, **Project Rachel** offers a program to help you. Whether your abortion was recent or long ago, whether you are a woman or a man, we are here to help. No judging, just gentle guidance.

Free & CONFIDENTIAL. For details, call **816-591-3804** or email projectrachel@diocesekcsj.org. Learn more at www.projectrachelkc.com.

Also, if this is a cause close to your heart and you would like to share your gifts, please contact us.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Non-Catholic adults who want to become members of the Catholic Church go through a program called "R.C.I.A." (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) which generally runs from autumn through Easter each year. In the meantime, interested non-Catholics are welcome to attend Mass and parish events and take part in all activities except Holy Communion.

Adults who were at one time Catholic and have already made their First Communion, but have been away from the Church, need only to go to Confession in order to return to the Sacraments. They are also encouraged to take part in R.C.I.A. sessions to restudy being Catholic.



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Christmas—December 25, 2015

Scripture texts for the Christmas Masses are in the missalette at:
3:30, 5:30 —p. 43 7:30pm, Midnight —p. 46 9:00am (XII) —p. 50

Welcome! This Christmas Bulletin is not our regular weekend bulletin, which is available at weekend Masses and on our websites, but a special bulletin for both our members and visitors that contains some general parish and holiday information.

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Report Abuse:
Ombudsman: Jenifer Valenti - 816.812.2500
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392-0011 or victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org

Office Hours: M, W, Th, F - 9-Noon, 1-4PM
PSR Office Hours: M & W-10AM-Noon, 1-4PM
The parish office is closed on Tuesdays.
Bulletin items are due by 8am on Wednesdays.

Please notify the office when you have had a
change of address, phone, email, etc.
We appreciate your help!

MASS INTENTIONS

Christmas Eve: Thursday, December 24

3:30PM - XII Apostles - People of XII Apostles.
5:30PM - Holy Trinity - +Barbara O'Malley, ann.
5:30PM - XII Apostles - People of XII Apostles
7:30PM - Holy Trinity - People of Holy Trinity.
Midnight - Holy Trinity - +Jim & Brian Hoffman

Christmas Day Mass: Friday, December 25

9:00AM - XII Apostles—People of XII Apostles

Saturday, Dec. 26

5:00pm-XII +Special Intention

Sunday, Dec. 27


7:30am-HT For Parishioners of Holy Trinity
9:00am-XII For Parishioners of XII Apostles
10:45am-HT In honor of St. Stephen

Masses for the Feast of Mary, Mother of God -

a holy day of obligation:
Thu, Dec. 31, 5PM-at XII Apostles—for world peace
Fri, Jan. 1, 9AM-at Holy Trinity—for world peace

Confessions are heard on Saturdays:

3:15-3:45 PM at Holy Trinity
4:15-4:45 PM at XII Apostles
on First Fridays after 8am Mass at Holy Trinity &
anytime by appt.


HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS: The parish office will
be closed **Thursday-Friday, Dec. 24—25, 2015.**
Open Mon, Dec. 28, Wed, Dec. 30, and til Noon
on Thu, Dec. 31. **Closed New Year's Day, Jan 1.**


POINSETTIA DEDICATIONS:

**Poinsettias gracing the altars at our churches have been
donated in loving honor and memory of:**

-Philip & Rose Amanna, from Terry and Alexis Morrison
-Deceased members of the Benner Family, from Earl & Dorothy Benner
-LeRoy & Gerry Boddicker, Marvin & Roberta Petersen,
from John & Rhonda Boddicker
-James T. Brett, Sr., from Mary Calvert
-Clayton & Irene Carlson, Jim & Vi Bachel, from Leo and Karen Carlson
-Francis & Emma Dee Carroll, from Joe Carroll family
-Matthew Carroll, from Joe Carroll family
-Diane Cook, from Amber Cook
-Joy Crawford, from Jill & Gary Loveless
-DeMeo & Grieco Families, from Terry and Alexis Morrison
-The Dowd Family, from John T. Dowd
-Charles & Janice Gascich, from Pat Canning
-Charles, Beatrice, and Debra Grame, from Donna Grame
-Charles, Bea, and Debbie Grame (x3), from Carolee Sanders
-Jim & Brian Hoffman, from Julie Hoffman & family
-The Legault family, from Marlin & Frances Legault
-Therese Loveless, from Gary & Jill Loveless
-Cheri Ann Menk, from Jackie Menk
-Frank & Helen Morrison, from Terry and Alexis Morrison
-Rudy & Lena Nelleson, from Mary Calvert
-Barbara O'Malley (x3), from the O'Malley family
-Janice & Jack Piper, from Jackie Menk
-Tom, Betty, Maggie & James Purnell, from Bob & Lynet Purnell
-Bonnie & Virgil Johnson, from Mike & Jerre Robertson
-Jimmy & Jolene Roberston, from Mike & Jerre Robertson
-Maurice Johnson, Marlene Wilson, & Sue Fenley, from sister, Jerre Robertson
-David Scheetz, from Bill and Paige Scheetz
-Charles B. Skelton, from Jim & Jo Skelton
-Friga/Stir Families, from John & Diane Stir
-Mary Thebo, from a friend
-Blase & Alice Vrbas, Chanta Vrbas Brown, and Kathy Blain,
from Bob & Lynet Purnell



Thank you for adding to the beauty of our Christmas season.

ARE YOU REGISTERED IN A PARISH?

Families and individuals new to our parishes are invited to register. Or if you've been around for a while but have not registered, we encourage you to do so!

Registration forms may be found in the back of the churches, on our websites, or call the parish office and we will mail one to you. We look forward to knowing you!

HOSPITALIZED PARISHIONERS:

Parishioners who would like to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick before they enter the hospital should notify their pastor ahead of time. Most hospitals no longer have a priest chaplain and finding a priest to anoint someone in the hospital can be a difficult and time-consuming process for hospital staff. Other than in unforeseen circumstances, advance notice to your pastor is most helpful and appreciated.

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Our Adult Faith Formation Team

offers on-going classes to all adults. Join us to learn more about your faith! There are several offerings beginning in January. See the schedules of upcoming classes on our websites or in the Sunday bulletin.

Wedding or Baptism in Your Plans?

Please remember that sacramental preparation is required prior to these events. You must be a registered parishioner for the past year or have a letter from your previous pastor before dates are scheduled.

Weddings: Couples from Holy Trinity or Twelve Apostles wanting to be married should contact the parish office for a copy of our wedding booklet. Marriage preparation takes 6-9 months.

Baptism: Expectant parents should contact the pastor comfortably prior to baby's birth for baptism preparation.

PARISH BOOKS CLOSE DEC. 31

Acknowledgments for 2015 donations will be sent by the end of January 2016.

To be included in the 2015 tax year, donations must be received in the office no later than Noon on Thursday, December 31.

Electronic withdrawals must be set up no later than 12/29.