

# ST. MARY OF SORROWS CATHOLIC CHURCH

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 22, 2024

“Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.” Ps. 80:4

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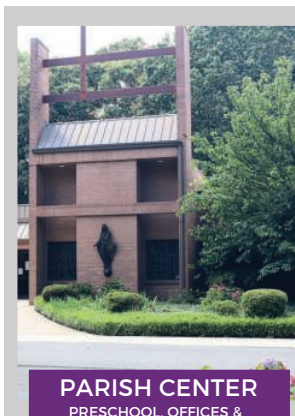
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OUR CHURCH

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PARISH CENTER  
PRESCHOOL, OFFICES &  
MEETING SPACE

5222 Sideburn Road Fairfax, VA 22032  
Parish Center Office Hours  
M-F 8:30am-5:00pm



HISTORIC CHURCH  
CEMETERY & OLD HALL

5612 Ox Road  
Fairfax Station, VA 22039

## MASS, ADORATION, AND CONFESSION SCHEDULE

### Weekend Mass

Saturday 5:00 pm

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

Ghana Catholic Community 1:30 pm

### Daily Mass

Monday-Friday 6:30 & 9:15 am

Saturday 9:15 am

### Holy Day

Vigil Mass: check bulletin

Holy Day 6:30 & 9:15 am, 7:00 pm

### Confessions

Saturday 3:30-4:30 pm

Monday 10:00 am

Wednesday 6:30 pm

### Adoration

Monday-Thursday 10:00am-7:00 pm

Friday 10:00am-8:00 pm

### Holy Hour

Friday 7:00-8:00 pm

### Anointing/Visits to the sick

Duty priest 703-978-4141, press \*

Anointing of the sick after the  
11:30 am Mass on the last Sunday  
of the month.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Sunday, December 22

7:30 am For the People, 9:30 am James J. McGarry†  
11:30 am Dorelle Rebeyro†, 5:00 pm Bob O'Brien†

### Monday, December 23

6:30 am Jackson Elijah Turkekul (Birthday)  
9:15 am Mason Haas (Birthday)

### Tuesday, December 24

6:30 am Donald John Kissinger†, 9:15 am Anne Strasser†  
4:30 pm Patrick Coleman (Birthday), 6:30 pm Polly Ward†  
12:00 am Espiritu Family

### Wednesday, December 25

5:30 am First Responders, 7:30 am For the People,  
9:30 am Christmas Floral Intentions  
11:30 am Dallas Edwards†

### Thursday, December 26

6:30 Wanda Gordon†  
9:15 am Delphine and Arthur Rutkowski††

### Friday, December 27

6:30 The Goetz Family, 9:15 am Fr. Cummings

### Saturday, December 28

9:15 am Henry Zanotti†, 5:00 pm Lucy Lukacs (Birthday)

### Sunday, December 29

7:30 am Odile Updegrove†  
9:30 am Maria Ngoc-Diep Tran†  
11:30 am For the People, 5:00 pm Stanley Urynowicz†

## READINGS

Sunday:	Mi 5:1-4a, Heb 10:5-10 Lk 1:39-45
Monday:	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24, Lk 1:57-66
Tuesday Morning:	2 Sm 7:1-16, Lk 1:67-79
Christmas Vigil:	Is 62:1-5, Acts 13:16-17, Mt 1:1-25
Christmas Night:	Is 9:1-6, Ti 2:11-14, Lk 2:1-14
Christmas Dawn:	Is 62:11-12, Ti 3:4-7, Lk 2:15-20
Christmas Day:	Is 52:7-1, Heb 1:1-6, Jn 1:1-18
Thursday:	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59, Mt 10:17-22
Friday:	1 Jn 1:1-4, Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Saturday:	1 Jn 1:5-2:2, Mt 2:13-18
Sunday:	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14, Col 3:12-21 Lk 2:41-52

## DONATIONS

Donations for the Week of November 24

Sunday Collection	\$29,904.31
Capital Improvements	\$559.00
Samaritan Fund	\$1,252.10
Building Fund	\$6,370.00
CCDH	\$1,145.00
Food Pantry	\$1,295.00



If you would like to make an offering to the parish, please scan the QR code.



## PADRE'S CORNER

What were the emotions and experiences of the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph as they neared Bethlehem and the Birth of the Messiah?

One would hope that very few young parents have experienced what Mary and Joseph experienced in Bethlehem. Bethlehem was 'Joseph's town'. He had many relatives there. He must have hoped that someone would care enough to provide a place for Mary to give birth.

NO ONE helped! No one had time or the heart to help the Holy Family! How many were busy making money! How many were concerned with their own needs! How many could not be bothered! Every person in Bethlehem missed the Birth of the Messiah!

The best St. Joseph can provide is a stable for Mary to give birth to her Son, Jesus. Perhaps, St. Joseph struggled with his inability to find a more fitting place for Mary to give birth. Yet, God's Plan was to be born in a quiet, peaceful, isolated, dirty stable surrounded by the two people who loved Him!

Mary never lost her peace and joy, for it was not dependent upon comfort, notoriety and pleasures. Her peace and joy were dependent upon God's life in her soul. Her nine months of having the God-man in her womb was an extension of her union with Him in her soul.

On these final days of Advent, may we not miss Jesus due to the busyness of life. May we find Him in quiet peace with Mary and Joseph!

God bless,  
FRVW

## STAY IN TOUCH

JOIN FLOCKNOTES

We ♥ having you as part of our flock!

Join Flocknotes and get texts

and email updates on Parish activities.

To join, do one of the following:

- Text SMOS at 84576
- Click on the homepage button on the parish website
- Use the QR code



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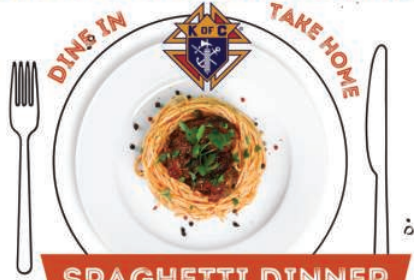
## Hymns for December 22

- 267 O Come, O Come Emmanuel vs. 1-4  
90 A Message Came to a Maiden Young  
303 Portal of the World's Salvation  
267 O Come, O Come Emmanuel vs. 5-7



PARISH LIFE

MARK YOUR CALENDARS



SPAGHETTI DINNER

FARRELL HALL AFTER 5PM MASS JANUARY 11TH  
HOMEMADE SPAGHETTI, MEATBALLS, SAUSAGES, BREAD, SALAD,  
DESSERT, COFFEE, TEA, BEER & WINE!



PANCAKE BREAKFAST

FARRELL HALL AFTER 7:30 & 9:30 AM MASS JANUARY 12TH  
REGULAR AND BLUEBERRY PANCAKES, FRENCH TOAST, BACON,  
SAUSAGES, COFFEE, TEA, AND JUICE!

BINGO Night

Saturday, January 18  
6:30 - 8:30 pm

St. Mary of Sorrows  
Farrell Hall

Food Sale starts at 6:00 pm

Don't miss out on the fun!  
Bring the whole family!

Cash Prizes!

Chili, Hot Dogs &  
Bake Sale!

\$10 for 2 cards

Proceeds benefit

St. Mary's



Preschool

St. Mary's  
Boutique Ladies

Merry Christmas from the Boutique Ladies

The Boutique Craft Group at St. Mary's holds a Spring Sale the weekend before Mother's Day and their Holiday Express Craft and Sweet Shop before Thanksgiving. The group has been making and selling craft items to provide funds to support parish needs and missions for over 45 years. In late winter, we present the pastor with the money from our sales. With your many donations of goodies and jams for the Sweet Shop, chili for the café, craft goods, and your purchases at our sale, we were able to pay for part of the Baptismal Font in the new church. With your continuing support, we hope to have the baptismal font fully funded by Lent of 2026! We have also donated to our preschool, our Food Pantry, ABC Ultrasound Van and World Vision for goats and chickens.

We meet in the back of Farrell Hall on Tuesdays at 10 am beginning in February. If you are interested in crafting with us, please bring your lunch and join us anytime. For more information or to guarantee that we will be there, please contact Kate: [kholincheck@cox.net](mailto:kholincheck@cox.net).



Prayer Shawl Meeting  
Every second Wednesday of the month  
12:30 pm  
Conference Room

To receive or give one, contact  
Linda 703-425-6163, [lphansen@verizon.net](mailto:lphansen@verizon.net)  
Mary 703-323-7597, [ayremary@gmail.com](mailto:ayremary@gmail.com)

Join us at our monthly meetings

ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS

For more information:  
Mark Roddy at [mroddy1@cox.net](mailto:mroddy1@cox.net)

Catholic Women's Group

We are a group of Women who share our God given talents. We celebrate birthdays, plan trips, organize the Mardi Gras, promote education and most importantly, we encourage a life of prayer.

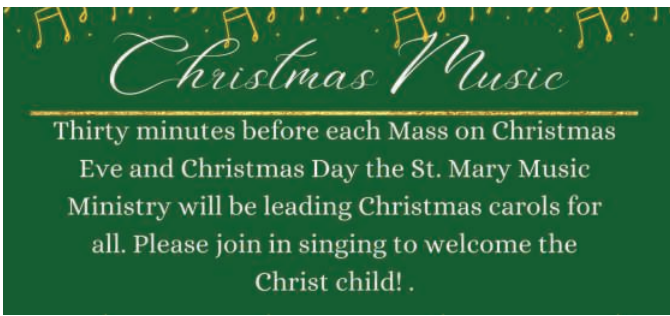
For questions, call Thelma (703) 978-1163

Rosary Makers

Are you interested in joining a group of people who make rosaries monthly? We meet on Tuesdays from 10:30 am - 12:00 noon in 8L.



LITURGY & MUSIC



*Christmas Music*

Thirty minutes before each Mass on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day the St. Mary Music Ministry will be leading Christmas carols for all. Please join in singing to welcome the Christ child!



**JOIN US!**  
GHANA COMMUNITY  
**SUNDAY MASSES AT 1:30 PM**  
FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE EMAIL  
GCCARLINGTON.ORG

**Please Pray for the Sick**

Barbara Alberse, Patricia Allen, Joanne Ames, David Anderson, Diane Anderson, Joseph Anderson, Lisa Anderson, Rose Andrada, Andrea Baker, Ercole Barone, Vi Barone, Michael Barrett, Isabella Benavides, Connor Broussard, Stephen Brown, Jim & Caroline Carnazza, Courtney Cella, Jim Cella, Jesse Ces, James Copenhaver, Heide Cornwell, Matthew Cosgrove, Kevin Cropp, Renee Davis, Marge Demarall, Linda Depew, Mary Ellen Elmore, Diane Erlandson, Marion Essig, Alexander Favor, Joe Fleming, Jim Fostek, Kate Frederick, Francisco Fredrickson, Sandra Furbee, Megan Gallagher, Kelly Gifford, Jeannette Godlewski, Ingrid Goetz, Debra Grauert, Cathy Gulac, Alty Gutierrez, Jerry Hovan, Pat Hovan, Jim Jacobs, Cathy Jones, Lynn Jones, Nolan Kelly, Samuel Kittrell, Susan Leary, Dick Lee, Maria Leitao, Larry Liedtke, Carmen Lilley, Ginny MacLauchlan, Bill MacMurdy, Dona MacMurdy, Makayla Mastal, Elaine McDermott, Pauline Merlo, Bob Moderacki, John Morris, Lilly Morris, Toni Morris, Brendan Murphy, Maureen Murray, Eric Neifert, Greg Neifert, Luis Perales Jr., Charles Perks, Ida Portland, Ed Reinsel, Edie Reinsel, Raymond Remeika, Joan Sachs, Kathleen Schaad, Mickie Shea, John Shivik, Esther Silva, Ann & Norbert Stingle, Mary Storch, Geoff Suiter, Mary Alma Sullivan, Rebecca Sullivan, Carol Theys, John & Cecilia Thieman, Elissa Vavrince, Dennis Wagner, Cathy Withers, Joseph Witter, Joyce Zoromski and those in our book of prayers.

**Anointing of the Sick**  
NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29TH, 2024  
AFTER 11:30 AM MASS




**LITURGY DATES TO NOTE**

**REGULAR DAILY MASSES OFFERED ON DECEMBER 24TH AT 6:30 AM AND 9:15 AM**

**CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL MASSES ON DECEMBER 24TH WILL BE AT 4:30 PM, 6:30 PM AND MIDNIGHT.**

**CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES ON DECEMBER 25TH WILL BE CELEBRATED AT 5:30 AM (FOR RESPONDERS/HEALTH CARE PEOPLE) 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM AND 11:30 AM. THERE WILL NOT BE A 5:00 PM MASS.**

**CHRISTMAS WEEK MASSES ON DECEMBER 26TH AND 27TH WILL BE CELEBRATED AT 6:30 AM AND 9:15 AM.**

**REGULAR DAILY MASSES OFFERED ON DECEMBER 30, DECEMBER 31, JANUARY 2 AND JANUARY 3 AT 6:30 AM AND 9:15 AM.**

**SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD VIGIL MASSES ON DECEMBER 31ST WILL BE AT 5:00 PM AND MIDNIGHT.**

**SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD MASSES ON JANUARY 1ST WILL BE AT 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM AND 11:30 AM.**

**NO ADORATION DECEMBER 24 AND 25, 2024 JANUARY 1, 2025**

**NO CONFESSION DECEMBER 25, 2024**

**FAMILY ADORATION**



**EVERY 3RD SATURDAY 10:00 AM IN THE CHURCH**

A monthly Holy Hour set aside specifically for families of all ages to come and adore Jesus and let your children be children.



### Epiphany Water Blessing

Water blessing is on Sunday, January 5, 2025 at 6:30 pm.  
Please bring a container no smaller than a gallon.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



**No Religious Ed classes starting on December 22 to January 3. We are back on January 5th, 2025!**  
Have a Blessed Christmas from our St. Mary of Sorrows family to yours!

*All Day All Night Adoration every First Friday*  
All day Adoration starting after 9:15 am with a Holy Hour at 7:00 pm

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*and First Saturday*  
concludes with a Holy Hour for Life at 8:00 am and First Saturday Devotions after 9:15 am Mass

To sign-up for Adoration, please scan the QR code  *Oh, come let us adore Him!*


## YOUTH MINISTRY

## PRESCHOOL

**LIFE FEST 2025**  
Scan for more info!



**INTRESTED?!**  
We are planning to take Middle School (6th-8th) & High School (9-12). Jonathan and Mary Catherine will reach out with more information. *If you are interested please email [jonathanr@stmaryofsorrows.org](mailto:jonathanr@stmaryofsorrows.org)*



All of us at St. Mary's Preschool wish everyone a very blessed Christmas and safe and healthy vacation. The Preschool office is closed December 21st -January 3rd and will have limited monitoring of email and phone messages. Thank you to all of you who have contributed your time, supplies, and funding to our preschool program this year. We truly appreciate all that you have done for us. Our Preschool Community continues to keep you in our prayers of gratitude.

## HOME SCHOOL

**A SCOUT IS REVERENT**



For more information: Michelle Huber at [mhuber05@gmail.com](mailto:mhuber05@gmail.com).

**HOMESCHOOL GROUP**



The Homeschool Group is for families to connect, share resources, enrich our children's learning experience and deepen our Catholic Faith together.  
For more information: [stmaryofsorrowshsg@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryofsorrowshsg@gmail.com)



**YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY**

**SMOS Young Adult  
(19 - 35 years old)  
Group Chat**

This is the easiest way to stay up to date with the latest events :)



**ADULT ENRICHMENT**

**Luminaries of Holy Mary**



Would you like to join others in our parish to prayerfully ponder the messages of Fatima? Then consider attending a monthly meeting (on first Mondays of the month) at 5:00 pm in the Parish Center Chapel. For more information, contact FRANK SPICER at [praydailyrosary@gmail.com](mailto:praydailyrosary@gmail.com).



Destination:  
Sainthood  
Presents...

**The Chosen**

Every 4th Saturday (check the bulletin or Flocknote) of the month after the 5:00 pm Mass in the Parish Center

- Fellowship
- Delicious meal
- Film on the big screen
- Opportunity to explore your faith with others through a discussion of the episode



**Thursday Bible Study**

7-9 pm via Google Meet

For more information, contact: [b.mahiq@verizon.net](mailto:b.mahiq@verizon.net)

Thus says the LORD: You, Bethlehem-Ephrathah, too small to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel; whose origin is from of old, from ancient times. - Micah 5:1

Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. - Luke 1:30



The mission of the Cor initiative in Knights of Columbus Council 8600 is to improve and enhance the relationship the men of St. Mary of Sorrows have with Jesus. This will be achieved through activities that emphasize Prayer, Formation, and Fraternity. Prayer will help our men grow in relationship with God through the practice of habitual prayer as a group and individually. Formation will help our men better know the contents of the deposit of faith as contained in Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition. Fraternity will help our men develop authentic Christ centered friendships within St. Mary of Sorrows and will help each man strengthen their faith and their leadership role in their family. With prayer and fraternity, the knowledge of our faith will allow our Lord to help each of us become the saints He wants us to be.

**WEDNESDAY MORNING MEN'S ST. IGNATIUS PRAYER GROUP**  
WEEKLY 1015 AM - 1130 AM  
CONTACT DAVE SULLIVAN - [DAVES408@AOL.COM](mailto:DAVES408@AOL.COM)

**THAT MAN IS YOU**  
THURSDAY EVENING OR SATURDAY MORNING  
WEEKLY  
7 PM - 830 PM (THURSDAY)  
715 AM - 830 AM (SATURDAY)  
SMOS ST. JOSEPH HALL  
CONTACT JOE OSBORNE - [THATMANISYOU.SMOS@GMAIL.COM](mailto:THATMANISYOU.SMOS@GMAIL.COM)

**SATURDAY MORNING MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**  
WEEKLY 730 AM - 9 AM  
CONTACT DEACON DAVID MAURER -  
[DEACONDAVE@STMARYOFSORROWS.ORG](mailto:DEACONDAVE@STMARYOFSORROWS.ORG)

**MEN'S MINISTRY -**  
2ND SATURDAY MORNING  
730 AM - 900 AM  
MONTHLY - BRING YOUR OWN BIBLE  
OLD ST. MARY OF SORROWS HALL (OSMH)  
CONTACT MIKE MELLOR - [ALASKAMIKE@GMAIL.COM](mailto:ALASKAMIKE@GMAIL.COM)

**PARISH HOLY HOUR**  
FRIDAYS 7 PM - 8 PM  
ST. MARY OF SORROW CHURCH  
CONTACT ANY DEACON AT [@STMARYOFSORROWS.ORG](mailto:@STMARYOFSORROWS.ORG)

**COR FORMATION ACTIVITY - MY FATHER'S FATHER**  
**EPISODES 2, 3, 4, 5, AND 6**  
730 PM - 830 PM DEC 2, 16, AND JAN 6, 13, 20  
SMOS PARISH CENTER  
CONTACT MAL DEPONTE - [MALDEPONTE@GMAIL.COM](mailto:MALDEPONTE@GMAIL.COM)

[KOF8600.ORG](http://KOF8600.ORG)

**Tuesday Bible Study**

The next study will be in January.

For more information: [kamerrigan@hotmail.com](mailto:kamerrigan@hotmail.com)

Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." - Luke 1:31-33



## Legion of Mary



Patricians are Catholics who meet to discuss a topic of the Catholic faith.

For more information, email [oolegionofmary7@gmail.com](mailto:oolegionofmary7@gmail.com).

## Santa Maria Dolorosa

Spanish Curia of the Legion of Mary



Santa Maria Dolorosa are Catholics who meet to discuss a topic of the Catholic faith.

# Come as you are.

YOU ARE WELCOME HERE

Make authentic connections with other women | Learn more about God

Thursdays, 10:00 - 11:15am & Thursdays, 7:30 - 8:45pm

If you are looking for a way to grow your relationship with God, want to carve more time out to intentionally read the Bible, to pray, or are seeking fellowship and to meet other women in the parish. If you have questions or are interested in joining email Katie at [mastersonka@gmail.com](mailto:mastersonka@gmail.com).

[www.walkingwithpurpose.com](http://www.walkingwithpurpose.com)

## WOMEN DISCIPLESHIP QUAD

Why do we believe what we believe? These groups fosters growth through Scripture Study, authentic relationships, prayer and accountability. For more information: <https://steubenvilleconferences.net/discipleship-quads>

For inquiries: [gigja@stmaryofsorrows.org](mailto:gigja@stmaryofsorrows.org)

## Logs of Fire Prayer Group

Looking for some warmth this winter? Come join us at Logs of Fire prayer group!

Meet on Wednesdays  
12:00 pm  
Saint Joseph's Hall

For more information, contact Gerrienne Hoffman or Wally Mertes: [Logsoffireprayergroup@gmail.com](mailto:Logsoffireprayergroup@gmail.com)

## PARISH OUTREACH



St. Mary of Sorrows Knights of Columbus Council 8600 is pleased to offer five college scholarships for spring of 2025. Student applicants must be registered members of St. Mary of Sorrows Parish, or a St. Mary's KofC Council 8600 member or son, daughter, grandchild, or spouse of a member of St. Mary's KofC. Four of these scholarships grant an award of \$1000.

In addition, a memorial foundation cosponsors a fifth KofC scholarship for an award of \$1500.

Applications and official grade transcripts are due by midnight April 15, 2025 to be considered.

Visit the KofC website at [www.kofc8600.org](http://www.kofc8600.org) for information.

**Martha's Table**  
EDUCATION • FOOD • OPPORTUNITY  
Sandwich Collection

Please keep our hungry neighbors in your prayers this holiday season--and sign up to help at [tinyurl.com/MTSandwiches](http://tinyurl.com/MTSandwiches). Make sandwiches at home to help feed the hungry in DC, drop off 1-3 PM this Sunday (and every 4th Sunday of the month), December 22, at the back of Farrell Hall (Door 4).

Contact Michelle Gilles  
[mgilles866@gmail.com](mailto:mgilles866@gmail.com) with questions.



# Christmas is Almost Here!



Now it's only two days until Jesus' birthday! Are you all ready for it? If you have an Advent wreath then this is the week that all the candles will be lit. Jesus is coming soon, so the light should be getting very bright!

Do you have a Christmas tree? Do you know what it represents? A long time ago people used to have plays at Christmas time about how Adam and Eve sinned when they ate the fruit from the tree, and how Jesus was born to save us from that sin. So a Christmas tree is there to remind us of why Jesus came.



Does your family have a nativity scene? It should be all ready for Christmas, but the Baby Jesus doesn't get put in the manger until Christmas Eve.



Answer to front page puzzle: Blessed are you among women!  
False: 1, true, 2, false, 3, false, 4, true, 5, true, 6, false, 7, true.

[www.thekidsbulletin.com](http://www.thekidsbulletin.com)

# The Kids' Bulletin

Fourth Sunday of Advent  
December 22, 2024



Elizabeth knew that Mary was the mother of the Messiah. What did she say to Mary when she came to visit her? Use the code to find out!

A B D E G L M N O R S U W Y  
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## The Christmas Story



FOR HUNDREDS OF YEARS THE PEOPLE HAD BEEN WAITING FOR GOD TO SEND THEM A MESSIAH WHO WOULD SAVE THEM FROM THEIR SINS. FINALLY HE CAME, A POOR BABY BORN ON A COLD NIGHT. SEE HOW MUCH GOD LOVES US, THAT HE WOULD COME TO US AS A TINY, INNOCENT BABY! HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JESUS!

[thekidsbulletin@gmail.com](mailto:thekidsbulletin@gmail.com)

## CHRISTMAS WORD-FIND



J E S T A Y S S U S  
B E T H L E H E M W  
O A A S H E E P A M  
R S B A B Y P B R A  
N D L O R N H A Y N  
T O E J O S E P H G  
A N G E L S R O S E  
I K P S G O D A V R  
N E O U E X S U S O  
N Y O S N I G H T O  
C H R I S T M A S M

Can you find these Christmas words in the puzzle? Put the leftover letters in the spaces at the bottom. They will tell you what Christmas is REALLY about!

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|-----------|------|-------|
| CHRISTMAS | OX   | STAY  |
| BETHLEHEM | INN  | NIGHT |
| SHEPHERDS | GOD  | JESUS |
| DONKEY    | HAY  |       |
| JOSEPH    | BORN |       |
| MANGER    | ROOM |       |
| STABLE    | POOR |       |
| ANGELS    | MARY |       |
| SHEEP     | BABY |       |







**Thank you!**

Thank you to all the volunteers and donors who gave so generously of their time and resources to support House of Mercy's Christmas with Mercy Toy Collection and The Gabriel Project and The Holy Family of Bethlehem Hospital Foundation. May God Bless you and your families abundantly!

**WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

<b>Parish Center:</b> FH= Farrell Hall SJH= St. Joseph Hall CR= Conference Room MR= Music Room PC= Parish Center	<b>Other Locations:</b> CL= Choir Loft NC= New Church OSMH= Historic Church Hall HC= Historic Church PL= Parking Lot
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Sun	22	OCA OCIA Dismissal Knights Food Collection Ghana Meeting Ghana CC Meeting Martha's Table collection GS Troop 1356 Ghana Natal Group	8:00 AM 9:30 AM 12:00 PM 12:00 PM 12:15 PM 12:45 PM 3:30 PM 3:30 PM	HC/OSMH CR FH CR SJH/CH/CR FH (b) HC Hall CR
Mon	23	Decorating Church Den Nick Advent Talk Santa Maria Dolorosa Legion of Mary	12:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:00 PM 7:15 PM	NC SJH FH CR
Tue	24	Cursillo Group KoC	1:00 PM 6:00 PM	8L OSMH
Wed	25	AA Meeting	10:00 AM	OSMH
Thu	26	Quad Meeting (Mary) Food Pantry (Burke dist) Quad (Carlota) BST 697 NSS Practice	2:30 PM 4:00 PM 6:00 PM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM	8L FH (b)wall 5L OSMH MR
Fri	27			
Sat	28	Men's Bible Study Women's Bible Study Organ practice St. John Mission (OCA) Ghana Choir Practice	7:30 AM 7:30 AM 9:00 AM 5:15 PM 6:00 PM	8L CR SJH HC MR
Sun	29	OCA Ghana Meeting Ghana CC Meeting Ghana Children's Party	8:00 AM 12:00 PM 12:15 PM 3:30 PM	HC/OSMH CR SJH/CH/CR FH

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Wintertime and the holiday season, in particular, can be challenging for many people. Please remember that you can have the caring support of a St. Mary's Stephen Minister, meeting with you weekly to provide listening and prayer support while you experience trouble caused by a difficult situation, such as grief, aging, loneliness, family issues, and more. Send an email to: [stephenministry@stmaryofsorrows.org](mailto:stephenministry@stmaryofsorrows.org) with your name and telephone number, and you will receive a speedy response from the St. Mary's Stephen Ministry Leader, Parishioner Carol Williams. Please note: Stephen Ministry does not provide mental health counseling or crisis intervention. If you or a loved one are experiencing a crisis, please call 911 or go to your nearest ER.

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