



HOLY ROSARY CATHOLIC CHURCH
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

My dear Sisters and Brothers of Holy Rosary Parish,
Loving Greetings from Fr. John!

Last year I wrote the “Christmas Letter” sitting at my desk in the Rectory. This year I am writing from far away Michigan, from a place about 45 minutes from Detroit airport, called Lake Orion. As some of you may know, I am here participating in, what one might call, a “Self-Improvement and Enhancement” program. It is a holistic program that treats bodily health, mind and spirit. Initially, they “detox” the participants to help their bodies to be de-addicted of any “addictions” they may have acquired. Then the physical health, mental health, psychological health and spiritual health aspects are taken care of by experts in the various fields. During this program, I hope to be renewed in Body, Mind and Spirit and get rid of the junk I have accumulated in myself. I hope to be refreshed and renewed in every aspect of my person so that I can minister to you better and be a better priest and human person.

As we come to the end of 2015, we have a whole lot of things to be grateful for - grateful to God and the human agents through whom He acts. God has blessed our Parish Family far beyond our imagination, both spiritually and materially. He came into our lives tangibly in the Sacraments. Generosity of people helped us close the fiscal year (June 30) on a positive note. What is most encouraging is seeing new faces in the pews at weekend Masses.



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Greetings to our parish family, both new and old! As we prepare for the season of Advent, Holy Rosary parish is alive and bustling with activities such as Ongoing MOMS and Youth Groups, Faith Formation classes, Bible studies, and Family Life events. If you are interested in being a part of these ministries, please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Center office to get involved. Christmas blessings to each and every one!

Christmas is the time when we recall God’s greatest Gift, Jesus, His Son and our Savior. We also give gifts to our family and friends to show our love and appreciation. I would greatly appreciate your extra generosity towards the parish as we celebrate God’s Gift to us. Last year because of you we were able to enter into the New Year without debts. I am confident that you will step up as before, to help pay our ever-increasing bills.

This year as a Christmas gift from the parish, you will be receiving a great book by Matthew Kelly, “Rediscover Jesus”. Do read it and encourage others to do the same.

May the Babe of Bethlehem, our Savior, bless us and our dear ones with Peace and Joy that only He can give! Let us like Mary, the Mother of Jesus and us, prepare a place for Jesus, within us! May God be beside us as we journey 2016!

Have a Blessed Christmas and a Grace-filled 2016! See you soon!

With my love and prayers,

Fr. John Kakkuzhiyil
(Your Pastor and Brother)

RECONCILIATION SERVICES

Our Communal Reconciliation Service will be Sunday, **December 20th, at 3:00p.m.** in the church. First Reconciliation will also take place with this Communal Reconciliation Service. The emphasis is on the Lord's healing presence and our God's forgiving love in our lives and in our community. This celebration offers you a return to the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the midst of a forgiving community. Let the sacrament of Reconciliation be a part of your Advent observance. The following times are also scheduled for your celebration of Reconciliation in the traditional form:

*** Each Saturday afternoon:
4:00-4:30 p.m. at the church.
*** Also on Wednesday,
December 16th
11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. **and after** the REP Christmas pageant at the church.

The Sacrament may also be celebrated by calling for an appointment, if you are unable to come at these times. Please call during office hours for an appointment time.



The kindergarten through fifth grades of the Faith Formation Program will present a Christmas Pageant on Wednesday, Dec. 16th at 5:30pm in the church. Please join us as we tell the story of Christ's birth.



“POINSETTIAS”
Our church is transformed into a beautiful place made ready for the birth of Jesus. The donations of poinsettias in memory of your loved ones or for special intentions help to make this possible. Please use the form in the bulletin to order your poinsettia, call the Parish Center Office at 762-2009 or bring a poinsettia of your choice to the church basement on Sunday December 20th.

ADVENT BABY SHOWER

You are invited to an Advent Baby Shower sponsored by the Right to Life Committee. It will be held from November 29th thru December 20th. During this Advent Season, as we anticipate the good news and great joy of our Saviors' birth, please express this joy with gifts for His little ones. Suggested gifts (newborn to 5 years) include bottles, clothes of all kinds, outerwear, blankets, crib sheets, diapers, formula, etc... Please leave unwrapped, new gifts in the designated area of the baby cradle. "Love from His Crib still Warms the World."

BULLETIN AND WEBSITE ADVERTISERS
A special thanks to those who advertise each week in our parish bulletin and on our website www.bbccatholic.com Please let them know you saw their ad in our bulletin or on our website and know they are appreciated! During the holidays and throughout the year, patronize those who help us out!

NOVEMBER 28/29 - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

REGULAR WEEKEND SCHEDULE AS FOLLOWS:

Saturday, 5:00 p.m.....MASS/CHURCH
Saturday, 7:00 p.m.....MASS/ST. BRIDGET'S
Sunday, 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.....MASS/CHURCH

DECEMBER 5/6 – SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

REGULAR WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE AS ABOVE

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7

6:00 p.m.....MASS AT ST. BRIDGET'S - FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8 – FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)

7:15 a.m.....MASS AT MARIAN RESIDENCE
9:00 a.m.....ALL SCHOOL MASS – CHURCH
6:00 p.m.....MASS/ CHURCH
6:30 p.m.....SAA CHRISTMAS PROGRAM GRADES K-8/ PAC CENTER

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12 – FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

9:00 a.m.ROSARY (in English)IN HONOR OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE/CHURCH

DECEMBER 12/13 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

REGULAR WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE AS ABOVE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13

4:00 p.m.....MANANITAS - CHURCH
5:00 p.m.....SPANISH MASS - CHURCH FOLLOWED BY MEAL -LYCEUM

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.....SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION/CHURCH
5:30 p.m.....K-5 FAITH FORMATION CHRISTMAS PROGRAM/CHURCH

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19

10:00 a.m.....CHRISTMAS BASKET DELIVERY/LYCEUM

DECEMBER 19/20 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

REGULAR WEEKEND SCHEDULE AS ABOVE

1:30 p.m.....COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION/ST. BRIDGET'S
3:00 p.m.....1ST RECONCILIATION AND COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION / CHURCH
6:00 p.m.....POSADAS AT CHURCH, FOLLOWED BY SOCIAL/LYCEUM

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21

12 NOON – 1:00 P.M. AND 5:00-6:00 P.M.....RECONCILIATION/CHURCH

CHRISTMAS EVE, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24 --PARISH CENTER OFFICE OPEN UNTIL 12:00 NOON

4:00 p.m.....CHILDREN'S LITURGY/CHURCH
6:00 p.m.....CHRISTMAS LITURGY/ST. BRIDGET'S
8:00 p.m.....CHRISTMAS LITURGY/CHURCH
10:00 p.m.....CHRISTMAS LITURGY/CHURCH

CHRISTMAS DAY, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25

9:00 a.m.....CHRISTMAS LITURGY/CHURCH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27- FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

REGULAR WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE AS ABOVE

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, SOLEMNITY OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD – PC OFFICE OPEN UNTIL 12:00 PM

5:00 p.m.....MASS/CHURCH
7:00 p.m.....MASS/ST. BRIDGET'S

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, 2016– PC OFFICE CLOSED

7:15 a.m.....MASS/MARIAN
9:00 a.m.....MASS/CHURCH