To the Infant Jesus

O King of Heaven! from starry throne descending,
Thou takest refuge in that wretched cave;
O God of bliss! I see Thee cold and trembling,
What pain it cost Thee fallen man to save!

Thou, of a thousand worlds the great Creator,
Dost now the pain of cold and want endure;
Thy poverty but makes Thee more endearing,
For well I know 'tis love has made Thee poor.

I see Thee leave Thy Heavenly Father's bosom,
But whither has Thy love transported Thee?
Upon a little straw I see Thee lying;
Why suffer thus? "Tis all for love of me.

But if it is Thy will for me to suffer,
And by these sufferings my heart to move,
Wherefore, my Jesus, do I see Thee weeping?
'Tis not for pain Thou weepest, but for love.

Thou weepest thus to see me so ungrateful;
My sins have pierced Thee to the very core;
I once despised Thy love, but now I love Thee,
I love but Thee; then, Jesus, weep no more.

Thou sleepest, Lord, but Thy heart ever watches.
No slumber can a heart so loving take;
But tell me, darling Babe, of what Thou thinkest,
"I think," He says, "of dying for Thy sake."

Is it for me that Thou dost think of dying!
What, then, O Jesus! can I but love Thee?
Mary, my hope! If I love Him too little,-----
Be not indignant,-----love Him thou for me.
--St. Alphonsus Liguori

Christmas 2019

Our Lady of Fatima Roman Catholic Church

4530 SW Garden Home Rd
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Mass Times:
- Sunday: 7:30am and 10:00am
- Saturday: 8:00 am
- First Friday: 7:00 pm

Confessions:
- Sundays 7:00-7:25am and 9:30-9:55am
- ½ hour before Saturday Mass

Baptisms:
- Normally within the week of Birth.
- Contact Pastor to schedule time.

Holy Matrimony:
- Arrange with pastor 6 months prior.

Extreme Unction and Sick Calls:
- Arrange individually with the pastor.

Confirmation: TBA

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EVENTS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual Altar Society Bake Sale

The Altar Society will be hosting a bake sale on December 7th & 8th. This is the Society's only fundraiser so please support it either by contributing baked, craft items, etc. and/or by purchasing these items. Your contributions are appreciated.

The Giving Tree Returns

The Giving Tree will focus on helping families from our parish, SSXP sponsored overseas Missions and providing much needed items for the Heidt House. The tree will arrive on December 7th. You may pick a tag and return with item on Sunday, December 21st or December 28th. Gifts will be distributed in early January. See Nell Fahey with questions

Holy Days of Obligation

Sunday, December 8, Feast of the Immaculate Conception. The feast takes precedence over the Advent Sunday celebration.

Wednesday, January 1, 2020 is The Feast of the Circumcision of Our Lord. Mass times to be announced.

Ember Days

Advent Ember Days: December 18, 20, and 21. The Ember Days are celebrated with fasting (no food between meals) and partial-abstinence, meaning that meat is allowed at one meal per day. No meat is allowed on Friday of course.

Christmas Schedule

Christmas Eve begins with carols at 11:30 p.m., with the Vigil Mass at midnight.

There will be one Mass at 10:00 a.m. on Christmas Day.

Please pray for the following:
Father Christopher Hunter, John Jirges, Ben Alderete, Sherry Horn, Jill Callahan, Julie O'Neil, Lorraine Parker, Becky McKenzie, Joe Cleary, Jeanette DeLallo, Sandy Hendsbee, Mary Hendsbee, Brad Vanderzanden, and Jack Marvin.

O Jesu! Redeemer of mankind! Born before the light was made, and born of the Eternal Father, equal to Him in infinite glory;

O Thou the light and brightness if the Father! O Thou the everlasting hope of all men! Hear the prayers offered Thee by Thy servants throughout the world.

Be mindful, O Creator of all things! that heretofore Thou didst assume a Body like unto ours, and wast born from the sacred womb of a Virgin.

This present Day, which the year has brought round to us, tells us of this mystery—that Thou, the one Saviour of the world, didst come to us from the Father's bosom.

The stars and earth and sea, and all that is under heaven, greet this, the Author of their new salvation with a new Canticle.

And we, who have been redeemed by the stream of Thy precious Blood, we too pay Thee the tribute of this Hymn, in honour of Thy Birthday.

Glory be to Thee, O Jesus! Who wast born of the Virgin! And to the Father, and to the Spirit of love, for everlasting ages. Amen.

V. The Lord hath made known, alleluia. R. His Salvation, alleluia.

--Hymn from Second Vespers, Christmas Day

Every month after Mass

First Sunday: Mothers of Lu Prayer
Blessing of Religious Articles

Third Sunday: Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament after 2nd Mass
HNS meeting after 2nd Mass

Our Faithful Departed

In your charity, please pray for the repose of those who passed away in December:

Edgar Nelson	12/30/1995
Ann Kegbine	12/27/1997
Cecilia Terhaar	12/11/1999
Roy Petzel	12/27/2000
Robert Brockamp	12/7/2001
Mary Bird	12/22/2001
Elanor Wilber	12/17/2007
Adeline Slosser	12/3/2011
John Bieker	12/27/2018
Marlene Orham	12/27/2018

Please remember to pray for those serving in our nation's armed forces, especially ***Brendan Cleary, Andrew Leader, Jake Alderete, Andrew Roesler, Nicholas Schons, Thomas DeBartolo and Damien Delima.***