

Today We Celebrate the 4th Sunday of Advent

1st Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14
Psalm: 24:1-6
2nd Reading: Romans 1:1-7
Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24

FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Hippolytus of Rome (170–235) was probably the most important theologian and the most prolific religious writer of the Roman Church in the pre-Constantinian era. Although the fate of his copious literary remains has been unfortunate since most of his works have been lost or are known only through scattered fragments, much has survived only in old translations into Oriental and Slavic languages.

One of the surviving writings of this martyr of the faith is a beautiful text which I consider very appropriate to get in tune with the approaching celebration of Christmas. It will be good to reflect on it because it clearly talks about the reality and the greatness of the historic events we are about to relive. These are his words:

"We do not put our faith in empty phrases, we are not carried off by sudden impulses of the heart, we are not seduced by plausible and eloquent speech, but we do not refuse belief to words spoken by divine power. These God committed to the Word. The Word spoke, and by these words he turned man away from disobedience, not enslaving him by force or necessity, but inviting him to choose freedom of his own accord. In the last days the Father sent the Word. In his plan the Word was no longer to speak through the prophets. He was no longer to be a figure of conjecture, announced in an obscure way. He was to be manifested visibly, so that the world could see him and be saved.

We know that the Word assumed a body from a virgin and, through a new creation, put on our old nature. We know that He was a man, formed from the same substance as we are. If He were not of the same nature as ourselves, his command to imitate him as a master would be a futile one. If He was of a different substance, why does he command me, naturally weak as I am, to do as he did? How can He be good and just? To show that He was no different from us, He undertook hard work, He went hungry and thirsty, He took rest and slept, He did not shirk suffering, He revealed the resurrection. In all this He offered his own self, so that when you suffered you would not lose heart, but rather would recognize that you are a man, and would yourself expect to receive what he received from God.

When you have learned to know the true God, you will have a body immortal and incorruptible, like your soul; you will gain the kingdom of heaven, you who lived on earth and knew the king of heaven; freed from passion, suffering and disease, you will be a companion of God and a co-heir with Christ, for you have become a god. All that you had to suffer as a man, God gave you, because you were a man. All that belongs to God, He has promised to give you, because you have been deified and have become immortal. This is what it means to know yourself, to recognize the God who made you; to know and to be known is the lot of the man called by God. And so, men, do not be hostile to one another, do not hesitate to return. Christ who is God, supreme over all, has arranged to wash man clean of sin and to make our old nature new. From the beginning He called this old nature his image, and in this way gave you a sign of his love for you. If you obey his sacred commandments, if you become a good follower of him who is good, you will become like him, you will be honored by him. God is not lacking in anything, and He made you also a god for his glory."

In two more days, the celebration of Christmas will envelop our souls. Let us contemplate then –in the austere poverty of the crib– the *babe wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger* (Lk 2:12) who is the Word made flesh of which St. Hippolytus spoke. And as we gather around the manger beneath the loving gaze of Mary, let us see, in the vulnerable and weak newborn Babe who cries in the arms of Mary, *the grace of God* that *has appeared for the salvation of all men* (cf. Tit 2:11). Let us pause in silence and worship!

May this Christmastide be a time of great blessing for us, for our families and friends as we open our hearts to receive Jesus in all His fullness. May you and your families have a blessed and merry Christmas!

God Bless you!

Fr. Gustavo Nieto, IVE

Announcements

We joyfully welcome all visitors to the Shrine!

The Knights of Columbus donut sale after all A.M. masses.

Christmas & New Year's Schedule on page 6

Blanket Donation

St. Vincent de Paul needs clean blankets for the less fortunate. Please bring your donation to Rectory office during regular business hours. Bring jackets & coats to St. Justin Parish.

Attention Altar Boys: Epiphany Party Saturday, January 4 @ 6pm

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Rectory Office Holidays:
Christmas Eve 9-4
Christmas Day Closed
New Year's Eve Regular Hours
New Year's Day Closed

Rosary Campaign

Will you offer your sacrifice to honor Blessed John Paul II on the date of his Canonization (April 27, 2014)?

More details on page 4.

Job Opening:

Communications specialist part-time job opening is available at Our Lady of Peace. Please see page 6 for details and details on how to apply.

Speak Up for Life:

January is almost here! Please make plans to attend one or more of the pro-life events happening in the area including OLOP's very own Rally for Life and the Walk for Life West Coast. Information on our Rally for Life is on page 8. More details on traveling as a group to the Walk for Life will be posted soon.

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From the Office of the Bishop

December 10, 2013

To the People of the Diocese of San Jose

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In late 2006, I was pleased to bring into communion with the Church members of the faithful who had been celebrating Mass and the sacraments according to the traditional Latin forms at a small church they had purchased on Homestead Road in Santa Clara. At that time, I canonically erected the Oratory of Our Mother of Perpetual Help to offer pastoral care to the people of the Diocese of San Jose who are attached to the traditional Latin Mass and other sacraments. Furthermore, I entrusted the ministry of the newly established Oratory of Our Mother of Perpetual Help to priests of the Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest. These priests have served faithfully in this capacity since January 1,2007.

Because recent internal matters related to the governance of the Oratory could not be resolved in a way that is satisfactory to the Institute, the Institute has now withdrawn from its ministry to the Oratory. I wrote to the Oratory's Board of Directors and, through the board, to lay faithful who are members there, requesting them to reconsider this action by which they would be separating themselves from union with the Church. The board, however, did not rescind its previous decision. Consequently, I must now suppress the Oratory, removing its canonical status as an established and recognized Roman Catholic community in the Diocese of San Jose.

Faced with these developments, the Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest has been in contact with Father Antonio Silveira of Five Wounds Portuguese National Church, which will welcome the faithful of the newly erected Oratory of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, beginning next Sunday, December 15, at 12:30 pm.

This past weekend, it was announced at Our Mother of Perpetual Help that priests from the Society of Saint Pius X will begin ministry there. This is a matter of grave concern because of the unlawful status of the Society. I offer here, by way of background, the reason for my concerns.

The Society of Saint Pius X was formed after the Second Vatican Council by Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre. On June 30, 1988, against the direction of His Holiness, Blessed John Paul II, the Archbishop consecrated bishops for the Society of Saint Pius X. Consequently, Archbishop Lefebvre and the four men consecrated as bishops were excommunicated. Although Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI lifted the excommunication in 2009, he stated: "Doctrinal questions obviously remain and until they are clarified the Society has no canonical status in the Church and its ministers cannot legitimately exercise any ministry." This means that the priests of the Society of Saint Pius X are suspended and the sacraments of Penance and Matrimony administered by these priests are invalid. Contrary to some popular belief that when the excommunication of the four bishops of the Society of Saint Pius X was lifted, the Society was reconciled to the Roman Catholic Church. This is not - nor has ever been - the case.

It is morally illicit (unlawful) for the Faithful to participate in Masses of the Society of Saint Pius X unless they are legitimately impeded from participating in a Mass celebrated by a Catholic priest in good standing in the Church (cf. Code of Canon Law, canon 844.2). The fact of not being able to assist at the celebration of the "Tridentine" Mass (*Forma Extraordinaria*) is not considered a sufficient motive for attending Masses offered by priests of the Society of Saint Pius X. Participation in such Masses and in the administration of the sacraments at the chapels of the Society of Saint Pius X can, over a period of time, lead to a schismatic habit of thought and heart as one slowly absorbs a mentality which separates itself from the Magisterium of the Holy Roman Catholic Church. For those faithful who desire the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass according to the Forma Extraordinaria ("Tridentine" Mass), they will find such valid and lawful Masses celebrated at Five Wounds Portuguese National Church each Sunday afternoon, at 12:30, beginning on December 15, 2013.

The doctrinal questions that remain unresolved between the Roman Catholic Church and the Society of Saint Pius X are not insignificant. A special Pontifical Commission, Ecclesia Dei, under the auspices of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, had worked toward resolution, but the refusal of the Society of Saint Pius X to accept all of the teachings of the Second Vatican Council set back these efforts. The lack of full communion of the Society of Saint Pius X with the Roman Catholic Church and our Holy Father continues to wound the unity for which the Lord had prayed: "That all may be one." Therefore, let us all pray for the Church that her unity may be healed for the glory of God and the salvation of souls.

Given at the Chancery of the Diocese of San Jose, this tenth day of December, in the year of our Lord 2013.

Patrick J. McGrath Bishop of San Jose



Blessed Pope John Paul II lost his mother before he was nine and his tender relationship with the Blessed Virgin Mary provided him with a maternal influence throughout life. He dedicated himself to Mary with the motto Totus Tuus (completely yours) and it was his heavenly mother Mary who smoothed off his rough edges, who bound up his wounded heart, who stood with him at the foot of the cross and taught him to repay hatred with love. His example of trust in the Blessed Mother Mary reminds us that we always have a spiritual mother at our side. In his message to youth at World Youth Day in 2003, he asked us to "Entrust yourselves to her with complete confidence!"

Will you offer your sacrifice to honor Blessed John Paul II on the date of his Canonization (April 27, 2014)? We want to erect a life-size bronze statue, imported from Italy, and we need your prayers and donations.

How many rosaries will you commit from December 1 to April 27 (148 days)? Will you help raise the \$50,000 needed for our proposed statue?

Send your Gift of Prayer and Check to:

Our Lady of Peace Church and Shrine 2800 Mission College Blvd, Santa Clara, CA 95054

DISCERNMENT WEEKEND

God may be calling you to a life of Prayer and Contemplation for the needs of the Church and the salvation of souls. The Cloistered Dominican Nuns of Corpus Christi Monastery in Menlo Park will host a discernment weekend for women ages 18-40 who are aspiring to become a cloistered nun. The weekend starts from late afternoon of Friday Jan 10th to noon on Sunday Jan 12th, 2014. Sessions will include daily Mass, Adoration, and chanted Divine Office; with conferences given by the Dominican nuns and the friars. For more information contact the Vocation Directress at (650) 322-1801 ext. 19 or e-mail: vocations@nunsmenlo.org



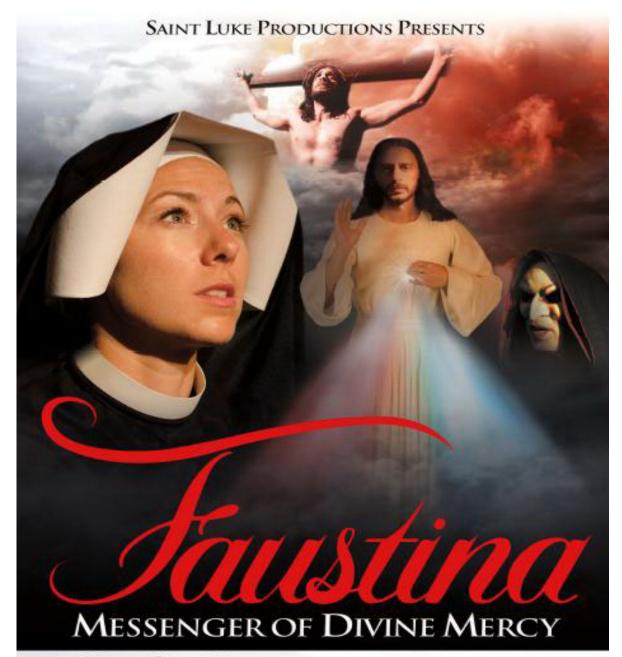
<u>The Angel's Candle (Peace)</u> (4th candle of Advent)

The fourth candle, lit on the fourth Sunday of Advent, is the Angel's candle. As we light this flame, we are reminded of the heavenly hosts that proclaimed Christ's arrive with "Behold, I bring to you good tidings of great joy!" The Angel's Candle is purple, reminding us that is was a King's birth the angels were announcing.

Suggested Bible Readings: Esekiel 34:23, Luke 2:15-20, John 10:11

Thank you God for the peace you give us. We ask that as we wait for all your promises to come true, and for Christ to come again, that you would remain present with us. Help us today, and everyday to worship you, to hear your word, and to do your will by sharing your joy with each other. You who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

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Monday, January 13 @ 7:00 p.m.

Our Lady of Peace - Family Learning Center 2800 Mission College Blvd, Santa Clara, CA 95054

Admission: \$10 Each, \$25 Family, Clergy & Religious FREE – Suitable for Ages 12 & Up

Tickets & Info: Barbara Wilkinson @ Our Lady of Peace Church 408-988-4585, kruiz@dsj.org, or www.olop-shrine.org
Tickets also available at Our Lady of Peace Gift Shop

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for the Week Mass Intentions

SAT. 12-21	8:00 AM 5:00 PM	†Thomas Devera &	WED. 7:30 AM For the People 12-25 9:00 AM Adela & Rey Fabricante, Spec. Int. & Thanks.
	7:30 PM	Angela Marie Devera, Birthday +George Espinola, Death Anniversary & +Alana Espinola	10:30 AM †Italo "Bob" Botti & †Anita Mondano 12 NOON †Reynaldo Punzalan, Jr. & Souls in Purgatory 5:00 PM For a Special Intention
SUN. 12-22	9:00 AM	For the People †Juan Forlanda	6:30 PM Lopez Children & helan Guevara, Spec. Int. 8:00 PM † Filomena Ancheta, Death Anniversary
	12 NOON 5:00 PM	tValeriano Conde, Death Anniversary tDiego Suguitan, Sr. Minh Pham & Family, Special Intentions tMaria Dang	THUR. 8:00 AM †José & †Senina Herrera 12-26 12 NOON Vivien Sheng, Birthday 5:15 PM †Helen Brandon, Death Anniversary
MON 12-23	8:00 AM	†Estrella Agustin Caranga, Birthday Souls in Purgatory & In Honor of St. Michael †Jesus E. Tengco & †Aurea R. Tengco †Veronica Balderama, Death Anniversary &	FRI. 8:00 AM +Fe P. Cruz & +Natividad C. Aguire, Death Anni. 12-27 12 NOON +Fidel B. Avanzado, Sr. & +Remily A. Avanzado 5:30 PM +Romeo Masocol, Sr. & +Zenaida Masocol
TUE. 12-24			SAT. 8:00 AM † Luisa Mandujano Cerezo, Birthday 12-28 5:00 PM Miguel Valenzuela's Caretaker 7:30 PM Campanilla & Murillo Families, Special Intentions
	5:15 PM 7:30 PM MIDNIGHT	5 ,	*** Mass intention book is now open for the months of January, February, & March.



Thank you for your generosity!

Weekend totals were not available for posting at the time of publication.

Communications Specialist (19hrs/week):

Responsible for building and improving all communications to parishioners, diocese, and visitors to OLOP Church and Shrine, including website, graphic design needs, e-communications, & social networking sites (web work to be outsourced, but graphic design skills a plus). Only individuals with proven skills, marketing

communications experience, computer literacy, and excellent English communication need apply.

Applications/resumes submitted by email only to kruiz@dsj.org.

Applications and job descriptions found at: http://www.dsj.org/about-us/careers/ parish-openings/.

Our Lady of Peace Church/Shrine Christmas Schedule for 2013

Rectory Open House (Friday) December 13 4pm - 7pm

Christmas Eve (Tuesday)

5:15pm Evening 7:30pm

11:00pm (Carols)

Midnight

Christmas Day (Wednesday)

Day 7:30am 9:00 am

10:30am 12:00 noon

5:00pm Evening

6:30pm (Spanish) 8:00pm

New Year's Eve (Tuesday)

Evening 5:15pm

7:30pm 11:00pm

Holy Hour

New Year's Day Mass (Wednesday) (Solemnity of Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God)

> Day 8:00a.m.

12:00 noon

5:15pm Evening

7:30pm

Confession before every Mass.

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OUR LADY OF PEACE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM NEWS



December 22 2013

"The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us." John 1:14
"El Verbo se hizo carne y habitó entre nosotros." Juan 1:14

ANNOUNCEMENTS / ANUNCIOS CATECHISTS AND ASSISTANTS NEEDED FOR THE CATECHETICAL YEAR 2013-2014

Dear All.

We are still in need of CATECHISTS, ASSISTANTS for the Catechetical year 2013-2014.

Class	Schedule	We need
First Holy Communion 2/3 grades	Wed 3:45-5:25PM	2 assistants
First Holy Communion 4/5/6/ grades	Wed 3:45-5:25PM	1 assistant

Lobby Monitors are also needed for:

Tuesday	6:00 pm- 8:30 pm	2 lobby monitors
Wednesday	3:15 pm- 6:00 pm	3 lobby monitors
Thursday	6:00 pm- 8:30 pm	2 lobby monitors
Friday	5:30 pm- 8:30 pm	2 lobby monitors
Saturday	8:30 am-11:00 am	3 lobby monitors

If you are willing to follow God's call to be a Catechist or an assistant, or a lobby monitor this is what you do:

- Contact Sr. Angeles via e-mail at olopced@servidoras.org for an interview.
- Then Sr. Angeles will assist you with the Safe Environment procedure required by the Diocese of San Jose.

Catechis	Catechism Office hours:		
Tuesday through Thursday	9:00AM-11:30 AM		
	5:30 PM- 8:00 PM		
Wednesday	9:00AM-11:30 AM		
	3:00 PM- 6:00 PM		
Friday	OFFICE CLOSED		
Saturday	9:00 AM- 1:00PM		
Office phone r	umber: 408-988-7543		
Websites w	ww.olop-shrine.org		

Registrations for Catechism Program 2013-2014 are Still Open for Continuing Education and Girls and Boys Oratory!!!

POPE FRANCIS: "BE SILENT, SO WE CAN HEAR THE TENDERNESS OF GOD"

Dear parishioners:

We would like to share with you the message of our Holy Father. "Preparing for Christmas, we would do well to take a moment of silence to listen to God who speaks to us with the tenderness of a father and of a mother.

God speaks to as a father or a mother speaks to their children: "When the child has a bad dream, he wakes up, cries . . . the father goes and says, 'Don't be afraid, don't be afraid, I'm here.' That's how the Lord speaks to us. 'Do not fear, you worm Jacob, you maggot Israel' (Isaiah 41,13).

The Lord has this way of speaking to us: He is near . . . When we look at a father or a mother who speaks to their little child, we see that they become little and speak with a voice of a child and with the manners of children. Someone looking in from the outside think, 'This is ridiculous!'

They become smaller, right there, no? Because the love of a father and a mother needs to be close. I say this word: to lower themselves to the world of the child. . . . If the father and mother spoke to them normally, the child would still understand; but they want to take up the manner of speaking of the child. They come close, they become children. And so it is with the Lord. Normally, Christmas seems to be a very noisy holiday: it would do us good to have a

little silence and to hear these words of love, these words of such nearness, these words of tender-

Have a Blessed Christmas! Sr. Angeles, SSVM Our Lady of Peace Catechism Office



Important Dates

Tuesday, December 24- Saturday, January 3, 2014	NO CLASS (Christmas Holiday)
Tuesday, January 7, 2014	Classes Resume
Friday, January 24, 2014	Youth Rally for Life



JOIN YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS FROM NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AS WE RALLY FOR LIFE!

PRESENTED BY SEMINARIANS OF THE INSTITUTE OF THE INCARNATE WORD!

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 2013 4:30 TO 9:00PM MSGR. SWEENY PILGRIMAGE HALL
OUR LADY OF PEACE CHURCH & SHRINE
2800 Mission College Blvd / Santa Clara, CA 95054

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS AGES 13 AND UP!
REGISTRATION AND PARENT PERMISSION SLIP REQUIRED.
CHILDREN UNDER 12 AND UNDER MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT.
DOWNLOAD REGISTRATION AND PERMISSION SLIP AT WWW.OLOPSHRINE.ORG OR REGISTER IN THE RECTORY.

\$5.00 BOXED LUNCH AND SNACK BAR AVAILABLE.

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Dec. 2013

Feast Days

23—St. John of Kanty 24—Christmas Eve 25—Christmas 26—St. Stephen 27—St. John 28—The Holy Innocents 31—St. Sylvester I

Events

21—CCD Christmas Play At 9AM & 11AM in the Gym 24—Rectory is Closed at 4:30 PM 25—Rectory Office is Closed 31—Holy Hour at 11-PM

SCHEDULE OF CHURCH DEVOTIONS

Full 15-Decade Rosary	Weds-Mon 6-7 PM	
Santo Niño Novena	Mondays 7:00PM	
Rosario en Español	Mondays 8:00 PM	
Holy Hour	Tuesdays 11AM	
St. Anthony Novena with Mass	Tuesdays 6 PM	
Rosary in Vietnamese	Tuesdays 8 PM	
Men of the Sacred Heart	Tuesdays 12AM-1AM	
Mother of Perpetual Help Novena and Mass	Wednesdays 7 PM	
St Joseph the Worker's	Thursdays 7PM	

On-Going Parish Activities

Thursday Mornings @ 10:45 A.M.

Pray the Rosary for the protection of the unborn and born babies at starting at 10:45 A.M. at the Mountain View Planned Parenthood at the intersection of California and San Antonio.

Saturday Mornings @ 9:30 A.M.

Rosary Making Classes are held in the Old Hall, 9:30 to 11 a.m. for adults & children (materials provided). All are welcome!

Saturday Morning Roster for Altar Workers (Dec. 28): Helen Hovland, Ellie Superio, Jovita Follo, Mila dela Concha, Allurie Neri, Christine Herrera

Every 2nd Saturday

Rosary at the Shrine after 8am Mass for the beatification of Fr. Patrick Peyton, CSC

Last Saturday of the Month: @ 9:15 AM

All pro-lifers are welcome to pray the rosary in front of the Planned Parenthood abortuary at 1691 The Alameda (Taylor & Naglee), San Jose. Other pro-life activists have been picketing and providing help to future mothers at this site for several decades every Saturday & will welcome your support. Call Clark Beck at 408-354-7381

Every 3rd Sunday

- Altar Society Bake Sale after all morning masses.
- •Cenacle Mass and Holy Hour to pray for Priests, Seminarians & Vocations at 3PM

Our Lady of Peace Gift Shop... Open 7 Days a Week

Store Hours: M/T/Th: 8:45-7:00 W/F: 8:45-9:00 Sat: 9:00-8:00 and Sun. 8:00-7:30

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Today is December 22, 2013 The 4th Sunday of Advent



Through the books of Our Lady of Peace Gift Shop!

30% off select Christmas music



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Holy Hour

Intercessory

Prayer Group

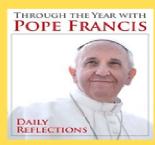
Fridays

Miss last week's film screening?
DVD's (English & Spanish) of the acd aim ed new Guadalupe documentary, The Blood & the Rose: This battle is for our souls are available in the gift shop.

"This film takes the viewer straight to the heart of the New Evangelization, Our Blessed Mother. It's a powerful gift; one that can transform us if we let her." —Kathryn Jean Lopez

Running Time: 95 minutes - \$19.99

New from Our Sunday Visitor



Through the Year with Pope Francis

\$16.95

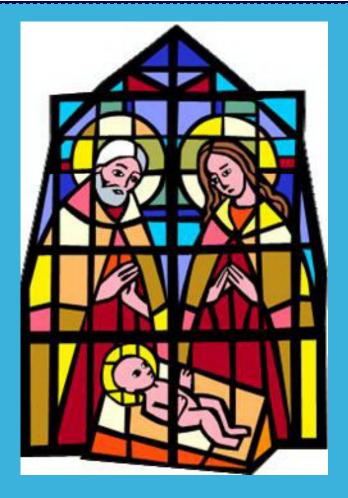
"I want the Church to go out onto the streets, I want us to resist everything worldly, everything static, everything comfortable... everything that might make us closed in on ourselves."



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Beloved parishioners of Our Lady of Peace parish,
Christmas blessings from your priests!
May Jesus, our Blessed Savior, King of Peace,
born of the Virgin Mary, Queen of Peace,
fill you with his holy gifts of joy and peace
this Holy Season and throughout the coming year of grace!
Remembering you in our Christmas Masses,

In Christ,

Fr. Gustavo Nieto, NE ... Fr. Samuel Leonard, NE Fr. Juan Nuñez, NE... Fr. Joseph LoJacono, NE Bulletin #: 913090

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