



St. Hugh Parish

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December 25, 2016

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

Weekend Masses Saturday 4:00pm
Sunday 8:00am & 10:30am

Daily Mass Monday - Saturday
10:30am

Penance A priest-confessor is available Saturday after the morning Mass or by appointment.

Anointing of the Sick Contact Father for a family member who is seriously ill.

Communion for Homebound Call the Parish Office to request a Minister of Care to visit.

Baptism Infants are baptized at the parish where their parents are active members - usually on Sunday after the Mass. Contact the Pastor to schedule.

Marriage Celebrated for current parishioners. Engaged couples should begin preparations with the parish at least six months in advance of a proposed wedding.

Funerals The family of the deceased should rely on the professional skill of a funeral director who will assist in making arrangements with the parish and cemetery.

Parish Office Hours Monday - Friday
9:00am - 3:00pm
fax: 708.447.9870

Saint Hugh of Grenoble 1052 – 1132
He was named a bishop at age 27. In time of famine he sold his Episcopal ring in order to aid the poor. Assisted Saint Bruno in founding the Carthusians. Feast: April 1.

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From the Pastor's Desk

Merry Christmas!

Today we recall that the wonder of the Incarnation is not just that God became human, but that God did so with a purpose: to seek us out and to bring us from sin to redemption.

As individuals, families, and as a parish may we know the God who chooses to be among us, who comes into the world as one born like us, and who continues to be revealed to us in the simple and ordinary events and experiences of our lives.

In the words of the prophet Isaiah, taken from the Christmas liturgy, the one we bear to the world is: Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, and Prince of Peace. Son of God and Son of Mary, Jesus is Lord (from the Latin), Messiah (from the Hebrew), and Christ (from the Greek). Each year we, the church, celebrate with great joy this holy season.

Christmas celebrates God's love for humanity. The season, which begins today with the Nativity of the Lord, includes the Feast of the Holy Family on December 30, the Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God on New Year's Day, and the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord on January 8.

On New Year's Day we will honor Mary, under the title of Mother of God. At various times the start of the Gregorian calendar year has also been celebrated as the Octave Day of Christmas, the Feast of the Lord's Circumcision, and a World Day of Prayer for Peace.

Let us continue to pray for one another and for our parish.

Father Reszel

Practice Holiday Hospitality

Help make our parishioners and Christmas season visitors feel welcome.

- Before Mass:

Greet one another. Introduce yourself. Move toward the center of the pew so that it is easier for others to enter. Silence your phone. Smile.

- During Mass:

Actively participate. Attentively listen to God's Word. Sing. Take the initiative at the sign of peace. Reverently receive Holy Communion. Pray with and for each other. Smile.

- After Mass:

Return two copies of *Breaking Bread* to each book rack. Return the Order of Service card to the hat clip with the word WELCOME being the first thing that the next person will see. Put the kneelers up so that it is easier for the next person to enter. Remove whatever you have brought into the pew including the bulletin, tissues, diapers, papers, wrappers, and water bottles. Practice parking lot patience. Smile.

Thank you!

Christmas 2016

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Peace be with you and with all people of good will in this holy season.



After observing the Jubilee Year of Mercy and as we begin a journey of renewal in the Archdiocese of Chicago, we have come to know fresh hope in our hearts. We do not find the source of our hope in our own strength. With the Blessed Virgin Mary we recognize that our hope comes from God. As her son took flesh within her womb, she proclaimed, "God has remembered his promise of mercy." The birth of her son Jesus is also the birth of our true and lasting hope.

In this moment, we find ourselves challenged in so many ways. Together, we face the plague of war, violence, and a lack of respect for life and for the dignity of all people. On a personal level, we all struggle in different ways, whether with family issues or work or illness or in trying to do the right thing. Still, we hope, because "God has visited his people."

Pray with me that our celebration of the birth of Jesus may truly renew our hope in God, the only hope that can sustain us on the journey.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Card. Blase J. Cupich

Cardinal Blase J. Cupich
Archbishop of Chicago



Who is Hugh? Saint Hugh of Grenoble (1052-1132) Bishop and Reformer

Pious and theologically facile since childhood, he was a canon, not yet ordained priest, when the Council of Avignon named him bishop in 1080 and assigned him the diocese of Grenoble during the reforms of Pope Gregory VII, who ordained Hugh personally in 1080. The Church was battling corruption and violations of celibacy within its own members, lay control of Church property, and general religious indifference or ignorance. After two years, he wanted to resign and enter a monastery, but the Pope asked him to stay - and he did for the next 50 years. He was reasonably successful as a reformer, was an eloquent preacher and fearless supporter of the Papacy. In 1084, he welcomed Bruno of Cologne and six of his companions after seeing them under a banner of seven stars in a dream. He installed them in the snowy heights of Chartreuse, where they founded the first Carthusian monastery. He died in 1132 and was canonized just two years after his death. Saint Hugh of Grenoble is our patron among the Communion of Saints, and therefore, a cherished member of our parish community. Let us ask him to intercede for all of our hopes and concerns!

Saints or Observances, Readings, and Mass Intentions

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)



Is 9:1-6;
Ps 96;
Ti 2:11-14;
Lk 2:1-14

4:00 Intentions of the Parish

8:00 Leona & Paul Carrabotta;
Sister Barbara Jean & Wally Ciszek

10:30 Robert Swift; Phyllis Jordan

Monday December 26 St. Stephen
Acts 6:8-7:59; Ps 31; Mt 10:17-22

10:30 William & Norma Reszel

Tuesday December 27 St. John
1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

10:30 Pauline Jadro

Wednesday December 28

The Holy Innocents

1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Ps 124; Mt 2:13-18

10:30 Rev. John B. Murphy (1933);
Robert Ferrill

Thursday December 29

St. Thomas Becket

1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96; Lk 2:36-40

10:30 Darnstradt family;

Anele Kebleris & Ken Wright

Friday December 30 The Holy Family
of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

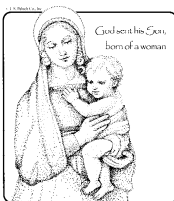
Sir 3:2-14; Ps 128; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

10:30 Saint Hugh Purgatorial Society

Saturday December 31 St. Sylvester I

1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96; Jn 1:1-18

10:30 Bernice Ciszek



Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Nm 6:22-27;

Ps 67;

Gal 4:4-7;

Lk 2:16-21

4:00 Intentions of the Parish

8:00 Leona & Paul Carrabotta;
Sister Barbara Jean & Wally Ciszek

10:30 Pro Life; Phyllis Jordan

Weekly Vincentian Reflection



Today we celebrate the solemnity of Christmas and hear how the shepherds found Mary and Joseph and the infant lying in the manger. Then they

left glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen. The work of our Society of St. Vincent de Paul conference is helping those who are poor and suffering to find Emmanuel that they also may come to know that "God is with us."

Rest in peace

In your kindness, pray for the repose of the soul of Veronica Oleksy. Funeral rites for Ms. Oleksy were held at Saint Hugh and Resurrection Cemetery on Friday December 16.

Pray for the sick

Fr. Angelo Biancalana, George Boksa, Liz Bryson, Virginia Bryson, Richard Callahan, Ronald Demco, Dawn Gilbert, Glen Gilbert, Florence Gorgen, Will Gorgen, Dawn Hainsworth, Annette Jaworski, Leo Jeselski, Gloria Kucan, Patrick Miller, Lorraine Polcyn, Marianne Salvino, Elaine Snella, Vicki Stephansen, Pat Stone, Elsie Tobolaski

Help us keep this list accurate.

Contact the parish office with updates.

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph



Without a
Sunday between

Christmas and New Year's Day, this year the feast of the Holy Family will be celebrated on Friday December 30.

The following *Blessing of a Family* is taken from our ritual *Book of Blessings*:

O God, you have created us in love and saved us in mercy, and through the bond of marriage you have established the family and willed that it should be a sign of Christ's love for his Church. Shower your blessings on this family gathered here in your name. Enable those who are joined by one love to support one another by the fervor of spirit and devotion to prayer. Make them responsive to the needs of others and witnesses to the faith in all they say and do. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Weekend of December 31 - January 1, 2017

Mass	Priest / Deacon	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
4:00pm	Father Reszel Deacon Mamolella - preach	Alexis S	Cathy Bergman Olivia Quezada Sue Stafford	Madison K Amanda S
8:00am	MCCJ Father	Allison K	Edgardo Ramos Makayla L Rosemary Kufra	Alexys A Ava C
10:30am	Father Reszel Deacon Mamolella - preach	Veronica A	Maggie Schemenaur Liz Shermack Arlene Houda	Ashley B Marissa H

MCCJ = Comboni Missionaries of the Sacred Heart of Jesus; *Missionarii Comboniani Cordis Iesu*

B-I-N-G-O & Pull Tabs

Every Thursday in Keating Hall.
Doors open 5:00pm
Early Bird game 6:45pm
Crew #4 to assist on December 29

Stewardship thought

And the Word became flesh

- JOHN 1:14

Jesus is God's ultimate gift of love to us. The countless other blessings that God showers upon us are nothing compared to the gift of His only Son. The only appropriate way for us to respond to such generous love is with our own generous love. When we dedicate our lives to sharing all the gifts God has placed in our hands, the peace of Christ truly will control our hearts and we will know Christmas joy every day.

Manna Group Scrip

Next weekend after Mass see Nora Olvera (4:00), Rosemary Kufra (8:00), or Nicki Mendez (10:30). They have in-stock gift cards for: Amazon \$10, CVS \$25, Dunkin Donuts \$10, Home Depot \$25, iTunes \$10, Jewel \$25, Meijer \$25, Menard's \$25, Starbucks \$10, Target \$25, Walgreens \$25, and Walmart \$25. To order scrip from other retailers, see the list in the church vestibule or visit www.sthughlyons.org and click FUNDRAISING

Wills / Bequests

After providing for your loved ones, please consider naming Saint Hugh Parish as a beneficiary of your estate.

Christmas Pageant Cast

Prior to the first Christmas Mass, the following young parishioners presented a children's version of the Nativity of Jesus. Our thanks to them and to the adults who prepared them.

Narrator 1..... Gianna

Narrator 2..... Marissa

Ange1..... Sofia

Angel 2..... Kaitlyn

Angel 3..... Elliana

Mary..... Alexys

Joseph..... Herbert

Innkeeper..... Cindy

Shepherd 1..... Linsy

Shepherd 2..... Michelle

Shepherd 3..... Yazmin

Wiseman 1..... Delylah

Wiseman 2..... Isabella

Wiseman 3..... Kevin



Birth Date of Jesus by Paul Turner

The opening of the third millennium harmonized with the traditional date for the first Christmas. Without a doubt, the birth of Jesus is the most important event to celebrate in a new millennium. But there is plenty of doubt about when that birth took place.

There is no clear historical record of the date and year of Jesus' birth. Although two of the Gospels record incidents pertaining to the event, neither assigns a date.

Two main theories surround the choice of December 25 to commemorate the nativity. The first theory looks to a third-century Roman pagan celebration coinciding with the winter solstice. As the days began to lengthen each year, December 25 became a festival for the rebirth of the unconquered sun. Christians, who believed Christ was the real unconquered source of light, put his birth date on the same day.

The second theory looks to the passion of Jesus. According to early conjectures, the actual day of Christ's passion fell on March 25 in the year Jesus died. Some Christians believed that Jesus died on the anniversary of his conception. For this reason, March 25 became also the celebration of the Annunciation. Looking forward nine months, the birth of Jesus was placed on December 25.

The traditional year of Jesus' birth was fixed in the mid-sixth century by Dionysius Exiguus, a monk and scholar who set the calendar according to the system we now know as A.D. (*anno domini*, "in the year of the Lord"). However, Matthew and Luke both say Jesus was born during the reign of Herod the Great, which scholars now calculate from 37 to 4 B.C. Oddly then, Jesus was probably born "before Christ."

Although the actual birth date of Jesus cannot be known, he was born, and the millennium commemorates this birth by recognizing that all of time hinges on the life of Jesus.

Treasures from the tradition

An old joke asks, "What time is Midnight Mass?" The answer is not really obvious, since Christmas is unique in having several distinct celebrations. The readings and prayers vary greatly from hour to hour. The Vigil Mass hinges on the family heritage of Jesus and his origins. The concept of "midnight" predates clock time, and really has to do with a celebration in the hours of darkness. Years ago, it was not possible to receive Communion without fasting for a full day, so the late hour of this Mass made it possible for the people to receive. The first Mass after sunrise, the Mass at Dawn, was once known as "The Shepherds' Mass," and later Masses set aside stories of Jesus' birth to focus on the key to the day's celebration: John the Evangelist's majestic theology of Christ's identity as the Word made flesh, dwelling among us. One feast, four separate Masses. Only monasteries manage the whole round. Parishioners typically take just one entry point into the mystery. Yet there is much to savor and celebrate in the coming of Christ into the world. Christmas is not a day, but a season. You still have two weeks to send those Christmas cards before you're officially late! -Rev. James Field, Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.

Parish Support

December 17-18

Includes donations via GiveCentral

Offertory	2284
Maintenance	151
Major Repair	360
Flowers	35
Christmas	500
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Budget for 2016 - 2017

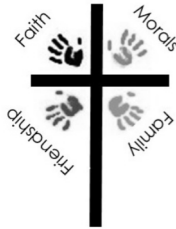
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THANK YOU



From the Faith Formation Office

January 6: Family Movie
Night doors open at 7:00pm
The Secret Life of Pets begins at 7:30pm

January 8: RE (Religious Education) all grades meet in church 9:05-10:20am / CLW (Children's Liturgy of the Word) at 10:30 Mass

January 9: RE grades 8-11, 6:30-7:30pm / RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) 7:30-8:30pm

January 10: RE grades 6-7, 6:00-7:30pm

January 19: YM (Youth Ministry) Open Gym grades 6-12, 7:00-8:00pm

**Merry Christmas
Happy New Year
"Thank You" Catechists**

Ministries

708.447.3108 for all marked (*)

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Altar Server (*) +1
Music - Fran Serpe (*) +7
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Minister of Care (*) +5
Usher / Greeter (*) +1

Catechetical

Christine Alfred - Coordinator
Religious Education (*) +6
Sacraments / RCIA (*) +6
SPRED - Theresa Mendez
773.703.1543

Service / Social

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Girl Scouts (*) +6
Knights of Columbus 708.341.3141
Manna Group Scrip (*) +1
Respect Life - Liz Shermack
708.447.6849
St. Vincent de Paul Society (*) +4
S.C.W. - Rosemary Kufra
708.447.7562

Vocation thought

He gave power to become children of God. If you think you may be called to share the Father's love as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life, contact our Archdiocesan Vocations Director, Father Francis Bitterman, at 312.534.8298 or fbitterman@archchicago.org

The Little Ones

Los Más Pequeños

Jim Burrows



The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone. Is 9:1

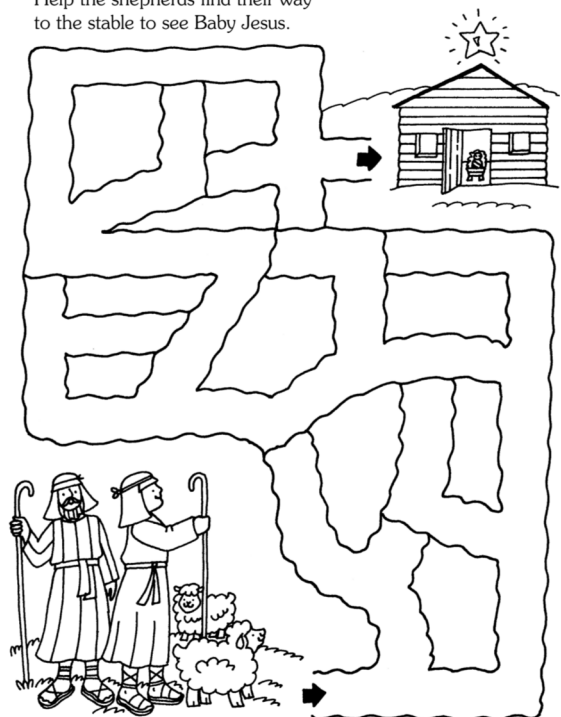
El pueblo que andaba en tinieblas ha visto gran luz;
a los que habitaban en tierra de sombra de muerte,
la luz ha resplandecido sobre ellos. Is 9:1

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