

**Sunday's Contributions Report**

Due to holiday schedules contribution report can not be given until January 13. A full report of the Christmas Season will be give at that time.

**End of Year Charitable Donations**

All donations made to Holy Spirit Parish before December 31, 2007 can be applied to this years tax return.



**Please pray for the Sick of Holy Spirit**

L. Dochnal, J. Hameister, N. Gleissner, L. Sales, D. Granger, A. Walsh, C. Snavelly, M. Montello, J. Reeves, M. McAtee, D. Plouffe, K. Altig, U. Ortega, E. Estrada, L. Gomes, G. Viso., G. Veija, J. Healey, S. Davis, J. Rickard, R. McIntosh, T. Boyce, D. Burroughs, M. Remily, O. Salvail, E. Truax.



( Names of the sick are published for one month. Please call the office to add your requests for prayer.)



**Please pray for our military**

Richard Dawson, Raul Ilizaliturri, Jr., Alex Boyce, L. Hart, Raul Butto, A.J. Dernberger, Shaun Boyce, Christina Vasquez, Jason Putney, James Rohland, Keith Ellison, Anthony Hebert.

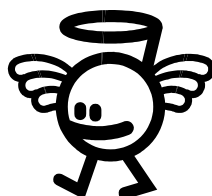
Continue to pray for lasting peace in the world

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**The Tradition of Midnight Mass**

Christmas is the only day on our church calendar that calls for Midnight mass. Easter has its vigil. But the pivotal celebration at Christmas is the Mass at Midnight.

The Midnight Mass tradition reaches far back in our history. The first record come from a fourth-century pilgrim whose diary of her travels to Jerusalem describes her impressions of the Midnight Mass. One reason for the tradition is that Jesus was born at midnight. This comes from an interpretation of a passage from Wisdom 18: 14-15, which says that during Israel's Passover, God's word; leaped from heaven when the night was half done. So in the new covenant, it was assumed God's Word leaped from heaven at midnight. The mystique of Midnight Mass draws some of our most faithful Catholics as well as some who come to church only rarely. The shepherds, the magi, the angels, the animals– the mystery of Christmas beckon us all.



**Christmas Mass Schedule**

December 24

5:00 pm Children's Choir  
Midnight—12:00am

December 25

9:00 am Spanish  
1100 am English

**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

Mass time: 10:00 am Tuesday January 1, 2008  
*In the ecclesiastical province of Los Angeles (this includes San Bernardino Diocese) the solemnity of Mary, Mother of God is observed as a holy day of obligation.*

### Readings for the Week of December 24, 2007

Monday: 2Sm 7: 1-5 /Mt 1: 18-24  
Tuesday: Is 9:1-6 / Lk 2:1-14  
Wednesday: Acts 6: 8-10 / Mt 10:17-22  
*St Stephen, first martyr*  
Thursday: 1Jn 1:1-4 / Jn 20: 1-8  
*St John, apostle*  
Friday: 1Jn1:5-2:2 / Mt 2:13-18  
*Holy Innocents, martyrs*  
Saturday: 1Jn 2:3-11 / Lk 2: 22-35  
Sunday: Sir 3: 2-14 / Mt 2:13-15  
*Feast of the Holy Family*

*When he discovered that Mary was with child, Joseph resolved to end their engagement with as little disgrace as possible. But obedient to the voice of God, he changed those plans and became instead the protector of the Child Jesus and His mother, Mary. God grant that I may be as open to the leading of the Holy Spirit. Maranatha, Come Lord Jesus!*

### Weekend Mass Intentions

5:00 pm Mass Dale Jones +  
7:30 am Mass Elma Amare +  
9:00 am Mass Maria & Jose Marquez +  
11:00 am Mass People of the Parish

### Weekly Schedule

Monday, December 24

Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, December 25

Parish Office Closed

Wednesday, December 26

Parish Office Closed

**8:15 am Liturgy of the Word & Communion**

Thursday, December 27

Parish Office Closed

**8:15 am Liturgy of the Word & Communion**

Friday, December 28

Parish Office Closed

**8:15 am Liturgy of the Word & Communion**

### A Blessed Christmas to All

Eternal Light  
shine forth into the  
hearts of all nations  
that peace and justice  
might flourish.



May the Light of  
faith be our strength, our joy, our hope  
and our peace in the coming year.

May God's Light surround you  
and your loved ones this Christmas .

Wishing you God's riches blessing in  
this season of Grace.

Fr. Jerry, Joyce and the Parish Staff



### The Poinsettia Legend

Perhaps no other plant is as closely tied to Christmas as the poinsettia. It was named for an early United States ambassador to Mexico, Joel Poinsett, who carried the Central American plant home to South Carolina over two century ago.

But how did this Flower of the Holy Night come to Mexico? On Christmas Eve it was custom to offer gift to the infant in the manger. A poor child had no money to buy a present , instead plucked some roadside weeds and laid them on the altar with love. So pure and fervent was her faith that the dry brown weeds were miraculously transformed into gorgeous red and green foliage.

Thus, even the most humble of gift becomes a priceless treasure.

During the 17th century, Franciscan priests were the first to use the plant at Christmas.

### Question of the Week

What has been the best Christmas present you have ever received? Why?

