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Excerpt of Pope Francis' Christmas Message

In Bethlehem, Jesus was born of the Virgin Mary. He was born, not by



the will of man, but by the gift of the love of God our Father, who "so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life" (Jn 3:16).

This event is renewed today in the Church, a pilgrim in time. For the faith of the Christian people relives in the Christmas liturgy the mys-

tery of the God who comes, who assumes our mortal human flesh, and who becomes lowly and poor in order to save us. And this moves us deeply, for great is the tenderness of our Father.

First Friday Adoration January 5

First Friday Adoration begins immediately following the 8:30 a.m. Mass on Friday, January 5th and continues until 6:00 PM. (Please note change in Benediction time for January 5.)

In a world where there is so much noise, so much bewilderment, there is a need for silent adoration of Je-

sus concealed in the Host. Be assiduous in the prayer of adoration and teach it to the faithful. It is a source of comfort and light, particularly to those who are suffering.

-- Pope Benedict XVI

Infant Baptism

Parents wishing to have their child (who is less than seven years old) baptized at Holy Spirit are invited to contact the parish office, (480) 838-7474, ext. 121, to begin the process. For requirement information, visit the parish website: www.holyspirit-tempe-az.org/infantbaptism-preparation. Please allow six to eight weeks to complete the requirements.

1800 E. Libra Drive, Tempe, AZ 85283, (480) 838-7474, www.holyspirit-tempe-az.org

Bereavement Support Group

As we remember with the help of the Bereavement Support Group, we begin to find the comfort that we are seeking. Ministry meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month in room 9 after the 9 a.m. Mass. Come join our caring group on January 14th. As a reminder, professional counseling is not provided.

Helping Hands Food Pantry Needs Your Helping Hands

Our food pantry for the poor has an urgent need for raman noodles, pancake syrup, pancake mix, dry beans, jam, jelly, canned fruit, canned chili, cake frosting, and toilet tissue

Donations may be brought to the parish office during the week. Parish office hours are Mon.-Thurs., 9-5 p.m. and Fri., 9-3 p.m. Thank you for lending a helping hand!

Music Concert Series

Our Music Concert Series continues on Sunday, January 21st at 1:30 p.m. in the church with a violin and piano recital. Please reserve the date for an afternoon full of beautiful music. More details soon!

Adult Faith Formation Sessions

Learn more about your faith through our Adult Faith Formation Sessions. Presentations and discussions on the foundational beliefs, practices and teachings of the Catholic church are given.

Come join us...

**Tuesday, February 6, 2018,
6:30 p.m. in the church**

“A Walk Through the Mass – The Source and Summit of Our Worship Life”

Fr. Cletus will present an in depth study of the Mass. Fr. Cletus was a member of the National Liturgical Commission; member and resource person (1994-2000) and in 2016 appointed member of the prepara-

tory committee of the fourth Eucharistic Congress. Father’s Provincial assignments include Head of the Liturgy Department of St. Victor’s Major Seminary. Fr. Cletus comes with many years of Liturgy experience and invites us to a deeper understanding of the Mass.

Senior C’s Meeting & Luncheon

The Senior C’s monthly meeting will take place on Thursday, January 4th in the Social Hall. Refreshments, hosted by Jane D. and Mary H., will begin at 10:30 a.m. The business meeting will follow at 11:00 a.m.

The January Senior C’s luncheon will be held at The Black Bear Diner, 7700 S. Priest Dr., in Tempe, on Thursday, January 11th at 12:30 p.m. For more information and to RSVP, contact the parish office at (480) 838-7474.

Mass intentions for 2018 are available. Contact the parish office for details.

Religious Education News

Confirmation First Holy Communion 2018 Calendar

Sunday Sessions: In addition to the weekly Religious Formation sessions, parents and child/teen preparing for Confirmation and First Holy Communion are required to attend the following Sunday morning sessions. The sessions are for those preparing for Confirmation and First Holy Communion on April 7, 2018, and those who are preparing for Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Communion at the Easter Vigil on March 31, 2018. All sessions will be in Hanley Hall at 10:00 a.m.

Retreat: Each child/teen is required to attend the retreat. Parents should arrive with the child/teen no later than 8:20 a.m. to prepare for the 8:30 Mass. After Mass, proceed to Hanley Hall, initial the attendance sheet, then the parent may leave. The retreat will continue until 2:00 p.m.

Sun., Jan. 7th Combined session
Sun., Jan. 14th Combined session
Sun., Jan. 21st Combined session

Sun., Jan. 28th Combined session
Sun., Feb. 4th Combined session
Sun., Feb. 25th Combined session

Sat., Mar. 3rd Confirmation First Eucharist Retreat, 3rd - 5th graders, 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Sat., Mar. 24th Confirmation First Eucharist Retreat, 6th - High School, 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Confirmation First Holy Communion Rehearsal & Celebration

Wednesday, April 4, 2018:
Rehearsal will be in the church at 5:30 p.m. Sponsors must attend.

Saturday, April 7, 2018:
Confirmation 1st Holy Communion in the church at 10:00 a.m.

Tabernacle Relocation Project Cost Summary

Tabernacle—\$24,000
Altar—\$24,600
Local Delivery—\$300
Installation—\$8500
Wood Canopy/Gilding—\$3000
Waterjet Marble Molding—\$3500
Letter Gold Leafing—\$1500
Tabernacle Case—\$20,000
Total Hard Costs—\$85,400
Permit Fees—\$1500
Construction Admin—\$2600
Total Soft Costs—\$4100
Total Project Budget—\$89,500

