

CHRISTMAS 2015



*For a child is born to us, a son is given us;
they name him Wonder-Counselor, God-
Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace.*

ISAIAH 9:6

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SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Christmas Eve

Mass during the Night

Isaiah 9:1-6

Titus 2:11-14

Luke 2:1-14

Christmas Day

Mass during the Day

Isaiah 52:7-10

Hebrews 1:1-6

John 1:1-18

OUR PARENTS DRUGGED US

At my 50th high school reunion, a friend asked me, “Why didn’t we have a drug problem when we were growing up?” I replied that I *did* have a drug problem when I was young. I was drug to church on Sunday morning. I was drug to church for weddings and funerals. I was drug to family reunions and community socials no matter the weather. I was drug by my ears when I was disrespectful to adults. I was also drug to the woodshed when I disobeyed my parents, told a lie, brought home a bad report card, did not speak with respect, spoke ill of the teacher or the pastor, or if I didn’t put forth my best effort in everything that was asked of me. I was drug to the kitchen sink to have my mouth washed with soap if I uttered a profanity. I was drug out to pull weeds in mom’s garden and flower beds. I was drug to the homes of neighbors to help mow the yard, repair the clothesline, and if my mother had ever known that I took a single dime as a tip for this kindness, my dad would have drug me back to the woodshed.

Those drugs are still in my veins, and they affect my behavior in everything I do, say, and think. They are stronger than cocaine, crack, or heroin, and if today’s children has this kind of drug problem, this world would be a better place. God bless the parents who drugged us.

A NOTE

Dear friends,

I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to all our active members and benefactors here at St. Rose. Your generosity to the archdiocesan capital campaign and to our many collections throughout the year has allowed us to help many people and other organizations.

I would also like to thank Marianne Kurtinitis, who very generously donated our Christmas flowers again this year.

I wish you and your family a very merry Christmas and a blessed New Year!

Fr. Barry

HOW THE CANDY CANE REMINDS US OF JESUS

A candy cane is shaped like the letter “J”—the first letter of His name.

A candy cane is shaped like a shepherd’s staff. Jesus taught us that He is the Good Shepherd. (John 10:11)

The red stripes in the candy cane remind us that Jesus shed His blood on the cross for our salvation

The white of the candy cane reminds us of the purity of Jesus, who never sinned.

NEW YEAR’S AT ST. ROSE

New Year’s Eve: 7:00 p.m.

New Year’s Day (Holyday of Obligation):

8:00 a.m., 12:10 p.m., 7:00 p.m.

