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We are in the season of the Incarnation, the mystery of God's love poured out in Christ's birth. The word derives from the Latin *carnis* meaning "flesh." Throughout history, some Christians have distrusted the "flesh," and stressed a hatred of this world and its pleasures. Perhaps they have not paid enough attention to how "embodied" the sacraments are. One third-century author put it plainly in an image that may alarm diet-conscious Americans, explaining that we wash the body so the soul can be cleansed, that we anoint the body so the soul can be strengthened, and that we eat the body and blood of Christ so that "the soul can fatten on God."

Catholics "get" that God is revealed in this world. The sacraments use the "stuff" of creation: water and oil; the senses of the body, touch and taste and smell. We use the things of this world rightly. After all, God's love poured out into human flesh means the world has eternal value. Why else would Jesus describe the kingdom to come as a teeming city or a marriage banquet? Catholics are realists, and nowhere is that more evident than when we gather for a sacrament.

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### Remember In Prayer

Martha Jo , Michaelle Box ,  
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Pat Bowling , Deacon Jim Moss,  
Ted Bowling

A very special thank you to everyone who donated to the **Angel Tree**. Your generosity is deeply appreciated and has made it possible for **children of CASA** to have a wonderful Christmas.

. Thanks to all who helped with the Christmas decoration . The Church is so beautiful celebrating the birth of Jesus

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — "Listen to your father who gave you life, and do not despise your mother when she is old. Honor your father by work and deed, that you may have long life in the Land." (Sirach 3:2-6,12-14(17ABC)

**Psalm** — Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways. (Psalm 128:1-2,3,4-5)

**Second Reading** — We are children of God when we believe in the name of God's Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us (Colossians 3:12-21 or 3:12-17)

**Gospel** — "An angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt..." After Herod died, Joseph returned with Mary and Jesus to Israel, settling in Nazareth." (Matthew 2:13-15,19-23 (17A).

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 John 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-2a,2b-3,5b,6; G Luke 2:22-35

Tuesday: 1 John 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-9a,8b-9,10; G Luke 2:36-40

Wednesday: 1 John 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2,11-12,13; G John 1:1-18

Thursday: Numbers 6:22-27(18 ABC); Ps 67:2-3,5,6,8; Galatians 4:4-7; G Luke 2:16-21

Friday: 1 John 2:22-28; Ps 98:1,1-3ab,3cd-4; G John 1:19-28

Saturday: 1 John 2:29-3:6; Ps 98:1,3cd-4,5-6; G John 1:29-34

Sunday: Isaiah 60:1-6(20ABC); Ps 72:1-2, 7-8,10-11, 12-13; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; G Matthew 2:1-12

**Thursday, January 1, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, Holy Day of Obligation.** St Andrew Mass at 9:00 am and at St Regina at 11:00 am.

**The office will be closed December 22 through January 1 for the holidays.**

**PRE classes will resume on Sunday, January 4.**

**JANUARY 1ST-----**

**LECTOR** MARY

**SERVER** MA

**EUCARISTIC** JIM

**JANUARY 4TH-----**

**LECTOR** Mark

**SERVER** Carlos

**EUCARISTIC** Jim, Beverly, Ann F

**COUNTER**

**JANUARY 11TH -----**

**LECTOR** BEVERLY

**SERVER** MAX

**EUCARISTIC** JIM1 ANN C ANITA

**JANUARY 18TH -----**

**LECTOR** MARY

**SERVER** Max

**EUCARISTIC.** JOY, Florencia, Jim

**COUNTER**

**JANUARY 25TH -----**

**LECTOR** BEVERLY

**SERVER** Max

**EUCARISTIC** Beverly, Ann C. Jim

**COUNTER**

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