



# The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

December 26, 2004

*Over all other virtues put on love, that is, the bond of perfection.*

— Colossians 3:14

## CHRISTMAS THANK YOU

A warm and heartfelt thank you to all parishioners who helped prepare our Christmas liturgical celebrations—presiders, liturgy committee, environment committee, liturgical ministers, musicians and all of you who donated trees and poinsettias and other beauties. Your generosity and commitment to beautiful liturgy is a sign of your steadfast faith in the Incarnation of Jesus Christ and is truly appreciated.

## RCIA RITE OF WELCOMING

On Saturday, January 8 we will have an RCIA ceremony called *Rite of Welcoming* at the 5:30 p.m. Mass for Danish Cole and Keith Hughes. Both of these candidates have been baptized and will be preparing for a Profession of Faith and the reception of the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. Let us give both Danish and Keith a warm welcome and pray for them as they take this next step in their spiritual journey.

## COMUNIDAD MEETING

The next Comunidad meeting will be Tuesday, January 4th at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall. We are fortunate to have our own Fr. Jim Halley as our speaker. His topic will be Lesbian & Gay spirituality in the Catholic Church Today. All are welcome.

## THANK YOU THANK YOU

So very much to all who helped in any way or donated to our Advent suppers. They were filled with parish community spirit, especially for the 40+ people who went caroling. We collected \$300.00 to give to St. Vincent de Paul for helping for our parish needy.

## LOOKING FOR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION?

Plan to join with the Saturday 8:30 a.m. Rosary group. It takes just 20 minutes and is a prayerful way to begin the day.

## END OF YEAR STATEMENTS

In order to continue saving money this year, we will send end-of-the-year contribution statements to only those parishioners who request one.

Phone: 562.439.0931

Email: [stmatt@stmatthewlb.org](mailto:stmatt@stmatthewlb.org)

Drop a note to us via the contribution basket.

# Happy New Year!

## JINGLE JINGLE...

Remember those bells after Mass during Advent? So many parishioners put money in the white basket that Comunidad was able to give the St. Vincent de Paul Society \$2,200 to help poor families have a brighter Christmas. A heart-felt thank-you to all of you who helped. Comunidad and St. Vincent de Paul sends their best wishes for a healthy and prosperous New Year to all the parishioners of St. Matthew's parish.

## FOUR DAY RETREAT

Men and Women are invited to a 4 day retreat at Prince of Peace Abbey in Oceanside. Intensive silent retreat, "Seeking God in Love," is given by Discalced Carmelite Priest from India on various dates in 2005. Cost is \$265.00 for private room with bath and all meals. Contact Maidie Weisbarth 619.435.9475.

*The mind of Christ is to be learned in the family.  
Strength of character may be acquired at work,  
but beauty of charter is learned at home.*

## PARISH REGISTRATION

Are you new in the parish? Are you planning to move or have you already moved and forgotten to let us know? Please fill out the form below and drop it in the collection box or return it to the rectory.

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (middle Initial) \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Apt.#: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No: (        ) \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. & Mrs.                      Envelopes: Yes: \_\_\_\_\_

Mr.    No: \_\_\_\_\_

Mrs.    \_\_\_\_\_

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**EPIPHANY OF THE LORD— JANUARY 2**

**First Reading:** Isaiah 60:1-6

**Second Reading:** Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

**Gospel:** Matthew 2:1-12