

My dear friends in Christ,
 Pope Francis offered a great message for Christmas to the Roman Curia. The spiritual content of the message is very relevant to every Catholic. I would love you to go through this message for five weeks so that we will develop a true spirituality of Christ. I wish each and every one of you A BLESSED AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

Fr. Xavier Ilango

Dear Brothers,

At the end of Advent we meet for the traditional greetings. In a few days we will have the joy of celebrating the Lord's birth; the event of God who makes himself man to save men; the manifestation of the love of God who does not limit himself to give us something or to send us some message or some messengers, but gives himself to us; the mystery of God that takes our human condition and our sins on himself to reveal his divine life to us, his immense grace and his gratuitous forgiveness. It is the meeting with God who is born in the poverty of the cave of Bethlehem to teach us the power of humility. In fact, Christmas is also the feast of light that was not received by the "Chosen People" but by the "poor and simple people," who awaited the Lord's salvation.

First of all, I would like to wish you all – collaborators, brothers and sisters, papal representatives scattered throughout the world – and all your dear ones, a Holy Christmas and a happy New Year. I want to thank you cordially for your daily commitment at the service of the Holy See, of the Catholic Church, of the particular Churches and of the Successor of Peter.

We being persons and not numbers or just denominations, I remember in a special way those that, during this year, finished their service having reached the age limit or having taken on other roles or because they were called to the House of the Father. To all of them also, and to their families, go my thoughts and gratitude.

Together with you I wish to elevate to the Lord a heartfelt and profound gratitude for the year we are leaving behind, for the events lived and for all the good that He willed generously to fulfill through the service of the Holy See, asking Him humbly for forgiveness for the faults committed "in thoughts, words, deeds and omissions."

And, in fact, beginning from this request for forgiveness, I would like our meeting and the reflections that I will share with you to become, for us all, a support and stimulus to a true examination of conscience to prepare our hearts for Holy Christmas.

Thinking of this, our meeting, there came to mind the image of the Church as "the Mystical Body of Jesus Christ." It is an expression that, as Pope Pius XII explained, "flows and almost sprouts from what is frequently exposed in Sacred Scripture and in the Holy Fathers." [1] In this connection, Saint Paul writes: "For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ" (1 *Corinthians* 12:12)[2]

In this connection, the Second Vatican Council reminds us that, "there is in the structure of the Mystical Body of Christ a diversity of members and of offices. The Spirit is one, who for the use of the Church distributes the variety of his gifts with magnificence proportioned to His richness and to the needs of the ministries (Cf. 1 *Corinthians* 12:1-11)."[3] Therefore 'Christ and the Church' form the "total Christ." ["*Christus totus*"]. The Church "is one with Christ." [4]

Daily Mass Schedule December 29-January 4

Mon: 5:30 p.m. Jean E. Sailer
 Tues: 9:00 a.m. +Virginia Quiggle
 Wed: 5:30 p.m. +Raymond & Lillian Buschette
 Thurs: 8:30 a.m. +Barney Furey
 Fri: 7:30 a.m. +Winifred Renney
 Sat: 9:00 a.m. +Mike & Sophie Gubernatz
 5:30 p.m. +Bette Daggett
 Sun: 8:30 a.m. Pro populo

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Mass Times
 Monday 5:30 p.m.
 Tuesday-Thursday
 9:00 am
 Friday 7:30 AM
 (Care Center)
 Saturday 5:30 pm
 Sunday 8:30AM

CONFESSIONS:
 Saturday 4:30PM
ADORATION:
 Tuesdays: 9:30AM-6 PM

Remember the St. Francis of Assisi Christmas Dinner for the parish and the surrounding Community on January 3. This includes the families who in the past have received Christmas food baskets. Frazee Lions have donated the turkeys for the meal. There is now a drop-off box for the hats and mittens in the Hall of Saints. Please help contribute the hats and mittens needed by these families to stay warm during the winter months.

 KC Supper will be on January 11, 2015. Social at 5:00 and potluck supper at 6:00. Christian mothers are invited.

 Father Ilango will be gone to India from January 5 to February 5. There is a schedule on the vestibule bulletin board of the priests who will be subbing for weekend Masses during his absence. There will be no weekend Masses while Father is gone; there will be the normal schedule of adoration on Tuesdays. For any emergencies during Father's absence, please contact Holy Rosary at 218.847.1393.

Parishioners' Prayer Requests
 Parish families have asked us to keep in our prayers their loved ones who are ill
 Please pray for:
 -Bonnie Wallace -Emily Martin
 -Luella Baumgart -Bruce Moe
 -Casey Courneya -Henry Schreiner
 -Connie Ulschmid -Dave Goebel
 -Ken Jacobson -Roger Wolden
 -Norman Buseth -Paula Stegeman
 -MaryAnn Parsons -Lisa Flynn
 -Bob Thompson

December 28, 2014

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

202 West Maple, Frazee MN 56544

| Collections Dec 21, 2014 | | Attendance | Needed per Week to Reach Budget: \$5,642.00—This figure includes all sources of parish income (i.e., funerals, flower collections, fall dinner, Building, Steeple, and Window Funds, etc), not just the Sunday collections. |
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| Collection Basket | | | |
| Adult | \$ 3,217.00 | 394 | |
| Loose | 929.00 | | |
| Children | 5.00 | | |
| Total: | \$ 4,151.00 | | |
| Other Budgeted Income | | | |
| Vigil Lights | \$ 19.50 | | |
| Building Fund | 210.00 | | |
| Steeple Fund | 425.00 | | |
| Window Fund | 1,425.00 | | |
| Facility use fee | 50.00 | | |
| Christmas Flowers | 290.00 | | |
| Total | \$ 2,419.50 | | |

Other Parish Fund Raisers: FACC—\$347.81;

Non-Parish Collections: Retired Religious—\$ 210.00; SMMA—\$ 5.00

UPCOMING:

Jan 3: Mariology—Rosary at 8:30 am; Mass at 9:00 am.
Jan 3: FACC Christmas Dinner after the 5:30 pm Mass
Jan 5: Christian Mothers' Epiphany Party at 6:00 pm
Jan 11: KC Supper Social at 5:00 pm, Supper at 6:00. Christian Mothers are invited.
Jan 12: Stewardship Committee Meeting at 4:00 pm

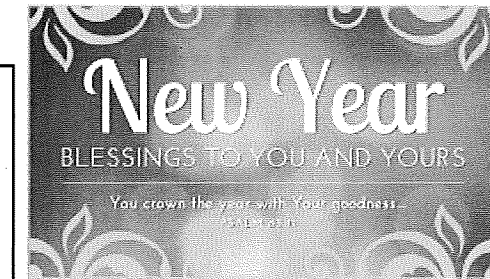
Schedule for New Year's Masses:
 New Year's Eve: 5:30 pm
 New Year's Day: 8:30 am

Ministry Schedule for Jan 4, 2015

| | 5:30 PM | 8:30 AM |
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| FCC— | Mark Byer and Barb Rice | |
| Ministers | Heather Mitchell | Barb Rice |
| Of Holy | Kristi Roers | Sandy Hofer |
| Communion | Joan Schraufek | Kathy Peichel Carol Aarness Tracy Roforh |
| Lectors | Russell and Mary Ann Karasch | Marlys Jacobson |
| Ushers | Adam Jaroszewski Jim Jaroszewski | Bruce Hofer Jay Malstrom |
| Servers | Rachel Kasowski Grace Jaroszewski Cath. Jaroszewski Madison Ketter | Scott Seim Braylee Riewer Kaitlyn Wake |

January 2nd Collections: 4th—Building Fund; 18th—Solidarity for the Church in Africa; 25th—FACC

Circle 5 is in charge of donuts in January
 Circle 6 is in charge of donuts in February



*****Youth*****

December RE
 January 7, 2015, all Classes Resume

The **Christian Mothers** thank everyone who participated in our Brunch and for donating and/or purchasing the beautiful baskets from the silent auction. Another thank you to all who brought for or bought at the Parish Bake Sale.

The **Christian Mothers Epiphany Party** is on January 5, 2015, at 6:00 pm. The meal is potluck. Please bring a \$10 gift if you want to participate in the gift exchange. KC's are invited to the party.

Thank You Thank you to all who contributed to the Mary Kay Christmas gifts for all the FCC residents. The gifts were prayerfully delivered and joyfully received with many tears, hugs, and smiles.

Copies of the **January—March Ministry Schedule** are available both in the kiosk at the back of the church and online at the parish website. All **Altar Servers, Ushers, Lectors, and Eucharistic Ministers** are asked to obtain a copy of the schedule. If you are not available to serve as scheduled, please find a substitute.

1st Marriage Banns:
 Ashley Elizabeth Dretsch and Phillip Ronald Frericks

