

# Assumption Catholic Church

December 25, 2022

## The Twelve Days of Christmas

We're all familiar with the carol "The Twelve days of Christmas." It recounts a series of gifts that someone's true love gave to someone. There is a different gift or set of gifts for each of the twelve days of Christmas up until the evening before Epiphany (which always used to happen on January 6<sup>th</sup>, though we now push it to the closest Sunday for the sake of convenience. Ugh!). It is a loveable song full of amusing gifts. It involves memorization and counting, and is fun to sing together. It might also have been a catechetical tool to help children learn about the Faith. For each day of Christmas, the gift(s) can be associated with certain Christian things. Here is the list:

- 12 Drummers Drumming = the twelve points of doctrine in the Apostle's Creed
- 11 Pipers Piping = the eleven faithful apostles
- 10 Lords A-leaping = the Ten Commandments
- 9 Ladies Dancing = the nine Fruits of the Holy Spirit
- 8 Maids A-milking = the eight beatitudes
- 7 Swans A-swimming = the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, the seven sacraments
- 6 Geese A-laying = the six days of creation (highlighting life)
- 5 Golden Rings = The first five books of the Old Testament, the "Pentateuch," which gives the history of man's fall from grace
- 4 Calling Birds = the Four Gospels
- 3 French Hens = Faith, hope, and charity, as the principle theological virtues
- 2 Turtle Doves = The Old and New Testaments

What about the partridge in a pear tree? It is Jesus Christ, as symbolically represented by a mother partridge protecting her helpless nestlings. Luke 13:34 recounts the words of Christ:

*O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, killing the prophets and stoning those who are sent to you! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not!*

Last of all...What about the concept of someone's true love? God should be *our* true love, and what gift did he give us on the First Day of Christmas? The Christ Child born of a Virgin Mother!

**Question of the Week:** *How can the seeds of divinity sown in me bloom for all to realize? Do I recognize the seeds of divinity in me? In others?*

If you or someone you know has been the victim of sexual misconduct on the part of a priest, deacon, or individual representing the Diocese of Crookston, its parishes, or its schools, your first call should be to law enforcement. In addition, the diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator is available at 218-281-7895 (24-hour confidential number).

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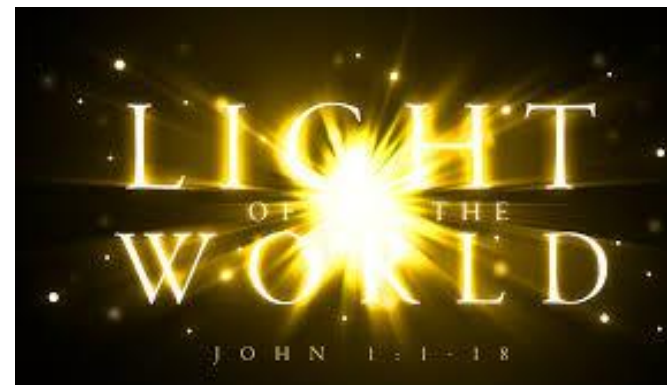
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**Mass Times**  
 Tuesday 7:00 pm  
 Sunday 10:30 am

**CONFESSIONS:**

Tuesday @ 6:15 pm  
 Sunday after Mass

**ADORATION:**  
 Tuesdays: 5:00-7:00 pm



## Announcements

Liturgical Ministers, it would be helpful for you to arrive approximately 15 minutes before Mass is scheduled to begin so we can know for sure that we have all the Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Gift Bearers and Ushers needed and be set for Mass to begin. Also, please either find a sub or let Max Klarer know if you are not able to serve as scheduled.

## PRAYER REQUESTS:

A PRAYER TO PRAY FOR THE PEOPLE BELOW: Lord, we pray for your loving support for the people listed below and their families as they deal with their illnesses. Guide the doctors who are seeking answers and making decisions about care/ treatments. We pray that their illness is at a stage favorable for effective treatment. Enable their bodies to respond well to care/treatment and their soul to experience comfort and peace in you. Make this an experience that draws them and their loved ones closer to you as well as to one another. We commit them to your mercy. Amen.

Crystal Bunnell, Theresa (Foltz) Thunder, Irene Hazelton, Jonah Steffl, Stella Thielen, Lillian Welle, Cleo Baker, George Scherzer, Kevin Olson and Fr. Adam Hamness

It is time to make a list of your **Mass intention requests for 2023** and get that information to Marlys. When specific dates are requested, Masses will be scheduled on a first-come/first-served basis. (New typical Mass stipend is \$10)

*"When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home."* MATTHEW 1:24

Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Striving to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may lead us. Joseph was a model of these pillars of our faith. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.

**Sunday, December 18—\$977  
 Retirement Fund for Religious--\$10**

## Upcoming

- Sun., Jan 15:** Callaway Lions' Breakfast
- Wed., Jan 18:** Church cleaning @ 11:00 am, followed by a potluck lunch
- Sun., Feb 12:** Callaway Lions' Breakfast

## Mass Intentions

- Today's Mass:** +Mark Stalberger
- Tues., Dec 27:** +Glenise Donley
- Sun., Jan 1:** For the People of Assumption and Sacred Heart Parishes

## Ministry Schedule for January 1, 2023

### Altar Servers

Luke Helm

### Eucharistic Minister

Virginia McDougall & David Steffl

### Lector

Kristi Stalberger

### Presentation of the Gifts

Stanley Warren Family

### Ushers

Danny Steffl & Damian Zurn