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### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday – 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
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### WEBSITES

Parish: [www.steugenes.com](http://www.steugenes.com)  
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### REGISTRATION IN THE PARISH

Our warmest welcome to all who worship in our community. If you are not registered in the parish, please complete a registration card. Cards are available at church entrances or at the parish office.

### MARRIAGES & BAPTISMS

Please contact the office at least 6 months in advance for weddings and 3 months in advance for baptisms. Check the parish website for more information.

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the parish office when a parishioner is home bound or hospitalized to arrange for Holy Communion and Anointing of the Sick.



### MASS TIMES

Daily Mass: 6:45 and 8:00 a.m.  
Saturday: 8:00 a.m.; 4:30 p.m. & Sp. 6:30 p. m.  
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.  
12:00 noon and 5:30 p.m.  
Tuesday Latin Mass: 5:30 p.m.  
Sunday Latin Mass: 1:30 p.m.

### CONFESSIONS

3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Saturday or by appointment

### PERPETUAL ADORATION

**Perpetual Adoration** is in the Chapel of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. To sign up for your hour with our Lord, call 539-2772.

**Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament** is held in the chapel every First Friday following 8:00 a.m. Mass.

### DEVOTIONS

**Recitation of the Rosary** is Monday – Saturday at 7:30 a.m. in the Cathedral

**Chaplet of Divine Mercy** is Saturday after the 8:00 a.m. Mass in the Cathedral

### CATHEDRAL SHOPS

**Cathedral Thrift Shop** is open Tues & Wed 9:30 – 2:30  
**Cathedral Books & Gifts** Hours: Wed-Fri 9:30-4:30  
& Sun 9:30-1:30 - Phone: 542-0250

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT – DECEMBER 24, 2017

*Today's Hymn numbers follow bulletin announcements*

### PARISH CALENDAR

#### SUNDAY DECEMBER 24

Coffee Social – PLC – 8:00 am – 12:00 noon

Latin Mass– Cathedral – 1:30 pm

*No 5:30 pm Mass*

#### Christmas Eve Schedule Cathedral:

4:30 pm Christmas Eve Mass

6:30 pm - (Spanish) Christmas Eve Mass

9:00 pm – Latin High Mass

12:00 am – Midnight Mass w/ Bishop Vasa

#### MONDAY DECEMBER 25

Parish Office Closed

Christmas Day Masses – Cathedral

7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:00 noon, 5:30 pm

#### TUESDAY DECEMBER 26

Parish Office Closed

Latin Mass – Cathedral-5:30 pm -

#### WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 27

Legion of Mary – PLC – 6:00 pm

Queen of the Angels -Becker Ctr (Youth Room). – 6:15 pm

#### THURSDAY DECEMBER 28

Prayer Vigil – Cathedral – 7:00 pm

#### FRIDAY DECEMBER 29

Friday Morning Bible Study – PLC – 9:30 am

#### SATURDAY DECEMBER 30

Confession – Cathedral – 3:30 – 4:30 pm

Spanish Mass – Cathedral – 6:30 pm

### IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS

Those who are ill need your support and prayers: Elaine Dolcini, Edward G. Urtiaga, Maureen Mardanyas, Alice Gordon, Cristina Mamuyac, Jeffrey Andrews, Thomas Timko, Jim Keegan, Irene Medina, Catherine Hubbard, Tristan Humble, Samuel Agius, Sandy Torti Wilcox, Marjorie Miles, Lynne Staley, Marie Tran, Pam Hall, Amelia Lansangan, Marv Kidweiler, Kathryn Acquistapace, Gail Brown, Bob Del Santo, Patrick Grace, Luigi Fabiano, Leo and Bernie Del Santo, Daniel Velasquez, Emeline Jane Smith, Nina Marie Cantacessi, Lisa Adams, Rosalind Britto, Ken Davis, Rita Wyatt, Karen Mills, John Patrick, Valerie McGuire, Eileen Carol.

The bulletin item deadline is Thursday @ 3:00pm for the Sunday after next bulletin. E-mail items to: [office@steugenes.com](mailto:office@steugenes.com). We reserve the right to edit or omit items.

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Saturday December 23

8:00 am George Skikos, deceased

4:30 pm Rodney Avery Laws, Jr., living

6:30 pm Julio Cesar Peraza, deceased

#### Sunday December 24

7:30 am People of St. Eugene's

9:00 am Mercedes Loza, living

10:30 am People of the Diocese

12:00 pm Paula Epperson, deceased

1:30 pm McCall & Kopf Families, living & deceased

4:30 pm Priest's Intention

6:30 pm (Sp) Priest's Intention

9:00 pm Priest's Intention

12:00 Midnight Bishop's Intention

#### Monday December 25

7:30 am Priest's Intention

9:00 am Priest's Intention

10:30 am Bishop's Intention

12:00 Priest's Intention

5:30 pm Priest's Intention

#### Tuesday December 26

6:45 am Vincent and Mary Iannuzzi, deceased

8:00 am John Beglin, deceased

5:30 pm In Thanksgiving

#### Wednesday December 27

6:45 am Michael Tran, living

8:00 am In Thanksgiving

#### Thursday December 28

6:45 am Jorge Stamoulis, deceased

8:00 am For All Unborn Children, and for an end to Abortion

#### Friday December 29

6:45 am Michael Tran, living

8:00 am Stephanie L. Buettner, deceased

#### Saturday December 30

8:00 am Amada Soriano Masellones, deceased

4:30 pm Meghan McCurry, living

6:30 pm Julio Cesar Peraza, deceased



**A Blessed &  
Merry  
Christmas  
to all our  
Parishioners,  
Visitors, and  
their Families.**

## CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS IN MEMORY OF

Anne Brown	Charles Brown	Roy & Kathryn Stewart	Mike Gaddie
Ed & Blanche Triske	Walter & Josephine Gaddie	Rico Acquistapace	Irene Acquistapace
Lester Mayer	Harry DeConter	Cecile Mayer DeConter	Bob Williams
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Robert Cook	Mr. & Mrs. J. Lasko	Garcia & Silva Families	T.H. Patrick Family
Lee Devencinzi	Steve Vinella	Relatives of Elsie Hopper	Allen Hendricks
John & Charline Curtin	Alma & Hank Lapera	Curtin Family	Peter D. Porrino
L. Baier	Hart & Rita Forsythe	George Stefan	Albert Dontanville
Stephanie Buettner	Bernard J. Gilson, Sr.	Rose, John & Henry	Owen O'Donnell
Dan & Meta McCall	Dan Maloney	Mary Pederson	Walter Cotton
Lillian Franecke	Sara Uribe	Edward R. Dathe	Angelina I. Posey
Johnnie D. Posey	Louise A. Locati	Louise Bishop	Austin Bishop
John & Gert Saylor	John E. & Kathleen B. Sill	Frank Burger	H & L Bernardy
John McCall	William Avilla	Scott & Ann Webb	Mary Buckley
John Buckley	Agnes Cranley	John Cranley	Mary Paige Phillips
Alice Keihn	Joe Keihn	Karen Righetti	Carl J. Fusco
Pasquale & Tina Bastoni	The Kopf Family	Robert Moratto	Alice & Louis Moratto
Irene & Joseph Paolini	Jerre Paolini	Mike & Linda Crandall	Kristen Heystek
William I. Vreeland, Jr.	Maria Glenna Enorme Schutz	Anna & Marcia Watras	Richard McCall
Maria Martinez	Nicolas Martinez	Miguel Martinez	Theodore McCarthy
Evelyn Williams Hagstrom		Bernie & Virginia Welchon	
Bonkowski Family & Friends		George J. Brazis	Mr. & Mrs. A.J. Helmke

*God of love, Father of all, the darkness that covered the earth  
has given way to the bright dawn of your Word made flesh.  
Make us a people of this light. Make us faithful to your Word  
that we may bring your life to the waiting world.  
Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

# SUNDAY MASS HYMNS

HYMNS AT 4:30 P.M. & 10:30 A.M.

ENTRANCE HYMN: #257 Missal

PREPARATION OF GIFTS: #238 Missal

COMMUNION HYMN: #204 Missal

RECESSIONAL HYMN:

Christmas Day—4:30 P.M. & 10:30 A.M.

ENTRANCE HYMN: #88 Missal

PREPARATION OF GIFTS: #201 Missal

COMMUNION HYMN: #170 Missal

RECESSIONAL HYMN: #177 Missal

## MY CATHOLIC FAITH

### ***SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY***

#### **~FROM THE PASTOR~**

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you a very happy and holy Christmas. I always take stock of the past year during this time and count my many blessings. A big part of those blessings is being here, at the Cathedral, with all of you. May God's blessing be upon us all on this holiest of days and in the year to come. Following is a very interesting little historical excerpt that many of us will remember (sadly, it shows how, in this day and age, Christians can be silenced by just one person) and also the wisdom of the holy men of the Church.

#### **~CHRISTMAS EVE~**

*Christmas Eve 1968: How Apollo 8 Made History By Reading the Bible*— "Apollo 8 was launched on December 21st, 1968 and headed toward the moon. The crew was tasked with flying to the moon for the first time in history, orbiting it (without landing), and returning to earth. The mission accomplished several amazing feats: It was the first time humans had ever gone beyond low Earth orbit; it was of course the closest humans had ever gotten to the moon; it was the first time humans had ever seen the Earth as a whole planet, as well as seen an "Earthrise"; and it was the first time humans had seen with their own eyes the far side of the moon. But it was during one of their live broadcasts back to earth during their mission that they made Church history: they read from the book of Genesis on live television while orbiting the moon. It was Christmas Eve 1968, and the crew was orbiting the moon. They did a live broadcast from their spaceship, garnering the largest TV audience ever at the time. The astronaut crew introduced themselves and described what it was like to see the moon so close. Then one of the astronauts said, "We are now approaching lunar sunrise, and for all

the people back on Earth, the crew of Apollo 8 has a message that we would like to send to you." The three astronauts then took turns reading the first 10 verses of the first chapter of Genesis, which describes creation ... When the finished, the last astronaut concluded, "And from the crew of Apollo 8, we close with good night, good luck, a Merry Christmas - and God bless all of you, all of you on the good Earth."

#### **~A LAWSUIT~**

"Unfortunately, the Scripture reading - which appears to have been done entirely at the initiative of the astronauts - landed NASA a lawsuit. Atheist Madalyn Murray O'Hair, famous for the 1963 Supreme Court case with her name that banned Bible reading in public schools, sued NASA arguing that the fact the astronauts were public employees made the public Bible reading unconstitutional. The case was dismissed by the Supreme Court in 1970 on a technicality, but the ordeal left NASA skittish about anything relating to religion, leading them to simply self-censor (so basically O'Hair still won)." [www.Churchpop.com/2015/12/17/Apollo-8-bible-moon/](http://www.Churchpop.com/2015/12/17/Apollo-8-bible-moon/)

### ***THE EARLY CHURCH FATHERS***

#### **~JESUS IS GOD~**

The early Christian Fathers all taught that Christ is God. They taught that Christ is the Word of God incarnate as a human born from the virgin Mary. Not only did they teach Christ was begotten from eternity, they also taught that He became a man and lived on earth as the only begotten Son of God. Christ's nature, according to the early church Fathers, was the same essence and substance of God. This is an important teaching in the doctrine of the Trinity in that Christ, being a separate person from the Father, comes from the Father and at the same time is one God. The divinity of Christ, the

virgin birth, and the humanity of Christ was debated in the early church continually. The early church fathers defended the authentic and original view found in scripture that we still believe today. Below are quotes from the early Christian Fathers on Christ as the Word of God, the virgin birth, and the Incarnation.

**~ST. IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH~**

“And God the Word was truly born of the Virgin, having clothed Himself with a body of like passions with our own. He who forms all men in the womb, was Himself really in the womb, and made for Himself a body of the seed of the Virgin, but without any intercourse of man.” ... “If anyone confesses the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost, and praises the creation, but calls the incarnation merely an appearance, and is ashamed of the passion, such a one has denied the faith, not less than the Jews who killed Christ. If any one confesses these things, and that God the Word did dwell in a human body, being within it as the Word, even as the soul also is in the body, because it was God that inhabited it, and not a human soul, but affirms that unlawful unions are a good thing, and places the highest happiness in pleasure, as does the man who is falsely called a Nicolaitan, this person can neither be a lover of God, nor a lover of Christ, but is a corrupter of his own flesh, and therefore void of the Holy Spirit, and a stranger to Christ.” *Ignatius a.d. 30-107*

**~ST. CLEMENT OF ALEXANDRIA~**

“Now, O you, my children, our Instructor is like His Father God, whose son He is, sinless, blameless, and with a soul devoid of passion; God in the form of man, stainless, the minister of His Father’s will, the Word who is God, who is in the Father, who is at the Father’s right hand, and with the form of God is God. He is to us a spotless image; to Him we are to try with all our might to assimilate our souls.” *Clement of Alexandria a.d. 153-193-217*

**~THE MYSTERY OF CHRISTMAS~**

Dom Prosper Gueranger writes: “Everything is mystery in this holy season. The Word of God, whose generation is before the day-star, is born in time: A Child is God. A Virgin becomes a Mother and remains a Virgin. Things divine are commingled with those that are human. And the sublime, the ineffable antithesis, expressed by the Beloved Disciple in those words of his Gospel, *The Word was made flesh*, is repeated in a thousand different ways

in all the prayers of the Church. And rightly so, for it admirably embodies the whole of the great portent that unites in one Person the nature of Man and the nature of God. The splendor of this mystery dazzles the understanding, but it inundates the heart with joy. It is the consummation of the designs of God in time. It is the endless subject of admiration and wonder to the Angels and Saints. Nay, it is the source and cause of their beatitude. Let us see how the Church offers this mystery to her children, veiled under the symbolism of the Liturgy.”

**~WHY DECEMBER 25?~**

“The four weeks of our preparation are over. They were the image of the 4,000 years that preceded the great coming, and we have reached the 25<sup>th</sup> day of the month of December as a long desired place of sweetest rest. But, why is it that the celebration of our Savior's Birth should be the perpetual privilege of this one fixed day, while the whole liturgical cycle has to be changed and remodeled every year in order to yield to that ever-varying day which is to be the feast of His Resurrection, Easter Sunday? The question is a very natural one, and we find it proposed and answered as far back as the fourth century by St. Augustine in his celebrated *Epistle to Januarius*. The holy Doctor offers this explanation: We solemnize the day of our Savior's Birth so that we may honor that Birth, which was for our salvation. But, the precise day of the week on which He was born is void of any mystical signification. ... We should not suppose, however, that because the Feast of Jesus' Birth is not fixed to any particular day of the week, there is no mystery expressed by its always being on the 25<sup>th</sup> of December. *First*, we may observe, with the old liturgists, that the Feast of Christmas is kept by turns on each of the days of the week, that thus its holiness may cleanse and rid them of the curse that Adam's sin had put upon them. *Second*, the great mystery of the 25<sup>th</sup> of December being the Feast of our Savior's Birth refers not to the division of time marked out by God himself, but to the course of that great luminary that gives life to the world, because it gives light and warmth. Jesus, our Savior, the Light of the World, was born when the night of idolatry and crime was at its darkest. The day of His Birth, the 25<sup>th</sup> of December, is the time when the material sun begins to gain its ascendancy over the reign of gloomy night and show to the world its triumph of brightness.”

**CATEDRAL DE ST. EUGENE'S — 24 de Diciembre del 2017**  
**Cuarto Domingo de Adviento**

**CLASES DE PLANIFICACION FAMILIAR**

Mejorar tu matrimonio!

Curso de Planificación Natural de la Familia  
Para Parejas Casadas o Comprometidas  
Becker Center, Catedral de St. Eugene, 2323 Montgomery Drive, Santa Rosa  
Sábados: 17 de Febrero, 17 de Marzo, 21 de Abril  
11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Hay cuidado para niños y bocadillo  
Para registrar, llama a Maria Sanchez, 542-6984 x0

**BAUTIZO**

Preparación Pre-Bautismal en Español, Para Padres y Padrinos. Cada Primer Jueves de cada mes en el Salón Parroquial (PLC) La próxima será: el 4 de Enero a las 7:00pm. *No niños.*  
Antes de hacer preparativos tienen que hablar a la oficina por lo menos 2 meses antes.

**DESDE EL ESCRITORIO DEL PADRE ROA**

**Vida de San Juan de la Cruz**

En Víspera de la Navidad, me viene a la mente la fundación del primer convento de carmelitas descalzos, en una humilde y triste casa de Duruelo en España, cuando San Juan entró en aquel nuevo Belén con un ferviente espíritu de sacrificio, tomando poco tiempo después el nombre de Juan de la Cruz.

Juan de Yepes Álvarez nació en Fontiveros en Castilla - España, hacia el año 1542. Hijo de Gonzalo de Yepes y Catalina Álvarez, tejedores de seda de Toledo, su padre fue desheredado por su matrimonio, fueron muy pobres. Juan fue un alumno responsable y atento, fue aprendiz de artesano, durante siete años dedico su tiempo a atender a los más pobres en el hospital de Medina y a su vez asistía a una escuela de los Jesuitas. Practicaba severas penitencias, tomó los hábitos de Carmelitas cuando contaba con 21 años y fue llamado Juan de San Matías, sus superiores, conociendo sus aptitudes, lo enviaron a Salamanca, para cursar sus estudios superiores, y fue ordenado sacerdote en 1567, la gracia que recibió con el sacerdocio lo llevaron a desear una vida de silencio y oración, abrumado con tantas responsabilidades pensó en ingresar a los Cartujos.

Conoció a Santa Teresa de Ávila que para entonces fundaba conventos de monjas de la rama reformadora de las carmelitas, la santa quedó admirada por el espíritu religioso y su alma pura, le dijo que Dios le llamaba a santificarse en la Orden Carmelita, persuadiéndolo de no abandonarla. La reforma de Santa Teresa y San Juan consistió en restaurar y revitalizar la Orden del Carmelo,



infundiendo a los carmelitas una nueva riqueza de espiritualidad, quedando plasmados en sus escritos y en sus formas de vida. Poco después se llevó a cabo la fundación del primer convento de carmelitas descalzos, siendo él su primer miembro, meses después en un domingo de adviento renovó su profesión y adoptó el nombre de Juan de la Cruz, fue el primer maestro de novicios, ocupó varios puestos en diferentes lugares, Santa Teresa de Ávila lo llamo para que ocupara el cargo de director y confesor en el convento de la Encarnación, permaneciendo allí más de cinco años. Debido a la reforma fue encarcelado y llevado a Toledo, donde estuvo nueve meses. En medio de sus sufrimientos fue asistido por la Santísima Virgen, el día de la Asunción, quien le dijo que “fuera paciente ya que pronto terminaría esa prueba”, algunos días después se le volvió aparecer y le mostro en visión la forma de escapar y le dijo que ella lo ayudaría, logrando escapar ese mismo día, su fuga fue un milagro.

Una vez libre se ocupó de la fundación y gobierno de monasterios, pero no todo le resulto fácil, lo llegaron a privar de sus cargos y lo enviaron a uno de los monasterios más pobres, donde paso meses entregado a la meditación y la oración. No contento sus adversarios se dieron a la tarea de investigarle, lanzándole fuertes acusaciones, buscando su expulsión de la Orden a la que había ayudado a fundar. Con todo este remolino de vicisitudes, enfermó, así que el pidió que lo trasladaran a uno de los monasterios donde no era querido por el superior ya que lo había corregido, este superior le dio un trato inhumano, la fatiga del viaje empeoro su estado de salud y después de tres meses de sufrimiento muy agudo el Santo falleció el 14 de diciembre de 1591. San Juan solo pedía a Dios tres cosas: que no dejase pasar un solo día de su vida sin enviarle sufrimientos, que no le dejase morir en el cargo de superior y que le permitiese morir en la humillación y el desprecio, cumpliéndose así lo pedido por Juan hasta el final de su vida.

Fue beatificado el 25 de enero de 1675 y canonizado el 27 de diciembre de 1726 por el Papa Benedicto XIII. La enseñanza de San Juan se resume en el amor del sufrimiento y el completo abandono del alma en Dios. Este santo vivió la renuncia completa que predico tan fervientemente, dedicándose a orar todas las noches ante el Santísimo Sacramento.

San Juan hizo muchos escritos entre ellos versos y poemas donde muestra su gran espiritualidad y fue uno de los más grandes contemplativos. El Papa Pio XI en el año 1926 lo proclamó Doctor de la Iglesia Universal. No olvidemos que celebramos su fiesta todos los 14 de diciembre, es el patrono de los poetas en la lengua española. Pidámosle a este Santo que llegó a ser modelo de virtud perfecta y nos mostró como amar la Cruz, que nos permita imitarle.