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MASS INTENTIONS Dec 30, 2023 to Jan 7, 2024

SATURDAY, Dec 30, 2023

5:00 p.m. MASS in Morden- The intentions of all parishioners

SUNDAY, Dec 31, 2023 HOLY FAMILY

11:00 a.m. MASS in Morden -The intentions of all parishioners

7:00 p.m. MASS in Morden -(Anticipated) THEOTOKOS MASS
The intentions of all parishioners

MONDAY, Jan 1, 2024 SOLEMNITY OF THE THEOTOKOS

11:00 a.m. Mass in Morden - The intentions of all parishioners

TUESDAY, Jan 2, 2024

7:00 p.m. Mass in Morden - The intentions of all parishioners

WEDNESDAY, Jan 3, 2024

7:00 p.m. MASS in Morden -The eternal repose of Denise Steedman –
req. St. John's CWL

THURSDAY, Jan 4, 2024

7:00 p.m. MASS in Morden - The intentions of all parishioners

FRIDAY, Jan 5, 2024

10:00 a.m. Mass in Morden- The intentions of all parishioners

SATURDAY, Jan 6, 2024

5:00 p.m. MASS in Morden- The intentions of all parishioners

SUNDAY, Jan 7, 2024 EPIPHANY

11:00 a.m. MASS in Morden- The intentions of all parishioners

7:00 p.m. MASS in Morden- The intentions of all parishioners

Father Ramon **The Shepherds walking stick**

PARISH UPDATE 12/31/2023 –

As we leave the current year behind, we give thanks to God for the blessings he has showered upon us throughout the year. Many of these blessings, of course, are hidden. So, we are invited to welcome the new year with a sense of awe and wonder like Mary and Joseph as they welcome Jesus into their lives (cf. Lk 2:33). Indeed, such awe and wonder will sharpen the eyes of our faith thus recognizing the Immanuel – God with us – every day of 2024. And, we will have joy and peace even if the news around us is full of turmoil. Happy New Year to you, my beloved parishioners!..... This time, allow me to express gratitude to all of you for making our parish community

Advent and Christmas celebrations truly memorable! Our special thanks go to the Parish Pastoral Council and the Parish Finance Council for the planning and supporting all the way. For the Simbang Gabi, I thank the Couples for Christ (CFC) service teams for the very remarkable task of coordinating. I also thank the Sponsors for the offerings (which will soon be forwarded to Many Hands) and the refreshments after the liturgy. Kudos to the Filipino choir and the Bisaya choir! We wish we can have you more often during the Sunday liturgies!

Our sincerest thanks also to our Altar Servers, Greeters-Collectors, Lectors, Cantors, and Accompanist-musicians on whom we can always count on! On a more personal level, I would like to thank everyone who greeted me personally and online on my birthday and on Christmas. I felt overwhelmed by the affection that came with your greetings and gifts; it means so much to me. I encourage everyone to search and read online Pope Francis' Christmas Message 2023 (Urbi et Orbi). To whet your appetite, let me give you this quote: "The message of Bethlehem is indeed 'good news of great joy' (Lk 2:10). What kind of joy? Not the passing happiness of this world, not the glee of entertainment but a joy that is "great" because it makes us great.

Parish Hall Booking: Contact Kitin Cayona Hallbookings.StJohnParishMorden@gmail.com

Parish Update Continued

For today, all of us, with all our shortcomings, embrace the sure promise of an unprecedented gift: the hope of being born for heaven."

December 31, 2023 - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

"...as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must forgive."
- Colossians 3:13

Forgiving is one of the hardest things for people to do. We can't give what we don't have. We need to receive God's mercy and forgiveness first before we can give it to others. Go to the sacrament of Reconciliation and receive God's mercy and forgiveness. Then, share the gift of forgiveness with someone – a family member, a friend or a co-worker. Pick up the phone or text someone right now.

Prayer Intention for December, 2023

For persons with disabilities -

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programmes which value their active participation."

Holy Family, we consecrate ourselves and our family to you. May we be completely united in a love that is lasting, faithful and open to the gift of new life. Help us to grow in virtue, to forgive one another from our hearts, and to live in peace all our days



Epiphany

The tradition of Catholics marking their homes with chalk for the Epiphany dates back centuries and signifies that their homes are homes where Christ lives. With the blessing of chalk, we are asking the Lord to bless our home, all inhabitants of our home, as well as any guests who may pass through our door throughout the year. This ceremony of blessing the home and inscribing the initials of the three Magi above each door (Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar) can be performed by the members of the family (or a priest) and can become a beautiful annual family tradition. The characters "20+C+M+B+22" are for the Latin Christus Mansionem Benedicat (Christ bless this house).

Please Pray for the Sick of Our Parish....

(Please call 204-822-5240 if someone should be included or removed. Thanks!)