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# Merry Christmas

## Announcements:

- 1) Masses for the week are as follows:
 

Wednesday:	9:00 AM
Thursday:	9:00 AM
Friday:	9:00 AM
Saturday:	9:00 AM
- 2) **New Year's Day - Sunday, January 1<sup>ST</sup> Mass is at 4:00 PM.**
- 3) Traditional 2012 calendars are available in the vestibule; the cost is \$7.00 each.



## A Prayer to be recited when visiting a Christmas Crib

O Divine Redeemer, Jesus Christ, prostrate before Thy crib, I believe that Thou art the God of infinite majesty, even though I see Thee as a helpless babe. Humbly I adore and thank Thee for having so humbled Thyself for my salvation as to will to be born in a stable. I thank Thee for all Thou didst wish to suffer for me in Bethlehem, for Thy poverty and humility, for Thy nakedness, tears, cold and sufferings.

Would that I could show Thee that tenderness which Thy Virgin Mother had toward Thee, and love Thee as she loved Thee. Would that I could praise Thee with the joy of the angels; that I could kneel before Thee with the faith of Saint Joseph; the simplicity of the shepherds. Uniting myself with these first worshippers at the crib, I offer Thee the homage of my heart and I beg that thou wouldst be born spiritually in my soul. Give me, I pray Thee, the virtues of Thy blessed Nativity. Fill me with that spirit of renunciation, of poverty, of humility, which prompted Thee to assume the weakness of our nature, and to be born amid destitution and suffering. Grant that from this day forward I may in all things seek Thy greater glory, and may enjoy that peace promised to men of good will. Who livest and reignest, world without end. Amen.

May each and every one of you have a Most Blessed and Joyous Christmas Day; may we remember that today is the beginning of Christmas - and every Mass is another Christmas.