

The Parish Community of St. Kevin

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Advent and Christmas 2014

To: All Members of the St. Kevin Parish Community

From: Father Vijay, CSC and Father Jim, CSC

Advent Greetings! Christmas Blessings! Epiphany Hopes!

*Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you
good news of great joy for all the people;
to you is born this day in the city of
David, a Saviour, who is the Christ, the Lord.*

With these words of the angel Gabriel, the Sacred Liturgy announces the birth of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, on Christmas Eve. It is truly a joyous day in which we join Christians all over the world in welcoming into our hearts the King and Ruler of all creation born of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We hope this Christmas finds you and your family in grace and peace.

Celebrating the Nativity of the Lord Jesus gives us the opportunity to once again return to the true spirit and joy of this blessed season. The danger for us today is to get so caught up in the commercialized holiday that we forget the heart of what we celebrate. In the midst of the shopping and decorating and visiting, the struggle for us today is to keep Christ at the very heart of our Christmas. The days of Christmas are days of faith and hope and charity, days that announce to the world the great love of God for humanity. The challenge for all Christians today is to make Christmas into a season of profound thanksgiving for God's many blessings.

As the pastoral team, Christmas also becomes for us a time of thanksgiving. We are deeply grateful to God for all of you, the members of the Parish Community of St. Kevin. Your presence and participation in our community life make our parish into a living gospel, witnessing to the healing presence of Jesus in our midst. Your generosity and readiness to volunteer make our parish into a serving community that is able to reach out to those in need in our community and indeed in our world.

As priest leaders of the Parish Community of St. Kevin, we invite and encourage you to join us for the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Monday evening December 15 and for the beautiful Christmas liturgies that take place here at St. Kevin's over the Christmas season beginning with Christmas Eve.

May God make you and your loved ones steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and untiring in love especially during this Advent—Christmas season!

We pray for you and for your loved ones daily and during this time of great joy and peace, we ask you to remember us in your prayers.

Sincerely in Our Brother Jesus,

Father James Mulligan, CSC Father Vijay Amirtharaj, CSC

**The Parish Community of St. Kevin
Invites All Parishioners Home
for our 2014 Christmas Season Celebrations**

Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation

Individual Celebration Saturday, December 13th and Saturday, December 20th
10:30 a.m.

Communal Celebration Monday, December 15th – 7:30 p.m.

Fourth Sunday of Advent – Mass Times:

Saturday, December 20th 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 21st 8:30 a.m.; 10:00 a.m.; 11:30 a.m.; 5:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve – Mass Times:

Note: no 8:00 a.m. Mass today!

Wednesday, December 24th 5:00 p.m.; 8:00 p.m.; Midnight [Carols at 11:30 p.m.]

Christmas Morning – Mass Times:

Thursday, December 25th 8:30 a.m.; 10:00 a.m.; 11:30 a.m.

Note: no 5:00 p.m. Mass today!

Feast of the Holy Family – Mass Times:

Saturday, December 27th 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 28th 8:30 a.m.; 10:00 a.m.; 11:30 a.m.; 5:00 p.m.

Feast of Mary, Mother of God – Mass Times:

Wednesday, December 31st 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 1st, 2015 8:30 a.m.; and 11:30 a.m.

Note: no 5:00 p.m. Mass today!