FATIMA WEEKLY

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
25TH DECEMBER 2021

PROPER OF THE MASS:
First Reading: Isaiah 52:7-10; **Second Reading**: Hebrews 1:1-6
Gospel: Luke 1:1-18

Merry Christmas!

Christmas is finally here. It is my favourite season of the year... a season of great joy. Christmas is about how God shows up in our world and lives. God sent His only Son, Jesus, into the world to be born. His birth brought great joy to the world and expressed His great love for us. Christmas can be a time of healing and renewed strength.

Unfortunately we can get carry away with getting more elaborate every year for Christmas. The problem with focusing too much on what we're giving to people and what we're getting, is that we can lose the central theme of what Christmas is all about.

I want to encourage you to not feel pressured to go beyond what you can do comfortably and make sure that you keep the theme of Christmas, the birth of Christ, your central focus. Also be very thankful for everything that God has done for you. I believe sometimes the more we have, the less thankful we are. So let's all remember the less fortunate people during this season, and be very thankful for everything that God does for us.

I want to wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! My prayer is that you will truly experience the joy of Jesus in your heart and home this holiday season.

As we approach a new year, I want to sincerely thank all of you for your love and support in my first year as Parish Administrator. No doubt it has been a tough year with COVID, but on the other hand, it's been a wonderful year of God's blessings to our small Parish.

This year, I have witnessed so many people coming back to God and some have grown deeper in their faith. Even our young people. We are blessed to have 7 young boys becoming or are in the process of becoming Catholic this year. All glory and praise to God for these blessings upon our parish. The above blessings were not possible without the help of Steffanie and the Awaken Community. My deepest gratitude to their amazing work and contribution to Parish. I also want to say thank you to all our volunteers for their help this year. Thank you!

I'm looking forward, with great expectation and excitement, to all God has planned for us in 2022!

God bless
Fr Lam

Christmas Closure
As we enter the festive period, please be advised that the parish Office will be closed from Friday 24th December 2021 and reopen at on Monday 10th January 2022.

Fr Lam will be away for his short annual leave. There will be no weekday masses from Monday 27th December 2021 to Saturday 8th January 2022. A supply priest will celebrate masses on the weekend of 1st and 2nd January 2022.

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MASS TIMES

Tuesday to Saturday 9.00am

Saturday 5pm (Vigil)
Sunday 9am & 5pm (Spiritus)

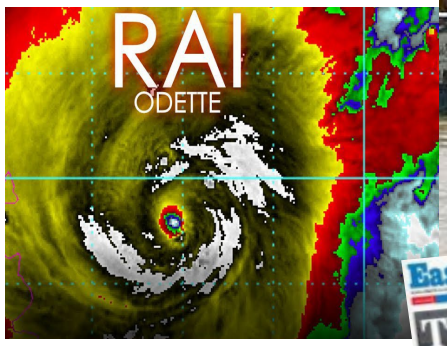
ANOINTING MASS
First Tuesday of the Month ,
9am

CONFESSIONS
Saturday 8-8.50am
(Or by appointment)

BAPTISMS
10.30am, 2nd Sunday
of the Month.
(Baptism Preparation: 6pm, first Thursday of the Month)

AN APPEAL TO TYPHOON RAI (ODETTE) VICTIMS

Nature can be most peaceful as well as destructive. While you see it in its peaceful state everyday and like it, you have also seen it creating havoc in the form of typhoons, especially which ruins many places, affecting people in so many ways. Typhoon Rai (Odette) left a lot of families homeless due to strong winds and heavy flood and caused a lot of people to lose their source of living and many have lost their loved ones.



As we prepare in this season of giving let us celebrate the birth of Christ through our kindness, compassion and generousity.

THEY NEED HELP NOW – shelter materials, food, water, clothing and medicines.

Due to the urgency of this appeal, the campaign is only this weekend as proceeds will be sent immediately to the Diocese of Kabankalan, Negros Occidental, Philippines (one of the most affected areas in Visayan islands) through Msgr. Rolando Nueva of San Ramon Nonato Parish. (Msgr. Rolando Nueva is a brother of our former parish priest, Fr. Terry Nueva)

For further enquiries, please contact or see Efren Altez personally (Mob. 0416051454) or through our Parish Office.