

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

"Father does the Christmas Eve Mass count for both Sunday and Christmas?" The answer is NO!

As you are all aware, the celebration of the Nativity of Our Lord (Christmas) is next weekend. This year, because Christmas falls on a Monday, Christmas Eve is on Sunday evening. The Saturday evening Mass and the Sunday morning Masses are for the Fourth Sunday of Advent. And because we need some time to complete the decorations for Christmas and get prepared for the Christmas Eve Masses, there is NO 11:30 AM Mass on December 24. So, you need to attend the 4:45 PM Mass on Saturday or the 8:00 or 9:30 AM Mass on Sunday to fulfill your obligation for the Fourth Sunday of Advent.

The Masses for the Nativity of Our Lord are on Sunday evening at 4:00, 6:00 and 10:30 PM. Christmas Day Masses are at 8:00 and 9:30 AM.

This year is CARPOOL CHRISTMAS! As you well know, there is a huge increase in attendance at our Christmas Masses, especially at 4:00 PM on Christmas Eve! Parking is going to be difficult because of our construction, so come early and use all the patience you have! It would help to bring the whole family in one car and pick up a few neighbors along the way!

May the celebration of the birth of Our Savior increase our hope and faith in the promises fulfilled by our God.

A blessed Christmas to all!

Fr. Jerry