

# Pastor's updates

January 8, 2021



## Things you may want to know this week

1. This Sunday, we celebrate the **Feast of the Baptism of our Lord** that brings Christmas season to a close. The “twelve days of Christmas” end on January 6<sup>th</sup> which is traditionally celebrated as the Feast of the Epiphany before it was moved to a Sunday. But it is not yet the end of the season of Christmas. The Feast of Epiphany, that we celebrated last Sunday, is made solemn by adding an “octave” – an extension of the celebration for a week after the feast. With this Christmas season still continues. Though Christmas season ends this weekend, the spirit of Christmas still goes on and should go on throughout the year. What is this spirit? Not so much of gifts-giving and the merry-making, but that of goodness and kindness we share to one another and the experience of a Savior born in our hearts.
2. After the putting up is the taking down! This **Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, starting at 9AM**, we will be taking down and putting away our Christmas decorations inside the church. Any help will be deeply appreciated. The good news is that parishioner **Alonzo Lopez** has single-handedly taken down the speakers of the old organ that occupied much of the space in that small room of the choir loft. I thought we would need to hire a contractor to do that seemingly arduous job. It only took a “one man demolition.” Now, we have more space to store our church decorations. Thanks to Alonzo! .
3. This Monday is the mandatory **Covid Testing** for our school community. We continue to be proactive in our effort to make our school community safe. There are no more slots available for the public since we are looking at more than 400 people to be tested that day. Our young missionaries from the Culture Project residing at our convent had their Covid test right after they got back from their Christmas break. They were all tested negative.
4. I am looking at a week with a lot of meetings. This Tuesday, I will be having a meeting with the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women being their chaplain and spiritual moderator. That same day is another meeting in preparation for our Catholic School Week this month. We will also be having a Deanery meeting this Thursday. We also have scheduled a Parish Pastoral Council Meeting this Wednesday and a Parish Staff meeting this Thursday. If you have any concern about the parish or any suggestion for the good of the parish, let us know.

*Fr. Arnold*

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As Christmas season ends, let the spirit of Christmas ring throughout the year. We continue to be loving, caring, and sharing. Yes, I wish you luck this year and may you have a **LUCKY**, that is, a **Loving, Understanding, Caring, Kind Year**. With that, what a bright world this would be!

GOD weaves HIS wonders beyond our plans.

As we pray and ask for what we want, something even better comes.. more beautiful than what we expected.

As this new year begins, I pray that GOD's power be our courage, HIS promises be our comfort, and HIS presence be our guide and strength.

A PRAYER to bless your work, a cheer to lighten your moments ....  
and a wish that GOD will always grant you a blessed day!"

*Fr. Arnold*