

# **Pulpit Announcements**

## Solemnity of the Lord's Nativity

### December 25, 2022

- Our charitable tithe this weekend will go to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. We are happy to support the charities and pastoral outreach of our Bishop!
- Thank you to everyone who made donations toward our Christmas flowers. The flowers in the church are for your intentions.
- We welcome back anyone who has not been regularly practicing the Faith. It is our sincere hope that this Christmas will be a new beginning for you and your discipleship and that we will regularly begin to see you at Sunday Mass.
- As a parish, we've been going over the different parts of the Mass. We know that we are called to profoundly bow during the Incarnation part of the Creed. Since we know this as a parish, we can now go even further in observance of the Church's customs. For Christmas, during that part of the Creed, we genuflect. We only do this on Christmas and the solemnity of the Annunciation.
- As Catholics, our highest spiritual act is to receive Holy Communion. The reception of Holy Communion shows our union with Jesus Christ and his Church. If anyone is outside of that union, meaning they are in grave sin or have not been practicing the faith, then they should refrain from receiving Holy Communion and instead approach for a blessing, which we are happy to give.
- As is our custom here at Our Lady of Grace, the parish campus is closed the week after Christmas, December 26 - December 30. There are no public Masses on these days. All other activities are suspended.
- The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, is a Holy Day of Obligation. The high feast day, however, falls on Sunday this year and so the obligation is fulfilled by our regular Sunday obligation.