



O come, let us adore him!

Christmas Eve Masses (December 24th)

- 3:00 pm – The Christmas Story
presented by the students of our parish school
- 3:30 pm – Children's Mass
- 6:00 pm – Spanish Mass

Christmas Day Masses (December 25th)

- 12:00 am - MIDNIGHT MASS
- 7:45 am
- 9:15 am – with Youth Choir
- 10:45 am
- 12:15 pm
- 1:45 pm – Spanish Mass

December 20, 2018

Good afternoon, SPV Families! Here is our weekly e-newsletter.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

"Yes, Virginia, we DO have a Midnight Mass at Christmas!"

My apologies for not including our Midnight Mass on our last two newsletters! It was not showing up on our web-calendar, either, but all is well and it is fixed!

Just to be clear, there are eight Masses for Christmas - two of them are in Spanish.

Our 8th grade class will be presenting the Christmas Story (the acting portion of our Christmas program that you saw last Friday) to the entire parish at **3:00 pm**

on December 24th. This is immediately followed by the 3:30 Christmas Eve Mass.

Reminder to 8th grade parents: Students who are in this presentation (all the actors except the star and the kings, who do not arrive until Epiphany) are to be at the church no later than 2:30 on December 24th.

There is also a beautiful Midnight Mass which begins (you guessed it!) at midnight on December 25th. The Mass is preceded by Christmas caroling at 11:30pm on December 24th.

Whichever Mass you choose, we look forward to having you join us for the Christmas celebrations.



Many of you have seen our beautiful Christmas tree and took advantage of its

holiday cheer for some festive pictures with family and friends. We would like to thank Mr. Aaron Luiszer for furnishing our Christmas trees for so many years. This wonderful touch has added to our enjoyment of the Christmas season and we are grateful!

LOOKING FOR SERVICE HOURS?

Mr. Mario, our beloved and hard-working custodian, will be cleaning classrooms over Christmas vacation. He has indicated that he would appreciate any help that can be offered on Thursday, December 27nd, and Wednesday, December 28th. He will be moving tables and chairs in order to clean carpets. Thank you for any help you may be able to provide him. If you are willing and able to assist Mario, please send an [email to Dr. Bravo](#).

GIFT CARDS, ETC.

Sometimes, during the Christmas season, we get gifts that just aren't "us". Often it may be gift cards that we are unlikely to use. If that happens to you, it would be deeply appreciated if you would consider donating the item or card to St. Pius to be used for our Mardi Gras Casino Night or our Golf Tournament. Thank you so very much for your consideration.

PARENT MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16TH

As you know, this is an accreditation year for our school. We are accredited through WCEA (Western Catholic Educational Association) and through WASC (Western Association of Schools and Colleges).

We have been working on our document for the past two years, gathering data and writing up findings. On Wednesday, January 16th, at 7:00pm you are invited to come and discuss the document and its findings before the document becomes "finalized". Your input and insights are a valuable part of this document and this process. Last year, we conducted parent surveys and have incorporated that information into our document. (We actually made a few changes this year based on the survey results from last year.)

Please join us on January 16th. Our school is an important part of all of our lives.

IMPORTANT DATES

The **December** printable calendar can be found [here](#).

Thursday, December 20 - Friday, January 4 Christmas Vacation

Monday, December 24 (3:30pm & 6:00pm) Christmas Vigil Masses

3:00 pm 8th Grade Christmas Program presented to parish.

(Cast members need to be at the church by 2:30pm.)

Youth choir and youth handbells also participate in this Mass. (2:45 call time)

There is also a 6:00pm Christmas Vigil Mass in Spanish.

Tuesday, December 25 Christmas Day Masses at:

MIDNIGHT, 7:45am, 9:15am, 10:45am, 12:15pm, 1:45pm (Spanish).

There will be no 6:30pm Mass on Christmas Day.

Monday, January 7 Return to school

Wednesday, January 9 (6:30pm) Mardi Gras Casino Night planning meeting
in Dr. Bravo's office ([Add to calendar](#))

Tuesday, January 15 (6:30pm) 1st Reconciliation ([Add to calendar](#))

Wednesday, January 16 (6:30pm) Parent Meeting for WCEAWASC
Accreditation ([Add to calendar](#))

Fr. Paw, myself, and all our faculty and staff pray that you share a joyful Christmas with your family and friends and that 2019 will be a year filled with blessings for you all.

May God bless you always and in all ways.

Dr. Joan Bravo, Principal
St. Pius V Parish School