DECEMBER 2023 Kristo Rai Parish Church BULLETIN

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ADMINISTRATOR'S THOUGHTS Greetings my brothers and sisters in Christ!

Can you believe it's December already? I first want to offer my thanksgiving to all our parishioners, benefactors, ministers, and volunteers who assisted for our parish fiesta. Every fiesta is an opportunity for teamwork; we joined as different individuals to collaborate to achieve a common goal. I am deeply grateful for your hard work and support of our Church. I am also thankful for your generosity during our annual thanksgiving canned food drive last Thanksgiving Day. May we continue to be generous to the extent our means allow.

This weekend, we begin the Advent season/ Advent is the "new year," meaning the new liturgical year of the Church. The liturgical years are divided into 3 parts: A, B, and C. We are now in year B, during which we will hear from the gospel of Mark on Sundays. One major theme in Mark's gospel is discipleship. The word in Hebrew for disciple is synonymous with the word for student or apprentice. To be a disciple then, means to be a student; to be a student implies having a teacher. We are students of Jesus Christ, who is our teacher and master and Lord. As good students, we are invited to listen attentively to the words of Christ and spend time with Him. I know that this is the busiest time of the year. There's end of the year reports due, exams and papers for school kids, planning parties, welcoming off-island family members etc... But we cannot forget the reason for the season. We cannot devoid Christmas of Christ and having Him at the center. The planning, work/school projects, and shopping are a part of our lives during this time. But as disciples and students of Christ, keep Christ in your daily list by: daily prayer, attend daily mass or try to attend a daily mass in addition to the Sunday mass, donate goods or monies to Karidat catholic charities, or do something special for neighbors who are struggling right now. May we grow in discipleship and live as Christ's disciples who serve and love those around this this new liturgical year.

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PARISH FINANCES AT A GLANCE

OCTOBER 01–31, 2023 REVENUE:

Mass Collections:
Donations:
Fees:
Others:

\$7,342.04
\$1,703.50
\$700.00
\$2,543.92

\$12,289.46



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

TOTAL:

Central and Northern Cluster — 2023 KRISTO RAI PARISH AND AGUINATDO Advent AND CHRISTMAS SEASON SCHEDULE **Recollections** Wednesday | December 6th, 2023 **KRISTO RAI PARISH ADVENT RECOLLECTION** 6:00 PM **Healing Mass** Presider and Homilist: Fr. Enrico S. Nacorda, OAR 7:00 PM Advent Talk SATURDAY DEC 16 SATURDAY DEC 23 monday 1an 01, 2024 Presenter: Fr. Enrico S. Nacorda, OAR 5AM MASS 5PM ANTICIPATED MASS 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 5AM MASS 5PM ANTICIPATED MASS MARY MOTHER OF GOD 9:30AM MASS SUNDAY DEC 17 SUNDAY DEC 24 TUESDAY JAN 02, 2024 5AM MASS 9:30AM MASS 5PM MASS MT. CARMEL CATHEDRAL ADVENT RECOLLECTION 5AM MASS **RESUME NORMAL SCHEDULE** 4PM MASS - CHRISTMAS EVE 8PM MASS - CHRISTMAS EVE 6:00 PM MONDAY DEC 18 Mass **5AM MASS** Presider and Homilist: Fr. James S. Balaiadia, JCL monday dec 25 8AM MASS 9:30AM MASS TUESDAY DEC 19 7:00 PM Advent Recollection 5AM MASS THE GOOD NEWS: THESDAY DEC 26 JESUS SHOWS US HIS DEFECTS. WEDNESDAY DEC 20 RESUME REGULAR WEEKDAY SCHEDULE Based on the Talks and Life of Cardinal Francis Xavier Nguyen Van Thuan 5AM MASS er: Fr. James S. Balajadia, JCL THURSDAY DEC 21 SUNDAY DEC 31 5AM MASS 6AM - FEAST OF HOLY FAMILY/SAGRADA FAMILIA MASS ANTICIPATED MASS MARY MOTHER OF GOD/NEW YEARS FRIDAY DEC 22 **5AM MASS** 4PM MASS 7PM MASS

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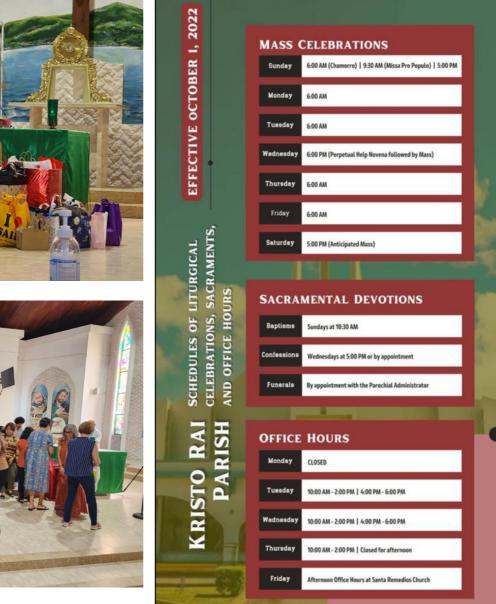
NOVEMBER PARISH EVENTS



NEED A PRIESTLY VISIT?

Please know that if you are homebound, sick, aging, preparing a surgical procedure, or recovering from a surgical procedure – your pastor is most happy to visit you with Holy Communion and Anointing of the Sick. One does NOT have to be in a state of "end-of-life" for the anointing. It can be administered to anyone, at any time one feels physically or emotionally "low" in life. Please call the office if we can help. We have been finding out about "sick" parishioners "when it is too late." Please give us a call – we are here for you! **Tel. No.:(670) 233-2700**

KRISTO RAI SCHEDULES







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