



Church of OUR LADY OF PEACE

CONDUCTED BY THE FATHERS OF THE INSTITUTE OF THE INCARNATE WORD

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 20th, 2015

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Mother Maria Regina Pacis, SSVM
Servants of the Lord and Virgin of
Matera

WEEKEND MASSES

Sunday Vigil: 5pm and 7:30pm

Sunday: 7:30am, 9 am, 10:30am,
12pm, 2pm & 5pm, 6:30pm (Spanish)
& 8pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

8am, 12pm, 5:15pm; also 7:30pm
Wednesday & 8am Saturday

First Friday: 8am, 12pm, 5:15 pm, &
7:30 pm

HOLY DAY MASSES

Please see our website or contact the
Rector's Office

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays: 3:30pm - 5pm

Other Times: During all Saturday &
Sunday Masses

Mondays: 12:00pm & 5:15pm Masses

Tues — Fri: 8:00am, 12pm, 5:15 pm
Masses

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Love

*Elizabeth, filled with
the Holy Spirit,
cried out in a
loud voice and said,
"Blessed are you
among women, and
blessed is the
fruit of your womb"
(Luke 1:39-45)*



"Come to Bethlehem"

*Nativity Diorama now on Display
in the Family Learning Center*



Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve

5:15pm	11:00pm (Carols)
7:30pm	Midnight

Christmas Day

7:30am	2:00pm
9:00am	5:00pm
10:30am	6:30pm (Span.)
12:00noon	8:00pm

OUR LADY OF PEACE CATHOLIC CHURCH & SHRINE MISSION STATEMENT

Our Lady of Peace is a church and shrine dedicated to the greater glory of God and the salvation of souls.

It is a place of prayer & pilgrimage with: • Perpetual adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament
• Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary • Frequent celebration of the Sacraments, particularly the Eucharist
and Reconciliation • Integrated formation of the person (spiritual, moral, intellectual and emotional)

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners,

Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved, says the responsorial psalm for this Sunday, exhorting us to take advantage of these last days of Advent in preparation to the "day of mercy"—as St. Thomas calls Christmas Day.

The birthday of our Lord draws near, that means, says Saint Thomas Aquinas, "that the day of mercy, in which the Sun of Justice arises upon us"; draws near and we should prepare to see "Jesus Christ who is the face of the Father's mercy." (Cf. Advent Homilies, I; cf. Pope Francis, Misericordiae Vultus, 1)

"We ought to celebrate," says St. Thomas, "the birthday of the Lord, the day of mercy, with mercy and truth. Christ came to us in these two ways, and so we ought to go to Him. All the paths of the LORD are mercy and truth. (Ps 25:10) ... We ought to hasten to run to meet the day of glory with righteousness. Let us strive to enter into that rest. (Heb 4:11)"

Then, this great Doctor of the Church argues that we are to practice especially four Christian virtues. Namely, mercy and truth, and purity and humility. So he continues saying: "Let us put on the armor of light. For the arms of light are mercy and truth; for mercy is the shield by which we are defended from the enemy, and truth is the power by which we overcome all things. Furthermore, the epistle [to the Romans] exhorts us to purity and humility: let us conduct ourselves properly as in the day, not in promiscuity and licentiousness, not in rivalry and jealousy. Promiscuity and licentiousness are acts of riot which make impurity. Rivalry and jealousy proceed from pride." And then he gives us the reason for all this: "For our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. (Ro 13:11)." (Cf. Advent Homilies, I)

Here in our parish we have many and beautiful opportunities to make of this season of Advent a very spiritually fruitful one: The Christmas Concert on December XX at XX; the current exhibition of the Christmas Diorama, etc. But I'd like to highlight and invite you all to two very especial devotional events:

Going on is the Simbang Gabi Novena where we accompany our Blessed Mother, so to speak, as she awaits the birth of her Son with the solemn celebration of the Mass every day at 5:00 am until December 24th. Afterwards a traditional Filipino breakfast is served.

Also just few days ago we began with the Posadas every day at XX also until December 24th. A posada is the reenactment of the Census pilgrimage to Bethlehem by Mary and Joseph (los peregrinos) in search of a room. We pray and sing accompanying the Holy Pilgrims in search for a place where the Savior could be born and so this help us to remember to make room in our hearts to receive our Lord, as St. Thomas says, with mercy and truth, and purity and humility.

Both of these events as well as all the others held in our parish are meant to elicit in us a greater desire to receive in our hearts God's surpassing Gift in the person of Jesus Christ and to increase our faith and devotion in our Blessed Mother who lived these days with especial intensity and expectation.

Few days separates us from Christmas Day. How much I desire to see as many of you as possible in all these Advent and Christmas celebrations! Each of them is an occasion to draw abundant graces from the Incarnate Word Who established his throne in mercy. (Cf. Is 16:5) Therefore let us prepare ourselves for Christmas with humility and simplicity, making ourselves ready to receive as a gift the light, joy and peace that shine from this mystery.

I invite you all to come and contemplate and live this Mystery as a family in the celebration of the Eucharist, the heart of Holy Christmas.

I wish you all a Happy and Holy Christmas!

Fr. Gustavo Nieto, IVE

Announcements

We joyfully welcome all visitors to the Shrine!

The Knights of Columbus

Are selling donuts and coffee after all morning and noon mass by the vending machines.

Nativity Scene

The Nativity Diorama Scene is now open in the Family Learning Center in Room 1101.

We invite you to visit this wonderful display after Mass.

Christmas Flowers

Help us prepare our church for Christmas by remembering a deceased loved one with a flower offering for the altar. Names will be placed on the altar during Christmas time. Make checks payable to Our Lady of Peace Altar Society.

Saint Vincent de Paul

SVDP is in need of gently worn winter clothing donations, especially jacks and sweaters.

We appreciate your generosity.

Altar Boy - Epiphany Party

New and current Altar Boys are invited to a party in the beginning of January. Contact the Rectory for more info.

Walk for Life West Coast

We invite you to join our parish in participating in the 12th Annual Walk for Life West Coast on Saturday, January 23rd. Cost for Roundtrip bus tickets are \$30. Contact the Rectory for tickets.

Read the rest of the bulletin for more news and exciting updates.

Our Lady of Peace Church & Shrine - Advent /Christmas Calendar 2015-2016

12/20/2015 Fourth Sunday of Advent Simbang Gabi 5:00am Christmas Novena Posadas 6:30pm,	12/21/2015 Christmas Novena Simbang Gabi 5:00am Posadas 6:30pm,	12/22/2015 Christmas Novena Simbang Gabi 5:00am Posadas 6:30pm,	12/23/2015 Christmas Novena Simbang Gabi 5:00am Posadas 6:30pm,	12/24/2015 Christmas Eve Christmas Novena Simbang Gabi 5am Vigil Masses 5pm & 7:30pm Christmas Carols 11pm Midnight Mass	12/25/2015 Christmas Come celebrate the Nativity of our Lord (HDO)—Sunday Mass schedule followed	12/26/2015
12/27/2015 Feast of the Holy Family <i>Bring friends and family to visit the Bethlehem exhibit in Room 1101—ends Jan 3!</i>	12/28/2015 Feast of the Holy Innocents <i>"...the Church's first blossoms, matured by the frost of persecution during the cold winter of unbelief." -St. Augustine</i>	12/29/2015	12/30/2015	12/31/2015 New Year's Eve Vigil Masses 5pm, 7:30pm, and 11pm.	01/01/2016 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God New Year's Day Masses 8am, 10:30, 12noon, 5pm, 6:30pm (Spanish) 7:30pm First Friday	01/02/2016 <i>Last days to visit the Bethlehem exhibit in Room 1101—ends Sunday.</i>
01/03/2016 Epiphany of our Lord Jesus (transferred from Jan 6). †2016 C+M+B	01/04/2016	01/05/2016	01/06/2016	01/07/2016	01/08/2017	01/09/2017

For more information, please pick up a copy of our Sunday bulletin or visit us at www.olop-shrine.org

Mass Schedule for Christmas**Christmas Eve**

5:15pm
 7:30pm
 11:00pm (Carols)
 Midnight

Christmas Day

7:30am
 9:00am
 10:30am
 12:00noon

2:00pm
 5:00pm
 6:30pm (Spanish)
 8:00pm



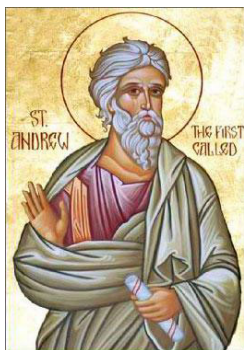
ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

A Special Concert for Advent brings professionally performed Carols to OLOP



Thank you to our musical artists who performed at the concert: Anna Maria Mendieta (Harp), Frances Peterson (Soprano), Joyce Lee (Violin), Liliane Cromier (Mezzo Soprano), Joseph Hebert (Cello)

CHRISTMAS NOVENA (ST. ANDREW PRAYER)



"Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in piercing cold. In that hour, vouchsafe, O my God! to hear my prayer and grant my desires, through the merits of Our Saviour Jesus Christ, and of His

Blessed Mother. Amen."

PARISH SAFETY REMINDERS

Thank you for visiting our parish this Advent and Christmas Season. Please keep the following in mind to help you enjoy your visit to Our Lady of Peace:

The Santa Clara Police Department reports many instances of thefts from vehicles in the area. Parishioners and visitors are reminded not to create opportunities for thieves. Do not leave anything valuable (e.g. sunglasses, GPS, phone, purse, laptop, etc.) visible to thieves. If necessary, store items in your trunk before arriving at your destination.

Christmas Diorama

From December 11 to January 3
Mon. – Fri: 1-3 p.m. and 6-9 p.m.
Sat. – Sun: 9 a.m.- 9 p.m.



- ✓ Notre-Dame Basilica of Montreal
- ✓ Saint Joseph's Oratory of Mount Royal
(Biggest Shrine dedicated to St. Joseph worldwide, Burial Place of St. Andre Bessette)
- ✓ Cathedral of Marie Reine du Monde
(A small replica of St. Peter Basilica)
- ✓ St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Museum
(Notre Dame de Bon Secours Chapel)
- ✓ St. Francis Xavier Church in Kahnawake
(Burial Place of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha)
- ✓ Trois-Rivieres Chapel
(Burial Place of Blessed Frederic Janssoone)
- ✓ Sanctuaire Notre Dame du Cap
(Patroness of Canada)
- ✓ L'Ermitage Saint Antoine
- ✓ Notre-Dame de Québec Basilica/Cathedral)
(Burial Place of St. Francois de Laval)
- ✓ Ursulines Monastery
(Burial Place of St. Marie de la Encarnation)
- ✓ Augustinian Monastery
(Bl. Catherine of St. Augustin Center)
- ✓ St. Anne de Beaupre Basilica and St. Anne Museum
(The biggest relic of St. Ann, Our Lady's Mother)
- ✓ St. Benoit-du-Lac Abbey
- ✓ Co-Cathedral of Saint Antoine de Padoue
... and more...



2016
April 4-11

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LOOK FOR THE
PILGRIMAGE BROCHURE
WITH THE DETAILED PLAN
(408) 988 4585

Our Lady of Peace Church & Shrine - Santa Clara, CA

Holy Doors now open for the Jubilee Year of Mercy. Opportunity for Indulgence



PLENARY INDULGENCE FOR JUBILEE

As in other Holy Years, there will be an opportunity to receive Plenary Indulgence; a year of forgiveness of sins. It's also a year of reconciliation and an opportunity to deepen your faith. Please take a Holy Card in the vestibule for instructions.

HOLY DOORS

Holy doors are sealed shut from the inside and only opened during Jubilee years, during which pilgrims pass through the doors to gain a plenary indulgence. These holy doors will be open for the Jubilee Year of the Mercy. Pope Francis has also deemed a holy door at each cathedral and designated shrines.

Walk for Life

January 23rd

2016



For information and Registration
info@olop-shrine
 (408) 988 4584

The total cost for the
 Round Trip is \$ 30
 (includes OLOP Pro-Life T-Shirt)

Come with us!

Our Lady of Peace

CHURCH & SHRINE

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Masses for the Week

SATURDAY, December 19th

8:00 AM +Edmund, Sr. & +Zaida Seijo
 5:00 PM +Genaro Delin, Sr. & + Minda D. Jastillana
 7:30 PM Quan Nguyen, Birthday

SUNDAY, December 20th

7:30 AM FOR THE PEOPLE
 9:00 AM +Natividad Aquino & +Fe Cruz
 10:30 AM Lucita Munoz & Charine Munoz, Birthday
 12 NOON +Gavina B. Gaoiran, Death Anniversary
 2:00 PM +Deceased & Living Members of Ambrosio & Cruzada Families
 5:00 PM +Diego, Sr. & + Rosalina Suguitan
 6:30 PM +Joseph & +Peter
 8:00 PM +Stephen Sequira & +Helene Handel Anniversary

MONDAY, December 21st

8:00 AM +Barbara Ciari
 12 NOON Albert & Lily Young Family
 5:15 PM +Arthur Jarvis Sr.

TUESDAY, December 22nd

8:00 AM Lopez Family & The Homeless
 12 NOON Minh Pham & Family, Special Intentions
 5:15 PM Michael Flores, Health & Thanksgiving

8:00 PM Lopez Family & The Homeless

WEDNESDAY, December 23rd

8:00 AM Concordia Cruz-Flores, Health & Thanksgiving
 12 NOON +Sotera B. Chua & +Ricardo C. Mondano
 5:15 PM +Teopisto Gatmaitan

7:30 PM +Fr. Antonio Claudio

THURSDAY, December 24th

8:00 AM +Erlinda Vilma Legaspi
 12 NOON +Virgilio Delin, Sr. & +Ely Delin
 5:15 PM +Elizabeth Castro de Barreda

7:30 PM Lety Nieves & Family

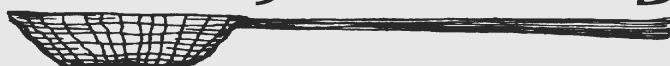
FRIDAY, December 25th

12:00 AM FOR THE PRIESTS AND SISTERS
 7:30 AM FOR THE PEOPLE
 9:00 AM +Jose & +Senena Herrera
 10:30 AM Guerrero/Wildanger Families, Thanksgiving
 12 NOON +Italo "Bob" Botti & +Sotera B. Chua
 2:00 PM +Steven Amelio Bianchi (Bee-ahn-kee)
 5:00 PM +Filomena Ancheta
 6:30 PM Holy Souls in Purgatory
 8:00 PM Ramirez & Niño Families, Special Intentions

SATURDAY, December 26th

8:00 AM +Encarnacion & +Simeon Claudio
 5:00 PM +Steven Amelio Bianchi (Bee-ahn-kee)
 7:30 PM +Thanh Le & +Duan Pham

Weekly Offering



Thank you! May God reward you a hundredfold!

Weekend totals for Nov. 29th:

Sat. 5:00 pm.. \$2,444.00	Sun. 12 Noon .. \$2,197.00
Sat. 7:30 pm .. \$736.00	Sun. 2:00 pm .. \$6,595.00
Sun. 7:30 am .. \$1,899.00	Sun. 5:00 pm ... \$1,643.00
Sun. 9:00 am.. \$2,830.00	Sun. 6:30 pm .. \$1,231.00
Sun. 10:30 am .. \$3,348.00	Sun. 8:00 pm .. <u>\$3,743.00</u>
Offering Total: <u>\$26,466.00</u>	



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY



Facebook.com/SVDPolop

The Christmas Giving Tree is now available in the old hall. This is an opportunity for you to help a Child in need with a gift this Christmas.

SVDP is in need of gently used winter clothing donations, especially jacks and sweaters. We appreciate your generosity.

Contact us at 1-800-557-1961-
 Walk in days are Wednesdays starting at 2pm.

Offices and Ministries

RECTORY (408) 988-4585

Monday: 9am-4:30pm (closed 12-1)
 Tue. - Fri. 9am-7pm (closed 12-1pm);
 Sat. 9am-1pm; Closed Sunday

CATECHISM (408) 988-7543

Tues. & Thu. 9-11:30am & 5:30-8pm
 Wed. 9-11:30am & 3-6pm
 Sat. 9am-1pm

ADULT RELIGIOUS EDU. (408) 988-7543x1113

Tue. - Fri. 2 to 7pm
 Sat. 9am-1pm

LIBRARY (408) 988-4585x1214

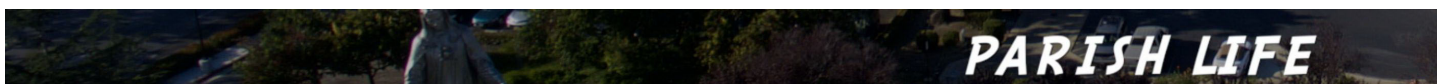
Sun.-Tue. 9am-5pm,
 Wed. 1pm-3pm, Fri 9am-5pm

GIFT SHOP (408) 980-9825

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL 1-(800) 557-1961

BAPTISMS, MARRIAGES, AND FUNERALS

Please contact the Rectory Office for more information.



Exposition of Sacred Relics: Treasures of the Church

Over 150 relics were shown at Our Lady of Peace on December 10th in the Family Learning Center. See the images to the left for just a small sample of the many relics on display.

Thank you to Fr. Carlos Martins of the Companions of the Cross for bringing this wonderful collection. Visit treasuresofthechurch.com.



Our Lady's veil

St. John Paul II

St. Joseph

True Cross



Parishioners process and celebrate Mass on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe



Saturday, January 16th
7:00pm-9:00pm

"The Alexander's Story"

Our Lady of Peace Church,
Msgr. Sweeny Family Learning
Center, Room 1217

All married couples are invited to attend.

DATE NIGHT is a parish ministry to enrich and support Catholic marriages. Attendees will learn not only what the Church teaches about marriage, but practical ways to apply the teachings to have a more joy-filled marriage.

For more information: Greg & Claudia Schussman
Phone: 408-643-1814 Email: claudia.oloop@gmail.com

**Monthly
Marriage
Enrichment**

Adult Religious Education

All Adults are Welcome and encouraged to join us throughout the week to grow in Spiritual, Human, Cultural and Intellectual Formation. The opportunities of continuing your growth are being offered at Our Lady of Peace.

Contact Sister Nikopoia at the Adult Religious Education Office at (408)988-7543 ext. 3 or adult.edu@olop-shrine.org to register. For more information visit www.oloop-shrine.org/religious-education/adult-religious-education

Scan the QR Code to visit Webpage
for listing of events and classes





Children and Youth Religious Education Program News

"The Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us." John 1:14



OBEDIENCE

"Obedience is AN ACT OF ACCORD between a **rule of reason and the will to submit**. True obedience does not exist in **early infancy**, because it demands **intellectual and moral capacities which have not yet evolved in the child**.

Up until the age of reason, the child does not obey. The obedience here is **passive**; it is associated with praise and blame, and also an **instinctive reverence for his parents**. This is the age where **mechanism of obedience** is developed which saves the child from capricious action. **Habits of virtue** are inculcated before there is a knowledge of the reason of virtue, just as a child is taught cleanliness before knowing the reason for it.

Obedience in a child varies from age to age, as there is progress toward self-government. From the age of **seven to thirteen**, the child is stripped progressively of his egocentrism. At this point **conscience is developed which requires the necessity of rule**. Sometimes the rule seems opposed to his own: he may submit to it through an inner sentiment of fear, respect, affection, or obedience. **If presented properly, the obedience becomes positive, the submission becomes acceptance**. All obedience demands some kind of effort and there must be attached to it, therefore, **some interest** which will favor the one who obeys. The appeal to **victory** strongly interests the child from seven to thirteen.

With puberty, a new crisis of growth produces a **drive for independence** which very often asserts itself against the constraint of the adult. The curve of obedience, however, shows great progress when **the authority is someone who is well liked**. Experiments have shown that the **adolescent loves firmness and he will attach himself to an energetic and intelligent chief**.

The reconciliation of the tension in the child between obedience and disobedience can be accomplished by **training him to make his obedience internal instead of external; to make him see himself responsible not only in the face of his parents but in relation to others. It is not rules which irritate the child; it is rules without reason**. He plays his games according to rules. He just wants to have some part in either the making or the application of the rules. Thus he will come to see reason and responsibility behind the laws."

(from *Children and parents*, Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen)



Catechism Office Hours :

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 9:00AM-11:30 AM
5:30 PM- 8:00 PM

Saturday 9:00AM-1:00 PM

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SCHEDULE OF CHURCH DEVOTIONS

Full 15-Decade Rosary	Weds-Mon 6-7 PM
Santo Niño Novena	Mondays 7:00PM
Rosario en Español	Mondays 8:00 PM
Men of the Sacred Heart	Tuesdays 12AM-1AM
Holy Hour	Tuesdays 11AM
St. Anthony Novena with Mass	Tuesdays 6 PM
Rosary in Vietnamese	Tuesdays 8 PM
Mother of Perpetual Help Novena & Mass	Wednesdays 7 PM
St Joseph the Worker's - Hour	Thursdays 7PM

On-Going Parish Activities

Thursday Mornings @ 10:45 A.M.

Pray the Rosary for the protection of the unborn and born babies at starting at 10:45 a.m. at the Mountain View Planned Parenthood (intersection of California & San Antonio).

1st Thursdays—Our Lady of Vailankanni Novena & Holy Mass

The novena will be at 7pm followed by the Holy Mass at 7:30pm.

Saturday Morning Roster for Altar Workers (Dec. 26th):

Helen Hovland, Ellie Superio, Claudia Velasquez, Mila dela Concha

Saturdays @ 9:30 A.M.

Rosary Making Classes held in the Old Hall, 9:30 to 11 a.m. for adults & children (materials provided).

2nd Saturdays:

Rosary at the Shrine after 8am Mass for the beatification of Fr. Patrick Peyton, CSC

Last Saturday of the Month: @ 9:15 AM

Come pray the rosary in front of the Planned Parenthood abortuary at 1691 The Alameda (Taylor & Naglee), San Jose. Other pro-life activists have been picketing and providing help to future mothers at this site for several decades. Call Maria Christine at 408-398-4111

2nd Sundays: The next Lay Carmelite meeting will be December 13th. Please contact Frank Cirimele for further information: 408-613-0466.

Fatima Mass: There will be a Fatima Mass every 13th of the month from May to October at 7:30pm followed by a procession.

Every 3rd Sunday

•Altar Society Bake Sale after all morning masses.

•Cenacle Holy Hour to pray for Priests, Seminarians & Vocations at 3PM

Our Lady of Peace Gift Shop

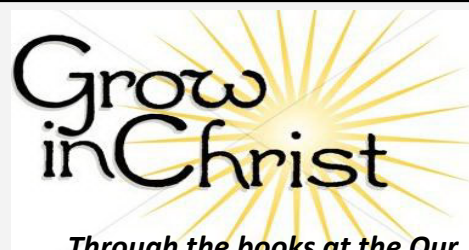
Open 7 days a week

Store Hours: M/T/Th: 8:45-7:00 W/F: 8:45-9:00

Sat: 9:00-8:00 and Sun. 8:00-7:30

Today is December 20th, 2015

Fourth Sunday of Advent



Through the books at the Our Lady of Peace Gift Shop

All Christmas CDs 20-50%

Special Holiday Hours:

December 24th: 9am – 2pm

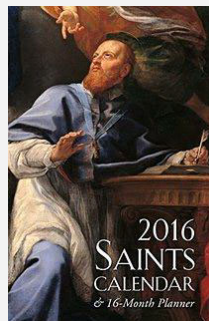
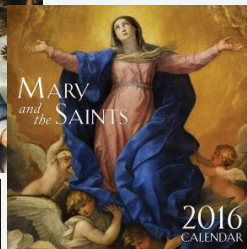
Christmas Day: Closed

December 26th: 10am – 7pm



Browse our stocking stuffer & gift recommendations display for all your last minute Christmas shopping needs!

2016 Calendars are in!



\$12.95-\$15.95



The Chants of Christmas

(\$16.95)



Heard on High: The Stories Behind Our Favorite Christmas Carols

(2CD set - \$14.95)

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