

PARISH CALENDAR

Fourth Sunday
of Advent

December 18, 2016

Come and rescue us, Lord, with
your mighty power.

Saturday, December 17	..... 5:00 p. m.	Mass
Sunday, December 18	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 10:45 a. m.	Religious Education Classes (Gr. 1-8)
		Confirmation & Youth Ministry
	..... 5:00 p. m.	Mass
Monday, December 19	..... 5:30 a.m.	Mass - Misa de Gallo - Breakfast Potluck
	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Closed
Tuesday, December 20	..... 5:30 a.m.	Mass - Misa de Gallo - Breakfast Potluck
	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
Wednesday, December 21	..... 5:30 a.m.	Mass - Misa de Gallo - Breakfast Potluck
	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Closed
Thursday, December 22	..... 5:30 a.m.	Mass - Misa de Gallo - Breakfast Potluck
	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 7:30 p. m.	Prayer Meeting - Church
Friday, December 23	..... 5:30 a.m.	Mass - Misa de Gallo - Breakfast Potluck
	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a. m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Closed
	..... 6:30 p. m.	Christmas Decorating - Church
Saturday, December 24	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass - Misa de Gallo - Breakfast Potluck
	..... 4:00-4:45 pm	Confession
	..... 6:00 p.m.	CHRISTMAS - OHANA MASS
	..... 11:00 p. m.	CHRISTMAS EVENING - MASS

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

Isaiah:52:7-10: Isaiah announces revolutionary news.

Hebrews: 1: 1-6: God's final word to us is his own Son.

Jn:1:1-18: Jesus is the true light; the Word made flesh.

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Mary as Evangelizer: Post - Resurrection Days

Anytime our bishops or the Pope write a document to share with us faithful, the example of Mary and a prayer for her intercession are always the conclusion. The shepherds of our faith want us to know Mary can (and should!) inspire us and help us. After all, she is Jesus' first disciple and first evangelizer.

This Advent we've been reflecting on Mary's pregnancy, motherhood and even her passion, her suffering alongside Jesus. But, as with Jesus, as with us, the cross is also not the end of Mary's story. We know Mary was among those first to receive the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. And we know that Mary, Mother of God, lived a number of years after the Resurrection and Ascension. She no longer got to see her beloved child, not even on his birthday.

Our faith teaches us that Mary was assumed into heaven, body and soul, at the end of her life. Why? Because Mary is the premier example of a Christian. None have lived a Christian life more fully than she. (I know this because no one else has been assumed into heaven!) She indeed is our help and our guide to following Jesus and sharing Him with others.

During these final days of Advent, I pray that Mary may guide you ever closer to her son. Close enough to want to share Him more with others.

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Joseph
DO NOT BE AFRAID
for it is through
the **HOLY SPIRIT**
that the child
has been conceived.

You are to name him
JESUS
because he will
save his people from
their sins

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

MASS TIMES FOR CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S

WEEKENDS: *The Christmas Mass schedule:*

Sat, December 24th Ohana Mass..... 6:00 p. m.

Christmas Evening Mass... 11:00 p. m.

Sun, December 25th Christmas Mass. 8:00 a.m & 10 a.m.

NO SUNDAY EVENING MASS

Sat, December 31st 5:00 p.m.

Sun, January 1st Masses at 8:00 a. m. & 10 a. m.

NO SUNDAY EVENING MASS

Please note these times are only for these two weekend's only!

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS: Thank you for supporting senior religious:

A sister from Indiana writes, "Because of your kindness, our elderly sisters will have comfort, security, and joy of living out their remaining years here in their home. You truly honor them and their many years of service by your generosity." Religious across the United States offer sincere thanks for your generosity to last week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

WORD OF LIFE: "Help one another: This is what Jesus teaches us and this is what I am doing, and doing with all my heart." –**Pope Francis, Homily on Holy Thursday. © 2013 Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission**

WEEKLY READINGS

Dec 18 Sun: 4TH Sunday of Advent

Isa:7:10-14; Ps 24; Rom:1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

Dec 19 Mon: Advent Weekday

Jgs: 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps; 72: 1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17; Lk 1:5-25

Dec 20 Tue: Advent Weekday

Isa: 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

Dec 21 Wed: Advent Weekday

Song:2:8-14; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

Dec 22 Thur: Advent Weekday

1 Sam:1:24-28; 1 Sam: 2: 1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Lk 4:46-56

Dec 23 Fri: Advent Weekday

Mal: 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps:25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 & 14; Lk 1:57-66

Dec 24 Sat: Advent Weekday

2 Sam: 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 & 29; Lk 1:67-79

INTO OUR HOMES

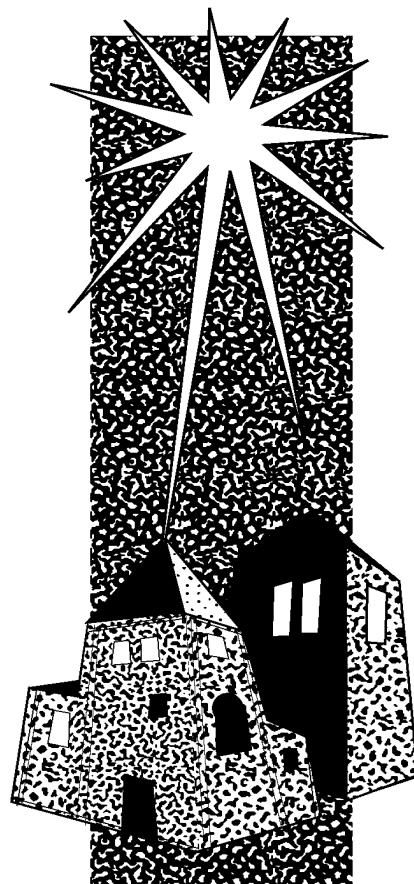
Only a few days remain before the world will pause for the celebration of Christmas. Over the course of the past year we have been nourished at the table of God's word and feasted on the Gospel of Saint Luke. We have listened to parables, been summoned to take up our crosses and follow Christ, and been schooled in the way of discipleship. Since the beginning of Advent the Church has turned our attention to Matthew's Gospel. Today Matthew opens the doors of Saint Joseph's house, as well as his dreams, and tells the story of the events leading up to Jesus' birth. The final line of today's Gospel is worth noting: "When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home" (Matthew 1:24). Today is a day to consider our devotion to and appreciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary in our faith lives. Today is a day for us to take her into our homes.

NOTES ON STEWARDSHIP

In today's Gospel we hear of the coming of Emmanuel, which means, "God is with us." We celebrate three Advents: the birth of Christ, his Second Coming, and his presence in the world today. Our daily lives are attended by God's presence. Indeed, "God is with us." The Good News of Christ's Incarnation is that we are the sign, "sacrament," of Christ's presence in the world. People are supposed to see us, see how we love one another, see how we treat the stranger among us, give comfort to the poor and afflicted, share the Good News with joy. They see how good stewards are the light of Christ. And there can be no possible response except to say: "God is here!" (**International Catholic Stewardship Council e-Bulletin**)

PREPARING A PLACE FOR CHRIST'S BIRTH

Mary stands as a reminder that nothing is impossible with God. This young woman's life was thrown into confusion when the angel announced that she, although a virgin, would be the mother of God's Son. She is the one to whom we can look when our lives are thrown into confusion. She gave herself over to the power of God. This did not mean that she would live her life free from fear and pain. We all know the rest of the story—how she would watch her son suffer and die. Mary is a source of comfort for all who have lost children. We can look to her for comfort in times of grief and pain. How fitting that we focus on the Virgin Mary on this final Sunday of Advent. When we open the doors of our hearts and welcome Mary into our lives, what we really do is prepare a place where the Lord is born to us again.



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