

“Joseph, son of David,
do not be afraid
to take Mary your wife
into your home.”

MATTHEW 1:20

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Monday - Friday ~ Lunes - Viernes
9:00AM

Saturday ~ Sábado
8:00AM

SATURDAY ~ SÁBADO POR LA NOCHE
English 5:00PM Español 6:30PM

SUNDAY MASSES~ MISAS DEL DOMINGO
English 7:30AM & 9:30AM
Español 11:30AM

December 18, 2022

FOURTH
SUNDAY OF
Advent

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION ~
SACRAMENTO DE LA RECONCILIACIÓN**

Saturdays 3:30PM - 4:30PM

**EXPOSITION AND ADORATION
EXPOSICIÓN Y ADORACIÓN**

Of the Blessed Sacrament ~
Del Santísimo Sacramento

Thursday/Friday ~ Jueves/Viernes 9:30AM-10:30PM

PRAYER LINE ~ LÍNEA DE ORACIÓN

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PRIVATE PRAYER ~ ORACIÓN PRIVADA

Church open Mon-Sat ~ Iglesia abierta de lunes a sábado
10AM-4PM

INTENTIONS/INTENCIONES

Monday: December 19	9:00AM	Gary Orthuher † By the Doran Family
Tuesday: December 20	9:00AM	Maria Concepcion Garfias- Lopez † By Claudia Garfias
Wednesday: December 21	9:00AM	Gerhard Orthuber † By Bereavement
Thursday: December 22	9:00AM	Heidi Kranz † By Arlene Parker
Friday: December 23	9:00AM	Sr. Leonell Lynch † By Connie Campbell
Saturday: December 24	8:00AM 5:00PM	
Sunday December 25	9:30AM	

Christmas Mass Schedule

Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord

Christmas Eve

Saturday, December 24, 2022

Family Mass 5pm

Mass in Spanish 6:30pm

Mass in English 10pm



The Nativity of the Lord

Christmas Day

Sunday, December 25, 2022

Mass in English 9:30am

Mass in Spanish 11:30am

Solemnity of the

Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday, December 31, 2022

Vigil Mass in English 5pm

Vigil Mass in Spanish 6:30pm

Sunday, January 1, 2023

Mass in English 9:30am

Mass in Spanish 11:30am



Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday, January 7, 2023

Mass in English 5pm

Mass in Spanish 6:30pm

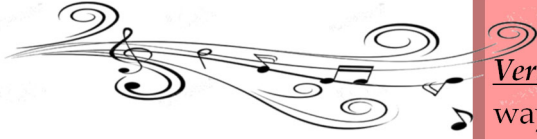
Sunday, January 8, 2023

Masses in English 7:30am & 9:30pm

Mass in Spanish 11:30 am



Emmanuel



Refrain

Come, come, Emmanuel! Son of God, appear.
Heaven and earth, rejoice! Salvation is drawing near.

Salvation is drawing near.

Verse 1

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel.

That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.

Refrain

Verse 2

O come, O Wisdom from on high, who ordered all things mightily.

To us the path of knowledge show and teach us in her ways to go.

Refrain

Verse 5

Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

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Refrain

Let the King of Glory Come

Refrain

Lift up, you gates; lift up your arches

Let the King of glory come

Lift up your hearts and sing, you people

Let the King of glory come

Verse 1

Who is the King of glory? Our God holy and strong

Who is the Lord of majesty? Our God mighty and strong

Refrain

Verse 2

Come, O come Emmanuel; come and dwell with us

Come, O come you Lord of might; banish death and fear

Refrain



Ready the Way

Verse 1: Ready the way of the Lord! Ready the way of the Lord

A voice cries out in the wilderness, "Ready the way of the Lord!"

Verse 2: Let ev'ry valley be filled. Let ev'ry valley be filled

Let ev'ry mountain be humbled; let ev'ry valley be filled

Refrain:

Here is your God, coming with your vindication
Look and behold the saving power of God

Verse 3: Desert and wasteland will bloom. Desert and wasteland will bloom

Glory and splendor will fill the land. Desert and wasteland will bloom

Refrain

Verse 4: Those who are blind will then see. Those who are deaf will then hear

Those who are lame will then leap for joy. Those who are mute will then sing

Refrain

Verse 5: Strengthen the ones who are weak.

Strengthen the ones who are weak

Say to the frightened "Have courage." Strengthen the ones who are weak

Refrain

Youth Choir!

Come Sing with Us

We are forming a Youth Choir to sing at the Christmas Eve mass at 5:00pm

Students in Grade 3 through High School are welcome!

Rehearsals

Sunday, December 18, from 1pm to 2pm

Friday, December 23, from 3pm to 4:30 pm

*Contact Lisa Boyd by calling the church office
Or Speak to her after the 9:30am Sunday Mass*

Message from Fr. Kirk

Remarkable as it seems we are already celebrating the Fourth Sunday of Advent. While we busy ourselves with preparations for the coming of our Lord on Christmas, and on buying those last-minute gifts for our loved ones I can't help but reflect again on what a joy it is for me to be here at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish ministering to and with you all. These are to be sure very challenging times for so many among us, and I find myself constantly surrounded by shining examples of how to meet the physical and spiritual needs of our sisters and brothers with kindness, grace, forbearance and love. Seeing so many of you strive to be the best version of yourselves inspires me to try to do the same daily. Thank you for your witness. May God continue to bless you all as we savor the final days of Advent in preparation for the miracle to come.

God's peace,
Fr. Kirk

Un Mensaje de Padre Kirk

Por notable que parezca, ya estamos celebrando el Cuarto Domingo de Adviento. Mientras nos ocupamos de los preparativos para la venida de nuestro Señor en Navidad y de comprar esos regalos de última hora para nuestros seres queridos, no puedo evitar reflexionar de nuevo sobre el gozo que es para mí estar aquí en St. Thomas. Aquinas Parish ministrando a y con todos ustedes. Sin duda, estos son tiempos muy desafiantes para muchos de nosotros, y me encuentro constantemente rodeado de brillantes ejemplos de cómo satisfacer las Necesidades físicas y espirituales de nuestras hermanas y hermanos con amabilidad, gracia, paciencia y amor. Ver a tantos de ustedes esforzarse por ser la mejor versión de sí mismos me inspira a tratar de hacer lo mismo todos los días. Gracias por tu testimonio. Que Dios continúe bendiciéndolos a todos mientras saboreamos los últimos días de Adviento en preparación para el milagro por venir.

Paz, P. Kirk

Friday Night Live Ventura Christmas!

7:30 PM - Adoration & Benediction (All are welcome)

8:30 PM - Young Adult Dinner + White Elephant

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2022
Mission Basilica San Buenaventura
211 E. Main St, Ventura, CA 93001

Villanova Middle School

Villanova Prep is planning to open a middle school serving students in 6th—8th grades.

Opening in the 2023—2024 school year.

More Information at <https://www.villanovaprep.org/site/default.aspx?DomainID=201>

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Or contact admissions@villanovaprep.org

‘tis the Season to Share your Blessings

St. Vincent de Paul & Food Pantry

Donate non-perishable food in bins at the back of the church Place Financial Donations in an envelope marked St. Vincent de Paul drop in the slot at the parish office or in the Collection

Casa Hogar La Gloria

Casa Hogar La Gloria, an orphanage in Tijuana, Mexico that has been a ministry of the Augustinians for the past 43 years. This is a wonderful opportunity to make a real difference in the lives of abandoned and neglected children in Tijuana. Please visit www.hogar-infantil.org to learn more

Casa Hogar La Gloria, un orfanato en Tijuana, México que ha sido un ministerio de los agustinos durante los últimos 43 años. Esta maravillosa oportunidad de hacer una verdadera diferencia en las vidas de los niños abandonados y desatendidos en Tijuana. Por favor visite www.hogar-infantil.org para aprender más

Las Posadas (December 16–24)

Of the many Latin American traditions for the celebration of Advent and Christmas, the tradition of *Las Posadas* seems to be the best known. It originated in the last half of the eighteenth century when the boisterous *Misas de Aguinaldo* were no longer celebrated in Mexico. To replace these Masses, the laity decided to celebrate in their own homes by taking what they had seen dramatized in the churches: the journey of the Galilean immigrants, Joseph and Mary of Nazareth, when they were looking for an inn (*posada*) in Bethlehem of Judea. Like the “O Antiphons” of the official liturgy, these *posadas* were celebrated on nine consecutive nights. The journey of Joseph and Mary from inn to inn sadly continues every day in the fearful and tired steps taken by so many immigrants in this country. Like the Holy Family, Latin American families look for hospitality with the hope of finding a new life for their sons and daughters. Unfortunately, many citizens of the United States behave like the people of Bethlehem, preferring to close their door in the face of the immigrants rather than welcoming them. Perhaps that is the reason that the tradition of *Las Posadas* has taken on so much importance among the Latinos in the United States. We know firsthand what Joseph and Mary experienced two thousand years ago. We have to ask ourselves: When will the human heart change? When will we open the doors of our heart to our immigrant Lord?

Las Posadas (16-24 de diciembre)

De las muchas tradiciones latinoamericanas para celebrar el Adviento y la Navidad, las posadas parecen ser las mejor conocidas en los Estados Unidos. Tienen su origen en la última mitad del siglo XVIII cuando las estrepitosas *Misas de Aguinaldo* dejaron de ser celebradas en México. Para reemplazar esas Misas los laicos decidieron celebrar en sus casas tomando lo que habían visto dramatizado en los templos, el recorrido de los inmigrantes galileos, José y María de Nazaret mientras buscaban posada en Belén de Judea. Como las “Antífonas O” de la liturgia oficial estas posadas llegaron a ser celebradas nueve noches consecutivas.

El recorrido de José y María recordado por las posadas lamentablemente sigue todos los días en los pasos temerosos y cansados de tantos inmigrantes en este país. Al igual que la Sagrada Familia, familias latinoamericanas continúan buscando hospedaje con la esperanza de dar a luz una nueva vida para sus hijos/as. Desgraciadamente, muchos estadounidenses se portan como la gente de Belén, prefieren cerrar la puerta en la cara a los inmigrantes que darles la bienvenida. Tal vez por esto las posadas han tomado tanta importancia entre los latinos en los Estados Unidos porque conocemos en carne propia lo que José y María experimentaron hace dos mil años. Hay que preguntarse, ¿cuándo cambiarán los corazones de los seres humanos? ¿Cuándo abriremos las puertas del corazón a nuestro Dios inmigrante?

Did you know? December 17-18 The ChildHelp Abuse Hotline is a valuable resource

The ChildHelp Abuse Hotline is a valuable resource available nationwide for reporting child abuse. If you have witnessed abuse, or if a child has confided that he or she has been abused, you can reach out to the ChildHelp Abuse Hotline for information on what to do next and where to report what you know. Counselors are available to talk through situations, answer questions, and research additional resources in your area. You can call or text the hotline at 1-800-422-4453, or start a live chat at childhelphotline.org/.

La línea telefónica de ayuda a niños abusados “ChildHelp Abuse” es un recurso valioso

La línea telefónica de ayuda directa para niños abusados, ChildHelp Abuse, es un recurso valioso disponible en todo el país para denunciar el abuso infantil. Si usted ha sido testigo de abuso, o si un niño le ha confiado que ha sido abusado, puede comunicarse con la línea telefónica ChildHelp Abuse para obtener información gratuita sobre qué hacer y dónde informar lo que usted sabe. Los consejeros están disponibles en esta línea para hablar sobre su situación, responder preguntas e investigar sobre recursos adicionales en su área. Para comunicarse con ChildHelp Abuse, puede llamar o enviar un mensaje de texto al 1-800-422-4453 o iniciar un chat en vivo en childhelphotline.org/.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — You will be given this sign: the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel (Isaiah 7:10-14).

Psalm — The king of glory shall come in (Psalm 24).

Second Reading — God has called us to belong to Jesus Christ (Romans 1:1-7).

Gospel — The son born of Mary shall be called Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins. He shall be Emmanuel, "God is with us" (Mat 1:18-24).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a;

Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

Tuesday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a;

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

Thursday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

Friday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66

Saturday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79

Christmas Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 1629; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]

Christmas Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

Christmas Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20

Christmas Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura La señal del Señor es que la virgen estará embarazada y dará a luz un hijo varón (Isaías 7:10-14).

Salmo — El rey de gloria vendrá (Salmo 24 [23]).

Segunda lectura — Jesús, descendiente de David biológicamente, fue establecido el Hijo de Dios en poder. (Romanos 1:1-7).

Evangelio — María, la comprometida de José, quedó embarazada por obra del Espíritu Santo (Mateo 1:18-24).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Jue 13:2-7, 24-25a;

Sal 71 (70):3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lc 1:5-25

Martes: Is 7:10-14; Sal 24 (23):1-4_{ab}, 5-6; Lc 1:26-38

Miércoles: Cant 2:8-14 o Sof 3:14-18a;

Sal 33 (32):2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lc 1:39-45

Jueves: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8_{abcd}; Lc 1:46-56

Viernes: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Sal 25 (24):4-5_{ab}, 8-10, 14; Lc 1:57-66

Sábado: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16;

Sal 89 (88):2-5, 27, 29; Lc 1:67-79

La Noche Buena

Vigilia: Is 62:1-5; Sal 89 (88):4-5, 16-17, 27-29;

Hch 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]

Noche: Is 9:1-6; Sal 96 (95):1-3, 11-13;

Ti 2:11-14; Lc 2:1-14

Día de Navidad

Aurora: Is 62:11-12; Sal 97 (96):1, 6, 11-12;

Ti 3:4-7; Lc 2:15-20

Día: Is 52:7-10; Sal 98 (97):1-6; Heb 1:1-6;

Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

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