

*And suddenly there was a multitude
of the heavenly host with the angel,
praising God and saying:*

**“GLORY TO GOD
IN THE HIGHEST.”**

Luke 2:13-14

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Monday - Friday ~ Lunes - Viernes
9:00AM - 5:00PM

Mass Times/Tiempos de misa

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 25, 2022 • Christmas

**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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BAPTISMS ~ BAUTISMOS

English: Dn. Phil Nelson

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PRIVATE PRAYER ~ ORACIÓN PRIVADA

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

INTENTIONS/INTENCIONES

Monday: December 26	9:00AM	Mieko Sakai † By Bereavement
Tuesday: December 27	9:00AM	Gary Orthuber † By Les & Mary Baker
Wednesday: December 28	9:00AM	Larry Shields † By Les & Mary Baker
Thursday: December 29	9:00AM	Mike Vize † By Kathleen Lansing
Friday: December 30	9:00AM	Mary Silvestri † By Mary Kazmer
Saturday: December 31	8:00AM 5:00PM	Fred Perez † By Connie Rimpa Paul Richard Hernandez ★ By Hernandez & Pizana families
Sunday January 1, 2023	9:30AM	Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary And a Blessed New Year

**FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE
VENTURA**

Christmas!

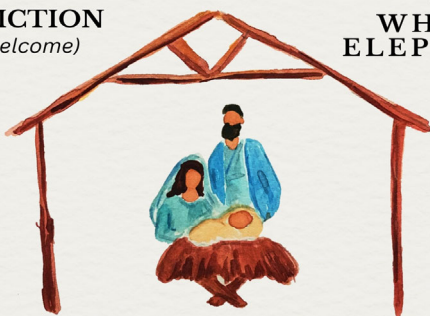
7:30 PM

**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

**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





Father Kirk's Christmas Letter Una Carta de Padre Kirk



In his Sermon 189,3, St. Augustine offered these inspiring words about the promise of Christmas:

And so let his mercy come to be in our hearts. His mother bore him in her womb; let us bear him in our hearts. The virgin was big with the incarnation of Christ; let our bosoms grow big with the faith of Christ. She gave birth to the Savior; let us give birth to praise. We mustn't be barren; our souls must be fruitful with God.

I wish abundant Christmas Blessings upon you, your families, and all your cherished friends. May this season be rich with love, mercy and compassion.

God's peace,
Fr. Kirk

En su Sermón 189,3, San Agustín ofrece estas palabras inspiradoras sobre la promesa de la Navidad:

Y así su misericordia venga a estar en nuestros corazones. Su madre lo llevó en su vientre; llevémoslo en nuestros corazones. La virgen estaba grande con la encarnación de Cristo; que nuestros pechos crezcan con la fe de Cristo. Ella dio a luz al Salvador; demos a luz la alabanza. No debemos ser estériles; nuestras almas deben ser fructíferas con Dios.

Deseo abundantes bendiciones navideñas para ustedes, sus familias y todos sus queridos amigos. Que esta temporada sea rica en amor, misericordia y compasión.

la paz de Dios,
Padre Kirk

Epiphany of the Lord Vespers at the Mission Basilica

Vísperas de la Epifanía del Señor en la Misión Basílica

Choral Prelude
with
Credo Catholic Choir and
Mission Basilica Schola

Preludio Coral
con
Coro Católico Credo y
Scholaón de la Misión Basílica

Sunday
January 8, 2023

domingo
8 de enero de 2023

7:00 PM

Friendly Reminders



Adult

CATHOLIC FAITH
F O R M A T I O N

Every First Sunday

Next Presentation on January 8, 2023

The Life of Jesus

Jean Smith

11 am on January 8, 2023

A light brunch will be offered.

Childcare provided. Contact Aina Yates at (805) 646-4338 ext. 111



Join us on the Second Tuesday of every month after the 9:00 daily Mass

Next gathering January 20, 2023

Come to the lovely room on the Green, (between the church and the parish hall)

Come for coffee, tea, goodies, and fellowship.

If you would like to do so bring any goodie you're welcome to do so.

What we most want is the gift of your presence.

If you have any questions, call either: Mary Wood 805 640-5243 or Greg Sinicrope, 805 455-4619.

Looking Ahead – School year 2023 –2024

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.

Villanova Prep is currently gathering information from the community regarding interest in our planned Middle School, set to open in Fall 2023.

If you would like to find out any information about

our plans, please reach out to our Admissions Team at:

admissions@villanovaprep.org..

For more information:

www.villanovaprep.org



THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE

The relentless daily reports of darkness can easily lead us not to see the many glimmers of light around us. We who follow the Christ-light must always be on alert for signs of that light around us. Likewise, we who have that Christ-light in us must let it shine forth. No matter how little we think our light may be, we must recall that it is the light of Christ we bear within us. Like John the Baptist in today's Gospel passage, we are meant to testify to the power of light, to help others see glimpses of God-with-us. Our actions must bear good news, they must announce glad tidings. Even small deeds of light can shine brightly, giving birth to Jesus once again each day. On Christmas day and every day we are called to be people of hope, messengers of peace who offer comfort and make God's glory known. Let the light of Christ in your life be one of the season's brightest!



ESTA PEQUEÑA LUZ MÍA

Los implacables informes diarios de la oscuridad pueden fácilmente llevarnos a no ver los muchos destellos de luz que nos rodean. Los que seguimos la luz de Cristo debemos estar siempre atentos a los signos de esa luz a nuestro alrededor. Asimismo, los que tenemos esa luz de Cristo en nosotros debemos dejarla brillar. No importa lo pequeña que creamos que es nuestra luz, debemos recordar que es la luz de Cristo la que llevamos dentro. Como Juan el Bautista en el pasaje del Evangelio de hoy, estamos destinados a dar testimonio del poder de la luz, a ayudar a otros a ver destellos de Dios-con-nosotros. Nuestras acciones deben ser portadoras de buenas noticias, deben anunciar la buena nueva. Incluso las pequeñas obras de luz pueden brillar con fuerza, dando a luz a Jesús una vez más cada día. El día de Navidad y todos los días estamos llamados a ser personas de esperanza, mensajeros de paz que ofrecen consuelo y dan a conocer la gloria de Dios. Deja que la luz de Cristo en tu vida sea una de las más brillantes de este tiempo.

Did you know? Watch out for fire dangers

Christmas is a popular time to decorate with candles and electric lights, both inside and out of the house. These decorations can be beautiful and festive, but also come with the risk of fires. Parents should make sure to keep candles out of reach of children, and off surfaces where they could be easily knocked over. All lights should be checked for faulty wires or other defective parts that could cause a fire. For more information, read the "Holiday Safety" article on [nsc.org/community-safety/safety-topics/seasonal-safety/winter-safety/holiday?](https://www.nsc.org/community-safety/safety-topics/seasonal-safety/winter-safety/holiday?ref=hp)

Cuidado con los peligros de incendio

La Navidad es una época popular para decorar con velas y luces eléctricas, tanto adentro como afuera de la casa. Estas decoraciones pueden ser muy bonitas y festivas, pero también conllevan el riesgo de incendios. Los padres de familia deben asegurarse de mantener las velas fuera del alcance de los niños y fuera de las superficies donde puedan darse vuelta fácilmente. Todas las luces deben revisarse en busca de cables defectuosos u otras piezas defectuosas que puedan provocar un incendio. Para obtener más información, lea el artículo en inglés, "Holiday Safety" (Seguridad durante las fiestas navideñas) en [nsc.org/community-safety/safety-topics/seasonal-safety/winter-safety/holiday?](https://www.nsc.org/community-safety/safety-topics/seasonal-safety/winter-safety/holiday?ref=hp)

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — All the ends of the earth will behold the salvation of our God (Isaiah 52:7-10).

Psalm — The whole world has seen God's salvation (Psalm 98).

Second Reading — God has spoken to us through the Son, the very imprint of God's being (Hebrews 1:1-6).

Gospel — The Word became flesh; from his fullness we have all received grace (John 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:36-40

Friday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 [12-17]; Ps 128:1-5; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18

Sunday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

Monday: St. Stephen; Kwanzaa begins

Tuesday: St. John

Wednesday: The Holy Innocents

Thursday: St. Thomas Becket;

Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

Friday: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Saturday: St. Sylvester I; New Year's Eve

Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

The Nativity of the Lord

December 25, 2022

The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness has not overcome it.

— John 1:5



LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura: Verá la tierra entera la salvación que viene de nuestro Dios (Isaías 52:7-10).

Salmo : El mundo entero ha visto la salvación de Dios (Salmo 98 [97]).

Segunda lectura: Dios nos ha hablado por medio de su Hijo, la imagen fiel de su ser (Hebreos 1:1-6).

Evangelio: El Verbo se hizo carne; y todos recibimos de él en una sucesión de gracias sin número (Juan 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Hch 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Sal 31 (30):3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22

Martes: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Sal 97 (96):1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Miércoles: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Sal 124 (123):2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18

Jueves: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Sal 96 (95):1-3, 5b-6; Lc 2:36-40

Viernes: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 o Col 3:12-21 [12-17]; Sal 128 (127):1-5; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Sábado: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Sal 96 (95):1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18

Domingo: Nm 6:22-27; Sal 67 (66):2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gál 4:4-7; Lc 2:16-21

LOS SANTOS Y OTRAS CELEBRACIONES

Domingo: La Natividad del Señor (Navidad)

Lunes: San Esteban; Se inicia Kwanza

Martes: San Juan

Miércoles: Los Santos Inocentes

Jueves: Santo Tomás Becket;

Quinto Día de la Octava de Navidad

Viernes: La Sagrada Familia de Jesús, María y José

Sábado: San Silvestre I; Víspera del Año Nuevo; Séptimo Día de la Octava de Navidad

La Natividad del Señor

25 de diciembre de 2022

La luz brilla en la tinieblas,
y las tinieblas no la recibieron.

— Juan 1:5



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