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Sunday

of

Advent

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

Matthew 1:20



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December 22, 2019

LITURGIES

Saturday
8:00AM Daily Mass

Vigils
5:00PM English & 6:30PM Spanish

Sunday
7:30AM & 9:30AM English
11:30AM Spanish

Weekdays
M-F 9:00AM Parish

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays
3:30-4:30PM or
by appointment 646-4338 X105

ROSARIES
Wednesday 6:15PM ~ Spanish
Friday 9:30AM ~ Cenacles of Life
Sunday 7:00AM

ADORER CHAPEL HOURS
Thursday morning through
Saturday mornings

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WEDDINGS

Call for appointment with the Pastor

BAPTISMS

(Call for appointment)
Spanish-Father Fernando
English-Deacon Phil

FUNERALS

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Pastor's Message

Mensaje del Pastor

December 22, 2019 Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mary and Joseph play a key role in our Catholic devotional and spiritual life. No doubt, much of our devotion to Jesus' mother, Mary, and his foster father, Joseph, is rooted in our appreciation of their willingness to put themselves at the disposal of the will of God, to seek what God most desired of them and to carry it out. We find their example inspiring, and their proximity to the Lord consoling and encouraging. Knowing that they said yes to God in such dramatic and pivotal ways, even when there was so much at stake and there were so many obstacles to take into account, gives us much to ponder. Yet there is something else we must not forget: while God could have come to be with us as a child in any manner at all, God chose to be with us through the active and humble cooperation of a woman and a man, Mary and Joseph.



22 de diciembre de 2019 Cuarto Domingo de Adviento

María y José tuvieron un papel protagonista en nuestra devoción y vida espiritual católica. Sin duda, gran parte de nuestra devoción a María, la madre de Jesús, y a José, su padre adoptivo, está enraizada en nuestra apreciación de su disposición a ponerse ellos mismo en las manos de Dios, para buscar lo que Dios más deseaba de ellos y a llevarlo a cabo. Descubrimos su ejemplo inspirador, y su cercanía con el Señor, consolador y esperanzador. Conociendo que ellos dijeron sí a Dios en esas formas fundamentales y extraordinarias, incluso cuando había tanto en juego y demasiados obstáculos a considerar, nos da mucho en que reflexionar. Sin embargo, hay algo más que no debemos olvidar; aunque Dios pudo haber venido a estar con nosotros como un niño de cualquier manera, Dios eligió estar con nosotros mediante la cooperación activa y humilde de una mujer y un hombre, María y José.

EMMANUEL

Of all of the names connected to our Lord, two stand out in the ways that they describe the identity and mission of the Lord: "Emmanuel: God is with us" and "Jesus: God saves." The most stunning thing about our Christian faith is that God is not distant, abstract, demanding, a god of wrath and military might. Rather, God desires to be near to us, in relationship, one with us in our challenges and in our joys. God is with us even when remaining with us will lead to betrayal, persecution, and violent death. God who is beyond all of this struggle remains with us so that we might transcend the limitations of our human nature in order to become more like God, to embrace the divine light that resides within each of us. As we approach the celebration of Christmas, consider this: what does it mean to you that God is with us, now and always? What does this call you to be and to do as a Christian, as a follower of God's Son, Jesus, who is with us and who saves us?

EMMANUEL

De todos los nombres asociado con nuestro Señor, hay dos que sobresalen en la forma que describen la identidad y misión del Señor: "Emmanuel: Dios con nosotros", y "Jesús: Dios salva". Lo más impresionante acerca de nuestra fe cristiana es que Dios no está lejos, es algo abstracto, exigente, un dios de ira y poder militar. Al contrario, Dios desea estar cerca de nosotros, tener una relación, estar con nosotros en nuestros desafíos y alegrías. Dios está con nosotros aun cuando permaneciendo con nosotros nos lleve a la traición, la persecución o una muerte violenta. Dios que está más allá de esta lucha permanece con nosotros para que podamos trascender las limitaciones de nuestra naturaleza humana para llegar a ser más como Dios, para abrazar la luz divina que reside dentro de cada uno de nosotros. Al acercarnos a la celebración de Navidad, consideremos lo siguiente, ¿qué significa para ti que Dios esté con nosotros, ahora y siempre? ¿Qué te llama a ser y hacer como cristiano, como seguidor del Hijo de Dios, Jesús, quien está con nosotros y nos salva?

READINGS FOR THE WEEK**TODAY'S READINGS**

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

Psalms — Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory (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 (Matthew 1:18-24).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

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

Wednesday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]
Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

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

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

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

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

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Advent

Monday: St. John of Kanty; Hanukkah begins

Tuesday: Vigil of Christmas

Wednesday: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

Thursday: St. Stephen; Kwanzaa begins; Boxing Day (Canada)

Friday: St. John

Saturday: The Holy Innocents



They shall name him
Emmanuel, which means
"God is with us."
— Matthew 1:23

LECTURAS PARA LA SEMANA**LECTURAS DE HOY**

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

Salmo — Va a entrar el Señor: él es el Rey de la Gloria (Salmo 24 [23]).

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

Evangelio — María quedó embarazada por obra del Espíritu Santo (Mateo 1:18-24).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

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

Martes: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Sal 89 (88):2-5, 27, 29; Lc 1:67-79

Miércoles: 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; Tit 2:11-14; Lc 2:1-14
Aurora: Is 62:11-12; Sal 97 (96):1, 6, 11-12; Tit 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]

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

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

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

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

LOS SANTOS Y OTRAS CELEBRACIONES

Domingo: Cuarto Domingo de Adviento

Lunes: San Juan de Kanty; Januká comienza

Martes: La Vigilia de Navidad

Miércoles: La Natividad del Señor

Jueves: San Esteban; Kwanza

Viernes: San Juan

Sábado: Los Santos Inocentes

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

ESTA SEMANA EN NUESTRA PARROQUIA

Sun: 12-22 10:30AM RCIA
NO Confirmation YR 1& 2

Mon: 12-23 10:00AM Woman's Bible Study
 6:00-7:30PM Youth Group
 High school

Tue: 12-24 **Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord,
 Christmas Eve**
 5:00PM Family Mass
 6:30PM Spanish Mass
 9:30PM English Carols
 10:00PM English Mass
 6:00PM Homeless Shelter

Wed: 12-25 **The Nativity of the Lord, Christmas Day**
 9:30AM English Mass
 11:30AM Spanish Mass

Thurs: 12-26 9:00AM Mass/No Adoration

Fri: 12-27 9:00 AM Mass/No Adoration
 6:30PM Mass
 9:30AM Rosary

Sat: 12-28 8:00AM Mass/No Adoration
 3:30-4:30PM Reconciliation

Sun: 12-29 10:30AM RCIA

Tues 12-31 **Vigil of the Solemnity of
 the Blessed Virgin Mary**
 6:30PM Bi-Lingual Vigil Mass

Wed January 1, 2020
The Solemnity of the Blesses Virgin Mary
 9:30AM Mass-English
 11:30AM Mass-Spanish

Dom: 12-22 10:30AM RCIA
No Confirmación YR 1& 2

Lunes: 12-23 10:00AM Woman's Bible Study
 6:00-7:30PM Escuela Secundaria
 Grupo Juvenil

Mar: 12-24 **Vigilia de la Natividad del Señor,
 Nochebuena**
 5:00PM Misa Familiar
 6:30PM Misa Española
 9:30PM Villancicos Ingleses
 10:00PM Misa Inglesa
 6:00PM Refugio para personas
 sin hogar

Mie: 12-25 **La Natividad del Señor, Día de Navidad**
 9:30AM Misa Inglesa
 11:30AM Misa Española

Jueves: 12-26 9:00AM Mass/No Adoration

Viernes: 12-27 9:00AM Misa (Inglés)/Adoración
 6:30PM Misa
 9:30AM Rosario

Sab: 12-28 8:00AM Misa/ Adoración
 3:30-4:30PM Reconciliación

Dom: 12-29 10:30AM RCIA

Tues: 12-31 **Vigilia de la solemnidad de
 la Santísima Virgen María**
 6:30PM Misa de Vigilia Bi-Lingual

Mie 1 de enero de 2020
La solemnidad de los bendices Virgen María
 9:30AM Masivo Inglés
 11:30AM Misa-Español

DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday	Dec	22	9:30AM	Michele Briley †	By: Matt & Jennifer Bender
Monday	Dec	23	9:00AM	Sr. Leonella Lynch †	By: Constance Campbell
Tuesday	Dec	24	9:00AM	Marie Coscarelli †	By: Charles Coscarelli
Wednesday	Dec	25		Merry Christmas	
Thursday	Dec	26			
Friday	Dec	27	9:00AM	Joseph Nocero †	By: Charles Coscarelli
Saturday	Dec	28	8:00AM		
			5:00PM	Jose Mellein-Dolezel ☀	By: Les & Mary Baker



Christmas Schedule 2019

Horario de Navidad 2019

Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord, Christmas Eve

Tuesday, December 24, 2019

Family Mass 5:00pm

Spanish Mass 6:30pm

English Carols 9:30pm

English Mass 10:00pm

The Nativity of the Lord, Christmas Day

Wednesday, December 25, 2019

English Mass 9:30am

Spanish Mass 11:30am

Vigil of the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday, December 31, 2019

Bilingual Vigil Mass 6:30pm

The Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday, January 1, 2020

English Mass 9:30am

Spanish Mass 11:30am

Vigilia de la Natividad del Señor, Nochebuena

martes, 24 de diciembre de 2019

Misa familiar 5:00pm

Misa española 6:30pm

Inglés Villancicos 9:30pm

Misa Inglesa 10:00pm

La Natividad del Señor, Día de Navidad

miércoles, 25 de diciembre de 2019

Misa Inglesa 9:30am

Misa española 11:30am

Vigilia de la solemnidad de la Santísima Virgen María

martes, 31 de diciembre de 2019

Misa de Vigilia Bilinguista 6:30pm

La solemnidad de la Santísima Virgen María

Miércoles, 1 de enero de 2020

Misa Inglesa 9:30am

Misa española 11:30am

St. Thomas Aquinas Financial Status- November 2019

	Monthly (Sept. 2019)	Monthly (October 2019)	Fiscal Year 19/20 (7/1/19-10/31/2019)
Unrestricted Income*	\$38,110	\$38,798	\$169,341
Restricted Income**	\$17,476	\$12,384	\$45,260
Expenses	\$50,127	\$42,179	\$215,923
Net	\$5,459	\$9,003	\$-1,322

* **Unrestricted income includes: plate and envelope collections, online giving, donations, fundraisers, etc.**

** **Restricted income includes: sales from Parish Thrift Store (supports Religious Education) and the Building Fund**

As shown in the table above, the parish income for September and October exceeded expenses. This net positive increase has offset approximately half of

the \$30,000 previous deficit (including the \$15,000 use of parish reserves earlier this fiscal year). Contributions to the Building Fund increased but are trending slightly lower than last year at this time. Sales at the Parish Thrift Store are up slightly and all are encouraged to donate and shop at the Thrift Store.

God Bless and Happy Holidays from the Finance Committee

* **Los ingresos sin restricciones incluyen: colecciones de planchas y sobres, donaciones, recaudaciones de fondos, etc.**

** **Los ingresos restringidos incluyen: ventas de Parish Thrift Store (apoya la Educación Religiosa) y el Fondo de Construcción**

Como se muestra en la tabla anterior, los ingresos parroquiales de septiembre y octubre gastos excedidos. Este aumento positivo neto ha compensado aproximadamente la mitad del déficit anterior de \$30,000 (incluyendo el uso de \$15,000 de reservas parroquiales a principios de este año fiscal). Las contribuciones al Fondo de Construcción aumentaron, pero las tendencias son ligeramente inferiores a las del año pasado en este momento. Las ventas en la Tienda De ahorro salicoma de la Parroquia han donación y compra en la Tienda Thrift.

Dios bendiga y feliz fiesta del Comité de Finanzas

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

INFORMACIÓN IMPORTANTE



Upcoming Confirmation Classes:

No Confirmation Yr 1 & 2
Dec 22 & 29

No High School Youth Group (9th-12th grade)
Dec 23 & 30

No Middle School Youth Group (6th-8th grade)
Dec 25 & Jan 1

Próximias Clases de Confirmación:

No Confirmación Año 1 & 2
Dec 22 & 29

No Grupo de la Juventud! El Grupo Juvenil de la
Escuela Secundaria (9-12 grado)
Dec 23 & 30

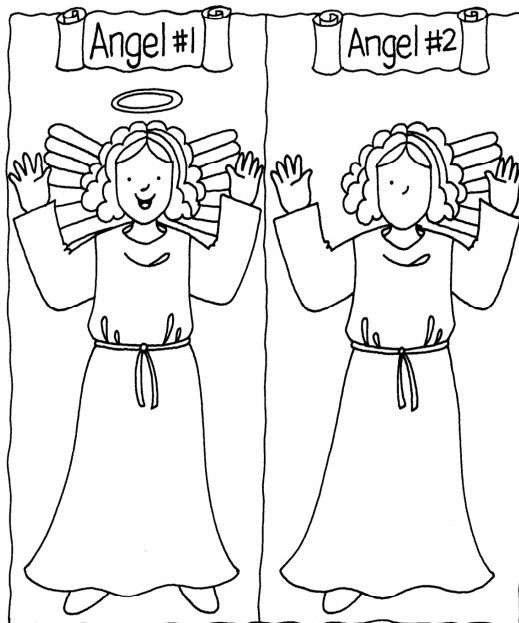
No El Grupo Juvenil de la Escuela Secundaria
(6-8 grado) Dec 25 & Jan 1

God's Word for Children

Joseph had a dream.

In his dream an angel told him that
Mary would have a baby—*God's own son!*

Look at both of the angels below.
Circle five things that make Angel #1
different from Angel #2.



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Fourth Sunday of Advent

Matthew 1:18-24 tells the story of
Mary, Joseph, and Baby Jesus.

Read the sentences below and number them 1 to 4
according to the order in which they happened.



When Joseph found out that Mary was going to have a baby, he decided to call off the wedding.



While Mary was engaged to Joseph, she learned that she would have a child through the power of the Holy Spirit.



Out of obedience to the Lord, Joseph took Mary into his home as his wife.



An angel told Joseph not to be afraid to make Mary his bride. Mary's baby was God's son. Joseph was to name the boy Jesus.



PARISH INFORMATION CONT.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CHOIR

Please come and enjoy the beautiful voices of the
Children's Christmas Choir on
Tuesday, December 24th at
The 5:00PM Mass

Lisa Boyd, we thank you for your time and dedication
working with youth for all of us to enjoy.
Thank you for your ongoing and continued
support of our Parish.
May you and your family have a blessed
Christmas and New Year.

INFORMACIÓN PARROQUIAL CONT.

CORO DE NAVIDAD PARA NIÑOS

Por favor, ven y disfruta de las bellas voces de la
Coro infantil de Navidad en
Martes, 24 de diciembre en
La misa de las 5:00 PM

Lisa Boyd, le agradecemos por su tiempo y dedicación
al trabajar con los jóvenes para que todos podamos disfrutarlo.
Gracias por su continuo y continuo apoyo a nuestra Parroquia.
Que usted y su familia tengan una bendita
Navidad y Año Nuevo.



Holiday deadline for the Bulletin
December 23rd for the January 5th



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