

**Fourth Sunday of Advent  
December 22nd, 2019 Cycle A  
December Mass Intentions**

Fri, 20	8:00am	Spec. Int: Josefina Santos
Sat, 21	4:30pm	*Parochial Intentions
Sun, 22	8:30am 10:00am 11:30am	*Parochial Intentions
Spanish		
Mon, 23	8:00am	+Amanda Mendoza
Tue, 24	8:00am  5:00pm 10:00pm Xmas Vigil Mass	+Regino Bisquera & Family Children's Vigil Mass *Parochial Intentions
Wed, 25	9:00am 11:30am 2pm	*Christmas Masses Parochial Int.
Spanish Burmese		
Thu, 26	9:00am	+Arnulfo Meza
Fri, 27	8:00am	+Froilan Ramos
Sat, 28	4:30pm	*Parochial Intentions

**Schedule of the Week:**

**Mon through Friday**

.....8:00am Mass

No silent adoration on 12/24 to 12/26, 12/27 & on 12/31, 1/1 & 1/2<sup>nd</sup>.



**Sun, Dec. 22nd, 2019, 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM  
Porziuncola Nuova 624 Vallejo Street SF**

Don't miss this annual San Francisco tradition. Come join the Knights of Saint Francis as they reenact the Story of Christmas, complete with music, live animals, straw, and a barn, right in the heart of North Beach.

**AAA Appeal 2019**

**Our Campaign Goal was  
\$28,490. Congratulations! We  
have reached 100% of our  
goal! We did it! Thank you so  
much. May the Lord bless you.**



**Christmas & New Year's Mass Schedule**

**Tuesday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>: 5:00pm Children's Mass  
& 10:00pm English Mass**

**Wednesday, Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>: 9:00am English &  
11:30am Spanish 2:00pm Burmese**

**Wednesday, Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>: 10:00am English &  
11:30am Spanish**

**Rectory Closed:**

**Tues., Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> at 2pm; Wed., Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> &  
Thurs., Dec. 26<sup>th</sup> & Friday, Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>  
Tues., Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> at 2pm; Wed., Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> &  
Thurs., Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

**School Closed Mon., Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> to Fri., Jan.  
3<sup>rd</sup> and will reopen on Mon., Jan 6<sup>th</sup>.**



**Collections: Weekly Goal: \$3,000**

December 14-15 Offerings \$2,702.40

St. Patrick's Seminary \$623.20

Thanks for your generosity!

**Mass Assignments - Dec. 28th & 29th:**

**Sat. Dec. 28th, 2019, 4:30pm**

Lector: .....A. Abiva

Lay Ministers:.....E. Foley & M. Acosta

Server(s):.....Volunteer

**Sun, Dec. 29th, 2019, 8:30am**

Lector: .....E. Llorente

Lay Ministers:.....T. & S. Stapleton

Server(s):.....Volunteer

**Sun, Dec. 29th, 2019, 10:00am**

Lector.....J. Wiater

Lay Ministers.....M. Lemus & C. Wiater

Server(s):.....Isaiah Campos & Kayla Green

**Sun, Dec. 29th, 2019, 11:30am**

Lector: .....Jairo, Margarita & Villanueva

Ministers: ..... Carmen Dominguez

..... Indiana Arguello

.....Marjorie Hernandez

Server(s):..... Giovanni Lazo

*There is a  
calmness to a life  
lived in gratitude,  
a quiet joy.*

*Ralph H Blum*



Thank you for your support in making the Youth Holiday Party a special day for our youth! The event was a success and we couldn't have pulled it off without you. Your generous contributions led to the youth leaving the party with a smile, lots of gifts, treats, and meaningful memories. Thank you to St Finn Barr's Parish. With the generosity of the parishioners we raised \$655 from the gift card giving tree! Wow! All of the foster youth in attendance had a great day. I am grateful to all who helped to continue this holiday tradition for our special young people. My heart is full-from Renee.



# Zydeco Dance

**Saturday, January 25, 2020, 8:00 PM - 12:00 AM**

**Location: Goode Hall**

Food and drinks will be available for purchase. Feast on Louisiana Gumbo, Jambalaya, Red Beans & Rice, Hot Links, etc.

Featuring a free dance lesson from 7-8PM, great raffle prizes, King & Queen raffle and more!

Advance Dance Ticket is \$25/ \$30 at the door (Adults Only).

For inquiries contact Louis & Alice Guidry at 415-760-1454

*All proceeds benefit St. Finn Barr Parish. We thank you for your support!*

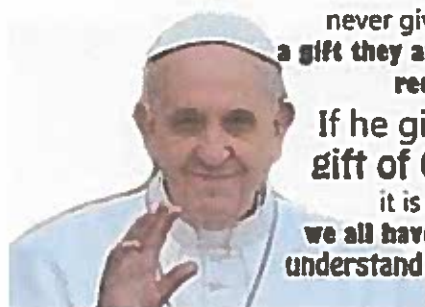
**“God**

**never gives someone a gift they are not capable of receiving.**

**If he gives us the gift of Christmas,**

**it is because we all have the ability to understand and receive it”.**

**- Pope Francis**



***The mystery of the Holy Night, which historically happened two thousand years ago, must be lived as a spiritual event in the 'today' of the Liturgy. The Word who found a dwelling in Mary's womb comes to knock on the heart of every person with singular intensity this Christmas .***

***- Saint John Paul II***

***God enters history and does so in His original style: surprise. The God of surprises always surprises us.***

***-Pope Francis***

## Fourth Sunday of Advent, Cycle A



**Sunday, December 22nd, 2019**

### First Reading

*Isaiah 7:10-14*

Ahaz proclaims the sign that the Lord will give: a virgin shall give birth to a son, Emmanuel.

### Responsorial Psalm

*Psalms 24:1-2,3-4,5-6*

The Lord is the King of Glory who established the earth.

### Second Reading

*Romans 1:1-7*

Paul greets the community at Rome and declares himself a servant of Christ Jesus.

### Gospel Reading

*Matthew 1:18-24*

An angel appears to Joseph, directing him to take Mary as his wife and telling him that the child she will bear will be called Emmanuel.

### Background on the Gospel Reading

Finally, on this the Fourth Sunday of Advent, our Gospel Reading permits us to begin our contemplation of the mystery of the Incarnation we celebrate at Christmas: "Now this is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about" (Matthew 1:18).

The Gospel of Matthew tells the story of the birth of Jesus from Joseph's perspective. Today's Gospel passage is the second movement in this story. In the preceding verses of the first chapter of Matthew's Gospel, the Evangelist has listed the genealogy of Jesus, tracing his lineage through King David to Abraham. In the chapter to follow, Matthew tells of the visit from the

Magi, the Holy Family's flight into Egypt, and Herod's massacre of the infants in Bethlehem. (The other stories which we associate with Christmas, the Annunciation, the Visitation, the angel and the shepherds, are found in the Gospel of Luke).

We must not gloss over too quickly the difficult circumstances described in today's Gospel. The way that Joseph and Mary face these circumstances tells us much about these holy people and their faith in God. Joseph and Mary are betrothed to be married. This is sometimes described as an engagement period, but it is more than that. Betrothal in first century Jewish culture was in fact the first part of the marriage contract. A breach of this contract was considered adultery. Mary is found to be with child. If adultery is proven, the punishment might be death. Joseph has rights under Mosaic law, but chooses to act discreetly in his plans to break the marriage contract, so as to protect Mary. Then God intervenes.

The message of the angel of the Lord given to Joseph in his dream tells us much about the child that Mary bears and his role in God's plan. He is conceived by the Holy Spirit. His name will be Jesus, which in the Hebrew means "Yahweh saves." He will be the fulfillment of the prophecy heard in today's first reading from Isaiah: "... The virgin shall be with child . . . and shall name him Emmanuel [God with us]."

Joseph does as the angel of the Lord directs. He takes Mary to be his wife and accepts the child in her womb as his own. Joseph and Mary are both cooperative with God's plan. They are both models for us of what it means to be faithful servants of God. -*Loyola Press*



**"Who can add to Christmas?**

**THE PERFECT MOTIVE IS THAT GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD.  
THE PERFECT GIFT IS THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY SON.  
THE ONLY REQUIREMENT IS TO BELIEVE IN HIM.  
THE REWARD OF FAITH IS THAT YOU SHALL HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE."**

**-CORRIE TEN BOOM-**

**CUARTO DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO  
DOMINGO 22 DE DICIEMBRE 2019**

**LECTORES:** Zoila Huerta  
Elizabeth Gómez

**MINISTROS:** Roberto González  
Violeta Sarria  
Viilma Merlos

**INTENCIÓN:** Hoy Domingo recordemos a nuestros amigos y hermanos que han pasado a mejor vida: Dora Galindo Castro, Alejandra Estrada "10<sup>th</sup>. Aniversario," Kathleen Newton. Qué nuestro Señor los tenga en su santa gloria.  
*Cielos, destilen el rocío; nubes, lleven la salvación. Que la tierra se abra y germine el Salvador.*

**REFLEXIÓN:**  
Qué es Adviento? Es tiempo de preparación para la llegada de la Navidad y el nacimiento de Jesús. La palabra Adviento viene del latín adventus que significa venir, llegar. El tiempo de Adviento está llegando a su final y vale la pena preguntarnos: Cómo nos hemos preparado? Está dispuesto nuestro corazón para el encuentro del Dios con nosotros? La celebración del nacimiento del Niño Dios está cerca y la debemos esperar con mucho amor y esperanza.



Primera Lectura - Del profeta Isaías. El reino de Judá en tiempo del rey Ajaz esta en peligro de ser destruido. Dios a través de Isaías invita al rey a que confie en El. Isaías le da una señal al rey que todo apunta a Cristo. *"Una Virgen dará a luz un niño cuyo nombre será Emmanuel (Dios entre nosotros), y sufrirá a causa de nuestros pecados."* La profecía de Isaías nos lleva hoy a fijar nuestra mirada en la Navidad que estamos próximos a celebrar.

Segunda Lectura - En este texto que leemos a continuación se habla del inicio de la carta de Pablo a los cristianos de Roma. Aquí se nos habla de la vocación que Pablo recibió como apóstol y servidor de Dios para anunciar el evangelio a los paganos. Es aquí donde surgen nuevas comunidades cristianas formadas por personas llamadas a vivir según los valores del amor y la justicia.

Evangelio según San Mateo - En esta lectura se nos narra como ocurrió la encarnación de Jesús y su nacimiento. Esta historia conocida por todos

nosotros es muy hermosa y sencilla de entender. José se casa con María pero no pueden estar juntos según las tradiciones judías hasta después de algún tiempo. En ese lapso de tiempo María sale embarazada por obra del Espíritu Santo. Se ha cumplido la profecía sobre el Emmanuel, el Dios con nosotros, del que el profeta Isaías venía anunciando. Ante esta situación, José tiene dudas pero cambia de actitud a través de un sueño y supo aceptar que su prometida estaba encinta por obra del Espíritu Santo. Su nombre será Jesús que significa Salvador.-

*Señor ayúdanos a permanecer en vela, aguardando la venida de tu Hijo, con la lámpara de la fe encendida y con una gran dosis de humildad.*

**CANTOS:**

Entrada	Posadas - Tres Estrofas	301
Señor Ten Piedad		5
Gloria		
Salmo		Misal
Aleluya		Misal
Ofertorio	Dios Te Salve María	445
Santo		14
Aclamación		15
Amen		18
Cordero		20
Comunión	Lucas 1: Canto de María	286
Salida	Vendrá el Señor	306

**ANUNCIOS:**

1. Felicitemonos, hemos completado nuestra cuota anual a la Arquidiócesis. Gracias por su apoyo y reciban muchas bendiciones.
2. Membresías: Son \$10.00 por familia. Luis Calderón es el encargado. Puede pagarle a él.
3. Las Posadas - Continuación

Día	Fecha	Hora	Lugar
8	Domingo 12/22/19	7 PM.	Familia Stapleton 557 Hearst Ave. SF
9	Lunes 12/23/19	7pm	Familia Villanueva 1347 Palou ave. SF

*Miren: La Virgen concebirá y dará a luz un hijo, a quien le pondrá el nombre de Emmanuel.*

