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Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 22, 2019

The fourth candle represents peace and is called the “Angel’s Candle.” The angels announced that Jesus came to bring peace—He came to bring people close to God and to each other again.

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Sunday Mass Times

Saturday 5:30pm Vigil Patagonia

8:00am Sonoita

10:30am Patagonia

Daily Mass

Tuesday – 5:30pm

Wednesday – Friday 9:00am

Confessions

Saturday – 4:00pm to 4:30pm

Announcements

Christmas Eve Service
Tuesday December 24, 7:00pm Mass
At St. Therese Parish, Patagonia

Christmas Day
Wednesday December 25, 8:00am Mass
at Our Lady of The Angels, Sonoita

Wednesday December 25, 10:30am Mass
at St. Therese Parish, Patagonia

Mary, Mother of God, Holy Day of Obligation
Tuesday December 31, 5:30pm Mass-Patagonia

Wednesday January 1, 10:30am Mass-Patagonia

Prayer Request

Arcenio De La Ossa
Ramon Quiroga
Paco Moreno
Ruben Mendoza
Virginia Fain
Paul Mihalik, Sr.
Lucy Mihalik
Daren and Becky
Pam D.
Estela Padilla
Dick Klosterman
Steve Biddle
Walter Wolosik
Nancy Swyers
Bob Bilodeau
Dr. Jesse
Cruz Quiroga
Sadie G.
Joseph Hann
Waclaw Wolosik
Don Wilson Jr.
Pelagia Wolosik
Bill Swyers
Jeannette Swyers
Harold Swyers
John Swyers
Don Witt
Art Pena
Delfina Madrid
Amelia Barrios

TODAY'S READINGS

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

Psalm — 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

Parish Office News

- **2019 Contribution Statement Request Forms are available. Please submit your request ASAP. Place in collection basket or send to Ramon at parish office.**
- **If you don't receive envelopes, please fill out a 2020 Contribution Envelope Request form and place in collection basket or send to Ramon at parish office.**

Week of 12/15/19	Patagonia	Sonoita	Total
Regular Offering	\$688.00	\$352.00	\$1,040.00
Goal			\$1,650.00
Over /Under Goal			\$(610.00)
2 nd Collection- Parish Priest Salary	\$806.00	\$298.00	\$1,104.00

Parish Office Hours

Monday 11:00am – 1:00pm
 Tuesday 8:30am-12:30pm
 Wednesday 8:30am – 10:30am
 Thursday 8:30am – 12:30 pm
 Friday **Closed**

Merry Christmas...

Upcoming 2nd Collections:
 December 22- Poor & Needy
 January 12- Parish Priest Salary
 January 19- Poor & Needy

Mass Intentions

Saturday December 21, 5:30pm
 † Cecilia M. Miranda

Sunday December 22, 8:00am
 Missa Pro Populo

Sunday December 22, 10:30 am
 † Manuel & Rosa Rivera
 † Mariano & Adela Rivera
 † Ramon & Marta Rivera
 † Silverio Rivera
 † Arnulfo Borboa
 † Clemente Granillo

Tuesday December 24, 7:00pm
 Deceased Mihalik Family
 Members

Thursday December 26, 9:00am
 † Virginia Pesqueira

Sacramental Life

Baptism: Contact Parish Office one month prior to the desired date

Confirmation: Contact Parish Office for information and schedule

Marriage: Contact the Parish Office at least 6 months Prior to the desired date

St. Therese Parish office
HOLIDAY HOURS:
 Office will only be open on:

Thursday December 26- 8:30am-12:30pm
 &
Thursday January 2, 2020- 8:30am-12:30pm

Merry Christmas
From everyone at St. Therese Parish

TRUST IN GOD

On this final Sunday of Advent our scriptures focus on the historical birth of Jesus, who is son of David and Son of God, child and king, Jesus and Emmanuel.

Isaiah the prophet begs Ahaz to ask for a sign, to allow God to offer him reassurance of the survival of the Davidic dynasty. The king hypocritically refuses to “tempt the LORD” in that way (Isaiah 7:12), but the prophet foretells the birth of a son, an heir to the throne, who will prove the Lord’s enduring protection of God’s chosen lineage on the throne of David. The child will be called Emmanuel.

Matthew’s reference to this history in his description of the birth of Jesus highlights the contrast between the faithless refusal of trust shown by Ahaz, and the complete trust in God shown by Mary and Joseph in bringing about the birth of Jesus Christ.

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

SAINT STEPHEN (first century)

December 26

“A man filled with faith and the Holy Spirit” (Acts 6:5): thus Luke introduces Stephen, first of seven deacons chosen by the community for its ministry of charity, first to lay down his life in witness to Christ. As the church’s first martyr, Stephen’s life and death mirror the preaching and passion of Jesus, “the faithful witness” (Greek, martyr) (Revelation 1:5). Like Jesus, Stephen works “great signs and wonders among the people” (Acts 6:8). Like Jesus, when falsely accused, Stephen’s face radiates angelic serenity (Acts 6:15), though his tongue, like Jesus’, is a two-edged sword. As the dying Jesus forgave his executioners, even making excuses for them, then commended his spirit into his Father’s hands (Luke 23:34, 46), so Stephen intercedes for his murderers and begs Jesus to receive his spirit (Acts 7:60, 59). How fruitful both passions! The penitent thief inherits Paradise; Saul, who consented to Stephen’s killing, is transformed into the fearless preacher Paul. Thus Stephen challenges us to bear witness not in words only, but by Christ-like forgiveness toward all.