

December 22

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Matthew 1:18-24

“Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame, decided to divorce her quietly.”

St. Joseph is rightly revered for his contribution to our eternal salvation. He must have been devastated by the news that Mary, his betrothed wife, was pregnant, but not with his child. He knew Mary would not only be shamed, but in a small village like Nazareth, everyone would have known that Joseph was not the father and she was at risk of being stoned to death. Joseph trusted God and believed his assurance, through an angel, that Mary had not been unfaithful. He took her into his home and was a loving and caring husband of Mary and father to Jesus. Like Joseph, we face difficult situations and challenges in life that hurt us physically, emotionally and spiritually. How we deal with them depends largely on how well we know Jesus by constant reading and reflection of the truth revealed to us by God in Scripture. Have you prepared your gift for Jesus to celebrate his birthday? If not, give Him the gift of reading one of the four Gospels, such as Matthew or Luke. And remember, **Jesus is the Reason for the Season.**

**\*\* Please take note, parking on the grass is NOT ALLOWED  
\*\* Parents please take note, Children are NOT ALLOWED in the hall during mass or to be in the classrooms after CCD Classes.**

**The classrooms have been painted. We need assistance in putting the rooms back in order. Thumbtacks are the only material authorized for hanging materials on the walls. ABSOLUTELY NO TAPE PLEASE! Thank You.**

**This Monday at 9 AM we will be decorating the church for Christmas. Please come and help if possible. Many hands make light work.**

**Silver Angels will meet at Fazolis in Clarksville at 1 PM on Jan 3, 2019 at 1PM.**

**Next meeting of Father Gerald Calhoun Assembly is Jan 12, 2019 at 5:00 PM.**

**Next Fellowship Bingo is Saturday Jan 18th at 10 AM. Martha's Ministry will follow at 12:30—2:30 PM.**

**Next meeting of Knights of Columbus Father Emil Kapaun Council is Jan 20, 2019 at 6:45 PM.**

**Next Parish Council Meeting is January 30, 2020, 2019 at 6:00 PM.**

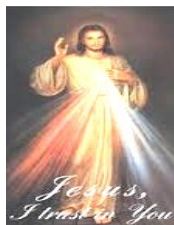
**The Parish Hall Is rented on the following Saturdays in Dec: Dec 21st. There is no fellowship on that date.**

**Blessed Mother Gift Shop will be closed during the months of Jan & Feb unless we are able to get some volunteers to fill in for days when permanent staff are not available.**

**ADVERTISING RATES**

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Sundays 10-11AM Sep-May **R. C. I. A.**

Rite of Christian Initiation for adults. Wed. 7:00 PM Sep-May

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**Weekend Mass Schedule :**

Sat 5:00PM Sun 8:30 & 11:30AM

**Weekdays**

Mon, Thur., Fri 9:00 AM Wed. 6:00 PM Tues. No Mass

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PRAYER TO ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

*St. Michael the Archangel*

*defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.*

Celebration of the Sacraments

**Baptism-** takes place every 3rd Sunday, during or outside of Mass. Contact Fr. Julian or Deacons Jack, Tom, or Wayne to set a meeting to prepare for the Sacrament and set a date. Baptism for older youth and adults occurs at the Easter Vigil.

**Confession-** Saturdays, 4:30 pm, before or after any Mass or by appointment with Fr. Julian. Communal services during Advent and Lent.

**First Reconciliation-** is celebrated during Advent.

**First Eucharist-** is celebrated during May each year with children in the second grade or older.

**Confirmation-** for youth is conferred by the Bishop. Adults receive the Sacrament at the Easter Vigil or before Marriage by Fr. Julian.

**Holy Orders-** Contact Fr. Julian or Deacons Jack, Tom or Wayne if you are interested in the vocations of Priesthood, Diaconate or Religious.

**Marriage-** Contact Fr. Julian or Deacons Jack, Tom or Wayne for Marriage and Annulment needs.

**Anointing of the Sick-** Anyone who is seriously ill or going to surgery should request anointing by contacting Fr. Julian.

Opportunities for Life Hotline

Call (800) 822-5824 for help for those experiencing an untimely pregnancy.

Nationwide Mass Times

Automated Church Lookup: (858) 207-6277 or log on to [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org)

**SINCERE WELCOME TO ALL FRIENDS VISITING US TODAY**

*To register with the parish, please stop at the Office after Mass to fill out the form.*

**Mass Intentions \$5**  
**Sanctuary Candle \$10**

Please put your donation in an envelope and indicate († if deceased). Please give your name and phone number and the date wanted in the collection basket. If the exact time and date you requested is not available, the closest available Mass time and date will be assigned. Envelopes for Mass Intentions are in the foyer on the table.

**\*\*Bulletin Deadline - Wednesday**  
Email Bob Whelan at [r\\_a\\_whelan@hotmail.com](mailto:r_a_whelan@hotmail.com)

**WEBSITE**

St. Michael's new Website is now available at [www.stmichaelcathedral.org](http://www.stmichaelcathedral.org). Please check it out for more information. Web page POC is Jessica Carroll. She can be reached at [fisherj21@yahoo.com](mailto:fisherj21@yahoo.com) or text to 701-371-4690 for web page input

**Blessed Mother Bookstore**  
**Open: Sunday 9:30 - 11:30 am**

*Come by and check us out.*

**Readings for this week 12/02-12/08**

<b>Monday:</b>	MAL	3:1-4, 23-24
	PS	25:4BC-5AB, 8-10, 14
	LK	1:57-66
<b>Tuesday:</b>	2 SM	7:1-5, 8B-12, 14A, 16
	PS	89:2-5, 27, 29
	LK	1:67-79
<b>Wednesday:</b>	IS	52:7-10
	PS	98:1-6
	HEB	1:1-6
<b>Thursday:</b>	ACTS	6:8-10—7:54-59
	PS	31:3CD-4, 6, 8AB, 16BC-17
	MT	10:17-22
<b>Friday:</b>	1 JN	1:1-4
	PS	97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12
	JN	20:1A, 2-8
<b>Saturday:</b>	1 JN	1:5—2:2
	PS	124:2-5, 7C-8
	MT	2:13-18
<b>Sunday:</b>	SIR	3:2-6, 12-14
	PS	128:1-5
	COL	3:12-21

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT YRA**



**First Reading (Isaiah 7:10-14):** The prophet Isaiah said: O house of David, "The Lord himself will give you this sign: the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall name him Emmanuel."

**Second Reading (Romans 1:1-7)** Our brother Paul reminds us that, through Jesus Christ, we have received the grace of apostleship, to bring about the obedience of faith and to be holy. Thus he blesses us with the liturgical prayer "Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ."

**Gospel (Matthew 1:18-24)** The Gospel reading tells us how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. And then tells us about the conception of a virgin and her Son Emmanuel— meaning "God is with us", in fulfillment of the prophesy of the prophet Isaiah. (Isaiah 7:14)

**Reflection Theme: God Is With Us**

Today's reading reveals God's continuous presence in our midst. Emanuel—God is with us. This demands special attention. It is Matthew's reference to Isaiah's 'God is with us' prophecy. (Is 7:14) This reference to Isaiah's 'God is with us' prophecy takes on its full significance when we note that Matthew ends his Gospel with Jesus' promise before His Ascension — 'I will be with you always till the end of the age' (Matt 28:20).

Matthew beginning his with the theme 'God is with us' and ending it with "God is with us" brings the point that with the birth of Christ God becomes present to His people in a remarkable new way.

Let us see the three ways God is present with us. First, God's presence in creation. God is present to us in His creation, especially by His sustaining power. God not only created everything but also holds it in its existence.

God's presence in creation might be compared to a movie that cast a image on a movie screen. The projector puts the image on the screen only as long as the projector keeps it there. It is the same way with God. God is responsible for putting creation in existence. And creation remains in existence only as long as God keeps it there.

Second, God is present in His word in the Bible. Someone described the Bible as the Father's love letter to His children. Just as a human father reveals his thoughts to his children in a letter so God reveals His thoughts to us in the Bible. In a very true sense, therefore, the Bible makes God's mind and heart present to us in a tangible and real way.

Finally, God is present in His Son, Jesus. With the birth of Jesus God's presence dwelt among us. God became present among us not only in creation, and not only in word but also in person. Jesus' birth made God present to us in a way we could see, touch, and hear.

This is what we are preparing to celebrate on Christmas: God's presence among us in the flesh and blood of Jesus. May the peace and blessing of our Lord be with us as we expectantly wait and hope for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Be blessed always. Have a blessed Christmas!

Fr. Julian Ibemere, Pastor  
St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church

**\*\*We will purge our sick list at the end of March. Please let us know who needs to be on it by placing the name in the collection basket.**



Dear Lord, please wrap your arms around those who are hurting today, and let them feel how much You love them.

- Please Pray for our Sick:**
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|--------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| Jean Banasiak      | Angie Kawell      | Sue Montoya          |
| Hans Braun         | Isabel Gonzalez   | George & IL O'Connor |
| Judy Brown         | Na Hutcheson      | Peter Robbins        |
| Shirley Brown      | Pat Jurisin       | Edward Robbins       |
| Ann & Ken Carroll  | Steve Kiser       | Debbie Robbins       |
| Nia Crisostomo     | Walter Klinecwich | Isaac Philips        |
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| John Jackson       | David McCuiston   | Kim Weimer           |
|                    | Mac & Sue McElroy | Marie Welter         |

**Gifts for God**

Regular Collection:	\$2246.42
Mass Intentions	\$50.00
Votive Candle	\$28.00
Sanctuary Candle	\$
Parish Maintenance	\$1050.00
Youth Belk Charity Event	\$5.00
Diocesan Good Works	\$497.58
Help the Poor Ministry	\$40.00
In Memory Al Acuna	\$50.00
Hall Rental	\$300.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4495.00</b>

**Faith Formation Registration:**

Registration Fee: \$20 per child

Register Grades Pre-K thru 12<sup>th</sup>

Class Time: 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Contact: Deacon Wayne, Bernadette Crisostomo, or Lisa Reed.

\*Students must be picked up by 11:00 am by a parent/guardian

**Bulletin Board**

Have you stopped and checked out all that is going on here at St. Michael the Archangel! It is updated weekly by Lori Snodgrass. If you need anything added she can be reached at 931-919-2794.

**Attendance 14-15 December - 395**  
**Second Collection**  
**Dec 29 Parish Ministry of the Poor**

If you are moving please take a moment to stop by the office to let us know or put a note with your name and forwarding address in the collection plate. Please don't leave without a copy of your sacramental documents.

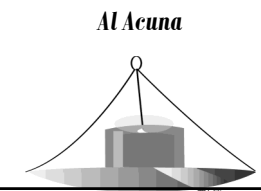
**Every First Friday of the Month is**  
Anointing of the Sick and Adoration

**3rd Saturday of the Month Activities**  
**5 Cent Bingo**  
10:00am-Noon  
**Martha's Ministry (after Bingo)**  
12:30PM until 2:30pm

**\*\*Clothing Ministry\*\***  
We are now accepting winter clothing. Clothing may be left in the Fellowship Hall Atrium. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry. This is another program through Martha's Ministry.

**Need a place to hold an event or a family gathering with friends, then why not rent the Parish Hall by contacting Dave Tilley at 931-237-5013**

**Sanctuary Candle Intention**  
**December 15, 2019**



**Intentions this Week:**

<b>Sunday, 12/15</b>	
MASS	8:30AM
Mass Intention:	Tran Thi My
MASS	11:30AM
Mass Intention:	Lowe Family living and deceased
<b>Monday, 12/16</b>	
MASS	9:00AM
Mass Intention:	Victoria Atoigue (Birthday)
<b>Tuesday, 12/17</b>	NO MASS
<b>Wednesday, 12/18</b>	
MASS	6:00PM
Mass Intention:	Parishioner's of St Michaels
RCIA	7:00PM
Choir Practice	7:00PM
<b>Thursday, 12/19</b>	
MASS	9:00AM
Mass Intention:	Banasiak Family living and deceased
<b>Friday, 12/20</b>	
MASS	9:00AM
Mass Intention:	Holy souls in purgatory
<b>Saturday, 12/21</b>	
Confessions	4:30PM
Mass	5:00PM
Mass Intention:	Suni Robbins†
<b>Sunday, 12/29</b>	
MASS	8:30AM
Mass Intention:	Jeanette Boudreau Watson
MASS	11:30AM
Mass Intention:	Irene & Klause Banasiak†