December 23, 2018 | 4th Sunday of Advent

Saint George
CATHOLIC CHURCH
Rev. Oscar Martin Picos, Pastor
Rev. Sébastien Sasa Nganomo Babisayone, Parochial Vicar

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekends
Saturday....5:00 pm, 7:00 pm (Spanish)
Sunday ......9:00 am, 11:00 am, 1:00 pm (Spanish)

Weekdays
Monday - Friday 8:00 am
Thursday ........... 7:00 pm (Spanish)
First Saturday .... 8:00 am

Holy Day of Obligation Masses 12/25
(see Christmas Mass schedule)

Confessions
Saturday .......... 3:30 - 4:45 pm
Sunday ............. 7:30 - 8:30 am
Or by appointment

Baptism Preparation
English: Call 925-989-0510 to register
Spanish: 1st & 2nd Sat., 2:00 pm (Scanlan)

Baptism
English: 4th Saturday at 9:00 am
Spanish: 3rd Saturday at 9:00 am

Marriage Preparation
English: Contact the Parish Office
Spanish: Contact a Deacon

Anointing of the Sick
First Friday during 8:00 am Mass
Call Parish Office for home/hospital anointing

Eucharistic Adoration
Tuesday - Friday......... 9:00 am - 7:00 pm
Last Friday of the Month, 9:00 am to Saturday 6:00 am

Mission Churches Mass Schedule
Saint Paul's - Hurricane (171 S. Main)
Mass........Every Sunday at 12:30 pm
San Pablo Mission - Beryl Junction (721 S. Highway 18)
Mass.........Every Saturday at 6:00 pm
Saint Christopher's - Kanab
(39 West 200 South)
Mass..................Sunday at 9:00 am
Zion Park - Springdale (Canyon Community Center, 126 Lion Blvd.)
SCAP .................Sundays at 8:00 am

Palm Sunday through September 30

Christmas Mass Schedule

December 24
8:00 am (Daily Mass)
Christmas Eve
5:00 pm Children’s Mass (English)
7:00 pm (Spanish)
Midnight Mass (English)

December 25
Christmas Day
9:00 am Mass (English)
11:00 am Mass (English)
1:00 pm Mass (Spanish)

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Office Hours
Monday - Friday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Closed from 12 noon - 1:00 pm daily
Jesus was born of a humble virgin, in humble, crude surroundings, and obviously, without benefit of a “baby shower” to provide new blankets, new clothes or toys to entertain. Our newborn King entered this world in a humble, human form. Yet, our King was rich, and those who traveled to see Him and pay Him homage brought gifts honoring Him as a king should be recognized. God had a plan.

This newborn’s parents were denied a place to enter and stay where the young mother could give birth to a Son, Jesus, and she and Joseph could celebrate this special moment, this joyous, life-giving, world-changing event, this special gift from God. But, God had a plan.

This newborn King, this Jesus, entered our world in human form, one like us, but without sin. He lived and walked among those like us who lived at that time. He came to teach, to heal, to love and to save. God had a plan.

Jesus suffered as we all do. He lived humbly and in obscurity most of His life. He was subject to torments and ridicules, and many of the same hardships we, too, suffer. He bore them without complaint. He trusted His Father. He knew God had a plan.

God had a plan from the beginning of time, even until now. He asks us to believe and trust just as His Son, Jesus believed and trusted while living on this earth. He trusted even to His death on the cross. He knew His Father would not abandon Him; He knew God had a plan.

God’s plan involves all of us if we choose to enter into it. Jesus’ birth/life, death and resurrection which we recall each Christmas, when He entered our world in human form, and each Easter, when He rose to new life from the tomb, offers us new life, eternal joy and peace. God has a plan.

“God’s plan is so perfect that even sin, tragedy, and painful deaths are used to bring us to divine union. God wisely makes the problem itself part of the solution. It is all a matter of learning how to see rightly, fully, and therefore truthfully.”

Is God’s plan your plan? Let it be.

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1 Eager to Love by Richard Rohr

—Carole Drake
Pastoral Assistant and Community Outreach
Pastor's Message by Father Oscar Martin Picos
4th Sunday of Advent I 4º Domingo de Adviento

In the Advent season, we are presented with two great characters whose lives and actions lead us to the birth of the Lord on Christmas Day. These two eminent figures are John the Baptist and Mary.

The Church holds these two models of faith in great respect and veneration. The Catholic Church only celebrates three births: that of Jesus on December 25, Mary on September 8, and John the Baptist on June 24. We honor all other saints on the anniversaries of their deaths.

Today's Word reminds us of the wonderful moment when Mary visited Elizabeth. It was a meeting between two mothers, to the benefit and joy of both. The Gospel says that Mary went "quickly" to the house of Zechariah. Faith always demands a certain urgency. Faith is not stagnation but an encounter.

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, two phenomena occurred in her: "the infant leaped in her womb" and she "was filled with the Holy Spirit." Recognizing her cousin as the mother of her Lord, Elizabeth greeted Mary with the words of faith that we still repeat today, "Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb."

Elizabeth captured the inner presence of Mary and it resonated within her. Every true spiritual encounter should provoke a similar resonance: an internal awareness that leads us to encounter the truth inside us, and an authentic reception of the Holy Spirit.

We can live a routine faith, not moved or stimulated by the things that happen to us, or we can cultivate a faith that is open to encounters with the Lord. True faith generates a vibrant encounter, because it opens our innermost soul to what happens around us.

In this fourth week of Advent, let us ask ourselves if we have become accustomed to looking at the Lord with the same indifference and distance with which we see other situations in life, or if we can open our hearts with joy to welcome those who bring us the loving presence of Christ? Can we exclaim with the same grace as Elizabeth, “Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb”? 

En el tiempo de adviento se nos presentan dos grandes personajes que nos introducen con sus vidas y acciones en la Navidad. Estas dos eminentes figuras son Juan el Bautista y María.

Estos dos grandes modelos de fe son tenidos en gran respeto y veneración por parte de la Iglesia, no en vano en la Iglesia Católica sólo celebramos tres nacimientos: el de Jesús, el 25 de diciembre; el de María el 8 de septiembre; y el de Juan el Bautista, el 24 de junio. El resto de los santos los celebramos el día de su muerte.

La Palabra de hoy nos recuerda el momento que María se encuentra con Isabel. Es el encuentro entre dos madres y es también una visita que beneficia a ambas. Dice el Evangelio que María de dirigió "deposita" a la casa de Zacarías. La fe siempre demanda una cierta urgencia. La fe no es estancamiento sino encuentro.

Desde que Isabel oyó el saludo de María se produjo en ella dos situaciones:
* “la criatura se movió en su vientre”
* “quedó llena del Espíritu Santo”

Todo encuentro espiritual verdadero debe provocar algo parecido: un movimiento interno que nos lleve a un encuentro con la realidad que hay en nosotros y una auténtica acogida del Espíritu Santo.

Podemos vivir una fe rutinaria que no se conmueve ni mueve por las cosas que nos suceden, ni por los encuentros con el Señor. Debemos de tener cuidado para que la fe sea siempre un encuentro vibrante para que lo que llevamos dentro se haga sensible a lo que sucede a nuestro alrededor. Isabel capta la presencia interior que hay en María y es capaz de vibrar.

¿Somos nosotros capaces de vibrar ante las personas que nos ofrecen la presencia amorosa de Cristo? ¿O nos hemos acostumbrados a mirar al Señor con la indiferencia y la lejanía con la que vemos las demás situaciones de la vida?

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Christmas Flower Offerings ~ In Memory Of / In Honor Of…
Deacon Mark, Ophelia Montoya, Ralph & Evelyn Froelich, Donna Exstrom, Dick Guyon, Pop, Francis E. Johnston, Sarah Hart, Tracey Loesing, Charles Hart, Julius W. Mayhew, Joseph Tahudidjaja, Li Penter Hio, Surya Widjaja, Sri Rahayuhalim, Bradford Family, Mary Alice Keller, Robert A. Keller, Estelle Pilney, James V. Pilney, Robert Bourget, Deacon Mark Bourget, Mark A. Bourget, Jr., Debra Gardener, Michael W. Hunter, Phyllis Hurtado, Elisa & Albert Lujan, Alex & Ralph Hurtado, Fred & Gus Leon, Helen Marie Hitt & Dora Tostado, Josefina Barragan, Marcelino Barragan, Guadalupe Vargas, Juana Martinez, Eduardo Vargas, Jose Estrada, the Veloce & Giehler Families, Raymond & Ella Sheridan
**PARISH EVENTS**

**Monday**
- 7:00 pm RCIA Scanlan, FL2
- 3:30 pm Holy Rosary—please join us Hurricane
- 10:00 am Everyday God Scanlan, FL2

**Tuesday**
- 9:00 am Marian Hour Kuzy
- 12-4 pm Bridge Group Kuzy
- 7:00 pm Neo Catechumenal Way Kuzy
- 7:00 pm CCD Scanlan FL2

**First Tuesday**
- 6:30 pm Women’s Group (Sept-June) Kuzy
- 6:30 pm Knights of Columbus (Sept - June ) Kuzy, FL2

**Second Tuesday**
- 1:30 pm Mass at Veterans Home, Ivins 160N 200E

**Wednesday**
- 10:30 am Bible Study Scanlan, FL3
- 1200 pm Bulletin Deadline (11 days prior to publication)
- 6:30 pm Holy Spirit Prayer Group Kuzy, FL2
- 7:00 pm Clases Bíblicas Scanlan, FL3
- 7:00 pm Holy Hour & Benediction

**Thursday**
- 9:00 am Way of the Cross of the Unborn

**Second Thursday**
- 1:30 pm Mass at Sterling Court, St. George 324N 1680E

**Third Thursday**
- 6:30 pm 4th Degree K of C Kuzy, FL2

**Friday**
- 7:00 pm Holy Hour, Spanish

**First Friday**
- 8:00 am Anointing of the Sick at Mass

**Last Friday**
- 9:00 am Eucharistic Adoration begins

**Saturday**
- 7:00 pm Neo Catechumenal Way Kuzy

**First Saturday**
- 8:00 am Mass in Honor of Our Lady
- 9:15 am Walk for Life (Oct-May) Bluff & 600S

**After last Friday**
- 6:00 am Eucharistic Adoration ends with Mass

**First Weekend**
- At all Masses - Renovation Fund Collection

**Third Weekend**
- At all Masses - K of C Food Drive

**Sunday**
- 9:00 am CCD Scanlan, FL2
- 11:00am CCD Scanlan, FL2
- 5:00 pm Rosary

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**EVENTS and MASS INTENTIONS**

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**Caren Leigh Olson**

Our Sanctuary Candle burns this week in memory of

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday 12/22**
- 5:00 pm †Alfred Jankus by Barbara
- †Dan Morrissy by Verda
- †Dolores Yankoski by Bryan Petrosie

All military service personnel, living and deceased

- 7:00 pm (Spanish) Pro Populo

**Sunday 12/23**
- 9:00 am  †Carol Collins by Joan Collins
- †M. James Bennett
- †Gordon & Teresa Bennett

- 11:00 am  †Soli Aolaoghi
- 1:00 pm (Spanish) Pro Populo

**Monday 12/24**
- 8:00 am  †Tom Madden by Lenore

**The Nativity of the Lord (Vigil)**
- 12 Midnight  †Rick Parpolowicz

**Tuesday 12/25 –The Nativity of the Lord (Day)**
- 9:00 am  †Dolores Pallotta

**Wednesday 12/26**
- 8:00 am  †Bob Kowalski

**Thursday 12/27**
- 8:00 am  †JoElyn Brotherton
- 7:00 pm (Spanish) Pro Populo

**Friday 12/28**
- 8:00 am  †The Holy Souls in Purgatory Bondad Familia
LOOKING AHEAD
Dec. 24-26 Parish Office Closed
Dec. 24-25 Thrift Store Closed
Dec. 31-Jan. 2 Parish Office Closed
Dec. 31-Jan. 1 Thrift Store Closed
Jan. 14 “Everyday God”, 10 am, Scanlan FL2
Jan. 26 A Taste of Carmel: Carmelite Spirituality & YOU, 2:30—4:00 pm, Scanlan, FL2

Weekly Collection Report
Collection (12/9)...........................................$ 9,515
Capital Improvement Project (November)
Renovation and Improvement Fund ...... $ 318,308
Renovation Fund Collections ............... $ 3,898

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SGCWG Schedule Change for January
The Women’s Group has changed its usual meeting and luncheon dates for January 2019 as follows:
Meeting, January 15, Kuzy Hall, 6:30 pm
Luncheon, January 22, Harmon’s Santa Clara, 1:00

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Last Friday of the month (December 28)
from 9:00 am to Saturday 6:00 am

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Baptismal Preparation Registration (English)
Judy Coryell .................925-989-0510—call to register

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Thrift Store .............673-1029
Maintenance .......Call Office (673-2604)
Scripture Readings for the Week of December 23

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-18 [4]/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45
Monday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79
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, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3e]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

Wednesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 [6]/Mt 10:17-22
Thursday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Friday: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35

Next Sunday: 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

Observances for the Week of December 23, 2018

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent; Monday: Christmas Eve; Tuesday: The Nativity of the Lord (Holy Day of Obligation)
Wednesday: St. Stephen, the First Martyr; Thursday: St. John, Apostle & Evangelist; Friday: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
Saturday: St. Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr; Next Sunday: The Holy Family