



THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD



"For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you
who is Christ and Lord." - Lk 2:11



Monday, December 21, 2020

Saint Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor of the Church

7:30 a.m. *Daryl DeMari* by Aunt Vicky

Tuesday, December 22, 2020

Late Advent Weekday

7:30 a.m. *Catherine Dianetti* by Emidio Maiorani

Midge Malin by Shelley Mosher

Wednesday, December 23, 2020

Late Advent Weekday

7:30 a.m. *Nevis Thiagaraj* by Janine Charleton

For the Intention of Marcy Schaarschmitt by Milt & Dee Dries

Thursday, December 24, 2020

Late Advent Weekday

7:30 a.m. NO Daily Mass

4:00 p.m. *In Thanksgiving*

10:00 p.m. *For World Peace*

Friday, December 25, 2020

The Nativity of The Lord

8:00 a.m. *For the People of the Parish*

10:00 a.m. *For Our Country*

Saturday, December 26, 2020

Saint Stephen, The First Martyr

4:30 p.m. *For the People of the Parish*

Sunday, December 27, 2020

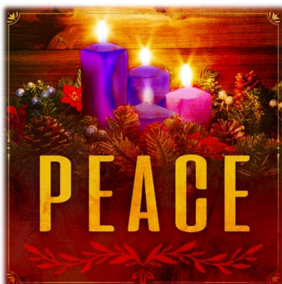
The Holy Family, Jesus, Mary & Joseph

8:00 a.m. *Deceased Members of the Legion Of Mary* by St. Jerome Legion of Mary

10:00 a.m. *Ned Ballatori* by Sister & Family

Dominic Quinzi by Herb & Jackie Allen

Theresa & John Anderson by Laura Rawlins



Fourth Sunday of Advent

As we light our wreath on this final Sunday of Advent, let us pray that we, like Mary, may be open to the coming of Christ into our lives so that we may be instruments of the coming of God's Kingdom in its fullness.



Christmas Prayer for Families

Loving God, During this holy season of Christmas, we ask for your blessing on all families.

Let Mary's openness to your wondrous ways be an inspiration to place all trust in you.

Let Joseph's courage provide hope during times of anxiety and uncertainty.

Let Jesus' life ignite all families with a spirit of light and love. May the grace that encircled the Holy Family widen to embrace all families.

For this we pray, Amen.

Please Pray for Those in the Military:



Lord, hold our troops in Your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

1st Lt. Alex V. Alfieri
PVT. Kyle Anderson
Brandon Beauchamp USAF
USMA Matthew Blejwas
Specialist Aaron Brochu
Airman Rachel Brock
BM3 Mary Carr USN
Captain Craig Carlisle
Chief Master Sgt. Matt Clancy
Sgt. Robert DeMaria US Army
1st LT Matthew J. Dunn USMC
AO2 Timothy Fennell USN
Captain Brian Findlay
Lt. Kurt Findlay
Sgt. Daniel Frate
CW5 Thomas Grove
Cpl. Kevin Harte
LT. Bart Hicklin USN
CPT. Jeffrey Huddle US Army
Sgt. Ryan Jackson
HM1 Christian R. Kissel USN
Ryan LaFountain
PVT. Jack Leonardo US Army
HM3 Marcella Levato USN
Bryan McAuliff USN
PVT. Brett McCarthy US Army
HM3 John Ross McCarthy USN
Staff Sgt. Nathaniel McAvoy
CPT. Richard R. McPhee
CPT. Shannon McPhee
Sgt. Joseph Merritt Jr.
PVT. Megan Rossi USMC
Airman Alesa Whelehan
Sgt. Christopher Whelehan

Let Us Pray

Please remember in your prayers those members of our parish in the hospital, the sick at home, and those in nursing homes.

In your Christian charity, you are asked to pray for those who have died, especially **Carmella DiCesare and Michael Ciulla Jr.** May the Lord strengthen their families and friends at their time of loss.



Good News!

December 20, 2020

Fourth Sunday of Advent (B)

2 Sm 7:1–5, 8b–12, 14a, 16;
Rom 16:25–27; Lk 1:26–38

The reading from Samuel assures us that the leader we are awaiting will be of the royal house of David. We presume this means personal power and political leadership, and recognition of this from others.

The Gospel turns us in a different direction. In it Mary asks, “How can this be?” (Luke 1:34) This question can be understood in two different ways. One means: How is it going to happen? The other suggests: You’ve got to be kidding! When told she will bear a child, this virgin asks: How is this going to happen? Her visitor explains the unfolding of an unbelievable event. While stories in pagan religions described how gods took on human form, such wondrous events supposedly happened in royal families—not in the life of an unassuming girl promised to a modest carpenter. In the Incarnation, a singular historic event, Mary did not say: “You’ve got to be kidding!” She replied: “If that’s what you want, I’m willing.”

Advent readings have traced God leading the people to salvation and a new way of living, to an outline of an individual chosen by God to lead them, to the realization that this leader will be a descendant of David. However, none of this happens as we might expect. Rather, it unfolds in such an unpretentious way that many people did not even realize it was happening. Who could blame anyone for saying: You’ve got to be kidding! But God was not kidding. Now we are ready for Christmas.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Dear Padre

December 20, 2020

Does God call me, like God called Mary? Can the angel Gabriel speak to me as he did to Mary?

Perhaps God has already spoken to you! In the great calls in Scripture, God doesn’t seem to care about age. God doesn’t care about gender, race, talents, poverty or wealth, strengths or weaknesses. God calls each of us because we are God’s daughters and sons. God’s call is personal (to you and no other!), and this call is to always be Christian and serve the Lord. Most often the call won’t be dramatic, like it was for Moses. More likely, your call will be quiet and personal. Remember what God said: “Be still, and know that I am God!” (Psalm 46:11).

In these hectic days before Christmas, find a peaceful place and quiet time. Be still and say to God, “Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening” (1 Samuel 3:9). In this place, God will reveal your call to you, a call that was present long before your birth.

God has already spoken to us in our life’s vocation. We are planted in friendships, relationships, marriages, jobs, families, a community, and a nation. In each place, we listen to hear what God is calling forth from us. Then, like Mary, we say yes! We reach into our most generous spirit and proclaim “yes” to even the most difficult, mundane, or boring aspects of our vocation.

—Fr. Paul J. Coury, CSSR



Private Prayer: Please Note the change to the hours the Church is open for private prayer. The Church will be open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. until further notice.

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday at 4:30 p.m.,
Sunday at 8:00 & 10:00

HOLY DAYS

Please consult Bulletin

DAILY MASSES

Mon.-Fri. - 7:30 a.m.
Consult bulletin for changes

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Call Rectory Office 586-3231

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.
(or by appointment)

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PARISH MEMBERSHIP

We welcome you to worship regularly with us and to join our Parish Community formally, offering your time, talents, and financial support. Newcomers are wholeheartedly received into membership by simply registering at the office at their convenience.

