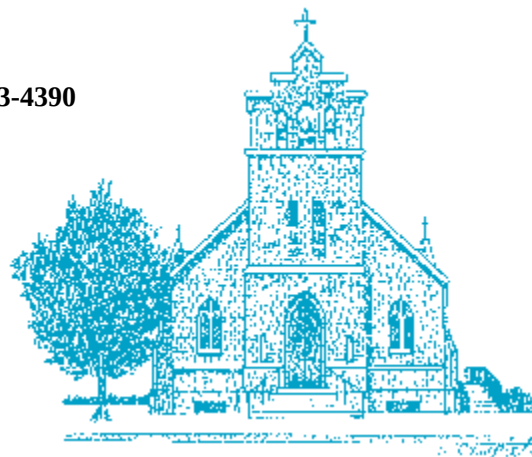


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MASSSES/MISAS

Saturday Evening 5:30 PM (English) 7:00 PM (Spanish)
Sunday 7:30 AM (English) 9:00 AM (Spanish)
11:15 AM (English)
Weekdays 12:00 Noon (Tuesday to Friday)
Holy Days- Please consult bulletin.

CONFESSIONS/CONFESIONES

Saturday afternoons/Sábados en la tarde: 4:00 – 4:30 PM and
Wednesday/Miercoles 7:30 - 8:30 PM
For any other date or hour, please call the Rectory for an appointment. Para cualquier otro día u hora, por favor llame a la Rectoría para una cita

DEVOTIONS

Miraculous Medal Novena- Tuesdays after the Masses
Daily Rosary & Angelus- Tuesday to Friday, 11:40 AM
Holy Hours- Fridays, 12:30 PM – 1:30 PM (Church)

RECTORY HOURS/ HORAS DE OFICINA

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Sundays from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM

*For any other dates and hours, or to speak to a priest, please call the rectory or leave a message. (718-733-3200)
Para ser atendido en la oficina o para hablar con un sacerdote, favor de llamar a la Rectoría o dejar un mensaje

Baptisms are usually celebrated on the second and third Sunday of every month .

Marriages Arrangements should be made when possible at least six months in advance of the ceremony and before making arrangements with a catering hall.

The Sick (A) Call the rectory to arrange a house visit by a priest for Confession, Holy Communion or the Anointing of the Sick. **(B)** Anyone who has a serious illness, especially if anticipating surgery, may ask for Confession and the Anointing of the Sick here at the Parish. **(C)** When the sacraments are desired for someone already in the hospital, especially when the need is urgent, it is best to speak to the nurse's desk and ask for the hospital chaplain.

St. Philip Neri School (Grades Pre-K to 8) For information call the school during normal school hours: 718-365-8806.

Catechism Class Classes are held from September to May.
Saturday: 1:00pm-2:30pm - Children
Thursday and Friday: 6:00pm-7:30pm - Teens

Parish Registration serves many purposes, as for instance when a letter is needed for employment or immigration. If you move please make sure to notify the rectory.

Adult Sacramental Program/RCIA: to be announced

Meetings in English

- Youth Ministry- TBA
- Legion of Mary- Fridays at 5:00 PM
- Divine Mercy- Tues. & Fri. 6:30 – 8:00 PM

Bautizos: se celebran usualmente el segundo y tercer domingo de casa mes.

Matrimonios Los arreglos deben hacerse, por lo menos 6 meses antes de la ceremonia y antes de hacer arreglos con una sala de banquetes.

Los Enfermos (A) Llame a la rectoría para acordar una visita a su casa por un sacerdote para la confesión, la comunión o la Unción de los Enfermos. **(B)** Cualquier persona que tenga una enfermedad grave, especialmente si se anticipa la cirugía, puede pedir la confesión y la unción de los enfermos aquí en la Parroquia. **(C)** Para alguien que está en el hospital, cuando la necesidad es urgente, lo mejor es preguntar por el capellán del hospital.

Escuela Parroquial (Grados Pre-K de 8) Para información llamar a la escuela: 718-365-8806.

Catecismo: Las clases se imparten, de Septiembre a Mayo
Sábados: 1.00pm-2.30pm-Ninos
Jueves y Viernes: 6.00pm-7.30pm-Jovenes

Registración de la Parroquia sirve para muchos propósitos, como por ejemplo, cuando se necesita una carta para el empleo o inmigración.

Programa Sacramental para Adultos/RICA- Sera anunciado mas tarde.

Reuniones en Español despues de las misa Hispana

- Pastoral Familiar - Ultimo domingo del mes.
- Damas del Sagrado Corazón- Primer domingo del mes.
- Comité Guadalupano- Segundo domingo de cada mes.
- Circulo de Oración Carismático- Martes 7:30 PM
- Ultreya Parroquial- Jueves a las 8:00 PM en la rectoría

MASS INTENTIONS**SATURDAY, December 18th**

5.30 Bridget McPhillips
Martin Murray

7.00 Aura Liranzo
Miguel de Jesús Zapata (D)
Edgar Pajares (D)

SUNDAY, December 19th /-Fourth Sunday of Advent.

7:30 George Q. Canapi
Isaura López
9:00 Isabel Mercedes
Rudy Encarnación (D)
Danny Mendoza (D)

11: 15 Mary O'Regan (D)
Bride Mullin

MONDAY, December 20th**Reconciliation Monday -Confession****11.00 Am to 1.00 pm and 6.00 pm to 8.00pm****TUESDAY, December 21st**

12:00 Bridget McPhillips
Peter Gaine (D)

WEDNESDAY, December 22nd

12.00 Marion Elizabeth Armstrong
7.00 Spanish Mass

THURSDAY, December 23rd

12.00 For the Parish

FRIDAY, December 24th

5.30 Christmas Eve-English Mass
7.00 Vispera de la Navidad-Spanish Mass
No Midnight Mass-No habrá misa de media noche

SATURDAY, December 25th

10.00 Bilingual Mass (Christmas Mass)
5.30 -There will be no Mass
7:00 - No Habra Misa

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Lk. 1: 26-38
Tuesday: Lk. 1: 39-45
Wednesday: Lk. 1: 46-56
Thursday: Lk. 1: 57-66
Friday: Lk. 1: 67-79
Saturday: Jn. 1: 1-18
Sunday: Sir. 3: 2-6, 12-14; Psalm 128; Col. 3: 12-21 or 3: 12-17; Luke 2: 41-52

COLLECTION REPORT

The First Collection \$ 2,964.00

The Second Collection was \$ 1, 370.00

Our heartfelt expression of thanks to Thomas & Rita Roemmelt of Fox Funeral Home for the Gift of The Religious Art Calendars and Flowers again this year and for their continued support during the year.

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God bless you for your offerings and prayers.

DECEMBER MEMORIALS**Bread and Wine**

*In Memory of the
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Msgr. Philip P. Shannon*

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*In memory of
Dolores Q. Canapi
Eugenio A, Canapi
George Q. Canapi
Sally Canapi Snyder*



**Suggested donation for a Monthly Memorial is \$150.*

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Let's pray for José Flores, Carmelo Diaz, Blane de Lucia, Sol Divina, María Henríquez, Mildred Margherita, Aurea Rivera, John Franco, Shirley Twum, Jimmy Acevedo, Celestina Enríquez, Ariana Cintrón, Jovita Rodríguez, Patricia Wood, Irvin García, Albert Folk, Miguel Castro, James Leung, Mario Bernárdez, Joe Villani, Samuel Williams, Brittany Pérez, Vernalize Carrasco, Wilson Martínez, Jorge de la Torre; Rosemary Correa, Ana Salazar; Elizabeth Reinoso, Celia Cagayat, Roger Sundheimer.





JOY TO THE WORLD

When the prairies of this country were opened up to settlers in the nineteenth century, families who went west and staked a claim on the land lived hard, isolated lives miles away from any neighbors. The husbands did backbreaking farm work to support their families and the wives struggled with child-rearing, cleaning, and cooking in very primitive conditions. When families met the women would fall about each other's necks, embracing tearfully at the joy of being together. This is but an echo of today's Gospel. Luke tells of two women, Mary and Elizabeth, united again after time apart. Each is pregnant and will bear a child who will change the world. What is expressed between them is amazing, overflowing, unconcealed joy. Elizabeth is a woman who has awaited pregnancy for years, and Mary is the one chosen to bear the Messiah. They sense the future unfolding before them, brought about by the hand of God. On this last Sunday of Advent, Mary and Elizabeth remind us that Christmas is not simply about the birth of a child in an obscure corner of the world. It is about recognizing light—the light of Christ, the Anointed One, breaking into the world's darkness and into our hearts.

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The Solemnity of Christmas

The season of Advent prepares us to celebrate the Nativity of the Baby Jesus in church. But in addition to commemorating the arrival of the Baby Jesus and going to Mass, Christmas for the Latinos is an event celebrated at home with the family. It can be a beautiful celebration of reconciliation. We all yearn for harmony in our human relations, especially during festive days, and nothing ruins a good fiesta like arguments and rancor. For this reason, we do everything possible during the Christmas season to correct mistakes that we made during the year in our dealings with relatives and friends. Many times these failings are impossible to correct; that is why God advises us to forgive and after that to pardon and reconcile.

A Latin American parable says that the poinsettia with its beautiful green and red leaves was born of the gift that a poor little boy gave the Baby Jesus. While others gave him gold and jewels, the little boy only had some weeds. The gift pleased the Baby Jesus, who transformed the weeds into the Christmas flower. To pardon can be bitter like weeds, but it is the gift that most pleases the Baby Jesus, who transforms it into reconciliation. The difference between pardon and reconciliation is simple. With the pardon, the one who pardons remains in peace, but does not necessarily reestablish the relationship with the one who is pardoned. Reconciliation is not achieved by just one person, it needs two. Naturally both have the responsibility and the benefit of continuing a friendly relationship in harmony and peace. When we seek reconciliation, we imitate the recently born Baby Jesus, who seeks harmony with all people. Friar Gilberto Cavazos-González, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

LECTURAS PARA LA SEMANA

Lunes: Lucas 1: 26-38
 Martes: Lucas 1: 39-45
 Miércoles: Lucas 1: 46-56
 Jueves: Lucas 1: 57-66
 Viernes: Lucas 1: 67-79
 Sábado: Juan 1: 1-18
 Domingo: Eclesiástico 3, 2-6. 12-14; Salmo 128;
 Colosenses 3: 12-21; Lucas 2: 41-52

INFORME DE OFRENDA

La primera colecta alcanzo \$ 2,964.00

La segunda colecta fue \$ 1,370.00

Nuestra más sincera expresión de agradecimiento a Thomas y Rita Roemmelt de Fox Funeral Home por el obsequio de los calendarios de arte religioso y flores nuevamente este año y por su apoyo continuo durante el año.

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Dios les bendiga por sus oraciones y ofrendas

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CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULES
HORARIOS PARA LA MISAS DE NAVIDAD
 December 2021

December 24, 2021 -Friday-

5.30pm (English Mass)

7.00pm (Spanish Mass)

No Midnight Mass-

No Habrá misa de Media Noche

December 25, 2021 -Saturday

10.00 am (Bilingual Mass)

(No afternoon and Evening Mass)

December 31, 2021-Friday-

5.30pm (Bilingual Mass)

January-1, 2022- Saturday -

10.00 am (Bilingual Mass)

(No afternoon and Evening Mass)



Evangelio
Lucas 1, 39-56

REGOCÍJESE EL MUNDO

Cuando las praderas de este país se abrieron para los colonos en el siglo diecinueve, las familias que se aseguraron un puesto en la región occidental llevaron una vida difícil y aislada, a kilómetros de distancia de algún vecino. Los esposos trabajaban arduamente en los cultivos de la tierra para mantener a sus familias mientras que las esposas luchaban con la crianza de los hijos, la limpieza y la cocina de condiciones primitivas. Cuando las familias se encontraban las mujeres se abrazaban al cuello con lágrimas en sus ojos por el gozo de verse juntas. Esto es sólo un eco del evangelio de hoy. Lucas nos cuenta acerca de dos mujeres, María e Isabel, reunidas de nuevo después de un tiempo de separación. Las dos están encinta y cada una dará a luz un hijo que cambiará el mundo. Lo que ellas expresan mutuamente es un gozo asombroso, desbordante y al descubierto. Isabel ha deseado concebir por muchos años y María es la mujer escogida para dar a luz al Mesías. Las dos presienten el futuro que Dios va desplegando ante sus ojos. En este último domingo de Adviento, la historia de María e Isabel nos recuerda que la Navidad no se trata simplemente del nacimiento de un niño en un rincón oscuro del mundo. Se trata más bien de reconocer la luz—la luz de Cristo, el Ungido, que irrumpe en la oscuridad del mundo y viene a nuestro corazón. Copyright © 2009, World Library Publications. All rights reserved.

REFLEXIONANDO SOBRE LA PALABRA DE DIOS

Tú, Belén-Efrata, . . . de ti me saldrá el que será gobernante en Israel. (Miqueas 5: 1)

¿Sabías que hay más de trescientos versículos en el Antiguo Testamento que señalan a Jesús como el Mesías? En la primera lectura de hoy, por ejemplo, el profeta Miqueas dice que un gran gobernante vendrá de Belén, la aldea donde nació David (5: 1). Eso se alinea con otras profecías de que el Mesías vendría del linaje de David (2 Samuel 7:16; Isaías 11: 1).

Sin embargo, las palabras de Miqueas fueron escritas siglos antes del nacimiento de Jesús. Para los judíos de la época de Jesús, que vivían bajo la ocupación romana, fue un largo tiempo de espera, vigilia y oración para que Dios cumpliera sus promesas.

Pero ahora la espera ha terminado, y Mary e Elizabeth lo saben. Por eso, en el Evangelio de hoy, están tan gozosos. Isabel saluda a María con un gran clamor, e incluso el joven Juan Bautista salta de gozo en su vientre (Lucas 1:44).

Quizás para ti, el Adviento te ha parecido un largo tiempo de espera. Quizás has estado esperando que Jesús te hable y no escuchas nada más que silencio. Tal vez llevas mucho tiempo esperando que él conteste una oración y quieres estar seguro de que te escucha. Quizás su espera continúe, incluso después de que termine el Adviento.

A diferencia de los judíos antes de la venida de Jesús, no tienes que esperar a que aparezca el Mesías. Y sea lo que sea lo que esté esperando, no tiene que esperar a que él se acerque a usted. Te ama tanto que te ofrece su propio Cuerpo y Sangre en la Eucaristía. Esto es lo que vino a hacer: salvarte y unirse a ti.

Entonces, incluso si todavía estás esperando en el Señor, debes saber que él siempre cumple sus promesas. Hoy te espera para recibirlo, ¡y solo eso es motivo de alegría!

De la Palabra entre nosotros — Adviento 2021



Reflecting on God's Word

The World among Us -Advent 2021

You, Bethlehem-Ephrathah, . . . from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel. (Micah 5:1)

Did you know that there are more than three hundred verses in the Old Testament pointing to Jesus as the Messiah? In today's first reading, for instance, the prophet Micah says that a great ruler will come from Bethlehem, the village where David was born (5:1). That aligns with other prophecies that the Messiah would come from the line of David (2 Samuel 7:16; Isaiah 11:1).

Yet Micah's words were written centuries before Jesus was born. For the Jews of Jesus' time, living under Roman occupation, that was a long time of waiting, watching, and praying for God to fulfill his promises.

But now the wait is over, and Mary and Elizabeth know it. That's why, in today's Gospel, they are so joyful. Elizabeth greets Mary with a loud cry, and even the young John the Baptist leaps with joy in her womb (Luke 1:44).

Maybe for you, Advent has seemed like a long time of waiting. Maybe you've been waiting for Jesus to speak to you, and you hear nothing but silence. Maybe you've been waiting a long time for him to answer a prayer, and you want to be reassured that he hears you. Maybe your waiting will continue, even after Advent is over.

Unlike the Jews before Jesus' coming, you don't have to wait for the Messiah to appear. And whatever else you are waiting for, you don't have to wait for him to draw close to you. He loves you so much that he offers you his own Body and Blood in the Eucharist. This is what he came to do—to save you and unite himself to you. So even if you find yourself still waiting on the Lord, know that he always fulfills his promises. Today he is waiting for you to receive him, and that alone is reason to rejoice!

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