

*The virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
And they shall name him Emmanuel.*

*He aquí que la virgen concebirá y dará a luz un hijo,  
y le pondrán el nombre de Emmanuel.*



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**Birthdays / Cumpleaños:** December / Diciembre 11, Jazelle Bahena; 12 Maira Gomez, Daniel Perales; 12 Maira Gomez, Daniel Perales; 14, Lesli Bahena, Jesica Perez; 17, Maria Castanedañ 19, Daniel Hatcher; 23, Paula May, Xavier Bahena; 25, Rodrigo Martinez; 28, Jennifer Gomez.

**Anniversaries/Aniversarios...**December/Diciembre 17, Alfredo y Claudia Colon, 30 años.

## Weekly Readings

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Fourth Sunday of Advent**

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Rom 1:1-7

Mt 1:18-24

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Jgs/Ju 13:2-7, 24-25a

Lk/Lc 1:5-25

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Is 7:10-14

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Sg/Can 2:8-14

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Lk/Lc 1:46-56

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Mal/Mi 3:1-4, 23-24

Lk/Lc 1:57-66

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2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

Lk/Lc 1:67-79

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**The Vigil / La Vigilia**

Is 62:1-5

Acts/Hch 13:16-17, 22-25

Mt 1:1-25

**December 25, Sunday-Domingo**

**The Nativity / Natividad del Señor**

Is 52:7-10

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Parish

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Parish

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Parish

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## Fourth Sunday of Advent, Year A Cuarto Domingo de Adviento, año A Gospel of St. Matthew/El Evangelio de San Mateo December/Diciembre 18, 2022

*From Deacon John...*

*Today's readings demonstrate the Father's love for each of us, culminating in the gift of Jesus Christ on Christmas Day. In gratitude, we embrace a stewardship way of life with all we have to give in return. St. Joseph is an unparalleled example of this lifestyle, as he answers God's call to serve. It was he who found the stable where the baby would be born and who prepared it for the soon to come birth. Joseph protected his family and tended their well-being at the expense of his own plans and preferences. We hear no words from Joseph, yet his actions show his life was a gift to his family through his strong guidance, protection, stewardship and service.*

*Las lecturas de hoy demuestran el amor del Padre por cada uno de nosotros, que culmina con el regalo de Jesucristo el día de Navidad. En agradecimiento, adoptamos un estilo de vida de mayordomía con todo lo que tenemos para dar a cambio. San José es un ejemplo incomparable de este estilo de vida, ya que responde al llamado de Dios para servir. Fue él quien encontró el establo donde nacería el bebé y quien lo preparó para el próximo nacimiento. José protegió a su familia, cuidó el bienestar a expensas de sus propios planes y preferencias. No escuchamos palabras de José, pero sus acciones muestran que su vida fue un regalo para su familia a través de su fuerte guía, protección y servicio.*

## Winter Weekly Schedule of Services

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Sunday in English / Domingo en Inglés Milan 8:30 a.m.

Sunday in Spanish / Domingo en Español, Milan 11:00 a.m.

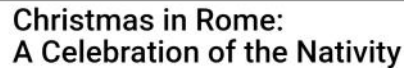
Evening Vespers with Communion: Wed, 6:00 p.m.

Reconciliation, 30 minutes before mass & by appointment

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## Bishop McKnight's December prayer intention for our Local Church

Durante la temporada navideña, que nuestro egocentrismo sea reemplazado por generosidad; nuestra frustración con compasión; nuestras ansiedades con paciencia; y nuestra intolerancia con comprensión. Roguemos al Señor.

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We are committed to breaking the silence of abuse. When someone is reporting abuse, we must acknowledge their pain and how difficult it is to talk about it. False allegations are rare. Our initial response to someone who is disclosing abuse for the first time must be compassionate. For those who need to report abuse, contact our Victims Assistance Coordinator and make use of the appropriate State of Missouri hotline or the Attorney General's clergy abuse online form.

Estamos comprometidos a romper el silencio del abuso. Cuando alguien denuncia un abuso, debemos reconocer su dolor y lo difícil que es hablar de ello. Las acusaciones falsas son muy raras. Nuestra respuesta inicial a alguien que revela un abuso por primera vez debe ser compasiva. Para aquellos que necesitan denunciar el abuso, animémoslos a comunicarse con nuestra Coordinadora de Asistencia a las Víctimas, y a utilizar la línea directa correspondiente del Estado de Mis-souri o el formulario en línea de abuso del clero del Procurador General.

<b>Dec 16-23 7:00 pm</b>	<b>Las Posadas Milan Iglesia</b>
Sun, Dec 18 8:30 am	4th Sunday of Advent & stream at stmary.church
Sun, Dec 18 9:30 am	Christmas Decorations Milan Church
Sun, Dec 18 9:30 am	Coffee and Doughnuts Milan Kitchen
Sun, Dec 18 9:45 am	<b>PSR Class Day</b> Milan Parish Hall
Sun, Dec 18 11:00 am	4º Domingo de Adviento Misa y en vivo en stmary.church
Tue, Dec 20 9-10:00 am	Ladies Yoga, Milan Parish Hall
Tue, Dec 20 6:00-8:00 pm	San Juan Grupo de Oración, Milan Iglesia
Wed, Dec 21 6:00 pm	Evening Prayer w Communion Milan Church
Fri, Dec 23 9-10:00 am	Ladies Yoga, Milan Parish Hall
Sat, Dec 24 4:30 pm	Christmas Eve Mass Unionville Church
Sat, Dec 24 7:00 pm	Christmas Eve Mass Milan Church
Sun, Dec 25 8:30 am	Christmas Day Mass & stream at stmary.church
Sun, Dec 25 9:30 am	<b>NO Coffee and Doughnuts</b> Milan Kitchen
Sun, Dec 25 9:45 am	<b>NO PSR Class Holiday</b>
Sun, Dec 25 11:00 am	La Natividad del Señor Misa y en vivo en stmary.church

Giving and Expenditures	Last 30 Days	Year To Date
Weekly Collections	\$8,473	\$38,832
Operating Expense	\$8,669	\$38,535
Balance	<b>-\$196</b>	<b>\$297</b>



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### **Pope Francis' reflection on today's Gospel.**

We need to always be open to surprise about how God works and how His actions are different from how we would presume they would be, exceeding our needs and expectations, the Pope emphasized. So we need to seek the Lord always, keep our eyes open, and be changed by Him. Recalling the work of theologian Henri de Lubac, he said that God needs to be rediscovered in a series of stages, sometimes with the idea that we may be losing Him. Like John the Baptist, may we too rediscover Him, also by opening our minds and not letting our ideas and mindsets limit our understanding.

At times we also may not see any newness in the Lord, the Pope suggested, and be held captive by our thinking that we know so much already about Him. Perhaps we see a powerful God only but overlook His humble meekness, mercy and love, "who always intervenes respecting our freedom and our choices," he added. Our ideas or biases about God and even others need to be challenged, he said, and Advent is an ideal time for "overturning our perspectives, for letting ourselves be surprised by God's mercy."

### **We need your ongoing support and stewardship.**

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**For the health and well-being** of our entire community, Saint Mary Parish will provide masks and hand sanitizer to all who choose to use those precautions.

**We pray with humility for** all those suffering from illness, disease or stress. We lift up to the Lord all those who have died, may they enjoy the fullness of Christ. We pray too, for all those who serve the public good in any way. May

Giving and Expenditures	Last 30 Days	Year To Date
Collections	\$4,132	\$18,439
Expenses	\$2,978	\$14,782
Balance	\$1,154	\$3,657

we be strong in our faith and persistent in our steward's efforts as the hands and feet of our Lord. The gospels challenge us to recognize the truly important things in life and the care and compassion necessary to accomplish them. May God aid us in our efforts.



### **Bishop McKnight's December Prayer Intention:**

*During the holiday season, may our self-centeredness be replaced with generosity; our frustration with compassion; our anxieties with patience; and our intolerance with understanding. We pray to the Lord.*



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#### **The Nativity of the Lord**

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or by appointment

**December Birthdays:** 19, Julia Rasmussen; 24, Jenna Knowles  
**December Anniversaries:** None

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The message of the angel of the Lord given to Joseph in his dream

tells us much about the child that Mary bears and his role in God's plan. He is conceived by the Holy Spirit. His name will be Jesus, which in the Hebrew means "Yahweh saves." He will be the fulfillment of the prophecy heard in today's first reading from Isaiah: "... The virgin shall be with child ... and shall name him Emmanuel [God with us]."

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Sun, Dec 25 11:00 am	La Natividad del Señor, Spanish Mass Milan
Sun, Dec 28 5:00 pm	No Evening Prayer Unionville Church

*Remember your commitment  
to return to God the Father,  
a minimum of one hour  
of worship,  
one hour of prayer,  
one hour of service and  
one hour of wage each week.*

### Theme of the Week

Advent Four - Mt 1:18-24

**Scripture Passage:** The angel of the Lord appeared in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her."

**For adults:** In what ways have you experienced divine encounters?

**For children:** How does God talk to you?

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†Joe McCarty

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Parish

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and 7:00 p.m. Milan  
Parish

Sun, Dec 25, 8:30 a.m. Milan  
Parish

Sun, Dec 25, 11:00 a.m. Milan  
Parish

Ministers	December
Coordinator	Ed Brockmeyer
Music	Julia Rasmussen
Environment	Kathleen VanWhye
Acolyte	Ed Brockmeyer
Lead Rosary	Kathleen VanWhye
Greeters	Linn and Kim
Lector	Ed Penca
Communion	Kay Bonifazi
Church Cleaning	Steve & Doris Benson
Plants	Margaret Szucs
Supplies	Mary Greinert