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**Birthdays / Cumpleaños:** December 17, Maria Castaneda; 19, Daniel Hatcher; 23, Paula May, Xavier Bahena; 25, Rodrigo Martinez; 28, Jennifer Gomez.

**Anniversaries/Aniversarios...** 5, Efren Lopez y Teresa Carrillo, 30 anos; 7, Benjamin y Veronica Ochoa, 20 anos; 17, Alfredo y Claudia Colon, 30 anos.

## Weekly Readings

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**December 24, Sunday-Domingo**

**The Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**Cuarto Domingo de Adviento**

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

Rom 16:25-27

Lk/Lc 1:26-38

**December 25, Monday-Lunes**

**The Nativity of the Lord**

**La Natividad del Señor**

Is 52:7-10

Heb 1:1-6

Jn 1:1-18

**December 26, Tuesday-Martes**

**Saint Stephen / San Esteban**

Acts/Hch 6:8-10, 7:54-60

Mt 10:17-22

**Dec 27, Wednesday-Miércoles**

**Saint John / San Juan**

1 Jn 1:1-4

Jn 20:2-9

**December 28, Thursday-Jueves**

**The Holy Innocents**

**Los Santos Inocentes**

1 Jn 1:5-2:2

Mt 2:13-18

**December 29, Friday-Viernes**

1 Jn 2:3-11

Lk/Lc 2:22-35

**December 30, Saturday-Sábado**

1 Jn 2:12-17

Lk/Lc 2:36-40

**December 31, Sunday-Domingo**

**The Feast of the Holy Family**

**La Fiesta de la Sagrada Familia**

Sir/Si 3:3-7, 14-17a

Col 3:12-21

Lk/Lc 2:22-40

## Mass Intentions

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†Larry Lutz

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Parish

**Sun, December 24, 6:00 p.m. Milan**

Parish

**Sun, December 24, 7:30 p.m. Milan**

Parish

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**The Fourth Sunday of Advent, Year B  
El Cuarto Domingo de Adviento, Año b  
Gospel of St. Mark / El Evangelio de San Marcos  
December / Diciembre 24, 2023**

*From Deacon John...*

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*Vive al máximo este último día de Adviento. Hoy escuchamos el "sí" de la Santísima Madre al plan de Dios. "Yo soy la esclava del Señor. Que se haga en mí según tu palabra". La siguiente frase también es importante en la vida de un buen mayordomo. Después del fiat de María, viene la simple declaración: "Entonces el ángel partió..." Nuestra Santísima Madre quedó con detalles inexplicables y dudas sobre el plan de Dios, sin embargo, siguió Su voluntad al entregar su vida plenamente a Dios. Nosotros también estamos llamados a seguir este ejemplo. Esta Navidad resolvamos hacer de nuestra forma de vivir la vida un regalo a Aquel que nos lo ha dado todo. Podemos hacerlo, tenemos la ayuda que necesitamos.*

## Weekly Schedule of Services

Sunday Celebration, Unionville 8:30 a.m.

Sunday English Mass, Milan 8:30 a.m.

Sunday Spanish Mass, Milan 11:00 a.m.

Evening Mass: Wed, 6:00 p.m.

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### Pastoral Council

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Mariam Camacho, *Youth*; Suzie Gardner, Josefina Pineda, *Social Justice*;  
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Lety Curiel, Jean Nee, *Altar Society*; Irma Bahena, Roman Bahena, *San Juan Bautisa*

#### Background on Today's Gospel

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Mary, a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph. Mary greeted the angel's news with awe and wonder and asked how it could be possible that she could give birth to a child. In his reply, the angel Gabriel announced the seemingly impossible reality: the child to be born would be conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and would be God's own Son. The angel reported to Mary another miracle; her relative Elizabeth was also pregnant despite having been thought to be unable to have a child. Mary's response to the angel, which is called her fiat, is an example of complete faith and obedience to God.

This story recalls God's wondrous action in human history. Mary, already full of God's grace, was able to cooperate in this great plan for our salvation. Jesus was born as one of us, fully human and also fully divine. This is the mystery we prepare to celebrate tonight, the mystery of the Incarnation. We pray that we will be people of faith who recognize God's saving plan for us and respond with love.

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

For the family; that all fathers, mothers and children of our community may follow the example of the Holy Family in practicing the virtues of family life and be bound more strongly together in the bonds of charity.



#### Intención del mes de diciembre del Obispo McKnight por nuestra Iglesia Local

Por la familia, para que todos los padres, madres e hijos de nuestra comunidad puedan seguir el ejemplo de la Sagrada Familia practicando las virtudes de la vida familiar y para que estén más fuertemente unidos por los vínculos de la caridad.

Background on the Christmas Vigil

The Gospel of Matthew tells the story of the birth of Jesus from Joseph's perspective. During his betrothal to Mary, Joseph learned that Mary was pregnant. Betrothal in first-century Jewish culture was more than an engagement period; it was part of the marriage contract. A breach of this contract was considered adultery. If adultery was proved, the punishment might be death. Joseph had rights under Mosaic Law, but he chose to act discreetly in his plans to break the marriage contract so as to protect Mary. The way that Joseph and Mary faced these extraordinary circumstances tells us much about these holy people and their faith in God.

The message the angel gave to Joseph in a dream reveals many important theological details about the child Mary will bear and about the child's role in God's plan. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit. His name will be Jesus, which in the Hebrew means "God saves." He will be the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy. He will be Emmanuel, "God with us." This is the mystery we celebrate at Christmas, the Incarnation. God chose to become a human being in the person of Jesus. Joseph did as the angel of the Lord directed.

He took Mary to be his wife and accepted the child in her womb as his own. When Jesus was born, Joseph followed the directions of the angel and gave the child the name Jesus. We often recall Mary's cooperation in God's plan for our salvation. Today's Gospel reminds us of Joseph's important role, which was also crucial to God's plan for Jesus' birth.

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

Calendar of Events		
Sun, Dec 24 8:30 am	Fourth Sunday of Advent English Mass Milan & livestream at stmary.church	
Sun, Dec 24 9:45 am	No Parish School of Religion (PSR), Milan Parish Hall	
Sun, Dec 24 11:00 am	Fourth Domingo de Adviento Spanish Mass Milan & livestream at stmary.church	
Dec 24 5:00 pm	Las Posadas Pariah Hall, Milan	
Sun, Dec 24 6:00 pm	Christmas Spanish Mass Milan & livestream at stmary.church	
Sun, Dec 24 7:30 pm	Christmas English Mass Milan & livestream at stmary.church	
Mon, Dec 25 11-12:00 pm	NO Confirmation Group Milan Parish Hall	
Tue, Dec 26 9-10:00 am	Ladies Yoga, Milan Parish Hall	
Tue, Dec 26 6:00 pm	El grupo de oracion. Todos estan invitados. Milan Iglesia	
Wed, Dec 27 6:00 pm	Liturgy of the Hours / Vesperas Milan Church	
Fri, Dec 29 9-10:00 am	Ladies Yoga, Milan Parish Hall	
Sun, Dec 31 8:30 am	The Feast of the Holy Family Unionville Church	
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Giving and Expenditures	Last 30 Days	Year To Date
Weekly Collections	\$7,878	\$38,038
Operating Expense	\$6,748	\$41,229
Balance	\$1,130	-\$3,191



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*As we celebrate each week the pascal mystery,  
may the selfless life of Jesus Christ guide us in every way.*

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Collections	\$3,793	\$17,225
Expenses	\$2,845	\$15,523
Balance	\$948	\$1,702

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### The Third Sunday of Advent Year B, Sunday, December 17, 2023

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Reconciliation: By appointment,

Milan 30 minutes before or after mass.

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### Mass Intentions

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 †Larry Lutz  
**Sun, December 24, 11:00 a.m. Milan**  
 Parish  
**Sunday, December 24, Unionville**  
**4:00 p.m.**  
**Milan, 6:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.**  
 Parish

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 to return to God the Father,  
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 one hour of prayer,  
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Sun, Dec 24 8:30 am	4th Sunday Advent English Mass and Livestream Milan
<b>Sun, Dec 24 9:15 am</b>	<b>NO Coffee and doughnuts on Christmas Eve</b>
Sun, Dec 24 11:00 am	Cuarto Domingo de Adviento Spanish Milan
<b>Sun Dec 24 4:00 pm</b>	<b>Christmas Eve Mass Unionville Church</b>
<b>Sun Dec 24 7:30 pm</b>	<b>Christmas Eve Mass Milan Church</b>
Wed Dec 27 5:00 pm	Evening Prayer Unionville Church
Sun, Dec 31 8:30 am	The Holy Family Unionville Church
Sun, Dec 31 8:30 am	The Holy Family Eng- lish Mass and Livestream Milan
Sun, Dec 31 9:15 am	Coffee and doughnuts Unionville Parish Hall
Sun, Dec 31 11:00 am	La Sagrada Familia Spanish Milan
Sun, Jan 7 8:30 am	Holy Mass Unionville Church

### Ministers

### December

Coordinator	Ed Brockmeyer
Music	Julia Rasmussen
Environment	Kathleen Van Wyhe
Acolyte	Ed Brockmeyer
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Greeters	The Williams
Hospitality	The Van Wyhes
Lector	Doris Benson
Communion	Kay Bonifazi
Church Cleaning	The Bakers
Plants	Margaret Szucs
Supplies	Mary Greinert