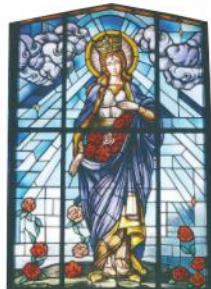




# NATIVITY OF THE LORD

And the Word became flesh and  
made his dwelling among us, and  
we saw his glory, the glory as of  
the Father's only Son, full of  
grace and truth.

JOHN 1:14



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# Fourth Sunday of Advent

## FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR



Christmas is just around the door. The air is full of the good things. Christmas carols, gifts, joy. Joy? Do we really feel joy these days, or does everything just turn into a few days of distraction in which we forget about our problems, our anxiety and the dissatisfaction of the rest of the year? On this fourth Sunday of Advent, the figure of Mary is present

in a very special way. Without her the world could not have been redeemed. Jesus comes into the world through Mary, because she was able to accept that the strength of the Holy Spirit would act on her and make her fertile, causing the Messiah, the Savior, to be born within her. Joseph is at Mary's side. We could say that he is the main character in today's Gospel. Joseph is normally a background character in the story, but today he appears as a man with the strength and confidence to accept the unexpected plans of God, and to act with determination in accordance with God's Will, once he finds out what it is. He makes it possible for God's promises to Israel to be fulfilled. Today's Gospel calls us beyond the superficial aspects of Christmas; the Holy Spirit wants to fill us with his grace like He filled Mary and Joseph, so that we too might participate in the birth of Christ in the concrete world in which we live. He is coming, He is here and He promises us the strength of salvation. His only request is that, with a clean heart, we learn to listen to Him humbly so we can each find out what God's Will is in our lives, what is the path we must undertake every day. Just like Joseph and Mary.



*Fr. Russ*



### LATIN MASS

The dates for our upcoming Latin Masses at St. Elizabeth's are:

\* Monday, January 13th at 7pm (low)

We will begin at 6:45pm with a brief explanation for newcomers on what to expect. Handouts with English translations of the readings, etc, will be available, or you can follow along word-for-word

on the free Laudate app on your smart phone. Whether you are already familiar with the Latin Mass, or looking to experience it for the first time, all are welcome.

## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Our next RCIA class will be on **Wednesday December 18, 2019 in the Grahmann Center. It will begin at 7:30 PM and end at 9:00 PM.** The topic that week will be: **"Life Line, Stewardship, Membership in a parish and the Jessie Tree."** A light supper will be available before class begins. If you or someone you know is **interested in becoming a Catholic, completing sacraments, or is interested in learning more about our faith** these are the classes for you! Please contact David Fisher at (972) 754-4377.

## Stewardship

<b>Weekend Collection</b>	<b>Dec. 15, 2019</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>9,560.00</b>
<b>In House Giving</b>	<b>Dec. 15, 2019</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,585.45</b>
<b>On-Line Giving</b>	<b>Dec. 15, 2019</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>3,923.55</b>
<b>Kid's Church</b>	<b>Dec. 15, 2019</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>140.42</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>Dec. 15, 2019</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>15,209.42</b>

**Attendance** Dec 15, 2019 **1,320**

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### Marriage: Love and Life In The Divine Plan: Between a Man and a Woman

"Jesus teaches that marriage is between a man and a woman. 'Have you not read that from the beginning the Creator made them male and female...For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh' (Mt 19:4-6)." To read the document go to <http://www.usccb.org/loveandlife/>.

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### Catholic Quotes St. Peter of Alcantara

"Truly, matters in the world are in a bad state; but if you and I begin in earnest to reform ourselves, a really good beginning will have been made."



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#### Deadlines:

- Information for the Bulletin must be submitted 2 Fridays before publication deadline.
- Stuffers must be approved and brought to rectory 2 Tuesdays before publication deadline
- Announcements must be submitted by Wed of the week of the announcement

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## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday December 23

6:30 AM (Communion Service)

8:00 AM ✠ Robert Terrell, by Dale & Cindy Bilhartz

### Tuesday, December 24

6:30 AM (Communion Service)

8:00 AM ✠ Intention of Betty Thompson Turner, by The Thompson Family

4:00 PM ✠ Josefa Torres, by Esperanza Mendoza & family

7:00 PM ✠ Layla Del Angel, by her Grandmother

11:00 PM ✠ Margarita Aleman, by The Aleman & Navarro families

### Wednesday, December 25

10:00 AM ✠ E. B. Henry, by Janette Henry & family

### Thursday, December 26

6:30 AM (Communion Service)

8:00 AM ✠ Maude O'Dell, by Dale & Cindy Bilhartz

### Friday, December 27

6:30 AM (Communion Service)

8:00 AM ✠ Dominic Muras, by Olga Muras

### Saturday, December 28

8:00 AM 8:00 AM For Success of the Gala, by Rita D'Alessandro

5:00 PM Intentions of Fr. Russ, Fr. Emmett & Fr. Paul, by Knights Council #17111

### Sunday, December 29

8:00 AM ✠ Mrs. Mae Cartor, by Rita D'Alessandro

10:00 AM Intention of Artemis Maupin, by Elizabeth Seidemann

12:00 PM The People of the Parish

*The Sanctuary Light burns for  
✠ Billy Phillips, by Pat Phillips*



## Flowers for the Altar

The beautiful flowers on the altar for last weekend's Masses were donated in Memory of ✠ Nickolas, Guadalupe and Sylvia Moncada by the Moncada family. If you would like to contribute flowers for our Sunday Masses, please contact Bertha at the rectory (214) 331-4328.

## Holiday Schedule

Occasion	Date	Mass Times
Christmas Eve	Dec. 24, 2019 (Tuesday)	4:00 PM 7:00 PM – Children's Christmas Mass 10:30 PM – Traditional Choir 11:00 PM— Christmas Mass at Night
Christmas Day	Dec. 25, 2019 (Wednesday)	10:00 AM Mass
Mary Mother of God	Dec. 31, 2019 (Tuesday)	7:00 PM Mass
Mary Mother of God	Jan. 1, 2020 (Wednesday)	10:00 AM Mass

## SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Dec. 23** (St. John of Kanty) Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14; Lk 1:57-66
- Dec. 24** (Weekday) 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29; Lk 1:67-79  
**Vigil:** Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or Mt 1:18-25
- Dec. 25** **(The Nativity of the Lord)**  
**Night:** Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14  
**Day:** Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6; Heb 1:1:6; Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14
- Dec. 26** (St. Stephen) Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17; Mt 10:17-22
- Dec. 27** (St. John) 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a and 2-8
- Dec. 28** (The Holy Innocents) 1 Jn 1:5—2:2; Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18
- Dec. 29** **The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**  
Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Col 3:12-21 or Col 3:12-17; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23



## New to the Parish?

If you would like to become a registered parishioner, please be sure to complete a registration card (found on the table opposite the water fountain in the rear of the church or ask the Ushers) and turn it in to the Rectory during office hours or place it in the collection basket. Temporary envelopes are also available in the rear of the church if you have forgotten to bring your collection envelopes to Mass. Welcome to the parish!

## Scripture Study

Tuesdays 7-8 PM  
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The Minor Prophets of the Bible are named that only because of the length of their writings. Their writings are inspired by God and the messages they put forth also deal with our human journey and insight into our redemption and the Redeemer.

### Saint Jerome:

"The Scriptures are shallow enough for a babe to come and drink without fear of drowning and deep enough for theologians to swim in without ever reaching the bottom."

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