

Christ Our Light Catholic Church

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Sunday: (Spanish) 1:00pm

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Tuesday 6:00pm (English)

Thursday 6:00pm (Spanish)

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Tuesday & Thursday: 5:40pm

Wednesday & Friday: 8:10am

Saturday: 5:15pm

Sunday: 7:15am & 12:15pm

RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION

Tuesday, Thursday and

2nd & 4th Saturdays 5:00-5:45pm

and by appointment 936-825-3920

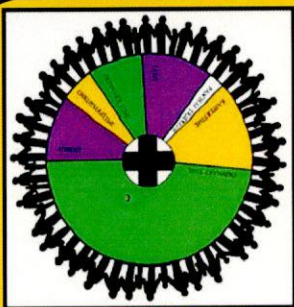
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Los Martes, jueves y el

segundo y cuarto sábado a las 5:00-5:45pm

y por cita 936-825-3920

Fourth Sunday of Advent : December 22, 2019



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The Christmas Season

Merry Christmas!

Turn on your radio December 26th and you might have a hard time finding any stations playing Christmas carols. And chances are people will ask you if you *had* a nice Christmas. How did we get it so mixed up?

At sundown on December 24th Advent ends and we *begin* the Christmas Season. Yes, Christmas is an entire season, not just one day. And contrary to the shopping mall mentality, the Christmas season is just beginning Christmas Day - not ending! The Christmas Season begins at sundown Christmas Eve and continues through the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

The primary liturgical color for the Christmas Season is white, which expresses purity, joy and glory. Gold, which expresses honor and praise, is sometimes used in place of white.

The Christmas Season is full of wonderful feasts and rich traditions. The five major feasts of the Christmas Season are the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord; the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph; the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God; the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord; and, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

So, we know that Christmas is more than a day; it's even more than Twelve Days; it's an entire season!



The Nativity of Christ
Mid 16th Century
Iconographer:
Theophanes the Cretan

Christmas Star

- * The Christmas Star, or the Star of Bethlehem, is a five-pointed star.
- * This can help us remember the five major feasts of the Christmas Season: The Nativity of the Lord; The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph; Mary, the Holy Mother of God; The Epiphany of the Lord; and The Baptism of the Lord.



Christmas is often referred to as the birthday of Jesus.

Ho-Ho-Hodie!

Yet we really aren't celebrating his *birthday*; we're celebrating his *birth*.

Listen carefully to the wording of some of our most traditional and popular Christmas carols...*Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born **this happy morning**...* (*O Come, All Ye Faithful*); *Christ, the Savior, **is born**...* (*Silent*

Night, Holy Night); *Jesus Christ **is born today**...* (*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*). The action is happening now.

The Latin word *hodie* translates to *this day*, or *today*. So it is more than remembering an event that happened over 2,000 years ago. Practice awareness... Christ is born **today**!

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The Twelve Days of Christmas

We are all familiar with the carol, *The Twelve Days of Christmas*. But did you know that in singing this carol you are actually repeating a *catechism* of sorts? From the mid-16th through the early 19th century, Roman Catholics living in England could not publicly practice their faith. So the *Twelve Days of Christmas* was used to symbolically teach the Catholic faith.

My true love refers to God. A *partridge in a pear tree* symbolizes Jesus, who died on the wood of a tree. *Two turtle doves* refer to the two sections of our Bible - the Hebrew Scriptures and the Christian Scriptures. The Christian virtues of faith, hope and love are represented by *three French hens*, while the four Gospels are symbolized by *four calling birds*. *Five golden rings* represent the Pentateuch (first five

books of the Bible). The six days of creation are *six geese a-laying*. *Seven swans a-swimming* refer to the seven sacraments. The Beatitudes are symbolized by *eight maids a-milking*. The nine fruits of the Holy Spirit are *nine ladies dancing*. *Ten lords a-leaping* refer to the Ten Commandments. The eleven faithful apostles are *eleven pipers piping*, while the *twelve drummers drumming* refer to the twelve articles of faith in the Apostles' Creed!



The Infancy Narratives



Of the four Gospels - Matthew, Mark, Luke and John - only two include an infancy narrative, or a story about the birth of Jesus. The evangelists Matthew and Luke are the two who give us accounts of Jesus' birth.

Have you ever taken the time to sit down and read through Matthew's infancy narrative, and then Luke's?

They offer us different insights.

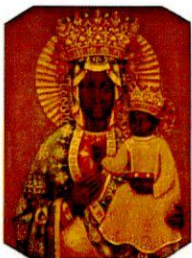
Joseph is very prominent in Matthew's account of Jesus' birth. And it is only in Matthew's Gospel that we hear of the visit of the Magi.

Luke's infancy narrative places more emphasis on Mary. It is in Luke's Gospel that we hear of the annunciation to Mary by the Arch-

angel Gabriel. And it is in this Gospel we learn about the angels announcing the birth of Jesus and the visit of the shepherds.

Most of our manger scenes and Christmas carols blend these two accounts, giving us Mary and Joseph, angels and shepherds, and Magi bearing gifts. *Glory to God in the highest!*

Theotokos!

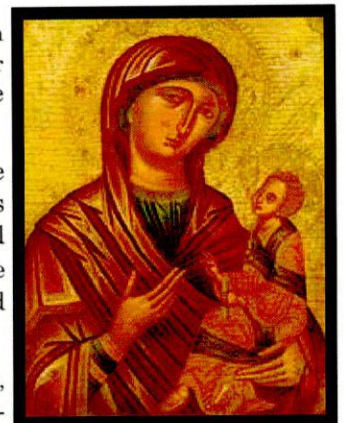


Holy Mary, Mother of God... These words roll so easily off of our tongues in prayer. They are some of the earliest words of prayer we memorized in our childhood. But how often do we really stop and reflect upon what it is we are stating in these words?

The Greek word *Theotokos* literally translates as *God-bearer*. This is the title Eastern Christians still use today in referring to Mary, the Mother of God. It is also the title of Mary that was at the heart of a great controversy at the Council of Ephesus in the year 431. Mary was the Mother of Jesus, but could she be called the Mother of God? Saint Cyril of Alexandria's position won out, and

Mary was affirmed as the *Theotokos*.

On January 1st, the octave day of the Nativity of the Lord, we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. Being a holy day of obligation, we are provided with a wonderful opportunity to come together as a people of faith to keep the Feast! *Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us!*

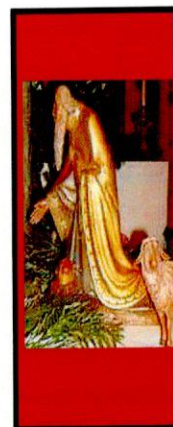


Theotokos with Christ Child
12th Century; Iconographer:
St. Alypy of the Kiev Caves

El Día de los Tres Reyes

In many cultures, especially those with Hispanic populations, January 6th is *El Día de los Tres Reyes*, or Three Kings' Day. It is on this day that people commemorate the Magi bringing gifts to the newborn Christ child. In these cultures, rather than Santa bringing children gifts on Christmas, it is the Three Kings who bring the gifts on Epiphany! (Today, in some places, both Santa and the Three Kings visit the children.)

Rather than writing wish lists for Santa, children write their list for the Three Kings. And instead of leaving out cookies and milk for Santa and carrots for his reindeer, children leave water and hay for the Three Kings' camels! Before going to bed on the Eve of Epiphany, children might place a box with grass under their bed, or leave their empty shoes in the doorway or window sill in anticipation of the Three Kings' visit. In some locales there is a big parade on Epiphany Day, featuring the Three Kings riding on camels or horses. The Kings may visit the nativity scene at the local church. And on Epiphany Day in the homes, the fiesta usually includes the traditional Three Kings' Cake. Baked in the shape of a crown, candied fruits can be used as jewels in the crown. Baked into the cake is a tiny plastic doll, symbolizing the infant Jesus. The person whose piece of cake contains the doll is King for the day, and will experience good fortune!

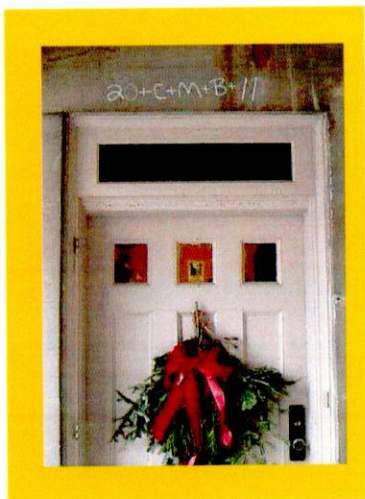


Chalk it Up!

While we celebrate Three Kings' Day and sing carols about the Three Kings, it is interesting to note that nowhere in Scripture are we told how many kings or magi actually visited the infant Jesus. We traditionally refer to *Three* Kings, because Matthew 2:11 refers to the *three* gifts which the magi brought: gold, frankincense and myrrh. And over the years one leading tradition has identified these three kings as Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar.

These names of the Three Kings figure prominently in another Epiphany tradi-

tion - the blessing of homes on Epiphany. The Epiphany blessing of homes is common in a number of cultures. To bless your home on Epiphany, take chalk and over your doorway inscribe 20+C+M+B+13* (*or current year). The first two numbers and the last two numbers in the inscription are the current year, while C, M and B are the traditional initials of the Three Kings! Your service of blessing could include the proclamation of Matthew 2:1-12 (the visit of the magi) and the singing of hymns and carols.



Wining and Dining with Jesus

The word *epiphany* has its roots in the Greek word *phaneia*, which means appearance or manifestation. Traditionally celebrated on January 6th, in our country the Solemnity of the Epiphany has been transferred to the Sunday between January 2nd and January 8th.

When we think of Epiphany, perhaps the first thing

that comes to mind is the visit of the magi to the Christ child. Yet we celebrate two other manifestations of Christ, as well. On Epiphany we celebrate not only the visit of the magi, but also the baptism of the Lord, as well as his first miracle of changing water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana.

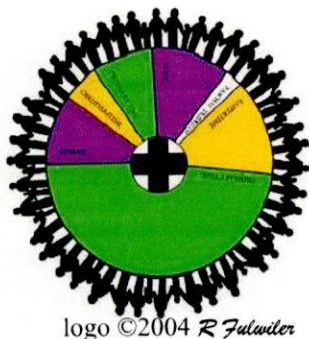
A wonderful hymn with which to celebrate these manifestations at Epiphany is *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise* (text by Christopher Wordworth). Raise your voice in thankfulness and praise on this merriest day of the Christmas Season - Epiphany!



Christ Changing Water into Wine
14th Century, Serbian

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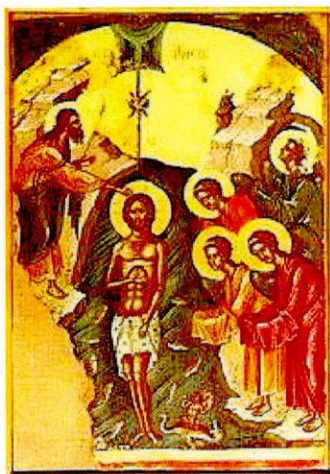
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The Baptism of the Lord

The last major feast of the Christmas Season, in fact - the last day of the Christmas Season - is the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. This feast is usually celebrated on the Sunday after Epiphany Sunday, except when Epiphany is celebrated on January 7th or 8th. Then this feast is celebrated on the Monday after Epiphany.

The baptism of Jesus is a significant event. Mark's Gospel, the earliest Gospel written, begins with the preaching of John the Baptist and the Baptism of Jesus. In all three synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark and Luke), at the baptism of Jesus the spirit of God *descends like a dove* upon Jesus and a voice from heaven pronounces Jesus to be *my beloved Son*. In these three Gospels, it is immediately following Jesus' baptism that he is tempted by Satan, and it is immediately after this temptation that Jesus begins his public ministry.



Theophany
Early 17th Century
Greek

In John's Gospel, as soon as John the Baptist gives testimony to Jesus, witnessing to the descent of the Spirit in the form of a dove upon Jesus, Jesus calls his first disciples. And this is immediately followed by Jesus' first miracle - changing water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana.

Yes, baptism is a significant event! Not just for Jesus, but for each one of us. It is in baptism that we die and rise with Christ. It is in baptism that we enter the Church, the Body of Christ. It is in baptism that we become children of God. It is in baptism that we are anointed priest, prophet and king.

So as we come to the conclusion of this Christmas Season, let us celebrate not only Jesus' baptism, but our own. And let us continue to remember and celebrate our baptism each and every day as we follow Jesus this new year.



Christ Our Light Parish 2019 Christmas Wishlist

The items on this list are to enhance our liturgical celebrations by giving *Glory to God*. Many of our liturgical garments need to be replaced due to wear and tear. *The old garments will be donated to a mission church in need.*

1. Marian chasuble for the celebrant \$1595 Donated: Thank You.
2. Purple chasuble for Advent & Lent for the celebrant \$995
3. Purple dalmatic for Advent & Lent for the deacon \$995
4. White and gold chasuble for celebrant \$995
5. White and gold dalmatic for the deacon \$995

Please make checks payable to Christ Our Light Catholic Church and write **"COL Wishlist" in the memo. Send the check to the Pastoral Office, attention Nelda Kurten, along with a note as to which item on the list you would like to sponsor.*

Thank you for your generosity, prayers, and support!

Have a wonderful and blessed ADVENT season!

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Diocesan Services Fund (DSF)

Supports more than 60 ministries within the Archdiocese



Programs support families, adults, clergy, poor, sick, and the incarcerated

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Supports the day-to-day operations of the parish



Supports faith formation programs in your church

Bears the cost of utility bills such as electricity, water, heat, salaries for clergy and staff

Gifts can be made weekly or monthly to the parish

Maintains your church and other parish campus buildings

Provide care and resources in local community like food pantries.

Ways to Support DSF and your Parish:



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Website: www.archgh.org/dsf

Questions: 713-652-4417

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December 14 & 15, 2019

Under the Patronage of St. Patrick and Our Lady of Guadalupe

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTION

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23

No Mass

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24—VIGIL

6:00 PM Helen Noto †

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25

12:00 Midnight — Jo Ann Smith Urbanosky †

11:00 AM Spanish — People of the Parish

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26

No Mass

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27

No Mass

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28

6:00 PM Vigil Charles Noto †

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

8:00 AM Dizon & Laskowski Families, Living

1:00 PM* People of the Parish

*Spanish



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23

5:00 PM Spanish Legion of Mary, CH Cry room

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

11:15 PM Christmas Carols before Midnight Mass

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25

No Events Scheduled

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26

12:00 PM English Legion of Mary, CH Cry room

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27

No Events Scheduled

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28

5:00 PM Confession, CH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29

Holiday for COL Faith Formation



INVITATION

When is the last time you devoted a full weekend to yourself, your faith, and the Lord? Holy Name Retreat Center invites you to join other men from your parish and community on the weekend of January 10-12, 2020 for our men's weekend retreat. For more information please contact David Sweeney at (979) 492-9598 or <http://www.passionist.org/holyname/> for registration information.



E-Mail Addresses for the Parish

To e-mail Fr. Elias...fr.eli@christourlight.org

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To e-mail RE Board: reboard@christourlight.org

Christ Our Light web-site: www.christourlight.org

BULLETIN DEADLINE TUESDAY 12:00 NOON

Announcements and or articles are to be submitted in writing to the Parish Office, or faxed to 825-7612 or e-mailed nelda@christourlight.org.

Events, meeting etc. for the Parish Calendar are to be submitted in writing to the Parish Office in advance.

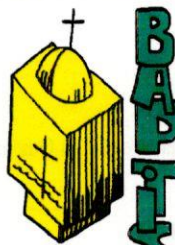
AFTER MASS WEEKLY PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deadline Tuesday, 12:00 Noon. Announcements are to be submitted in writing to the Parish Office. The Pastor reserves the right to pick and choose which announcements are made in this forum as there is a need to keep these to a minimum.

Todos los anuncios deben ser presentados por escrito en la oficina de la parroquia no mas tarde que los martes al mediodía. El Pastor decidirá si las noticias son de importancia para ser pronuncia das.

PARISH REGISTRATION

To our new parishioner, we welcome you to Christ Our Light Parish. Please register at the parish office or ask one of the Hospitality Ministers to help you. For parishioners moving out of the parish or changing your address or phone number, please notify the parish office, 825-3920.



Sacrament of Baptism Schedule

English Baptism Class Schedule for 2019: 8:30 AM to 10:30 AM Jan. 11, April 11th, July 11th and Oct. 10th., 2020 **PARTICIPANTS MUST REGISTER AT LEAST 1 WEEK PRIOR TO CLASS.** To register please contact Deacon Grant Holt at 936-825-6448 or Lucy Coronilla at 936-419-9296.

Spanish Baptism Class Schedule for 2019: 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM, Jan. 26th, April 26th, July 26th and Oct. 25th. For

Information, call Rosa Torres at 936-419-8974

ALL DOCUMENTS AND FORMS must be completed and turned in before Baptism Date. SCHEDULED Baptism will be celebrated once a month at 12 noon every 3rd Saturday following completion of the baptismal classes the prior month and Fr. Elie has been informed in advance. The Sacrament of Baptism is a communal celebration. Therefore, private baptisms are not celebrated here.



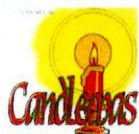
**PRAY for THE CONTINUING
RECOVERY OR COMFORT OF**
the infirmed and homebound
members of our community. Jack

Baker, Jo Ann Clepper, Frank Crouch, Herman Culmer, Gilbert Druckhammer, Liz Johnson, Juanita King, Mary Ann Knowles, Leslie Mills, Leon Nowak, Victor Ostiguin, Leona Pasket, Angelina Peterson, Wallace Peterson, Lucila Rivera, Josh Sechelski, Dana Sowell, and Krysten Sowell, Jessie Valadez, III, Crystal Winkler.

Call the parish office when a member of our community has a need to be remembered in prayer, 825-3920.

Also, if you have added a name to the prayer list, **please call to let us know when to remove the name from the list.** Thank you.

New Memorial Candles



The new Candle Stands are electrical. Anyone wanting to light a candle may do so by pressing the red button and give an offering. The candle will burn for 12 hours. Memorial Candles burning for one year are \$150.00 each. Come by the parish office to schedule and pay your offering of \$150.00 for your Memorial candle.

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December 14 & 15, 2019

(85) Offertory Envelopes/Loose Checks	
and On Live Giving	3,915.00
Loose Cash	962.60
Children	72.00
Total	4,949.60

II Collection, Sister of Charity	1,144.50
Maintenance Fund	486.00

DIOCESAN SERVICE FUND - 2019

Goal: \$24,940.00
Pledged: \$22,504.83
Paid: \$20,824.49
Total Registered Families: 651
Number of Participant: 72
Percent Paid: 83.50%
Paid Over (Under) Goal: (\$4,115.51)
Pledged Over (Under) Goal: (\$2,435.17)

Please note our Paid Goal Shortage and our Pledged Shortage. December 31 ends 2019 DSF.

In Our Prayers

We remember in prayer our friends and loved ones in active military duty, both in and out of harms way, in the service of their our country. Pray for peace in the world and for our leaders.

SSG Jorge Aguilar, Jr., Alexander Cortez,
Jesus Cortez, SFC Antinia Franco, 1SG
Jason Malek, Antonio Magallon, Jose Rene Milan
Christopher Munoz, Javier Salinas,
Sgt. Kevin Seigler, SSgt Allen Thane

OUR HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER

General Intention — The Future of the Very Young: That every country take the measures necessary to prioritize the future of the very young, especially those who are suffering.



P.E.R.A. (Perpetual Eucharistic Reparative Adoration)

We are inviting and highly encouraging everyone to sign-up for our "P.E.R.A." (Perpetual Eucharistic Reparative Adoration). We are asking everyone to devote ONE HOUR (at least) a WEEK adoring God in the Blessed Sacrament—that is, only asking 168 parishioners to make adoration of God everyday, 24/7! We do this as a Parish Community in response to the teaching of St. John Paul II:

The "Church and the world have a great need for Eucharistic worship. Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love. Let us not refuse the time to go to meet him in adoration, in contemplation full of faith, and open to make amends for the serious offenses and crimes of the world. Let our adoration never cease."

(Dominicae cenae, 3)

Please call Mary Rangel @ 936-419-9024.

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Web site is FORMED.ORG

The Parish Code to access the website is

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FLOCKNOTE (pick one):**

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Then register to create an account.

NOTE: Do not use Mozilla Firefox browser.

1. Visit our church at: www.flocknote.com/christourlightchurch
2. Text SPOLG to 84576 from your phone to subscribe to updates.



Fourth Sunday of Advent December 22, 2019

They shall name him Emmanuel, which means "God is with us." — *Matthew 1:23*

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Every 1st weekend of the month (Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses) blessing of all who have a birthday or Wedding Anniversary during the month.



PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS
to the Priesthood and Religious Life
especially in our Archdiocese.

+++++ MEMORIALIZING THE SANCTUARY CANDLE

If you are interested in memorializing the Sanctuary candle, in memory of, in personal reverence and petition or Special Intention for the week, stop by the parish office for more information.

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Sign Up for Christ Our Light
Online Giving Now

Christ Our Light now accepts online giving. Parish Soft is our parish's online giving program. Enroll at the link the below. It is secure and easy to use. You will be able to use Parish Soft for normal tithing and special collections throughout the year. Apps are available, so your cell phones/tablets can be used for online giving.

<https://giving.parishsoft.com/dl?uid=chri510191>

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Mass Schedule for Christmas

Friday, December 20th 7:00 PM CH
Choir Concert: "Evening To Morning:
The Night That Changed the World."

Tuesday December 24th

6:00 PM Christmas Eve Vigil Mass
11:15 PM (before Midnight Mass),
Christmas Carols

Wednesday, December 25th

12AM (Midnight), Christmas Mass
11:00 AM Christmas Day: Spanish Mass

MONTHLY REFRESHMENTS AFTER MASSES

Refreshment will be served after Masses the first Sunday of each month. The refreshments and service will be provided by the following:

Altar Society—January and July
Pastoral Council—February and October
Finance Council—March and September
R.E. Board—April and August
Stewardship—May and November
Choir—June and December

4th Sunday of Advent — "When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home." *Matthew 1:24* Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Striving to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may lead us. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was

4to domingo de Adviento — "Cuando José despertó, hizo lo que el ángel de Señor la había mandado y llevó a su esposa a su casa." *Mateo 1:24* Poner completamente nuestra confianza en el Señor sin esperar nada a cambio. Esforzarnos por poner a Dios primero en todas las cosas y seguirlo a donde sea que nos guíe, Mientras nos vamos preparando para el nacimiento de nuestro Señor, reze por fuerza y coraje para ser un discípulo modelo, tal como lo fue José.

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Isaiah 7:10-14, Psalm 24:1-6
Romans 1:1-7, Matthew 1:18-24

IGNITE: *Our Faith, Our Mission*

Summary Report December 09, 2019

Parish Goal: \$208,632.00

Total Pledged to Date: \$98,153.00

Paid—Undesignated \$28,502.65 13.66%

Paid Over/(Under) Goal (\$110,479.00)

% of Parish Goal Pledged 47.05%

Number of Participation 36

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The Altar Society will decorate the Church for Christmas on, December 22nd, the Sunday before Christmas at 2:30pm. Everyone is invited to help. If you have ideas about special decoration, please bring materials with you. Let us work together to welcome the Christ child.

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Deacon Jeremy



If you would like to send Deacon Jeremy a Christmas card and or a gift, please mail to: Deacon Jeremy Trull, 6845 Memorial Drive, Houston, TX 77024

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December 22, 2019 Fourth Sunday of Advent

TRUST IN GOD

On this final Sunday of Advent our scriptures focus on the historical birth of Jesus, who is son of David and Son of God, child and king, Jesus and Emmanuel.

Isaiah the prophet begs Ahaz to ask for a sign, to allow God to offer him reassurance of the survival of the Davidic dynasty. The king hypocritically refuses to “tempt the LORD” in that way (Isaiah 7:12), but the prophet foretells the birth of a son, an heir to the throne, who will prove the Lord’s enduring protection of God’s chosen lineage on the throne of David. The child will be called Emmanuel.

Matthew’s reference to this history in his description of the birth of Jesus highlights the contrast between the faithless refusal of trust shown by Ahaz, and the complete trust in God shown by Mary and Joseph in bringing about the birth of Jesus Christ.

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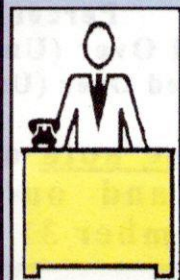
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