

St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church

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 Rev. Jesus Mata, SVD - Associate Pastor

Mass Schedule:

English: Weekdays - 8:30 a.m. (M-Sat.)
 Saturday - 5:00 p.m. (Vigil)
 Sunday - 7:00, 8:00 & 9:30 a.m.
Polish: Saturday - 6:30 p.m. (Vigil)
 Sunday - 10:45 a.m., 5:15 p.m.
Spanish: Thursday - 7:00 p.m.
 Sunday - 12:30 p.m.
 First Saturday of month - 9 pm

Holy Day of Obligation:

See the bulletin for the schedule of Masses

Civic Holidays

English: 9:00 a.m. Mass

First Fridays:

English: 8:30 a.m. Mass
Polish: 7:00 p.m. Reconciliation;
 8:00 p.m. Mass

First Saturdays:

English: 8:30 a.m. Mass
Polish: 7:30 p.m. Prayer Service

Reconciliation

English: Saturday: 11:00 a.m.
Polish: Saturday: 6:00 pm;
 Sunday: 4:45 pm
Spanish: Thursday: 6:30 p.m.
 Friday: 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Holy Hour:

Polish: Tuesday – 7:00 p.m.
Spanish: Friday – 7:00 p.m.

Adoration Chapel

(Blessed Sacrament Exposed):

Monday - Friday: 7:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.
 Saturday - Sunday: 8:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.

Office Hours

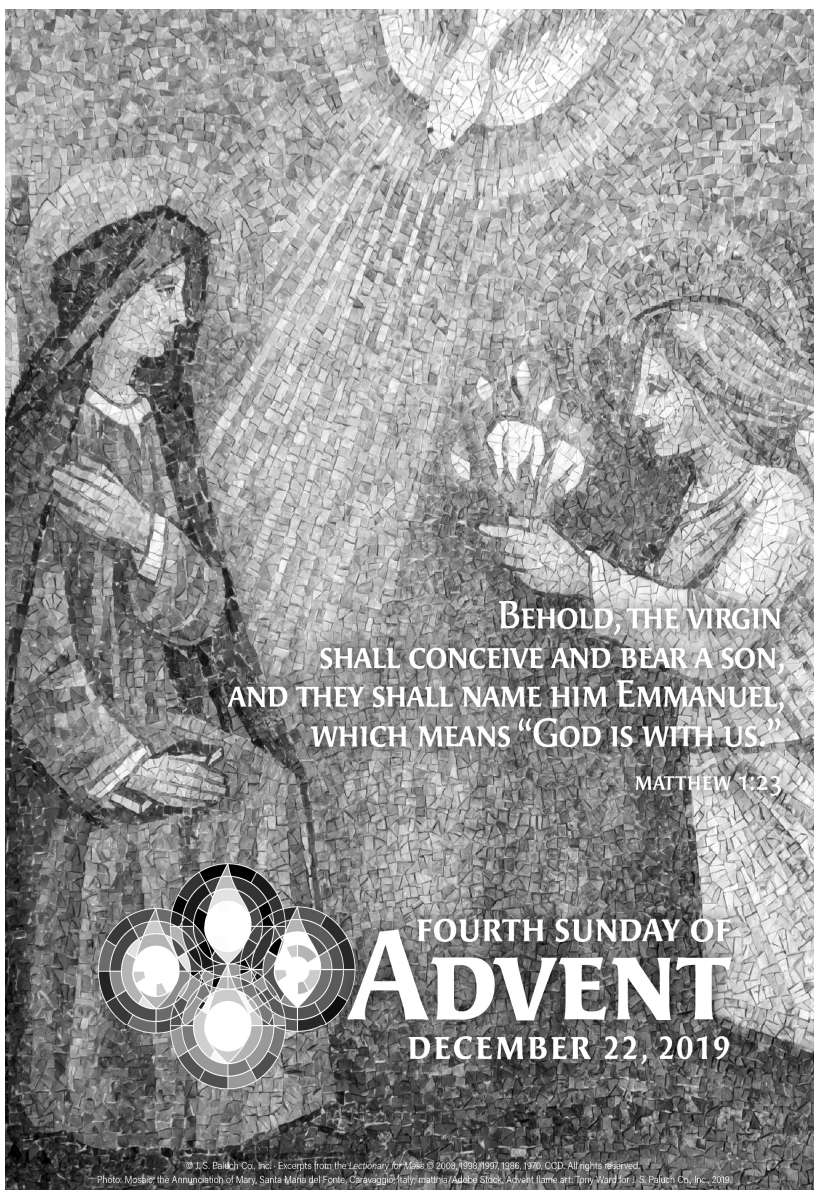
Mon/Tues/Thurs/Fri 9:00 am - 5:00 p.m.
 Wednesday 9:00 am - 7:00 p.m.
 (The office is closed 12—1 pm Mon –Fri)
 Saturday 9:00 am - 2:00 p.m.
 Sunday CLOSED

Religious Education

English/Spanish: 847-537-4182;
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Polish School

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — You will be given this sign: The virgin shall conceive and bear a son (Isaiah 7:10-14).

Psalm — Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory (Psalm 24).

Second Reading — God has called us to belong to Jesus Christ (Romans 1:1-7).

Gospel — The son born of Mary shall be called Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins (Matthew 1:18-24).

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This Week at St. Joe's

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 21

St. Peter Canisius

8:30 — Thanksgiving to Mary, Mother of God for blessing the Dang Family (*by Am Dang*)

5:00 — In loving memory of Antonio Cardenas † (*by the Cardenas Family*)

6:30 — Deceased members of the Wilk and Preakl Family †

Sunday, December 22

Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:00 — For all Parishioners

8:00 — Miguel Angel Prado—Spiritual Healing

9:30 — Special intention for Marcos Martinez

10:45 — (Polish) Special intentions

12:30 — Manuel Salazar—Descanso Eterno † (*by the Huerta Family*)

5:15 — (Polish) Special intentions

Monday, December 23

St. John of Kanty

8:30 — Elidia Moreno—For peace and blessing (*by Manny and Marcela*)

Bonifacia Antonio—Rest in Peace † (*by Mimi*)

Tuesday, December 24

Vigil of Christmas

8:30 — Robert de Los Santos (*by Maria & Family*)

5:00 — Bob Heer—5th Death Anniversary † (*by Cathy Heer & Family*)

7:00 — (Spanish) Special intentions

9:00 — (Polish) Special intentions

12:00 — In loving memory of Jerry Nallen † (*by Mary Nallen*)

Wednesday, December 25

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

7:00 — In memory of Maria Loi Nguyen†

8:00 — In loving memory of Isidro, Sr. and Carmen Santos † (*by the Family*)

9:30 — Andrew Nowak, Anna Ospelt and Stan Ospelt (*by Teresa & Sons*)

10:45 — (Polish) Special intentions

12:30 — (Spanish) Special intentions

5:15 — (Polish) Special intentions

Thursday, December 26

St. Stephen

8:30 — Elidia Moreno—For peace and blessing (*by Manny & Marcela*)

7:00 — (Spanish) Special intentions

8:00 — (Polish) Special intentions

Friday, December 27

St. John

8:30 — The repose of the soul of Chepe Romero †

Saturday, December 28

The Holy Innocents

8:30 — For all the unborn babies of abortions †

5:00 — In loving memory of Rose Rodriguez † (*by the Rodriguez & Montemayor Family*)

6:30 — (Polish) Special intentions

Sunday, December 29

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

7:00 — Thanksgiving for blessing received

8:00 — Rosa Figueroa—Death anniversary † (*by Ana Mendoza & Family*)

9:30 — The Weil Family (*by Kathleen Weil*)

10:45 — (Polish) Special intentions

12:30 — (Spanish) Special intentions

5:15 — (Polish) Special intentions

Calendar of Events

Sunday, December 22

No Religious Education Classes

7:30 am - Emaus Men—House

9:00 am - (English) Choir—Rm 10

10:00 am - Escuela de la Cruz—House

10:00 am - Spanish Choir—House

7:30 pm - AA Group—Mulcahey Hall

Monday, December 23

No Religious Education Classes

6:00 pm - Adoracion Choir—House

7:00 pm - Parish Council—Conference Room

8:00 pm - Cross School—Rm 9

Tuesday, December 24

Christmas Eve; Parish Office CLOSED

See Mass Schedule

Wednesday, December 25

Christmas Day; No Confirmation Class; Parish Office CLOSED

See Mass Schedule

9:00 am - (English) Choir—Rm 10

Thursday, December 26

6:00 pm - Adoracion Choir—House

6:30 pm - Guadalupanos Rosary—Church

7:00 pm - (Spanish) Mass/Liturgy of the Word—Church

7:00 pm - Legion of Mary—Rm 3

8:00 pm - (Polish) Mass—Church

Friday, December 27

5:30 pm - Volunteer Event—Bonner Hall

7:00 pm - Infancia Misionera Rosary—Church

7:00 pm - (Spanish) Holy Hour—Church

7:00 pm - Jesus Choir—House

Saturday, December 28

10:00 am - (Spanish) Youth Group—House

Sunday, December 29

No Religious Education Classes

7:30 am - Emaus Men—House

10:00 am - Escuela de la Cruz—House

10:00 am - Spanish Choir—House

2:30 pm - Jornadas Matrimoniales—House

7:30 pm - AA Group—Mulcahey Hall

The Parish Office will be **CLOSED Monday, December 24th** (Christmas Eve) and **Tuesday, December 25th** (Christmas Day). For mass schedule please see on page 11 or visit our website stjosephworker.com. Have a blessed Christmas season.

Thanks to all the Knights who helped with putting out the lights around the buildings and setting up the crèche.





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Sunday of Advent

December 22, 2019

Christmas 2019

“Joseph, son of David,
do not be afraid to take Mary
your wife into your home.”

Matthew 1:20

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

With deep joy and gratitude, I extend to you my prayerful best wishes for a holy and blessed Christmas.

Several years ago I received a Christmas card with the message: “This Christmas, I wish you Jesus”. On the inside it read: “Isn’t it nice to have everything”.

In the midst of all our current challenges and concerns, the love of God the Father is made manifest to us in the wonderful gift of His Son, Jesus. With the angels in Bethlehem, our faith moves us to sing: “Glory to God in the highest and peace to His people on earth!” We recognize that true peace on earth flows from our recognition and grace of God in our lives.

As your pastors we treasure the gift of you and the dedication, sacrifices, and hard work you have shown to make this parish a beacon of Christ’s love. In particular, I thank those who serve in the various ministries and organizations.

Christmas has a way of bringing to Church individuals and families who, for various reasons, have not been to Mass or the Sacraments for months or years. What a wonderful and grace-filled opportunity to put aside past differences and old habits and begin anew that prayerful relationship with the Lord and His Church community. I extend to all of you an open, grateful heart of welcome. Together, may we grow in strength and grace to know and celebrate together God’s presence in our lives and His dominion over all things of the world.

On behalf of the members of the Parish Staff as well as the Parish Council and Finance Council, we wish you the peace of Christ and the serenity that comes from faith in the One who was born of Mary.

Please be assured of our prayers for your intentions and a remembrance at Holy Mass. May the peace, joy of the Holy Family be present in your lives each day of the New Year.

May God bless you

Fr. Jesus Mata, SVD
Associate Pastor

Fr. Jerzy (George) Gawlik, SVD
Pastor



Boże Narodzenie

Oto Pan Bóg wchodzi w historię człowieka w sposób nieoczekiwany i najgłębszy z możliwych. W swoim Synu Jezusie Chrystusie, staje się człowiekiem. Bierze udział w ludzkim życiu jako jeden z nas. To „przyjście” Boga czyni historię życia każdego z nas świętą. To ważne, bo często mamy pokusę myślenia, że niewiele znaczymy. Nie należąc do „wielkich tego świata”, czujemy się trybikiem w potężnej maszynie rzeczywistości. Życie wydaje się szare, monotonne, może nawet pozbawione głębszego sensu. Wydaje się, że mamy niewielki wpływ na otaczającą nas rzeczywistość. Często ulegamy takiemu myśleniu i w głębi serca pojawia się jakiś smutek i gorycz. Nasze serce staje się „ciężkie” przepełnione ciężarem codziennych obowiązków. A Bóg? Może i On o mnie zapomniał. Może i Jego za bardzo nie obchodzę. Ewangelie, podobnie jak inne księgi Pisma Świętego, pokazują nam coś zupełnie innego. Logika Boga jest inna od naszej. Jak pisze św. Paweł On wybiera to co słabe i mało znaczące w oczach świata: Przeto przypatrzcie się, bracia, powołaniu waszemu! Niewielu tam mędrców według oceny ludzkiej, niewielu możnych, niewielu szlachetnie urodzonych. Bóg wybrał właśnie to, co głupie w oczach świata, aby zawstydzić mędrców, wybrał to, co niemocne, aby mocnych poniżyć; i to, co nie jest szlachetnie urodzone według świata i wzgardzone, i to, co nie jest, wyróżnił Bóg, by to co jest, unicestwić, tak by się żadne stworzenie nie chlępiło wobec Boga” (1Kor 1,26-29).

Nasza wiara i zaufanie mogą być drogą, przez którą Chrystus stanie się widoczny dla świata, w którym żyjemy. Nie słowa, lecz czyny, decyzje i kierunek w którym człowiek podąża świadczą o nim, są dowodem jego wiary w Boga lub jej braku. Bóg w swoim miłosierdziu pozwala nam zobaczyć tylko fragment drogi do „następnego zakrętu”, do drzwi, które na razie wydają się zamknięte. Nie musimy wiedzieć co będzie „dalej” i jak potoczy się historia. Przecież skoro Bóg wzywa do podjęcia drogi, to nas na niej nie opuści. Tego właśnie doświadczyli Maryja i Józef. Dzięki takiej wierze i zaufaniu narodził się Jezus w Betlejem. Dzięki takiej wierze może narodzić się również w każdym z nas.

Jest taka noc, na którą każdy człowiek czeka i za którą tęskni. Jest taki wyjątkowy wieczór w roku, gdy wszyscy obecni gromadzą się przy wspólnym stole. Jest taki wieczór, gdzie gasną spory i nieporozumienia. Wieczór, gdy łamiemy opłatek i składamy sobie życzenia. To noc wyjątkowa. Jedyna. Niepowtarzalna. Noc Bożego Narodzenia. Życzę Wam Wszystkim, by Święta Bożego Narodzenia były przepełnione radością, którą daje pewność, że Bóg jest blisko i chce iść z nami drogą życia.

Ogłoszenia

Msze święte w języku polskim:

Sobota 6:30 wieczorem, 6:15 odmawiamy Koronkę do Miłosierdzia Bożego

Spowiedź święta: pół godziny przed Mszą świętą o 6:00.

Niedziela 10:45 rano i 5:15 po południu.

Spowiedź święta: pół godziny przed Mszą świętą o 4:45.

Pierwszy Wtorek Miesiąca: o godzinie 7:00 wieczorem Msza święta przez wstawienictwo św. Jana Pawła II. Po Mszy świętej odprawiamy nabożeństwo.

Pierwszy Piątek Miesiąca: 7:00 wieczorem wystawienie Najświętszego Sakramentu i adoracja. O 7:30 nabożeństwo do Najświętszego Serca Pana Jezusa. W tym czasie od 7:00 do 8:00 jest spowiedź święta. O godzinie 8:00 Msza święta ku czci Najświętszego Serca Pana Jezusa.

Pierwsza Sobota Miesiąca: Po Mszy świętej wieczornej o 7:30 odmawiamy różaniec wynagradzający za zniewagi wyrządzone Niepokalanemu Sercu Maryi.

Drugi Wtorek Miesiąca: o godzinie 7:00 wieczorem Msza święta o Miłosierdziu Bożym. Po Mszy świętej odprawiamy nabożeństwo.

Trzeci Wtorek Miesiąca: o godzinie 7:00 wieczorem Msza święta o Duchu Świętym w intencji osób samotnych, małżonków i kapłanów. Po Mszy świętej odmawiamy nabożeństwo.

Ostatni wtorek miesiąca: o godzinie 7:00 wieczorem Msza święta ku czci świętego Ojca Pio. Po Mszy świętej odprawiamy nabożeństwo.

Kaplica Adoracji Najświętszego Sakramentu (przy plebanii):
Otwarta od 7:00 rano do 10:00 wieczorem każdego dnia tygodnia.

Sakrament Chrztu Świętego: w każdą pierwszą sobotę miesiąca o godzinie 10:30 rano oraz w każdą pierwszą i третią niedzielę miesiąca o godzinie 4:00 po południu.

Sakrament Małżeństwa: należy zgłosić się co najmniej cztery miesiące wcześniej.

Biuro Parafialne: od 9:00 rano do 5:00 wieczorem
od 9:00 rano do 7 wieczorem - środa
od 9:00 rano do 2:00 po południu – sobota
zamknięte - niedziela

Godzina Święta we wtorki – 7PM



Drogie Siostry i drodzy Bracia w Chrystusie,

W bieżącym roku liturgicznym wsłuchujemy się w słowa z Ewangelii świętego Mateusza. W tym świętym czasie, kiedy celebруем narodziny Jezusa, słyszymy szczególną dla świętego Mateusza historię – opowieść o wędrówce Trzech Króli. Ewangelista napisał: „Gdy ujrzeli gwiazdę, bardzo się uradowali. Weszli do domu i zobaczyli Dziecię z Matką Jego, Maryją”.

Możemy sobie wyobrazić ich radość. Odkryli tego, za którym tęsknili i kogo szukali. On jest nowo narodzonym Jezusem. Jego matka Maryja trzyma Go w ramionach, a jednocześnie przedstawia Go światu. W tym prostym geście ewangelizuje, przekazując nam dobrą nowinę o swoim Synu. Ten moment, podobnie jak wtedy, tak i teraz jest obleczony w radość.

Niech ten obraz Maryi, Matki Pana, inspiruje nas podczas naszej wędrówki ku odnowie Archidiecezji Chicago. Niech dodaje odwagi, abyśmy nieśli światu Jezusa, temu światu, który tak bardzo Go potrzebuje. W naszych małżeństwach, rodzinach, miejscach pracy i wspólnotach z radością nieśmy i przedstawiamy Tego, który jest wielkim światłem jaśniejącym w ciemności.

Niech Pan błogosławi Wam i Waszym najbliższym w tym świętym czasie.

Szczerze oddany Wam w Chrystusie,

Blase Cardinal Cypriani
Arcybiskup Chicago



Queridos hermanos y hermanas, ¡buenos días!

En este cuarto domingo de Adviento, el Evangelio nos relata los hechos que precedieron el nacimiento de Jesús, y el evangelista Mateo los presenta desde el punto de vista de san José, el prometido esposo de la Virgen María.

José y María vivían en Nazaret; aún no vivían juntos, porque el matrimonio no se había realizado todavía. Mientras tanto, María, después de acoger el anuncio del Ángel, quedó embarazada por obra del Espíritu Santo. Cuando José se dio cuenta del hecho, quedó desconcertado. El Evangelio no explica cuáles fueron sus pensamientos, pero nos dice lo esencial: él busca cumplir la voluntad de Dios y está preparado para la renuncia más radical. En lugar de defenderse y hacer valer sus derechos, José elige una solución que para él representa un enorme sacrificio. Y el Evangelio dice: «Como era justo y no quería difamarla, decidió repudiarla en privado» (1, 19).

Esta breve frase resume un verdadero drama interior, si pensamos en el amor que José tenía por María. Pero también en esa circunstancia José quiere hacer la voluntad de Dios y decide, seguramente con gran dolor, repudiar a María en privado. Hay que meditar estas palabras para comprender cuál fue la prueba que José tuvo que afrontar los días anteriores al nacimiento de Jesús. Una prueba semejante a la del sacrificio de Abrahán, cuando Dios le pidió el hijo Isaac (cf. Gn 22): renunciar a lo más precioso, a la persona más amada.

Pero, como en el caso de Abrahán, el Señor interviene: encontró la fe que buscaba y abre una vía diversa, una vía de amor y de felicidad: «José —le dice— no temas acoger a María, tu mujer, porque la criatura que hay en ella viene del Espíritu Santo» (Mt 1, 20).

Este Evangelio nos muestra toda la grandeza del alma de san José. Él estaba siguiendo un buen proyecto de vida, pero Dios reservaba para él otro designio, una misión más grande. José era un hombre que siempre dejaba espacio para escuchar la voz de Dios, profundamente sensible a su secreto querer, un hombre atento a los mensajes que le llegaban desde lo profundo del corazón y desde lo alto. No se obstinó en seguir su proyecto de vida, no permitió que el rencor le envenenase el alma, sino que estuvo disponible para ponerse a disposición de la novedad que se le presentaba de modo desconcertante. Y así, era un hombre bueno. No odiaba, y no permitió que el rencor le envenenase el alma. ¡Cuántas veces a nosotros el odio, la antipatía, el rencor nos envenenan el alma! Y esto hace mal. No permitirlo jamás: él es un ejemplo de esto. Y así, José llegó a ser aún más libre y grande. Aceptándose según el designio del Señor, José se encuentra plenamente a sí mismo, más allá de sí mismo. Esta libertad de renunciar a lo que es suyo, a la posesión de la propia existencia, y esta plena disponibilidad interior a la voluntad de Dios, nos interpelan y nos muestran el camino.

Nos disponemos entonces a celebrar la Navidad contemplando a María y a José: María, la mujer llena de gracia que tuvo la valentía de fiarse totalmente de la Palabra de Dios; José, el hombre fiel y justo que prefirió creer al Señor en lugar de escuchar las voces de la duda y del orgullo humano. Con ellos, caminamos juntos hacia Belén.

Papa Francisco

Fuente: http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/es/angelus/2013/documents/papa-francesco_angelus_20131222.html

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — La señal es que la virgen estará embarazada y dará a luz un hijo varón (Isaías 7:10-14).

Salmo — Va a entrar el Señor: él es el Rey de la Gloria (Salmo 24 [23]).

Segunda lectura — Jesús, descendiente de David biológicamente, fue establecido el Hijo de Dios en poder (Romanos 1:1-7).

Evangelio — María quedó embarazada por obra del Espíritu Santo (Mateo 1:18-24).

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LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Sal 25 (24):4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lc 1:57-66

Martes: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Sal 89 (88):2-5, 27, 29; Lc 1:67-79

Miércoles: **Vigilia:** Is 62:1-5; Sal 89 (88):4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Hch 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]

Noche: Is 9:1-6; Sal 96 (95):1-3, 11-13;

Tít 2:11-14; Lc 2:1-14

Aurora: Is 62:11-12; Sal 97 (96):1, 6, 11-12;

Tít 3:4-7; Lc 2:15-20

Día: Is 52:7-10; Sal 98 (97):1-6; Heb 1:1-6;

Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

Jueves: Hch 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Sal 31 (30):3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22

Viernes: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Sal 97 (96):1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Sábado: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Sal 124 (123):2-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18

Domingo: Eclo 3:2-6, 12-14; Sal 128 (127):1-5; Col 3:12-21 [12-17]; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23



Estimados hermanas y hermanos en Cristo,

A lo largo de este año litúrgico, escuchamos el Evangelio de San Mateo. Y en esta temporada santa que celebra el nacimiento de Jesús, escuchamos a Mateo una historia única: el viaje de los Reyes Magos. Él escribe: "Cuando vieron la estrella, se regocijaron sobremanera con gran alegría. Y entrando en la casa, vieron al Niño con su madre María".

Podemos imaginar su alegría. Ellos descubrieron a quien anhelaban y buscaban. Él es el recién nacido Jesús. Su madre María lo sostiene en sus brazos y, al mismo tiempo, lo presenta al mundo. En este simple gesto, ella evangeliza, nos da la buena nueva viviente de su hijo. Entonces y ahora, es un momento envuelto en alegría.

En nuestro viaje de renovación en la Arquidiócesis de Chicago, que esta imagen de María, madre del Señor, nos inspire y motive a llevar y presentar a Jesús a un mundo que está tan necesitado de él. En nuestros matrimonios, familias, lugares de trabajo y comunidades, que podamos alegremente llevarlo y presentarlo a él, que es la gran luz brillando en la oscuridad.

Dios los bendiga a ustedes y todos sus seres queridos en esta temporada santa.

Sinceramente suyo en Cristo,

Blase Cupic
Arzobispo de Chicago





Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Across this liturgical year, we hear Saint Matthew's Gospel. And in this holy season that celebrates the birth of Jesus, we hear a story unique to Matthew—the journey of the Magi. He writes: "The Magi were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother."

We can imagine their joy. They discovered the one for whom they longed and searched. He is the newborn Jesus. His mother Mary holds him in her arms and, at the same time, presents him to the world. In this simple gesture, she evangelizes, gives us the living good news of her son. Then and now, it is a moment wrapped in joy.

On our journey of renewal in the Archdiocese of Chicago, may this image of Mary, mother of the Lord, inspire and encourage us to carry and present Jesus to a world that is so much in need of him. In our marriages, families, workplaces, and communities, may we joyfully carry and present him who is the great light shining in darkness.

God bless you and all your loved ones in this holy season.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Blase Cardinal Cupic
Archbishop of Chicago



Pray For the Sick ...

The Benz Family
Regina Berman
Jack & Jim Bonner
Winifred Boyack
Dan Brackett
Yolanda Burch
Andrea Fanella
Joseph Flanagan
Michelangelo Gondolfi
Pat Hembd
Tim Kickel
Tim Koller
Ruth Lance
Joan Lutz
William T. Lyman
Angeline Mabeley
Bonnie Miley
Kristi Mogley
Javier Monroy & Family
Brian Moore
Ethan Moore
Thomas Mueller
Cheryl Murray
Kathleen O'Rourke
Noah Palzet
Pedro Perez
Michael Perrela
Amanda Rakers
Beth Ramos
Ava Rodriguez
Chester Salzmann
Chris Scanlon
Denis Siena
Deana Skulemowski
Rick Stolfa
Jean Storey
Melissa Stoutamire
Dave & Mark Sykes
Anna Marie Tarsitano
Fran Theriault
Dale Thuet
Evelyn Torres
Bill Trnka
Jerry Vanderberg
Ed Witecha
Matt Wzerick
Rose Mary Zambuto
Kathy Zeivel
Joan Early
Rosemary Bartlett
Tom Dworzak
Sharon Sylvester

**Keep Our Dear Lord
company in the
Adoration Chapel**
Weekdays: 7 am - 10 pm
Weekend: 8 am - 10 pm

Thuy & Bob Schuster
Eileen, Michael & Patrick
Peluso
Bill Hein
Maria & Stanislaw Lichaj
Mieczyslaw & Danuta
Kowalik
Arthur Galvan
Kathy Yoshida
Kevin Clark
Dave Bunda
Ethel Beaudette
Linda Krubeck
Sheila Schultz
Patrick W. Kamm
Ray Winiecki, Jr.
Bob Culver
Georgia Delaney
Maria Kowalczyk
Fernando Flores
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7:00 am

Lector: K. Peck
E.M.: K. Ferro, S. Meintzer, K. Peck
Servers: A. Nance

8:00 am

Lector: L. Prindle
E.M.: L. Prindle, V. Nguyen, J. Skarosi
Servers: U. Emenogy

9:30 am

Lector: R. Ocena
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HOLY INNOCENTS

December 28

The Story of the Holy Innocents

Herod "the Great," king of Judea, was unpopular with his people because of his connections with the Romans and his religious indifference. Hence he was insecure and fearful of any threat to his throne. He was a master politician and a tyrant capable of extreme brutality. He killed his wife, his brother, and his sister's two husbands, to name only a few.

Matthew 2:1-18 tells this story: Herod was "greatly troubled" when astrologers from the east came asking the whereabouts of "the newborn king of the Jews," whose star they had seen. They were told that the Jewish Scriptures named Bethlehem as the place where the Messiah would be born. Herod cunningly told them to report back to him so that he could also "do him homage." They found Jesus, offered him their gifts, and warned by an angel, avoided Herod on their way home. Jesus escaped to Egypt.

Herod became furious and "ordered the massacre of all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity two years old and under." The horror of the massacre and the devastation of the mothers and fathers led Matthew to quote Jeremiah: "A voice was heard in Ramah, sobbing and loud lamentation; Rachel weeping for her children..." (Matthew 2:18). Rachel was the wife of Jacob (Israel). She is pictured as weeping at the place where the Israelites were herded together by the conquering Assyrians for their march into captivity.

Reflection

The Holy Innocents are few in comparison to the genocide and abortion of our day. But even if there had been only one, we recognize the greatest treasure God put on the earth—a human person, destined for eternity, and graced by Jesus' death and resurrection.

The Holy Innocents are the Patron Saints of:
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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66
 Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79
 Wednesday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29;
 Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]
Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7;
 Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6;
 Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]
 Thursday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17;
 Mt 10:17-22
 Friday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
 Saturday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18
 Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-5; Col 3:12-21 [12-17];
 Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

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

Advent and Christmas Schedule

Christmas Schedule

Tuesday, December 24 (Christmas Eve)

English	5:00 pm Family Mass
Spanish	7:00 pm
Polish	9:00 pm
English	11:30 pm (Caroling) Midnight Mass

Wednesday, December 25 (Christmas Day)

English	7:00 am, 8:00 am, 9:30 am
Polish	10:45 am
Spanish	12:30 pm
Polish	5:15 pm

Thursday, December 26 (St. Stephen)

English	8:30 am
Spanish Rosary	6:30 pm
Spanish Mass	7:00 pm
Polish	8:00 pm

Children Rosary for the Holy Innocents

Friday, December 27th 7:00 pm in the Church

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

(Holy Day of Obligation)

Tuesday, December 31 (Vigil)

English	5:00 pm
Polish	6:30 pm
Adoracion Nocturna Vigil	8:00 pm

Wednesday, January 1

English	7:00 am, 8:00 am, 9:30 am
Polish	10:45 am
Spanish	12:30 pm
Polish	5:15 pm

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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- * **Ayuda con las Tareas (Grados 1-8)**
 - Lunes, Martes y Jueves 4:00-5:30pm
- * **Ejercicio/Acondicionamiento Físico**
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 - Jueves 5:30-6:30pm
- * **Tejido y Gancho**
 - Martes 6:30-8:00pm
- * **Preparación para el Examen de Ciudadanía**
 - Miércoles 9:30-11:00am
- * **Costura Básica y Manualidades**
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Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration



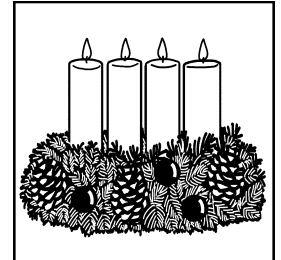
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SAINT STEPHEN (first century) December 26

“A man filled with faith and the Holy Spirit” (Acts 6:5): thus Luke introduces Stephen, first of seven deacons chosen by the community for its ministry of charity, first to lay down his life in witness to Christ. As the church’s first martyr, Stephen’s life and death mirror the preaching and passion of Jesus, “the faithful witness” (Greek, martyr) (Revelation 1:5). Like Jesus, Stephen works “great signs and wonders among the people” (Acts 6:8). Like Jesus, when falsely accused, Stephen’s face radiates angelic serenity (Acts 6:15), though his tongue, like Jesus’, is a two-edged sword. As the dying Jesus forgave his executioners, even making excuses for them, then commended his spirit into his Father’s hands (Luke 23:34, 46), so Stephen intercedes for his murderers and begs Jesus to receive his spirit (Acts 7:60, 59). How fruitful both passions! The penitent thief inherits Paradise; Saul, who consented to Stephen’s killing, is transformed into the fearless preacher Paul. Thus Stephen challenges us to bear witness not in words only, but by Christ-like forgiveness toward all.

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