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WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 25, 2022

Sunday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 (2a)/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 *Night:* Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 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, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Monday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8/Mt 2:13-18

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35

Friday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18

Next Sunday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 25, 2022

Sunday: The Nativity of the Lord

Monday: St. Stephen, First Martyr

Tuesday: St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

Wednesday: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

Thursday: St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr

Friday: Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

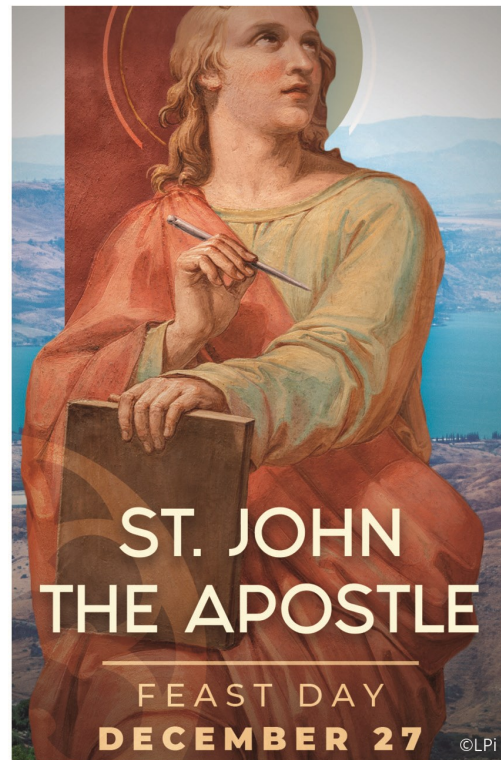
Saturday: St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve

Next Sunday: Mary, The Holy Mother of God, National Migration Week, New Year's Day, World Day of Peace

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

The true meaning of Christmas is not found in the twinkling lights, the beautifully adorned trees, or the exchanged gifts. It is revealed when we find God along the way of our lives, especially when we feel displaced, desperate, and alone. Fleeing from their home, Joseph and Mary cautiously made their way through the uncertain, complex, and dark paths to a longed-for place of safety and welcome. Not sure where to lay their heads, they created makeshift preparations for the birth of their child, the Son of God. God, who always was, is, and will be, without beginning or end is the one constant in life who sees us through difficult and scary times. Jesus is the light, which enlightens everyone, and comes into the world to show us the truth. It is joyful good news that calms our fears and allows us to go forth into the nighttime of our lives, courageously. This is the meaning of Christmas. We are never lost or alone. God is with us, loving us and leading us where we need to be.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint John was one of the Twelve, part of Jesus' inner circle, among the few that witnessed the Transfiguration, the raising of Jarius' Daughter, and the Agony in the garden at Gethsemane. He and his brother James were the sons of Zebedee and Salome. When Jesus called them, they left their father mending nets and followed him. Jesus called the brothers "Boanerges," meaning "sons of thunder" — they were passionate in their faith and Jesus had to rebuke them for their fiery zeal on more than one occasion. John, the younger brother, possibly the youngest disciple, was the only one present at Jesus' death.

Saint John the Apostle is traditionally thought to be the author of the fifth Gospel, the three Epistles of John, and the Book of Revelation. However, there has been some debate among scholars from antiquity to the present. Tradition also gives him the title Beloved Disciple and John's Gospel sees him seated next to Jesus at the last supper and the one to whom Jesus gives the care of Mary at the crucifixion.

Although Church tradition says that John survived the other disciples, living a long life, much of it is steeped in myth and legend. Some say he retired to Ephesus after the crucifixion with Mary and remained there until he died. But in other traditions he is more active. For a time he remained in Jerusalem with the other disciples, then founded churches in Asia Minor. In a legend of his persecution, during the reign of the Emperor Domitian, John is taken to Rome and thrown into a cauldron of boiling oil but preserved from death. He is then exiled to the island of Patmos where the Book of Revelation was written.

Most accounts agree that after his exile and the Assumption of Mary he returned to Ephesus where he died sometime after 98, during the reign of the Emperor Trajan.

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What's Happening This Week?

December 24 - January 1, 2023

- Saturday(24):** Christmas Vigil Mass - 4:30 p.m.
Mass Intention in Memory of Lloyd & Ron Chance
Christmas During the Night Mass - 10:00 p.m.
Mass Intention in Honor of Cathy & Kevin Bourne
- Sunday(25):** Christmas Day Mass - 9:00 a.m.
Mass Intention in Memory of Morris Matthews
- Wednesday(28):** Rosary - 4:00 p.m.
Mass - 4:30 p.m.
- Thursday(29):** Divine Mercy Chaplet - 10:00 a.m.
- Saturday(31):** Bilingual Vigil Mass - 6:00 p.m.
Mass Intention in Memory of Lloyd & Ron Chance
New Year's Eve Party - 7:00 p.m.
- Sunday(1/1):** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - 8:00 am
New Year's Day Mass - 9:00 a.m.
Mass Intention in Memory of Isaias Valtierra

Weekly Stewardship

December 17 & December 18 \$ 2,428.00

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Homebound/Nursing Home: Jeannette & Elvan Bourque, Leola Kimball, Frances Martin, Rosemary Urban, Iralene Ventrello, Bobbie Broussard, Barbara Phelps, Janet Hudson, Rachel Broussard, Theresa Broussard, Brock King

Repose of the soul: Darrell Lange, Tom Tobin

Names will remain on the prayer list for two weeks. Names written in the Prayer Book in the vestibule of the church will be offered as daily Mass intentions.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

First Reading:

Isaiah prophesied of God's promise to send "a child to us" who will be "a great light" and bring us "abundant joy and great rejoicing." How will you show to others today your joy at the birth of Jesus?

Second Reading:

Paul teaches Titus that Jesus is "the grace of God" who has come to save all people. In response, we believers are called "to live temperately, justly, and devoutly in this age." What makes this challenging to do in our time?

Gospel:

We hear Luke's account of the birth of Jesus. Luke tells us how the message of the angel of the Lord frightened the shepherds. In response, the angel said, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people ..." How will your family celebrate today the birth of Jesus, our Lord and Messiah?

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Prayer Support for our Pastor

Let's join together during this time by praying the Rosary and the Memorare daily at 4:00pm.

Solmnity of the Nativity of the Lord Christmas

Saturday, December 24, 2022
4:30 p.m. Vigil Mass
10:00 p.m. Mass During the Night

Sunday, December 25, 2022
9:00 a.m. Mass During the Day

Solmnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Saturday, December 31, 2022
6:00 p.m. Vigil Mass—Bilingual

Sunday, January 1, 2023
8:00 a.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
9:00 a.m. Mass



In Memory of

Nicholas Jimenez Marie Jimenez Matthew Jimenez
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VIVIR LA LITURGIA - INSPIRACIÓN DE LA SEMANA
(Live the Liturgy)

El verdadero significado de la Navidad no se encuentra en las luces centelleantes, los árboles bellamente adornados o los regalos intercambiados. Se revela cuando encontramos a Dios en el camino de nuestra vida, especialmente cuando nos sentimos desplazados, desesperados y solos. Huyendo de su hogar, José y María se abrieron paso con cautela a través de caminos inciertos, complejos y oscuros hacia un anhelado lugar de seguridad y bienvenida. Sin saber dónde recostar sus cabezas, crearon preparativos improvisados para el nacimiento de su hijo, el Hijo de Dios. Dios, quien siempre fue, es y será, sin principio ni fin, es la única constante en la vida que nos ayuda a través de tiempos difíciles y aterradores. Jesús es la luz, que ilumina a todos, y viene al mundo para mostrarnos la verdad. Es una buena noticia gozosa que calma nuestros miedos y nos permite salir con valentía a la noche de nuestra vida. Este es el significado de la Navidad. Nunca estamos perdidos o solos. Dios está con nosotros, amándonos y guiándonos a donde necesitamos estar.

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¿Qué está pasando esta semana?
24 de diciembre – 1 de Enero de 2023

Sábado(24):	Misa Vespertina de la Vigilia - 4:30 p.m Misa de la Noche - 10:00 p.m.
Domingo(25):	Misa - 9:00 am
Miércoles(28)	Rosario - 4:00 p.m. Misa - 4:30 p.m.
Sábado(31):	Misa de Vigilia - 6:00 p.m - Bilingual <i>Intencion de Misa en memoria Lloyd & Ron Chance</i> Fiesta de Nochevieja - 7:00 p.m.
Domingo(1/1):	Adoración del Santísimo Sacramento - 8:00 am Misa - 9:00 am <i>Intencion de Misa en memoria Isaias Valtierra</i>

PREGUNTAS DE LA SEMANA REFLEXIONAR
Y RESPONDER (Questions of the Week)

Primera Lectura:
Isaías profetizó sobre la promesa de Dios de enviarnos “un niño” que será “una gran luz” y nos traerá “gozo abundante y gran regocijo.” ¿Cómo mostrarás hoy a los demás tu alegría por el nacimiento de Jesús?

Segunda Lectura:
Pablo le enseña a Tito que Jesús es “la gracia de Dios” que ha venido a salvar a todas las personas. En respuesta, los creyentes estamos llamados a “vivir con moderación, justicia y devoción en esta época.” ¿Qué hace que esto sea un desafío en nuestro tiempo?

Evangelio:
Escuchamos el relato de Lucas sobre el nacimiento de Jesús. Lucas nos cuenta cómo el mensaje del ángel del Señor asustó a los pastores. En respuesta, el ángel dijo: “No teman; porque he aquí, os anuncio una buena noticia de gran gozo que será para todo el pueblo...” ¿Cómo celebrará hoy tu familia el nacimiento de Jesús, nuestro Señor y Mesías?

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LAS LECTURAS Y CONMEMORACIONES SEMANALES -
INVOLUCRAR A PARROQUIANOS EN MISA Y ORACIÓN
DIARIO (Weekly Readings and Observances)

Las lecturas de la semana del 25 de diciembre de 2022

Domingo:	<i>Vigilia:</i> Is 62, 1-5/Sal 88, 4-5. 16-17. 27. 29 (2)/Hch 13, 16-17. 22-25/Mt 1, 1-25 o 1, 18-25 <i>Noche:</i> Is 9, 1-6/Sal 95, 1-2. 2-3. 11-12. 13/Tit 2, 11-14/Lc 2, 1-14 <i>Matutina:</i> Is 62, 11-12/Sal 96, 1. 6. 11-12/Tit 3, 4-7/Lc 2, 15-20 <i>Día:</i> Is 52, 7-10/Sal 97, 1. 2-3. 3-4. 5-6 [3])/Heb 1, 1-6/Jn 1, 1-18 o 1, 1-5. 9-14
Lunes:	Hch 6, 8-10; 7, 54-59/Sal 30, 3-4. 6 y 8. 16 y 17/Mt 10, 17-22
Martes:	1 Jn 1, 1-4/Sal 96, 1-2. 5-6. 11-12/Jn 20, 1. 2-8
Wednesday	1 Jn 1, 5—2, 2/Sal 123, 2-3. 4-5. 7-8/Mt 2, 13-18
Jueves:	1 Jn 2, 3-11/Sal 95, 1-2. 2-3. 5-6/Lc 2, 22-35
Viernes:	Eclo 3, 2-6. 12-14 o Col 3, 12-21 o 3, 12-17/Sal 127, 1-2. 3. 4-5/Mt 2, 13-15. 19-23
Sábado:	1 Jn 2, 18-21/Sal 95, 1-2. 11-12. 13/Jn 1, 1-18
Domingo siguiente:	Nm 6, 22-27/Sal 66, 2-3. 5. 6. 8 (2)/Gal 4, 4-7/Lc 2, 16-21

Las conmemoraciones de la semana del 25 de diciembre de 2022

Domingo:	La Natividad del Señor
Lunes:	San Esteban, el primer mártir
Martes:	San Juan, apóstol y evangelista
Miércoles:	Día de los Santos Inocentes, mártires
Jueves:	San Tomás Becket, obispo y mártir
Viernes:	La Sagrada Familia
Sábado:	San Silvestre I, papa; Víspera de Año Nuevo
Domingo siguiente:	María, la Santa Madre de Dios, Semana Nacional del Migrante, Día de Año Nuevo, Día Mundial de la Paz



HORARIO DE NAVIDAD

Sábado, 24 de December:	4:30 p.m. misa de vigilia 10:00 p.m. misa de noche
Domingo, 25 de December:	9:00 a.m. misa en el día

MARÍA, LA SANTA MADRE DE DIOS

Sábado, 31 de December:	6:00 p.m. misa de vigilia — Bilingual 7:00 p.m. Fiesta de Nochevieja — Salon Parroquial solo para adultos
Domingo, 1 de January de 2023:	8:00 a.m. Adoración del Santísimo Sacramento 9:00 a.m. Misa

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25 de diciembre de 2022 La Natividad del Señor

¡Feliz Pascua de Navidad! Es el saludo que escucharemos en la Misa de Nochebuena y en el día de Navidad. “*Hoy nos ha nacido un Salvador: el Mesías, el Señor*” (Salmo 95). Vengan todos, cantemos al Señor himnos de alabanza. Pues, Jesús ha nacido en Belén, Dios ha cumplido su promesa de salvación. Hoy es el día de contemplar agradecidos y extasiados al recién nacido, es un regalo de amor para todos. Las palabras, paz, alegría, gozo, regalo, felicidad, ternura, son de gran ayuda para esta celebración.

Gracias, Señor, por mostrarnos tanto amor en medio de nuestras tribulaciones. Te pedimos por los que viven solos y tristes, por los huérfanos y los que perdieron a sus seres queridos en la guerra y en todo tipo de violencia. Hazte presente en sus corazones para que puedan regalarles a otros el amor que tú les muestras a ellos. Que en el mundo se escuche el canto de los ángeles. “*Gloria a Dios en lo más alto del cielo y en la tierra paz a los hombres: está es la hora de la gracia*” (Lucas 2,14). Al contemplarte en el nacimiento junto a María y José, quisiera ser uno de los pastores, que presuroso fue a adorarte y se postró ante tu bondad, inocencia y dulzura. Solamente, puedo decirte desde el fondo del corazón: Jesús, gracias por haber nacido entre nosotros, y sufrir como nosotros. “*Dios nos lo recuerda hoy, tomando con amor nuestra humanidad y haciéndola suya, desposándose con ella para siempre (Papa Francisco).*”
¡Feliz Navidad!

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Rosary: Wednesday - 4:00 p.m.
Divine Mercy Chaplet: Thursday - 10:00 a.m.
Eucharist Adoration/Confessions:
First Sunday of the Month - 8:00 a.m.

Weekend Masses

Saturday
Confessions: 3:45 - 4:15 p.m.
Vigil Mass: 4:30 p.m.
Spanish: 6:30 p.m.
Sunday
Mass: 9:00 a.m.

Weekday Masses

Wednesday: 4:30 p.m.

LA NATIVIDAD DEL SEÑOR