

December 19, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Advent



Regular Week Mass Schedule...

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5pm

Sunday: 8:30am, 11am English & 1:30pm Spanish

Daily Mass: Monday ~ Saturday 8am

Reconciliation: Saturday 3pm

Christmas Eve Masses

December 24

4pm English,

6pm Spanish,

11pm English



Saturday December 25

Merry Christmas

Masses:

8:30am & 11am English

See page 2 for Calendar of Masses and events for the week of December 19 through December 26

Church Calendar and Events

Mass & Event Calendar

Sunday December 19 Fourth Sunday of Advent
9:45am Everyday Strength (OC)



No Children or Teen Faith Classes or Sacramental Preparation Classes today

Monday December 20 Daily Mass: 8am English
SVDP District Meeting 1pm (Rm 7)

Tuesday December 21 Daily Mass: 8am English
St. Vincent de Paul Pantry 10am (SVDPP)
Justice & Peace 1:30pm (LIB)
Spanish RICA 7pm (MC)
Respect Life Meeting 7pm (Rm 10)
Posada for Youth 7pm (GYM/FSR)

Wednesday Dec. 22 Daily Mass: 8am English
O.A. 10:30am – 12noon (Rm 7)
English Choir 6:30pm (CH)
Spanish Choir 7pm (MC)
No Youth Ministry tonight

Thursday December 23
Daily Mass: 8am English, & 7pm Spanish
Brother & Sister Kitchen Serving to-go 12noon (GYM)

Friday December 24
Christmas Eve Masses
4pm English, 6pm Spanish, 11pm English
Office Closed at 12noon



Saturday December 25
Merry Christmas
Masses: 8:30am & 11am English
(Organ & Piano Duets at 8am with Jo Tuttle & Rod Spring)



Sunday December 26

Masses: 8:30am, 11am English and 1:30pm Spanish
(Organ & Piano Duets at 8am with Jo Tuttle & Rod Spring)
9:45am Everyday Strength (OC)

Mass Intentions December 20 - 26

M	+Diane Brown +John Rasmussen	(Margaret Dahne) (John Peterson)
T	Home School Families +Elizabeth Power	(Ron Welsh) (Rhodes Gustafson)
W	+Tom Keefer +Sofia Atencio	(Vining Family) (Vielka Franceschi)
T	Small Business Owners +Alyce Bobusch +Marion Garbarino +Thomasa Pineda	(Ron Welsh) (Judy & Gary Delorit) (Joseph Olbrich) (Vielka Franceschi)
F	+Phillip Pham +Carl Johnson +Albert Darrel Woodall +Greg Fuleki	(Nguyen Nguyen) (Vining Family) (Ron Welsh) (Margaret Fuleki)
S	+James Toner & JoAnn Kelley +Manuel & Lucille Fagundes +Marlon Mesa & Brother	(Dingman Family) (Manuel Fagundes Jr.) (Vielka Franceschi)
S	+Rudy Shephard RCIA Candidates +Ed & Harriet Rice +Rosa Beltran & Mardonio Navarro	(Ron Welsh) (Ron Welsh) (Ron Welsh) (Concepcion Navarro)

"What you ask in my name, I will do" John 14:13.

Please pray for... Art Abbott, David Bauld, Janell Beaudry, Tyler Bourgo, Imelda Broyles, Stephanie Burton, Pete Clark, Beth Delong, Jack Delong, Angela Donnelly, Bryan Donnelly, Lee Eberhardt, Michael Dennis Farrell, Dale Fraser, Frank Gemmato, Larry Haffner, Bill Hay, Mary Hay, Sindi Jackson, Amy Jameson, Jules, Cyndi Kelly, Tense Kinner, Susan Kuckenberg, Dawn Martian, Duane Martian, Kim Martinson, Dr. Richard H. Miller, Mary Ann Minich, Karyn ML., Patricia Mulkey, Mulkey Family, Mary O'Conner, Connie Ostlund, Jeff Parrott, Susanna Perletti, John Plieth, Gwen Ragnone, Norm Ragnone, Ally Reiley, Lori Scienski, Joi Shervey, James Stanton, Lyn Stevens, Donna Toner, Leah Trice.

Out of respect for an individuals privacy,
we print only the names of those who give
their permission to have their names published.

Please pray for José Santos Elias who has recently died. May José and all the faithfully departed rest in peace.



~ Pastor's Note / Fourth Sunday of Advent ~

I am not a fan of the dark. For nearly 12 plus years it has fallen to me many times to turn the lights on in Church or the office. I often find myself walking rapidly. Will someone or something be around the corner? Were an angel to appear to me, even to allay my fears, it would probably have the opposite effect. No, it has never happened, YET. In fact, if another person is with me, the dark is not scary at all. But angels, you know, often greet their visionaries with "Do not be afraid."



Mary is that other person who walks with me to bring light into our darkness. How does she do that? By saying YES to being the Mother of Jesus. After receiving some upbeat remarks about her from Gabriel (called highly favored, blessed among women, the Lord is with you), she still was greatly troubled at what was said. When Gabriel spelled out exactly what her responsibility was, she acquiesced and said, "May it be done to me according to your word." Mary allowed God to become human, to take on flesh in her womb.

The Result?: This baby Jesus is approachable even to shepherds. The boy Jesus speaks freely to the teachers in the Temple. The man Jesus will happily dine with tax collectors and sinners and us. He heralds God's salvation, He teaches, He heals.

Alleluia, through Mary's YES, God has become flesh. Light has come into our darkness. The tent of her womb becomes the new Holy of Holies and the ancient prophesies are being fulfilled. This only begins the "long walk" for Mary...her sacrificial gift in cooperating with God's plan. Her special visit to her cousin Elizabeth evokes a fantastic reception: "How blessed am I that the mother of my Lord comes to me!"

One spiritual writer states: "We are all meant to be mothers of God. He is always waiting to be born." Let us reflect on what God calls us to do. God calls us to do more than build a house for His Presence. He calls us to be the House of His Presence.

The prophet Micah is speaking words of hope to God's people in Jerusalem during an attack by Assyrians 700 years before Christ. He promises salvation would come, and it would come out of an unimportant little village about seven miles south of Jerusalem named Bethlehem. Bethlehem had been the birthplace of King David. The Magi came looking for the newborn king, and they were directed to Bethlehem. What an amazing prophecy which God had fulfilled! They saw Emmanuel, God with us.

 We need never be frightened of the darkness again. We too are called to serve God. Every day brings fresh opportunities to say my yes. Let us not delay. Mary is walking beside us as we always renew our YES.

Justice & Peace

December 21 National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day

"Is this not, rather, the fast that I choose: Is it not sharing your bread with the hungry,
bringing afflicted and the homeless into your house? Isaiah 58: 6-7

**Holy Hour Bilingual Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament December 31 @ 6pm**

Bilingual Mass at 7pm

Come join your fellow parishioners
for an hour of Adoration
followed by Mass
in the Church.



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Community News

Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments Baby Jesus' Wish List — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

Odds are you've got a Christmas list going by now — gift ideas for everyone from your nephew to your goddaughter to your mailman. But what about the birthday boy? What's the gift Jesus gets from you this Christmas?

If you've ever read the Book of Leviticus, you know all about the sacrifices God asks of the Israelites, referred to in the reading from Hebrews today. Leviticus can be a chore to read — a little repetitive, a little intimidating. There's a lot of very specific actions that God asks His Chosen People to complete to make up for whatever they have done wrong. In essence, it's a bit of a wish list for gifts.

But it's a wish list that can really confuse you. What's God going to do with a cereal offering? The kidneys of an animal? If you look closely, what God is doing here is beautiful. He's customized his wish list to only those things He knows the Israelites can give. It's God saying, in what amounts to theological baby-talk for folks who barely know of Him and His ways, exactly how they could be stewards. "Do this, but don't do that. If you do that, do this and you will find My mercy."

Our guide to stewardship — the Gospels of Christ — is less precise because by the time of Christ, God's people have grown in understanding of love and mercy and relationship with the divine. Through Christ, we find out that God's real wish list didn't really consist of cereal offerings and the kidneys of various animals. It's far simpler, but luckily, it's something we still have on-hand. All He wants is our whole heart.

The **TRAVELING CRIB** will be here the month of December. More than ever this is a time to help those in most need and fill our baby crib with much needed items for pregnant women and their babies during this Christmas season. To participate, please choose items from the list below and return your donations to the **CRIB** in the Madonna Center or the office M-Th. 9am-3pm. This project comes as an idea to keep the flow of donations constant especially during our hurting economy. This is a beautiful response of support to the needs of women who have said "YES" to new life. Place your new or gently used baby items in the crib, wrapped or unwrapped. Money donations are also welcome and may be placed in the envelopes provided.

We appreciate your generosity and commitment to helping women and families in need.

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DIAPER BAGS

STROLLERS

PACK-N-PLAYS

NEW ITEMS ONLY

BABY BOTTLES

BABY WASH, SHAMPOO, LOTIONS

DIAPER CREAM, BABY WIPES

BABY TOWELS & WASH CLOTHS

BABY PACIFIERS

BABY FORMULA (Similac, no soy)

BREAST PUMP

DIAPERS — ALL SIZES



THANK YOU FOR HELPING US CELEBRATE LIFE. Questions? Call Jeanne @ 503-665-9129

St. Peter Canisius | Feast Day December 21

Born in Holland, St. Peter Canisius (May 8, 1521 – December 21, 1597) was a preacher, teacher, and writer throughout his whole life. At the age of 19, he received a master's degree from the university at Cologne. Soon afterwards, St.

Peter met Peter Faber, the first disciple of Ignatius of Loyola, who influenced him so much that he eventually joined the Society of Jesus.

St. Peter Canisius founded colleges and seminaries, served as a missionary, cared for the sick or imprisoned, and wrote close to eight volumes of letters — many about St. Cyril of Alexandria and St. Leo the Great.

A man blessed with many talents, St. Peter Canisius is a wonderful example of a man who developed his talents to further God's work here on earth.



4º Domingo de Adviento

Tomar decisiones siempre es difícil; por muy simples que sean, lleva su tiempo de discernimiento. Hoy, la Liturgia se centra en María, y el Evangelio nos dice que: "Por entonces María tomó su decisión y se fue, sin más demora, a una ciudad ubicada en los cerros de Judá" (Lucas 1:39). Hacer la voluntad de Dios, como lo hizo la Madre del Señor, no fue cosa fácil. Al pronunciar su "sí", trajo consecuencias de fidelidad y servicio. "¿Cuáles eran sus pensamientos durante los meses de espera?" La respuesta proviene del pasaje de la visita de María a su pariente anciana, Isabel. "Entró en casa de Zacarías y saludó a Isabel". María estaba feliz por su maternidad, y a su vez, Isabel saludó a María diciendo: "¿Cómo he merecido yo que venga a mí la madre de mi Señor?" (Papa Francisco 12-23-2018).

Un diálogo de amor, entre estas dos mujeres, estalla en las montañas de Judea por el Mesías esperado. María acudió con prontitud, no con ansiedad, sino actuando como una verdadera discípula a su corta edad. La visita de María a su pariente Isabel debe ser un ejemplo vivo para prepararnos a vivir una Navidad de dinamismo, fe y servicio hacia el más necesitado. Un encuentro de alegría auténtica, que manifieste la compasión y la ternura de Dios hacia los que nos rodean a través de nosotros. ¿Cuántos miembros de la familia sufren por falta de una visita, de un saludo? A tan solo unos días del nacimiento del Salvador, es el momento oportuno para las obras de caridad. ¡No pierdas la oportunidad! Camina presuroso al encuentro del Señor



4th Sunday of Advent

St. Augustine tells us that a "Christian is a mind through which Christ thinks, a heart through which Christ loves, a voice through which Christ speaks and a hand through which Christ helps." As we look around and out at the world, we do not have to search too far before we come face to face with inequity and injustice. There is so much unfairness, prejudice, anger, hatred, violence, and want. The stories of human heartache, people being hurt, deprived of life's necessities, loneliness, and sickness are far too commonplace. For many of the world's ills, the vices of greed, lust, pride, gluttony, and jealousy are clearly among the more significant root causes. Why doesn't God just step in and fix this mess? After all, God created this world, and one would hope that he would step up and take some measure of responsibility for it! Once we sit with this thinking for a while, we can begin to realize just how flawed it really is. God did take responsibility and God did fix the problem! God sent us Jesus Christ as the divine solution to the world's ills. It is not God who has shirked responsibility, we have. We are the ones who continually fail to set our own personal needs, wants, and securities aside so that One more powerful than us can use us. Mary had to set her needs aside in order for the Son of God to come into the world. Put simply, Mary listened and believed. Having opened herself to being an instrument of the Divine, God could use her as his mind, heart, voice, and hand. She became God's vessel so that God's greatness could reach the ends of the earth and peace could come upon the world. God's fix for the world's difficulties is you and me. We are the ones who confess that Jesus Christ came into the world as the Son of God, the Prince of Peace, and herald of justice. All we have to do is believe, as did Mary, that what has been spoken to us by the Lord will be fulfilled. Then, we can step aside and be the Christians we claim to be. What a difference it would make if every person who professed to be Christian truly understood that their one and only vocation is to be God's instrument. What a beautiful, equitable, and just world it would be.

Catholic Life Explained: Question: The Church has been focusing on issues of peace and justice. What are the principles that guide decision-making and social morality?

Answer: There are seven principals of Catholic social teaching that guide our sense of social morality. These seven key points are the hallmarks of a just society, moral laws, and good leadership. They help shape our social "conscience" and lead us to choose those things that characterize social justice. They are 1) respect for the life and dignity of the human person; 2) call to family, community, and participation; 3) rights and responsibilities; 4) a preferential option for the poor; 5) the dignity of work and the rights of workers; 6) solidarity; and 7) care for God's creation. Catholic social teaching has had a great influence in our history and continues to guide us well. We must value every person in all walks of life, but especially those who are weak, vulnerable, and least able to defend themselves. We cannot justify the ends with the means, so no life can ever be sacrificed for the sake of another. The basic necessities of life cannot be denied to someone: food, shelter, clothing, and medical care. We can and must find ways to put into practice the Gospel values we preach and proclaim, so that all people can know and experience God's love Pg 6 for them. That might be the greatest principle of all!

Anuncios Parroquiales

1. Entrada a la Iglesia se les pide de manera atenta recordar venir a tiempo a la Misa, que inicia a la 1:30p.m y que tenemos un Rosario a la 1:00 p.m.. Gracias por Respetar la MISA.
2. Confesiones. Son los días Sábados y son a las 3 de la tarde, si vienen a las 3:40p.m. y ya no hay gente en el templo, es posible que los sacerdotes se hallan ido también.
3. El Horario de la Oficina Parroquial. Es el Lunes a Jueves de 9:00 a.m. a 3:00 p.m. Hay Servicio en En Español los MARTES y JUEVES de 10:00 a.m. a 1:00 p.m. Favor de hablar antes de llegar a la Oficina para que se le atienda con prontitud.
4. Pláticas para Bautizos en Español. Las pláticas para los Bautizos son los Primeros Sábados de Mes. de 9:00a.m. a 1:00 p.m. PERO PRIMERO DEBEN REGISTRAR EL BAUTIZO EN LA OFICINA. (Con la Sra. Mina.) Si no se registra en la oficina no pueden ingresar a la plática.
Ø Recuerden que los Padrinos, que son pareja, deben estar casados por la Iglesia, si no, NO PUEDEN SER PADRINOS; los padrinos solteros, bien solteros.
Ø Los Papás deben estar registrados en esta parroquia.
Ø Traer la Copia del Acta de Nacimiento del Niño, y de la Boleta de la Boda de los padrinos.
5. A TODOS LOS SERVIDORES Y LIDERES DEL MINISTERIO HISPANO:
Ø Se les Recuerda el COMPROMISO de Venir a Los Jueves de Formación en el Horario de Costumbre,
Ø Se les Recuerda la Obligación de Buscar Adquirir el MEMORANDUM de la Semana para estar al día de las Actividades del Ministerio Hispano.
Ø Ver también las Fechas y Hora de los Talleres de cada Ministerio.
6. R.I.C.A. (Para los Catecúmenos y Candidatos). Tendrán su RITO/BENDICION de BIENVENIDA el Próximo Domingo (Cristo Rey), se les pide venir 15 minutos antes para tomar su lugar en las dos bancas de Frente y Lados. Son un total de 29 personas.
7. Ya hay FECHAS para las Pláticas PRE-MATRIMONIALES y las XV Añeras: Ambas consisten en 7 clases ininterrumpidas.
 - MATRIMONIOS, inician el LUNES 17 de Enero de 2022, de 7:00 p.m. a 9:15 p.m.
 - las XV añeras inician el SABADO 22 de Enero de 2022, de 10:00 a.m. a 12:15 p.m.Para más información, favor de Ver nuestra página Oficial en la Sección de Español.



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Preguntas de la Semana

Primera Lectura: El profeta Isaías ofreció un cántico de alabanza al ver el regreso del Señor y la salvación de su pueblo. ¿Cómo celebrarás hoy el nacimiento del Mesías?



Segunda Lectura: El prólogo inicial de la Carta a los Hebreos es similar en estructura teológica y poética al prólogo del Evangelio de Juan (lectura del Evangelio de hoy). Ambos textos ponen un gran énfasis en la divinidad de Jesús. En el nacimiento de Jesús, ¿dónde ves presente su divinidad?

Evangelio: El prólogo de apertura del Evangelio de Juan ofrece un hermoso retrato de Jesús: "Y el Verbo se hizo carne y habitó entre nosotros." ¿Cómo te ayuda la celebración de la Navidad a sentir la presencia de Dios en el mundo?

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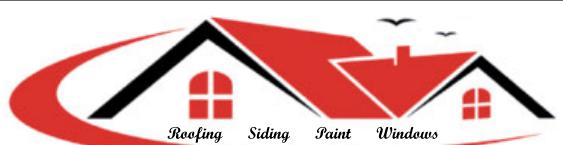
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