



Most Holy Redeemer

CATHOLIC CHURCH

DECEMBER 21, 2025

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
CUARTO DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

SUNDAY'S READINGS

1st Reading -
Isaiah 7:10-14

Responsorial Psalm -
Let the Lord enter; He is King of Glory.

2nd Reading -
Romans 1:1-7

Gospel - Matthew 1:18-24

LECTURAS DEL DOMINGO

Primera Lectura -
Isaías 7:10-14

Salmo Responsorial-
Va a entrar el Señor: El es el Rey de la
Gloria.

Segunda Lectura -
Romanos 1:1-7

Evangelio - Mateo 1:18-24



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Fr. Anthony Coppola
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Joseph Krzanowski
Kevin Dwyer

The Angel's Candle

Today we light the last candle on our advent wreath. This candle symbolizes love and calls us to reflect on the good news of God's love brought to us by the Angel Gabriel.

La Vela del Ángel

Hoy encendemos la última vela de nuestra corona de Adviento. Esta vela simboliza el amor y nos invita a reflexionar sobre la buena noticia del amor de Dios que nos trajo el ángel Gabriel.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 20

5:00 PM Joe & Mary Anne Obusek (*anniversary*)

Sunday, December 21

8:00 AM Ciana Hamilton (*special intentions*)

10:00 AM + Phu Pham

12:30 PM + Pascual & Maria T. Mendoza

Monday, December 22

6:45 AM + Jeff Jennessee

Tuesday, December 23

6:45 AM Sam Parrino (*God's blessing*)

6:30 PM Harry Hoover (*birthday blessings*)

7:00 PM + Alan Navaro, Josana Maglilong;
Felix & Leticia Valencia

Wednesday, December 24 (Christmas Eve)

5:00 PM For peace in our families.

10:00 PM + In memory of Ray Denicort

Thursday, December 25 (Christmas Day)

10:00 AM For MHR parishioners and families.

12:30 PM Por los feligreses y las familias de MHR.

Friday, December 26

6:30 PM + Efrain Ruiz

Saturday, December 27

8:30 AM + Ann Swisher

(+) *Deceased*

FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL, HOMEBOUND, OR CONFINED TO HOSPITALS AND NURSING HOMES, ESPECIALLY:

Dcn. Joe Krzanowski

Yolanda Diaz

Pat Krzanowski

Rafael Pagan

Clayvis Basilio

Rita Gomez

Joanna Schweiberger

Ismael Hernández

Gertrudis Salazar

Irida Ruiz

Olga Bonilla

Ana Iris Rivera

Jeanne M. Duval

Rosa del Rosario

Ligia Grams

Abraham González

Grecia Bonilla

Ángel Rodríguez

Lucy Pérez

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE PASSED, ESPECIALLY:

Deacon Leo Nova

German Bonilla Jr.

Walter Swisher Jr.

Jorge Pérez

Israel Aparicio

Raymond Denicourt

Steve Berry, OSF

Pat Hargraves

Ronald Haebig

Beverly Mikolash

Cathy Nurkala

Celina Barrios

Jessie Walter Turner

Angelica Carasco

Paul Reed

MASS TIMES

Sunday

8:00 AM

10:00 AM

12:30 PM (*Spanish*)

Monday

6:45 AM

Tuesday

6:45 AM

6:30 PM

7:00 PM (*Filipino*)

Wednesday (Christmas Eve)

5:00 PM

10:00 PM

Thursday (Christmas Day)

10:00 AM

12:30 PM (*Spanish*)

Friday

6:30 PM (*Bilingual*)

Saturday

8:30 AM

5:00 PM

ADORATION

Tuesday

CLOSED

Thursday

CLOSED

CONFESSIONS

Tuesday

CLOSED

Thursday

CLOSED

Saturday

4:00 PM - 4:40 PM

(*Eng. & Spa.*)

OFFICE HOURS

Monday

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Tuesday

8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Wed-Thu

CLOSED

Fri - Sun

CLOSED



EMMANUEL

On this last Sunday before Christmas, we see that Jesus' birth is the fulfillment of the promise of Emmanuel, meaning "God is with us." (Mt 1:23) The gospel refers to the first reading from Isaiah. There we see the king of Judah, Ahaz, is under attack by the kings of Aram and Israel. He wants to ask the Assyrians for help, instead of relying on God. That's why he says, "I will not tempt the Lord." (Is 7:12) He is afraid to admit his lack of faith. So the weakness of Ahaz gives us the wonderful prophecy of the birth of Jesus. Ahaz of course did not understand the full meaning of that prophecy. For him, the prophecy meant the destruction of Judah.

In the gospel, Joseph also does not understand how Mary was pregnant. But unlike Ahaz, Joseph did have faith in God and the message of the angel. He took Mary as his wife and helped her through her pregnancy and afterwards in raising Jesus. His faith in God kept Jesus from being murdered by Herod after the Magi's visit.

So now we have to choose who we rely on: Do I act like Ahaz, relying on the worldly powers, or like Joseph who trusted the Lord? I would like to say that I trust in the Lord only. But if I look at my actions and priorities, I might be more like Ahaz than I want to admit.

How much time do I spend watching television (especially now that it's in HD) compared to time in prayer? How much time do I spend reading the scriptures compared to the newspaper or magazines? How much do I spend on Christmas decorations or gifts for my family, compared to what I give to the Church? If I really believe that "God is with us," which is what Christmas is all about, how much of God can people see in my actions?

Maybe if we kept in mind that promise that God IS with us, in the Baptism we received and the sacraments of the Church, and the love of our spouse or parents—we could see how close God really is and let others see in our actions, that Jesus is Emmanuel.

- Tom Schmidt

EMMANUEL



En este último domingo antes de Navidad, vemos que el nacimiento de Jesús es el cumplimiento de la promesa de Emmanuel, que significa "Dios con nosotros" (Mt 1,23). El Evangelio se refiere a la primera lectura de Isaías. Allí vemos que Ajaz, el rey de Judá, está siendo atacado por los reyes de Siria e Israel. Quiere pedir ayuda a los asirios, en lugar de confiar en Dios. Por eso dice: "No tentaré al Señor" (Is 7,12). Teme admitir su falta de fe. Así que, la debilidad de Ajaz nos da la maravillosa profecía del nacimiento de Jesús. Ajaz, por supuesto, no comprendió el significado completo de esa profecía. Para él, la profecía significaba la destrucción de Judá.

En el Evangelio, José tampoco entiende cómo María estaba embarazada. Pero a diferencia de Ajaz, José sí tenía fe en Dios y en el mensaje del ángel. Tomó a María por esposa y la ayudó durante su embarazo y después en la crianza de Jesús. Su fe en Dios evitó que Herodes asesinara a Jesús tras la visita de los Magos.

Así que ahora debemos elegir en quién confiamos: ¿Actúo como Ajaz, confiando en los poderes mundanos, o como José, que confió en el Señor? Me gustaría decir que confío solo en el Señor. Pero si analizo mis acciones y prioridades, podría parecerme más a Ajaz de lo que quiero admitir.

¿Cuánto tiempo dedico a ver la televisión (sobre todo ahora que está en HD) en comparación con el tiempo que dedico a la oración? ¿Cuánto tiempo dedico a leer las Escrituras en

comparación con el periódico o las revistas? ¿Cuánto gasto en adornos o regalos navideños para mi familia en comparación con lo que doy a la Iglesia? Si realmente creo que "Dios está con nosotros", que es lo que realmente importa de la Navidad, ¿la gente puede ver a Dios en mis acciones?

Tal vez si tuviéramos presente esa promesa de que Dios ESTÁ con nosotros, en el Bautismo que recibimos y en los sacramentos de la Iglesia, y en el amor de nuestro esposo o nuestros padres, podríamos ver cuán cerca está Dios realmente y dejar que los demás vean en nuestras acciones que Jesús es Emmanuel.

-Tom Schmidt

SIMBANG GABI

EVENING MASS

Tuesday, December 23 @ 7:00 PM

There will be a gathering after Mass in the Duffy Hall. All are welcome!

Habr  una reuni n despu s de la misa en el Sal n Duffy.  Son todos bienvenidos!



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FILIPINO CHRISTMAS SIMBANG GABI

Simbang Gabi is an important tradition in Filipino culture, especially during the Christmas season. It is a series of nine masses held from December 16 to December 24, at dawn, in preparation for Christmas. These masses are also known as "Misa de Gallo" because of the early hours of the day, usually before dawn.



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Christmas

Mass Schedule

24

DECEMBER

Christmas Eve

5:00 PM - Children's Mass
10:00 PM - Vigil Night Mass

25

DECEMBER

Christmas Day

10:00 AM - English Mass
12:30 PM - Spanish Mass

31

DECEMBER

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (vigil)

5:00 PM - English

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JANUARY

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

10:00 AM - English
12:30 PM - Spanish

**The Nativity of the Lord (aka Christmas) and the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God are holy days of obligation!



the office will be

CLOSED

for Christmas

we will reopen on Monday, December 29

FIESTA DE LA VIRGEN DE GUADALUPE 2025

“La Guadalupeana, la Guadalupeana, la Guadalupeana bajo al Tepeyac!”

On Friday, December 12, 2025, our community celebrated the Patroness of the Americas: Our Lady of Guadalupe. This day is extra special for all Mexicans since this Marian apparition took place in Mexico in the year 1531. It is said that the Virgin Mary appeared to St. Juan Diego on the hill of Tepeyac and on his “tilma” (cloak) the image of her appeared. The celebration began with a bilingual mass and continued with a mariachi, delicious tamales, conchas, avena, soup, and much more in the Guadalupe Garden behind the retreat house.



El viernes 12 de diciembre de 2025, nuestra comunidad celebró a la Patrona de las Américas: Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. Este día es especialmente importante para todos los mexicanos, ya que esta aparición mariana tuvo lugar en México en el año 1531. Se dice que la Virgen María se apareció a San Juan Diego en el cerro del Tepeyac y que en su tilma quedó plasmada su imagen. La celebración comenzó con una misa bilingüe y continuó con música de mariachi, deliciosos tamales, conchas, avena, sopa y mucho más en el Jardín de Guadalupe, detrás de la casa de retiros.



MARRIAGE

Jubilee
MASS

SUNDAY | FEBRUARY 8, 2026 | 3:00 PM

This event honors couples throughout the diocese who will celebrate their 25th or 50th anniversary, as well as those celebrating 51 or more years of marriage during the 2026 calendar year.

Please RSVP by Thursday, January 15, 2026.

Cathedral of St. Jude the Apostle
5815 5th Ave N, St. Petersburg, FL 33710

2026 Marriage Jubilee Celebration Registration

Please cut out and place in the offertory basket or bring it to the office.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Full name of wife & husband:

Email Address:

Phone Number:

Anniversary: 25th (Only) 50th (Only)

51+ years married Only (List # of years married) _____

Wheelchair Dependent?

Yes - Husband

Yes - Wife

Not Applicable





JUBILEE YEAR 2025
 "Pilgrims of Hope"

TWO BY TWO.

MHR PARISH STATISTICS

# of MHR Families	575
# of Gifts	145
Participation	25%

CATHOLIC MINISTRY *Appeal*

Progress Update

As of December 11, 2025:
 We've raised \$ 77,178.24 of our \$95,616 goal!

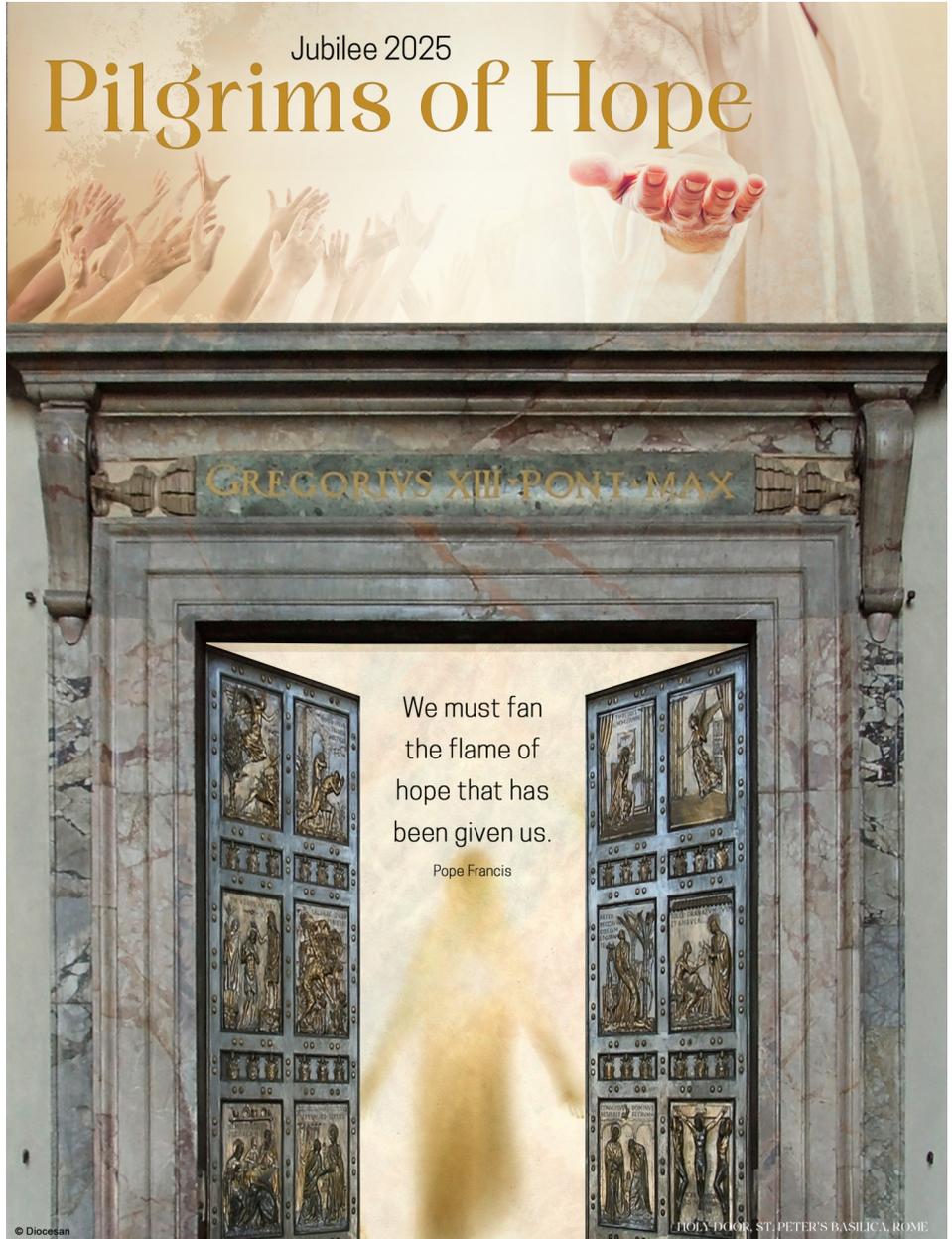
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CATHOLIC MINISTRY *Appeal*

MAKE YOUR GIFT OF *Hope*

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12-07-2025 2nd Sunday of Advent		
Mass Time	Amount Collected	Adult Attendees
5:00pm	\$933	112
8:00am	\$972	78
10:00am	\$1,619	169
12:30pm	\$1,532	262
Totals	\$5,056	621
Attd. incl. children		744
Online Giving		\$3,250
Total Offertory (incl. other or non-regular offertory)		\$10,321



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

We want to thank you for your generosity towards our parish, without your support MHR wouldn't be able to continue working for the Lord. Your donations make a difference in the maintenance of our parish & our work of proclaiming the Gospel.

¡GRACIAS POR SU GENEROSIDAD!

Queremos agradecerle por tu generosidad hacia nuestra parroquia. Sin tu apoyo, MHR no podría seguir trabajando para el Señor. Tus donaciones contribuyen enormemente al mantenimiento de nuestra parroquia y a nuestra labor de proclamar el Evangelio.

The Kids' Corner

BIBLE/ CHRISTIANITY TRIVIA

Try to answer these trivia questions as best as you can. When you're done, you can check your answers by looking them up!

1.) What is the word that embodies the Fourth Sunday of Advent? Hope, Peace, Love, or Joy?

2.) When Joseph found out about Mary being with child, what did he plan to do?

3.) Who appeared to Joseph in his dreams and what did they say?

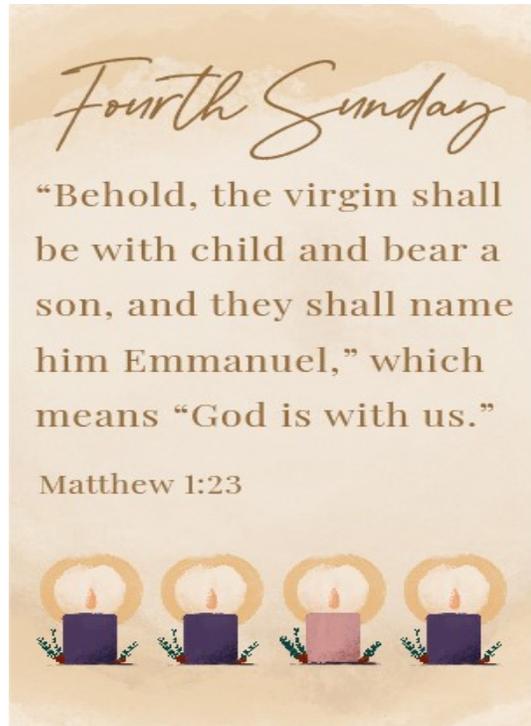
4.) What does "Emmanuel" mean?

Last Sunday's answers:

1. Joy
2. Gaudete Sunday
3. John the Baptist
4. Patient

Rearrange the letters to discover a message from today's readings!

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EARB A NSO.



SUNDAYKIDZ

Nativity of the Lord

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R	Y	F	P	O	W	E	R	T	L

Light Human Shines Testify True
Power Name Glory Grace Truth