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DECEMBER 24 2023 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD

The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you."

SELF-REFLECTION

Mary said "yes" to God's will. Am I willing to do so as well, knowing that is the first factor that makes or brakes my Christianity?

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his Resurrection. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

ŽUPNI URED - PARISH OFFICE

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

TUESDAY THRU FRIDAY

ADMINISTRATOR

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MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY: 8:30 AM (ENGLISH)

10:30 AM (CROATIAN)

TUESDAY THRU SATURDAY:

8:00 AM (ENGLISH)

CONFESSIONS

SUNDAY: 9:30 AM - 10:15 AM AND

BY REQUEST

MARRIAGES

BY ARRANGEMENT (6 MONTHS IN
ADVANCE)

BAPTISMS

BY ARRANGEMENT

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 24

8:30 am Pro Populo
10:30 am † Stevo Kovačić (Vlasta Lebo)
10:30 pm Christmas carols
11:00 pm Midnight Mass (Bilingual)

Monday, December 25

8:30 am Pro Populo
10:30 am † Emanuel Devenica (obitelj)
† Marko Zubak (Danijela Muftić)

Tuesday, December 26

8:00 am † Gojko Čale (Mladenka Čale)

Wednesday, December 27

8:00 am † Jacob Stanish
(wife, Mirjana Stanish & Family)

Thursday, December 28

8:00 am † Petar Kvesić
(† Šima K. Thorne)

Friday, December 29

8:00 am † don Milenko Majić
(Nikola & Anđa Rudela)

Saturday, December 30

8:00 am † za duše u čistilištu
(Nikola & Anđa Rudela)

Sunday, December 31

8:30 am Pro Populo
6:00 pm † Pero Matijašević
(Ana Matijašević & obitelj)
† † Zlata, Tony Kovačić
(Vlasta Lebo & Family)
† † Jure & Marija Kerum
(Ivan Kerum & Family)
† † Milenko & Marija Vukojević
(Marina Ewers)

Offertory Envelope Box Sets

The 2024 parishioner weekly offertory envelope box sets are now available for pick up. If you are currently not using box set envelopes but wish to do so, please contact the parish office at 213-628-2938 to request them. Thank you for your financial support throughout the year.



DEAR PARISHIONERS,

I AM HOPING THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON
FINDS YOU WELL AND HAPPY.

AS WE ARE APPROACHING THIS JOYFUL
DAY WHEN WE CELEBRATE GOD, WHO IS
BREAKING THE BARRIER OF OUR HUMAN
LIMITS AND BECOMES PART OF OUR
NATURE, WE REMEMBER THAT THE
PURPOSE OF HIS INCARNATION IS FOR
US TO BECOME GODLIKE!

AND THIS IS THE SOURCE OF OUR JOY.

THIS IS THE FIRST FRUIT OF GOD'S
HUMILIATION IN OUR HUMANITY, TO
ELEVATE OUR LOWLINESS TO HIS
BLESSEDNESS. THIS IS MY WISH FOR YOU,
TO REGAIN FAITH IN THIS HALLOWED
MYSTERY.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND MAY GOD BLESS
YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES WITH PEACE
AND JOY IN THE NEW YEAR.

LOVING YOU ALL IMMENSELY,

DON IVAN JORDAN



Prayer To Baby Jesus

O my Lord Jesus, we gaze on You as
a child and believe that You are the
Son of God, who became Man
through the working of the Holy
Spirit in the womb of the Virgin
Mary.

Just as in Bethlehem, we too, adore
You, with Mary, Joseph, the angels
and the shepherds, and acknowledge
You as our only Savior. Amen.

FUNDRAISER BENEFITING
ST. ANTHONY CROATIAN PARISH

NYE *party* 2024

DINNER & DANCING

SUNDAY, DEC. 31ST

St. Anthony's Parish Hall - 712 N. Grand Ave.

MUSIC BY:

PETRA TULIC & IVAN SEP

DINNER BY:

ZORIC CATERING

CROATIAN MASS - 6PM
APPETIZERS & COCKTAILS - 7PM
DINNER - 8PM

\$125/PERSON:

APPETIZERS, DINNER & CHAMPAGNE TOAST

\$50/PERSON:

KIDS 12 & UNDER / AFTER DINNER TICKET

RSVP Vlasta Lebo (818) 648-0582 / vlastalebo@gmail.com

All proceeds will go towards repairs for St. Anthony's Parish. Thank you for your support.

Your Church Contributions

Last week's offering.....\$1,713.00
Christmas Flowers Total.....\$879.00

Your weekly contributions are also very gratefully accepted through the mail or you can make a one-time online donation at: <https://croatianchurch.square.site>. Thank you all for your continued support.

Thank You

Flower donations were made by Aurora Navarro, Charito Mc Conaghy, Ivanka Radich, Stipe & Monica Lasić, Mary Ann Skoko, Ivan & Dragana Marich, Michael Wunadi, Todd & Tanja Burleson, Felisarda Gaan, Niko & Stella Klichan, Steve & Karolina Radich, Mate & Darinka Dušević, Zdenko & Smiljka Milin, in memory of Juan & Magdalena Salazar by Rosa Maria Salazar, in memory of Armando & Olivia Navarro by Monica Navarro, in memory of Gojko & Vinko Čale by Ivanka Čale, in memory of Pero Matijašević by Matijašević Family, in memory of Pero & Vjeko Kosor by Ana Kosor and all anonymous donors.

Thank you also to all the wonderful volunteers who were able to help decorate our church in preparation for Christmas this year.

Sv. Vlaho Celebration

Libertas Foundation is bringing back The Celebration/Fundraiser of Sv. Vlaho/St. Blaise - Patron Saint of Dubrovnik - Jan. 27, 2023 at St. Anthony's. For information and reservations, contact Luci Hazdovac - 310.548.1446 or e-mail libertasfoundation@gmail.com. Reservations must be made by Jan. 18, 2024.

Please make sure that your cell phones are turned OFF while you are in the church.

Did you know?


December 24 || What is a trial balloon?

One of the best ways safe adults can help children who are suffering from abuse is to recognize and listen to their disclosures – even if they are done in stages or in subtle ways. A child may float a “trial balloon” disclosure, meaning he may use a single sentence or phrase to see if a safe adult will respond appropriately. Be on the lookout for sudden disclosures like, “I don’t want to go to so-and-so’s house anymore,” and try responding in a way designed to let the child continue to open up: “Do you want to tell me why?” or “Let’s talk about that,” for example. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article “Test Balloons or Trial Balloons” at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.

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