



Sts. Peter and Paul Church

December 24, 2023

Fourth Sunday of Advent

The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph...and the virgin's name was Mary.

LUKE 1:26-27

THE ANNUNCIATION, HENRY OSSAWA TANNER, WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKDAY

Monday – Friday
7:00 a.m. & noon

WEEKEND

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
12:30 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Fridays after 7:00 a.m. mass until 11:45 a.m.

RECONCILIATION

Fridays: 10:15—11:30 a.m.
Saturdays: 3:00—4:15 p.m.
Or by appointment

CONTACT

OFFICE HOURS:

M-Th 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. / 1:00–3:00 p.m.
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SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Anointing of the Sick and Funerals: Please call parish office.

Infant Baptism: Parents are required to meet with Father before scheduling a baptism. Please call the office or send email to request a registration form. (For adults call and leave a message for RCIA coordinator, 808-941-0675 ext. 25)

Marriage: The proper and required prep for Marriage is extensive. Please talk to a priest or deacon before setting a date.

***The office will be
closed on
Tuesday,
December 26th***

CLERGY: Father Khanh Pham-Nguyen, Pastor
Dcn. Richard Port (emeritus) ♦ Dcn. Berley Araceley ♦ Dcn. Joel Narusawa
Dcn. Angken Xymoon (on leave)

Good News!

December 24, 2023

Fourth Sunday of Advent (B)

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 / Romans 16:25-27 / Luke 1:26-38

Wondering Why

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

The old axiom goes: if you want to make God laugh, tell God your plans. All too often the vision God has for us takes us in quite varying directions. The stories of King David and of Mary echo such realities. David, who wanted to build a temple for the Ark of the Covenant so God would not need to live in a tent, had his plans nixed, only to be reminded that it is *God* who does the building in life and not David. And Mary, who found herself confused over how she might conceive, was asked to simply trust and place her life in the hands of God. Both said “yes.”

There are always times when the unfolding path of God for us may unsettle us: the complexities of immigrants at our doorstep, the changing demographics of our cities, the need to close or merge parishes, the upheavals of our personal lives. We find ourselves asking why without receiving any answers. Each time there is no answer, consider it an invitation to trust in a power greater than ourselves.

Not all rhythms of life are necessarily caused by the hand of God, but then one can never be sure. Who is to say where and how and through whom God works? Christmas comes as a reminder that God’s love and presence still unfolds in varied and new ways, always giving birth again and again to the divine made flesh in our lives. The mystery of the Incarnation points to this truth: God is present in all of life. ●

-Reflect-

Have you ever had your plans unsettled in a way that turned out, in the end, to be a gift from God?

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1 Jn 2:3-11
Lk 2:22-35

Saturday
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1 Jn 2:12-17
Lk 2:36-40

Sunday
December 31
*Holy Family
of Jesus, Mary,
and Joseph*
Sir 3:2-6, 12-14
Col 3:12-21 or
3:12-17
Lk 2:22-40 or
2:22, 39-40

*“Do not be afraid,
Mary, for you
have found favor
with God.”*

LOVE

*blessed is the fruit
of your womb*

LUKE 1:42

In today’s Gospel reading we hear proclaimed the story of the Annunciation, when the angel of the Lord announced to Mary that she would give birth to Christ through the intercession of the Holy Spirit. Mary allowed God’s messenger to speak to her. She was attentive, not afraid to enter into a dialogue, then unconditionally obedient. Mary’s acceptance of this mystery is a stewardship model for us. Good stewards remain open to the incursions of divine life into the normal course of their daily lives. How open are we to the promptings of the Holy Spirit in our own lives? What might we do this last week of Advent to be more attentive to the Lord?

LITURGY & PRAYER

Date		Intentions	Celebrant
Sat Dec 23	5:15 AM	Merlinda Domaal (SI)	TBA
	5:00 PM	Parishioners of Sts. Peter and Paul	Fr. Khanh
Sunday Dec 24	7:00 AM	+ Francisca David + Liberata Orallo + Leticia Riguerra	Fr. Khanh
	9:00 AM	+ Merv Young Jade Mai-Duong (BD) + Victoria P. Rosero	Fr. Greg
	11:00 AM	+ Thao Thi Nguyen Truong Manlolo Family (SI)	Fr. Khanh
	12:30 PM	+ Soon Ye Agnes Noh	Fr. Greg
	4:30 PM	+ Janny Ng	Fr. Khanh
Monday Dec 25	Midnight	Tony Yun (SI) Merlinda Domaal (SI)	Fr. Khanh
	7:00 AM	Kailee Tuong (SI) Logan Truong (SI)	Fr. Greg
	9:00 AM	BJ Nakanelua (SI) + Bishop Herman Koeckemann	Fr. Khanh
	11:00 AM	+ Victoria P. Rosero + Frank & Ethel Souza + Alexander Hirota	Fr. Greg
	12:30 PM	+ Souls in Purgatory + Bishop Gulstan Ropert	Fr. Khanh
Tuesday Dec 26	7:00 AM	+ Henri Nguyen Esther Miranda (SI) + Carlos Miranda, Sr.	Fr. Martin Solma
	12 NOON	Ka Kin Choi (H) + Enrique Kou, Sr.	Fr. Martin Solma
Wednesday Dec 27	7:00 AM	+ Edward Ishida + Bishop Libert Boeynaems	Fr. Martin Solma
	12 NOON	Kailee Tuong (SI)	Fr. Martin Solma
Thursday Dec 28	7:00 AM	Rich & Rosa Sautner (Anniv) + Bishop Stephen Alencastre	Fr. Martin Solma
	12 NOON	Logan Truong (SI)	Fr. Martin Solma
Friday Dec 29	7:00 AM	+ Sister Lourd Fernandes	Fr. Greg
	12 NOON	He Young Peter Noh (SI)	Fr. Khanh
Sat Dec 30	5:00 PM	+ Robert Poirier, Sr. Parishioners of Sts. Peter and Paul + Liberata Orallo + Leticia Riguerra Richard Sautner (H)	Fr. Khanh
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	9:00 AM	+ Merv Young Jade Mai-Duong (BD) + Victoria P. Rosero	Fr. Khanh
	11:00 AM	Phuong & Ket (SI) Hai & Thao (H) + Father Arsenius Walsh	Fr. Khanh
	12:30 PM	+ Pacita Leuterio Carol Luke (H)	Fr. Khanh
	6:00 PM	+ Father Bachelot + Father Gerard Leicht	Fr. Greg
Monday Jan 1	8:00 AM	+ Frank & Ethel Souza + Alexander Hirota	Fr. Khanh



Holy Father's Intentions

For persons with disabilities

We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.



PRAYER LIST FOR THE SICK

We join together to pray for our brothers and sisters

Cleotilde M. Bamba

Peter Behrens

Vicky Chee

Deb Chiarucci

Matilda Correa

Avon Czerwinski

Blanche DeConte

Harold DeCosta

Brian Dill

Lynn Domingsal

Elena Elliott

Pedro R.D. Guerrero

Robert Heisler

Tuna Hunkin

Virginia L. Ishida

Christoph Jucewicz

Jack Jucewicz

Diane Kai

Carol Luke

Kimberly Mann

Sandy Mann

Gloria Masunaga

Doreen Shimabuku

Joseph Shimabuku

Laurie Sparks

Erlinda Surban

Albert Waterson

Deacon Angken Xymoon

Theresa Yu

Reminder:

No 6pm Mass on December 24

Christmas Vigil: Sun Dec 24 4:30pm

Midnight Mass: Mon Dec 25 12am

Christmas Day Masses: Mon Dec 25

7am, 9am, 11am, and 12:30pm

(no 6pm Mass)

Fourth Sunday

"Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means "God is with us."

Matthew 1:23



Anointing Mass

Friday, December 29, 2023

12:00 noon

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE (Dec 25—Dec 31, 2023)

Monday: 6:30 pm—Charismatic Prayer Group—Courtyard

Wednesday: 1:00 pm—Legion of Mary—Courtyard

3:30 pm—Centering Prayer—Reception Room

6:00 pm—Parish Scripture Group—Reception Room

Friday: 7:30-11:50 am—Eucharistic Adoration—Church

12:00 noon—Anointing Mass—Church

Sunday: 5:00 pm—OCIA—Reception Room (break until Jan 7)

STEWARDSHIP



Giving Tuesday Capital Campaign Update

Giving Tuesday envelopes:	\$41,778.85	Maybelle C. Macdonald Matching Funds:	\$50,000.00
Giving Tuesday Online:	\$ 6,065.00	Giving Tuesday Matching Fund Donor 1:	\$20,000.00
Total as of December 18:	\$47,843.85	End-of-the-year-giving Donor 2:	\$38,000.00

Our Giving Tuesday Capital Campaign has another successful year. We are only \$2,156.15 away from our goal of matching two gifts of \$50,000 by December 31st. Each dollar contributed is tripled. 181 families and individuals, parishioners and visitors, participated in our end-of-the-year fund drive. Please keep them in your prayers. Thank you all for your efforts to help pay the mortgage on the 771 Amana building. May God richly bless you and your family this Christmas season.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION



"Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!"
—Luke 1:28

After Jesus, we look to Mary as an ideal steward. Her entire life was lived in obedience to God's call. Mary teaches us to live with joy for all we have been given. Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, Mary reflects the light of Christ. Like Mary, we are called to reflect Christ's light to the world through our gratitude and generosity.



Christmas Season Schedule

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Saturday, December 30—5:00PM (Vigil)

Sunday, December 31—7:00AM, 9:00AM, 11:00AM, 12:30PM, and 6:00PM

The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God

Monday, January 1, 2024—8:00AM (one mass only)

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday, January 6, 2024—5:00PM (Vigil)

Sunday, January 7, 2024—7:00AM, 9:00AM, 11:00AM, 12:30PM, and 6:00PM

A blessed and peaceful Christmas to you and your Ohana from Sts. Peter and Paul Parish!

TREASURE

Mahalo for your generous contributions and faithful Stewardship contributions.

Totals for December 16—17, 2023:

Sunday collection & Stewardship	\$ 6,944.71
Mass Intentions	350.00
Building Fund	2,960.00
Outreach	309.00
Olakino	60.00
Funeral	200.00
Thanksgiving	20.00
Immaculate Conception	215.00
Christmas	720.00
Donation	50.00
Retired Religious Fund	385.00
Candles	<u>1,016.10</u>
Total:	\$13,229.81

Our online giving is available on our website.

*The collection total for December 11—15, 2023
online giving is: \$ 852.39*

Stewardship	505.00
Mass Intentions	10.00
Building Fund	65.00
Catholic Care Project	10.00
Olakino Produce Program	90.00
Shaping the Future Campaign	60.00
Retired Religious Fund	100.00
Help offset fee	12.39

Eucharistic Revival & Evangelization



◆◆◆ Revival Spark Series ◆◆◆
eucharisticrevival.org

The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life. The term "Eucharist" originates from the Greek word *eucharistia*, meaning thanksgiving.

Mission

REFLECTION:

Pope Francis reminded the faithful of our call to mission in 2019 when he said, "I am a mission, always; you are a mission, always; every baptized man and woman is a mission... Each of us is a mission to the world, for each of us is the fruit of God's love."

The rhythm of the Church has always been to gather and then to scatter. We come together as a Church every Sunday to be renewed and refreshed by the Eucharist. From there, we are called to spread the fragrance of Christ to all the world. These simple meditations have been building a foundation to empower you to bring all those who will listen to the Good News that "the Eucharist is God's response to the deepest hunger of the human heart, the hunger for authentic life, for in the Eucharist Christ himself is truly in our midst, to nourish, console and sustain us on our journey" (Pope Francis).

A modern-day model of mission flowing from the Eucharistic Lord is St. Teresa of Calcutta. Mother Teresa went where most people would never want to go, serving the poorest of the poor, the sick and dying on the streets throughout the world. But she did not do this amazing and difficult work from her own power. No, Mother Teresa constantly renewed her capacity for the love of her neighbor through her encounter with the Eucharistic Lord, and she provides a heroic example of how that encounter acquired a realism through her deep love for others. She knew of the necessity of meeting Christ in the Eucharist through daily Mass as the source of her strength and charity.

Each of us is called out of infinite love to a unique mission. We have been given gifts, skills, and opportunities to be used to build up the kingdom of God. Sometimes it can be difficult to know how God is asking you to serve, but that does not mean you have no mission. Mission doesn't necessitate going to a third-world country. For most of us, our mission can be found right where we are. If we have eyes to see, we will find a vast mission field full of opportunities within our own homes and communities.

The fact that you have breath in your lungs is living proof that God still has a purpose for you.

If you are unsure where God is asking you to fulfill your missionary calling, a simple place to start is by looking at what skills and traits you possess that you can use to assist others. Are you great at math? Perhaps you can be a tutor for the youth in your area. Do you love to cook? Maybe you can use your culinary skills at the local soup kitchen. Do you have a good grasp of Sacred Scripture? Could you use your knowledge to start a Bible study out of your living room?

Make no mistake; mission isn't always easy. But God gives us all we need for the task, and we can be renewed in grace every week—or even more often! The Eucharist nourishes and empowers our souls to be sent forth each week to bring Christ into the world.

You cannot be a missionary if you do not partake in a mission. Jesus' words were clear: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age" (Matthew 28:19–20). How you fulfill your call may be unique, but you aren't alone. Jesus promised to be with us; the Eucharist proves that to be true.

Do not be afraid. Even if you don't have total confidence in yourself, believe that God can and will do great things through you.

PRAYER:

Lord, you have given everything to us. Today, we offer back to you every good gift we have received. We pray that you use our talents and abilities for your glory and the service of your Kingdom. Grant us eyes to see the needs of those around us and the courage to serve faithfully, so that through us, others may come to know, believe, and love you, all for your glory. Amen.

Save the Dates!

Red Mass – Tuesday, January 16, 2024, 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at Cathedral Basilica of Our Lady of Peace

Mass for March for Life & Adoration with Bishop – Thursday, January 18, 2024, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at St. Theresa Co-Cathedral

March For Life – Friday, January 19, 2024, 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at State Capitol

*For ever I will
sing
the goodness of
the Lord.*



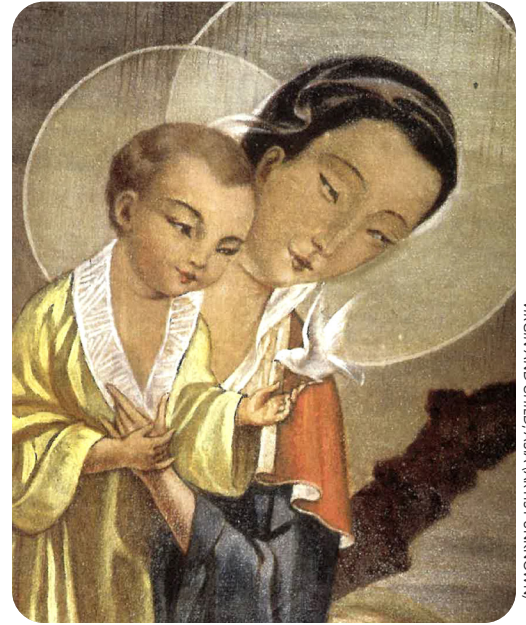
Dear Padre,

The Bible talks about Jesus' brothers and sisters. Is there scriptural proof that Jesus was Mary's only child?

The Catholic Church's position is that Mary had only one child; her son called Jesus. Yet there are at least ten scriptural references to "the brothers of Jesus" or to his "sisters" (see Matthew 13:55–56, Mark 6:3, and Luke 8:19–21).

The difficulty is that the meaning of the term "brothers" (translated from the Greek *adelphos*) isn't restricted to the sharing of a parent. On the contrary, it may not only refer to other relatives, including cousins, but also to close relationships, such as disciples. This is not unlike how we might refer to "brothers in arms" as those who fought in a war together, or a religious order of brothers or sisters.

Recall, too, that Jesus and his disciples spoke Aramaic, and there is no equivalent for the meaning of "cousins" as we know it in that language. Instead, the word for brother or sister was used when referring to cousins. Thus, when St. Jerome (*circa* 340–420) translated the Bible from Hebrew into Church Latin, he considered "the brothers of Jesus" as cousins, not siblings. After all, it would have been the rightful responsibility of these male relatives of Jesus to take care of Mary when Jesus died. Yet Jesus entrusts his mother to the care of his beloved disciple John (John 19:26). ●



VIRGIN AND CHILD, ASIA (ARTIST UNKNOWN)

Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR / DearPadre.org

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1 Jn 2:12–17
Lk 2:36–40

SUNDAY

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Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
Sir 3:2–6, 12–14
Col 3:12–21 or 3:12–17
Lk 2:22–40 or 2:22, 39–40

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to **DearPadre.org** to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Let us ask our Lady for a grace...that she kindle our enthusiasm for the ideal of holiness which is not a matter of holy cards and images, but is about living what happens each day, humbly and joyfully...with our eyes fixed on God and the neighbor we meet.

ANGELUS, ROME, DECEMBER 8, 2021