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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT—NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

CHURCH INFORMATION

Mass Schedule

Saturday (Anticipated)4:00pm
Sunday English.....9:00am
Sunday Bilingual.....11:30am
Monday Communion Service.....8:30am
Daily Mass Tuesday—Friday.....8:30 am
Holy Days.....8:30 am , Noon & 6:00 pm

Office Hours

Monday Closed
Tuesday thru Thursday.....9:00am—3:00 pm
Friday.....9:00 am—Noon

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**DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS IS MONDAY @ 3 PM
FOR THE UPCOMING WEEKEND**



SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Reconciliation

Saturday 3:00—3:45 pm
(or by appointment with Fr. Nick)

Adoration & Confession

1st Friday of the Month 6:00—7:00 pm

Baptism & Marriage

Must be registered members of the parish. Preparation classes required
Baptism Laurie Lopez
Marriage Fr Nick Thompson

ELECTRONIC GIVING

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Sacred Conversations

Fourth Sunday of Advent
And
The Nativity of the Lord

There are so many things I long for each of you this Christmas. Here are a few:

I want you to be visited by an angel. I want you to know that you have found favor with God. I want you to feel so strengthened and empowered by God's nearness that you could walk the same ninety miles that Mary walked, just to tell someone you love that God has broken through.

I want you, like the shepherds keeping watch that night, to have moments of wonder. I hope that you are astonished by God's power to heal, to console, to bring life from death, and yes, to set hosts of angels in the sky who have probably been standing watch there from the beginning of time, waiting for you to notice their song.

I want you, like Mary, to hold closely in your heart every moment when God did something astonishing and bewildering and soul-soaring. And especially when those moments come to you through encounters with people who don't look or live like you, remember how smelly and rough those shepherds must have seemed to the Holy Family. I want you, like St. Joseph, to love the people you love so faithfully and fiercely that they know one thing for sure, that you are their safe place to land even when everything and everyone is against them.

I want you, like the Child Jesus, to be brave if you are placed in unfamiliar and frightening situations this year. In the beginning was the Light. It shines in the darkness. And that darkness shall never overcome you.

How will you, like Mary, let God astonish you?

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*Come let us adore
Him*

La Historia y Usted™



Conversaciones Sagradas

Cuarto Domingo de Adviento
Y
La Natividad de Nuestro Señor

Deseo muchas cosas para cada uno de ustedes en esta Navidad. Estas son algunas de ellas.

Deseo que te visite un ángel. Deseo que sepas que has encontrado el favor de Dios. Deseo que te sientas tan lleno de fuerza y poder de la cercanía de Dios en tu vida que podrías caminar las mismas noventa millas que María caminó, solo para decirle a alguien a quien amas que Dios ha actuado.

Deseo, que así como los pastores que cuidaban en la noche, también tú tengas ese momento de asombro. Espero que te sorprendas grandemente con el poder de Dios para sanar, para consolar, para crear vida de entre la muerte, y sí, también para colocar centenares de ángeles en el cielo, ángeles que probablemente han estado ahí desde el principio de los tiempos, esperando a que tú te percales de sus cantos.

Deseo que tú, como María, guardes muy adentro de tu corazón cada momento cuando Dios ha hecho algo sorprendente y asombroso e insólito. Y especialmente cuando esos momentos te lleguen a través de los encuentros con personas que no viven o lucen como tú, recuerda que tan malolientes y ásperos debieron parecer esos pastores a la sagrada familia. Deseo que tú, así como San José, ames a tus seres amados tan fielmente y tan ferozmente que ellos sepan una cosa con certeza, que tú eres ese refugio a donde siempre podrán acudir aun cuando todo y todos estén en su contra.

Deseo, que como el Niño Jesús, seas valiente si eres puesto en situaciones nuevas y aterradoras este año. En el principio estaba la Luz. Y brillaba en la oscuridad. Y esa oscuridad jamás podrá vencerte.

¿Cómo permitirás, tal como hizo María, que Dios te sorprenda?

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*Ven, déjanos
adorarlo*

Observances for the Week of December 24, 2017

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent; Christmas Eve

Monday: Christmas (holy day of obligation)

Tuesday: St. Stephen, the First Martyr

Wednesday: St. John, Apostle & Evangelist

Thursday: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

Friday: St. Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr

Saturday:

Next Sunday: The Holy Family; New Year's Eve

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Readings for the Week of December 24, 2017

Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [2a]/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

Monday: 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

Midnight: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/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 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

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

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

Thursday: 1 Jn 1:5--2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18

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

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40

Next Sunday: Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3 or Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9, [7a, 8a] or Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

Mass Intentions

Saturday 4:00pm	December 23 +Chuck Bauer by MarieBauer +Mary Romero by Joseph Romero
Sunday 9am 11:30am	December 24 Chuck Bauer by Marie Bauer People of the Parish
Monday 8:30am	December 25 Christopher Abeyta by Leyba & Abeyta Families
Tuesday 8:30am	December 26
Wednesday 8:30 am	December 27 +Salanky Family by Mary Melvin
Thursday 8:30am	December 28 Deceased members of the Hoy Name Society
Friday 8:30am	December 29 +Gloria Vigil by Family
Saturday 4:00 p	December 30 Epifanio Vigil by Andy & Anita Archuleta
Sunday 9:00 am 11:30 am	December 31 Deceased members of the Altar & Rosary Society People of the Parish
Please pray for the sick and homebound of our parish: Betty Sagoonick, Frank & Jenny Martinez, Rose Maes, Mary Riggs, Margie Phelps, Fern Driscoll, Ernest Flores *****	

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Families with children in Year 1 of Sacramental Preparation (1st Reconciliation) should be at least halfway through the preparation process at this point. If you have not yet begun the process with your child or if you did not receive a packet with your books, please contact Laurie as soon as possible at the parish office (303) 778-1397) so that you can begin preparation. Our First Penance Service will be on Wednesday, January 24, 2018 at 6:30 pm.

COMMUNITY MINISTRY needs **Marshmallows** for the month of December. They are also in need of stuffing and sweetened condensed milk for Christmas baskets. Please place your donation in the basket in the entrance of the church.

Thank you for your generosity!

**CHRIST IS BORN!**



Dear St. Rose of Lima Parish Family,
The season of hope and joy is upon us!
The birth of a child is the best proof of God's love for us. Every time a human being comes into this world, the creative power of God shows itself and makes man his partner, manifesting how much the Lord honors and esteems humanity. The supreme expression of the divine love is none other than the human birth of God's son. "God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him has eternal life" (Jn 3:16). Jesus himself told Nicodemus, who was reluctant to believe that a man, condemned for sin, could be born again and become a son of God. Such is the great love of the author of life towards his creatures! Jesus treats us as partners, friends, brothers and sisters. The Lord would not be happy to see us condemned to unhappiness and misery. Jesus said: "I have come to the world so that men and women may have life and have it abundantly" (Jn 10:10). Giving us life is the first purpose for which Jesus came into the world. The second purpose was that the life promised by Christ is a source of joy and hope. By the Lord's coming, the promise of our salvation has been achieved: we have been delivered from the slavery of sin. We are now children of God and we will therefore never wander in darkness, but in the source of light, Jesus himself. What a joyful reality!

Jesus is also a source of hope because we know that in Jesus our life has meaning and a goal. We know that our sufferings and hardships will one day be crowned by victory. "Without me you can do nothing" (Jn 15:5).

May we let the joy of Christmas sink deep into our hearts and souls, so our lives may be changed to become peacemakers, love others as we love ourselves, and love God above all things.

Thank you all for your faith, love and dedication to the St. Rose of Lima parish family! It has been an absolute joy serving here as your pastor these past six months.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
God bless you all, Fr. Nick

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Luke 1:26-38

In the angel Gabriel's announcement of the upcoming birth of Jesus, what do you think Mary found most challenging?

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

In today's reading, we hear the covenant that God established with King David around the year 1000 BC. Why do you think it took so long for God to fulfill his covenantal promise in the birth of Jesus?

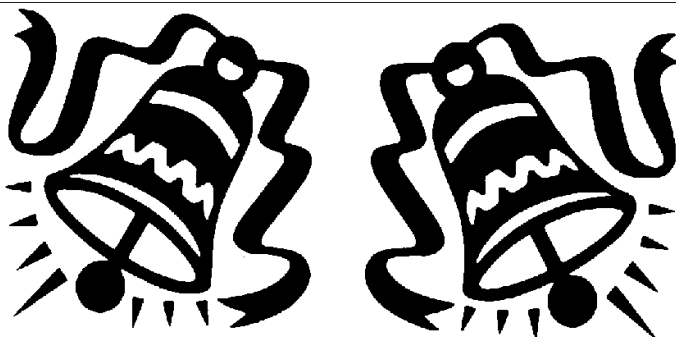
Romans 16:25-27

Our reading is Paul's concluding doxology from his Letter to the Romans. What do you find striking about Paul's hymn of praise to God?

CATHOLIC QUOTES - WORDS TO INSPIRE THE FAITHFUL

Remember that God comes! Not yesterday, not tomorrow, but today! Now!

-Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI



LIVE THE LITURGY

Mary said: "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." A simple trust in God's word allowed the Mother of God to do incredible things. As a humble servant and listener, she embraced her mission and invested herself wholeheartedly in doing what God had asked. Do we know and trust that we are being led? Often, we can feel very much alone and without a source of inspiration, guidance, and love to enlighten our path. God is with us. This is the essential message of Advent and the truth revealed to us at Christmas. We are never alone. There is no need to fear. We too, with God's help, can do incredible things.

VIVIR LA LITURGIA

María dijo: "Yo soy la esclava del Señor; cúmplase en mí lo que me has dicho". La simple confianza en la palabra de Dios hizo que la Madre de Dios hiciera cosas increíbles. Como una sierva humilde, ella se tomó en serio su misión e hizo con mucho amor lo que Dios quería de ella. ¿Sabemos nosotros y confiamos en lo que se nos pide? A menudo, podemos encontrarnos solos y sin la fuente de inspiración, guía y amor para alumbrar nuestro camino. Dios se encuentra con nosotros. Este es el mensaje principal del Adviento y la verdad que se nos revela durante las Navidades: nunca estamos solos, no hay necesidad de tener miedo. Nosotros también con la ayuda de Dios podemos hacer cosas increíbles.

Cristo ha nacido!



Banco de ropa del Ministerio comunitario

¡ necesita su ayuda! Ayúdanos a *rellenar la media roja gigante con calcetines y ropa interior* para niños (¡ nuevo por favor!). El calcetín está en el vestíbulo. El Ministerio comunitario es nuestro banco local de alimentos al que también donamos alimentos mensualmente.

Las conmemoraciones de la semana del 24 de diciembre de 2017

Domingo: 4º Domingo de Adviento; La Nochebuena

Lunes: La Natividad del Señor

Martes: San Esteban, protomártir

Miércoles: San Juan, apóstol y evangelista

Jueves: Los Santos Inocentes, mártires

Viernes: San Tomás Becket, obispo y mártir

Sábado:

Domingo siguiente: La Sagrada Familia; la Nochevieja

Las lecturas de la semana del 24 de diciembre de 2017

Domingo: 2 Sm 7, 1-5. 8-12. 14. 16/Sal 89, 2-3. 4-5. 27. 29 [2]/Rom 16, 25-27/Lc 1, 26-38

Lunes: Vigilia: Is 62, 1-5/Sal 89, 4-5. 16-17. 27. 29 [2]/Hch 13, 16-17. 22-25/Mt 1, 1-25 o 1, 18-25

Medianoche: Is 9, 1-6/Sal 96, 1-2. 2-3. 11-12. 13 [Lc 2, 11]/Tit 2, 11-14/Lc 2, 1-14

Matutina: Is 62, 11-12/Sal 97, 1. 6. 11-12/Tit 3, 4-7/Lc 2, 15-20

Día: Is 52, 7-10/Sal 98, 1. 2-3. 3-4. 5-6 [3]/Heb 1, 1-6/Jn 1, 1-18 o 1, 1-5. 9-14

Martes: Hch 6, 8-10; 7, 54-59/Sal 31, 3-4. 6 y 8. 16 y 17 [6]/Mt 10, 17-22

Miércoles: 1 Jn 1, 1-4/Sal 97, 1-2. 5-6. 11-12 [12]/Jn 20, 1. 2-8

Jueves: 1 Jn 1, 5--2, 2/Sal 124, 2-3. 4-5. 7-8 [7]/Mt 2, 13-18

Viernes: 1 Jn 2, 3-11/Sal 96, 1-2. 2-3. 5-6 [11]/Lc 2, 22-35

Sábado: 1 Jn 2, 12-17/Sal 96, 7-8. 8-9. 10 [11]/Lc 2, 36-40

Domingo siguiente: Gn 15, 1-6; 21, 1-3 o Eclo 3, 2-6. 12-14/Sal 105, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6. 8-9. [7. 8] o Sal 128, 1-2. 3. 4-5 [cfr. 1]/Heb 11, 8. 11-12. 17-19 o Col 3, 12-21 o 3, 12-17/Lc 2, 22-40 o 2, 22. 39-40

PREGUNTAS DE LA SEMANA

Lucas 1, 26-38

En el anuncio del Arcángel San Gabriel sobre el inminente nacimiento de Jesús, ¿qué crees que fue lo más difícil para María?

2 Samuel 7, 1-5. 8-12. 14. 16

En la lectura del día escuchamos de la alianza que Dios estableció con el rey David cerca del año 1000 a.C. ¿Por qué crees que llevó tanto tiempo para que se cumpliera la alianza y el nacimiento de Jesús?

Romanos 16, 25-27

Nuestra lectura es la doxología de San Pablo a la Carta a los Romanos. ¿Qué es lo que encuentras sorprendente del himno de alabanza a Dios?