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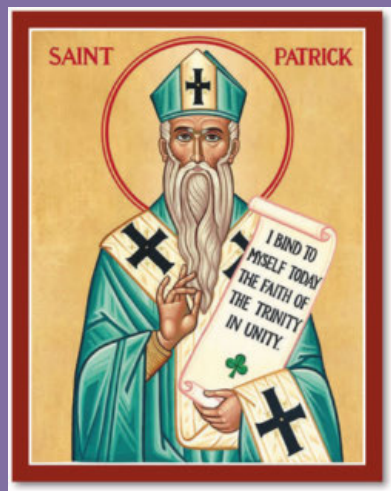
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## December 24, 2023 Fourth Sunday of Advent

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**7:00 pm (Español)**

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**7:30 am (English)**

**9:00 am (English)**

**11:00 am (English)**

**1:00 pm (Español)**

**5:00 pm (English)**

**Monday - 7:00 am & 8:00 am (English)**

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10:00pm.

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



**MONDAY - Dec. 25 (Christmas Day)**

7:30 am - Caroline Luccarelli (d)  
 9:00 am - Benjamin Gonzales (d)  
 11:00am - Marion & Albert Piepmeyer (d)  
 1:00pm - Paz Anaya (d)

**TUESDAY - Dec. 26**

7:00 am - Peter Keenan (d)  
 8:00 am - Miriam Valencia (d)

**WEDNESDAY - Dec. 27**

7:00 am - Abby Medina (d)  
 8:00 am - Bartley Christian (d)

**THURSDAY - Dec.**

7am - Jon & Virginia Wheat 2nd Wedding Anniv. (int)  
 8am - Blake Brinkerhoff (d)

**FRIDAY - Dec. 29**

7:00 am - E. Grace & Family (int)  
 8:00 am - Don & Marian Snyder 50th Wedding Anniv. (int)

**SATURDAY - Dec. 30**

8:00 am - Of The Parish Community (int)  
 4:30 pm - Josefina Villagomez (d)  
 7:00 pm - Antonio Ramirez (d)  
 Anthony Molt (d)

**SUNDAY - Dec. 31 (Feast of the Holy Family)**

7:30 am - Msgr. David Slubecky (d)  
 9:00 am - John Frisvold (d)  
 11:00 am - Luz Reader (d)  
 1:00 pm - Jaime y Rafael Cordova (d)  
 Sophia Zarate (d)  
 5:00pm - Diane Teglaw (d)

**A WORD FROM THE PASTOR**

The wonder and joy of Christmas has arrived in our homes and in our parish. We are ready to celebrate the birth of our Savior. Incorporating the true meaning of Christmas into our daily lives is a beautiful way to deepen our faith and live out the teachings of our faith.

One way to incorporate the true meaning of Christmas into our daily lives is by reflecting on the drama of history in which people, injured by sin, are perennially in search of happiness and a fulfilling sense of life and death. This reflection can help us recognize our own need for salvation and the profound gift that God has given us in the Incarnation of his Son. By meditating on the merciful kindness of God who came to us to communicate the Truth that saves, we can deepen our understanding of the significance of Christmas and allow it to shape our actions and attitudes.

Furthermore, we can follow the example of the countless men and women throughout Christian history who believed in the mystery of Christmas and became beacons of light and hope. Their lives serve as a testament to the transformative power of Christ's love. By opening our hearts to Jesus and sincerely showing him our desire to live as his true friends, we too can become collaborators in his plan of salvation and witnesses of the joy that he gives us.

Incorporating the true meaning of Christmas into our daily lives also involves recognizing the needs of others, especially those who are marginalized and vulnerable. Pope Francis reminds us that we can see Jesus in the faces of little children, particularly those who suffer and are in need. By reaching out to those who are less fortunate, we can emulate the selflessness and compassion of Christ, who came into the world to bring salvation and to ennoble the human creature.

Finally, we can strive to live our lives with simplicity, friendship, and solidarity, which are typical values of Christmas. By stripping away the consumerist and materialistic encrustations that often surround the holiday, we can rediscover the warmth of these virtues and cultivate a spirit of generosity and love towards others.

Incorporating the true meaning of Christmas into our daily lives is a lifelong journey that requires ongoing reflection, prayer, and action. Take some time this Christmas to reflect on the true meaning of the incarnate love of God coming among us. May the true meaning of Christmas guide our thoughts, words, and actions throughout the year, and may we always strive to live as true disciples of Christ, bringing His light and love to all those we encounter.

I wish you all a very blessed and joyful celebration of Christmas.

In one Heart,

Fr. Ron



### Un saludo de parte del Diácono Miguel

**María contestó, “Yo soy la esclava del Señor; cúmplase en mí lo que me has dicho”. (Lc. 1:38).** Hoy celebramos el **4º domingo de Adviento**. Este año la **4ª semana de Adviento** es un **periodo muy**

**corte**, porque dentro de unas horas **regresaremos a la Iglesia** para celebrar la **Noche Buena**, el nacimiento del **Salvador** del mundo, **Jesucristo**. Seremos tentados de correr a las **festividades navideñas**, a los tamales, posole, y otras comidas y **bebidas tradicionales** para nuestra familia. Pero **deténganse otro rato más** y no dejemos pasar **las palabras** fe y de amor, **la disposición de María** del Evangelio de este domingo de Adviento. Todos sabemos la historia del **“Si” de María**. Siendo una jovencita, comprometida a José, le llega el **ángel Gabriel** enviado por **Dios** para decirle a **María** que ella **va a concebir** y a dar a luz **un hijo, el Hijo de Dios**, y que **Él reinará** por los siglos y **su reinado** no tendrá fin. **María**, es una jovencita y responde con estas **palabras tan fuertes**. Y ¿qué tal si **tú y yo**, respondemos con estas **mismas palabras de María**? ¿Qué tal si **viviéramos** como **“esclavos de Dios”** reflejando todo lo que Dios nos dijo que **hiciéramos**? ¿Pensamos que **nuestras vidas** serían más fáciles? **San Agustín** dijo, **“Nos hiciste Señor para ti, y nuestra alma no estará en calma hasta que no esté plenamente en ti”**. Muchas veces **nos cerramos** y queremos seguir viviendo nuestra vida normal, aunque nos **traiga soledad y tristeza**. Nos falta más a **Dios en nuestros corazones**. Respondamos **cómo María**, diciendo, **“Yo soy la esclava del Señor; cúmplase en mí lo que me has dicho”**.

**¡Feliz Adviento y Navidad!**

**- Diácono Miguel Enríquez**



### EL GRUPO DE ORACIÓN

Cordialmente te invitamos a que vengas a reunirse con nosotros y tengas una experiencia personal con nuestro Señor Jesucristo por medio de la alabanza, oración, predicación y testimonios. Todos los miércoles de las 7:00pm a las 8:30pm en la iglesia.

**Para más información, llame a Maricelia al 626-840-3135**



### Grupo de Mujeres del Corazón de María

Te invitamos a ti, mujer soltera, casada, viuda o divorciada, para orar, alabar, cantar, sanar, liberar, y compartir la palabra de Dios. Somos mujeres

**“luz del mundo y sal de la tierra” (Mateo 5,13).**

Nos reunimos todos los **viernes de 6:00 a 7:30 PM** en el salón Fr. Mullen localizado en la escuela St. Patricio. ¡Las esperamos!



### Oficina de Educación Religiosa y Ministerio Familiar

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### IV DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

En este Cuarto Domingo de Adviento, María nos invita a ser parte de la historia de Dios. Así como María estuvo a la disposición de Dios, nosotros somos invitados a dejar que el Espíritu de Dios se manifieste en nosotros y responder al llamado de Dios de la misma manera que lo hizo la Virgen María Cuando Dios llama y nos pregunta si queremos ser el vaso por el cual Dios se encarna una y otra vez en medio de la humanidad, nuestra respuesta debería ser, siempre:

***“Aquí está la el siervo o sierva del Señor; hágase en mí conforme a tu palabra.”***



### Oración para la Nochebuena

Te damos gracia Padre, porque nos amaste tanto al darnos a tu Hijo,

te damos gracias.

Jesucristo, por haberte hecho niño para salvarnos,

te damos gracias

Por habernos traído al mundo el amor de Dios,

te damos gracias

Espíritu Santo, por haber hecho posible la Encarnación del

Verbo en el vientre de María, por haber hecho realidad las

promesas de Dios a la humanidad, por llenar de tu presencia

no sólo el vientre de María sino también nuestra existencia,

Te damos gracias.

María, por haber aceptado ser la Madre de Jesús

Te damos gracias.

San José, por cuidar de Jesús y de María

Te damos gracias.

Gracias Padre por esta noche de paz que nos has dado al

ofrecer a tu Hijo. Te pedimos nos bendigas, que bendigas

nuestra familia, que bendigas estos ali-

mentos que bondadosamente nos ofreces

y bendigas las manos de quienes los

prepararon.

Por Jesucristo, nuestro Señor. Amén.





**Offices Closed**

All of our parish offices will be closed from December 23 to January 2, and will **reopen on Wednesday, January 3, 2024.**

In case of an emergency, call the parish phone (760-729-2866) and when the recorded message begins, **press extension 6.** That will connect you to a priest. This is for **urgent needs only.**



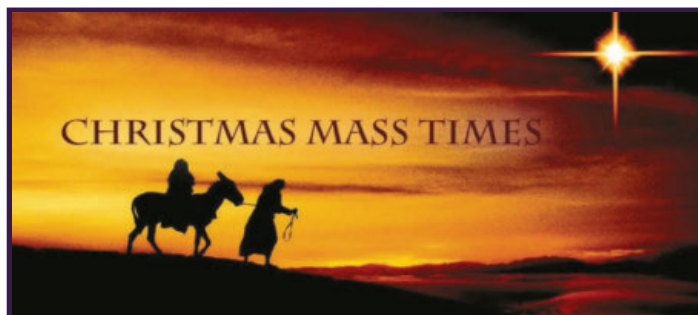
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- ◆ Gifts given through Online Giving will be counted toward the 2023 tax year if given prior to **9:00pm PST on December 31, 2023.**
- ◆ Be sure to complete all gifts by **December 31, 2023**, to qualify for tax savings on this year's tax return.
- ◆ Envelopes postmarked by Saturday, December 30, 2023, or dropped off at the parish Office will be counted toward the 2023 tax year.
- ◆ If you are 72 or older and have an IRA that requires you to take your Required Minimum Distributions by 12/31/23, consider contributing a portion to St. Patrick Church and avoid paying tax on that amount. Check with your tax advisor for specifics regarding your situation.
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- ◆ Wills and Trusts: Naming of St. Patrick Catholic Church, Carlsbad is an excellent way to leave a legacy for our Parish.
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**Soup Suppers Are Delicious!!**  
**Dear parishioners & Friends:**

There will be no Soup Suppers on  
**Thursday December 28.**

***Christmas Eve - La Vigilia de Navidad***

4:00 pm Mass in the church (English)  
 4:00 pm Family Mass in the Parish Center  
 6:00 pm Mass in the church (English)  
 8:00 pm Misa en la iglesia (español)  
 10:00 pm Mass in the Night (church in English)

***Christmas Day - La Navidad***

7:30 am Dawn Mass (church in English)  
 9:00 am Mass in the church (English)  
 11:00 am Mass in the church (English)  
 1:00 pm Misa en la iglesia (español)

**No Mass at 5:00 pm on Christmas Day**

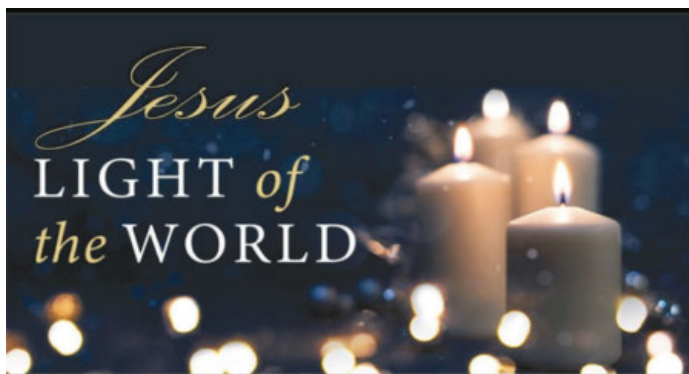
**Mary, Mother of God**

January 1 is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. It is also the annual World Day of Prayer for Peace. And it is the beginning of a new year. For all of these reasons, it is a wonderful day to join in the celebration of the Eucharist. **We will have one parish Mass on January 1 at 9:00 am.** (It is not a holy day of obligation.)

**Pray for Your Priests**

Are you aware that the Diocese of San Diego has a prayer schedule that invites us to pray for our priests? On each day of the year, there is a priest for whom we are asked to pray. Take a look and include these priests in your daily prayer.

<https://sdcatholic.org/priests/>





## Religious Education & Family Ministry (PreK – 8<sup>th</sup> grade)

With the Fourth Sunday of Advent, we also arrive at Christmas Eve. We learn how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. Mary and Joseph were both entrusted great responsibility. Both heard God's words to them: *Do not be afraid*. Both were assured of the power of the Holy Spirit with them. Mary and Joseph put all their trust in God. It is through their cooperation with God's plan that God became human, that our savior was born. *Behold, they shall name him Emmanuel, which means "God is with us."*

Thank you for celebrating mass with us as we give glory to God for the amazing gift of his Son.

**Have a Merry Christmas!**

Our Sunday Classes will resume on Jan 7, 2024.  
Our Monday classes will resume on Jan 8, 2024.  
Our Tuesday classes will resume on Jan 9, 2024.

*Blessings. Margit Dornisch*  
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## An Unusual Weekend

From a liturgical point of view, the weekend of December 23-25 is unusual and could be confusing. On the same weekend we celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Advent and the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas). The last day of Advent is December 24; it is also the Fourth Sunday of that season. We must try to keep the spirit of Advent even as we already have entered the Christmas celebrations.

Catholics have **two obligations** that weekend. We should participate in the Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Advent. Those Masses are Saturday (December 23) at 4:30 and 7:00 pm, and Sunday (December 24) at the usual times of 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 am and 1:00 pm. That concludes Advent.

Christmas begins with the 4:00 pm Masses on December 24. We have additional Christmas Eve Masses at 6:00, 8:00 and 10:00 pm. On Christmas Day our Masses are at 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 am, and 1:00 pm.  
(No Mass at 5:00 pm)

The question everybody is asking is: **"Do I have to go to Mass twice on this weekend?"** The simple answer is: YES. Once for the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent and another for Christmas.



## S330 Psalms (15 hrs)

Fr. Azam Mansha, CJM  
Mondays, Jan. 8- Feb. 12, 2024  
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"Thus it is absolutely clear that ecumenism, the movement promoting Christian unity, is not just some sort of 'appendix' which is added to the Church's traditional activity. Rather, ecumenism is an organic part of her life and work, and consequently must pervade all that she is and does."  
– Ut Unum Sint, 20 – 1995 Encyclical by Saint Pope John Paul II



**Rev. Ron Bagley, D. Min.**

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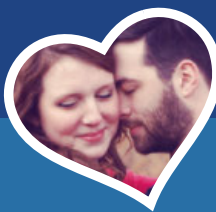
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## Fourth Sunday of Advent – Year B

### First Reading

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

The Lord promises David that he will raise from his descendants a kingdom that will endure forever.

### Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 89:2-5,27,29

A prayer of praise to the Lord for his faithfulness to his covenant.

### Second Reading

Romans 16:25-27

Paul praises God for making his revelation known.

### Gospel Reading

Luke 1:26-38

The angel Gabriel visits Mary to announce the birth of Jesus.

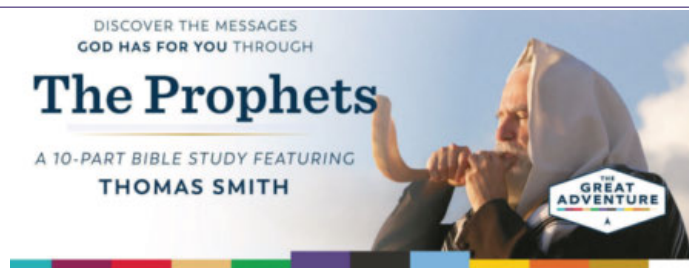


### Background on the Gospel Reading

This Sunday we read the story of the angel Gabriel’s announcement to Mary about the birth of Jesus. This story is found only in Luke’s Gospel. On this fourth Sunday of Advent, the liturgy shifts our attention from John the Baptist to Mary, the mother of Jesus. Both John and Mary serve as important figures for our reflection during the season of Advent; they both played instrumental roles in preparing the way for Jesus. Last week we reflected on John the Baptist’s announcement that the Savior was among us, although not yet recognized. This week we reflect upon Mary’s example of faith and obedience to God, traits which permitted her to receive the angel’s message that God’s Son would be born as a human person, as one of us.

We are familiar with the story of the Annunciation, and it is fitting that we recall how God announced the birth of Jesus as we make our final preparations for our celebration of the Incarnation. The angel Gabriel visited Mary, a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph. Mary greeted the angel’s news with awe and wonder and asked how it could be possible that she could give birth to a child. In his reply, the angel Gabriel announced the seemingly impossible reality: the child to be born would be conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and would be God’s own Son. The angel reported to Mary another miracle; her relative Elizabeth was also pregnant despite having been thought to be unable to have a child. Mary’s response to the angel, which is called her *fiat*, is an example of complete faith and obedience to God.

The story of the Annunciation calls to our attention God’s wondrous action in human history. God chose a human person to give birth to his Son so that all humanity would know God’s salvation. Mary, already full of God’s grace, was able to cooperate in this great plan for our salvation. Thus, Jesus was born as one of us, fully human and also fully divine. This is the mystery we prepare to celebrate at Christmas, the mystery of the Incarnation. In the model of Mary, we pray that we will be people of faith who recognize God’s saving plan for us and are able respond with obedience.



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