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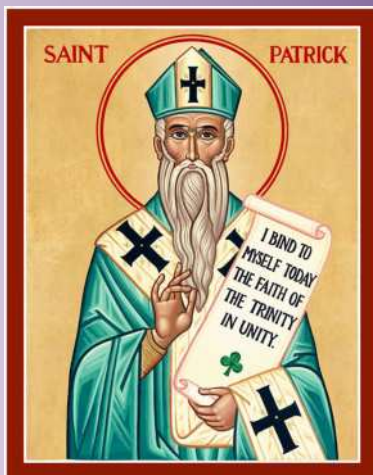
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December 21, 2025 4th Sunday of Advent

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11:00 am (English)

1:00 pm (Español)

5:00 pm (English)

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10:00pm.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK
MONDAY - Dec 22

7:00 am - E. Grace & Family (int)
8:00 am - Kay Bandemer (d)

TUESDAY - Dec 23

7:00 am - Gerard & Enid Bissot (d)
8:00 am - Collette Kelly (d)

WEDNESDAY - Dec 24 – Christmas Eve

4:00 pm - (Church) Richard Frunzi (d)
4:00 pm - (Hall) Dan Dillon (d)
6:00 pm - Norman Yelnick (d)
8:00 pm - (sp) En honor al niño Jesús
10:00 pm - Benjamin Gonzalez (d)

THURSDAY - Dec 25 - Christmas Day

7:30 am - Dick & Joanne Shlemmer (d)
9:00 am - Angelina D' Aquila (d)
11:00 am - Vincent Luccarelli (d)
1:00 pm - (Iglesia) Ramon Sedano (d)
1:00pm - (Salón) Para la comunidad de San Patricio

FRIDAY - Dec 26

7:00 am - Connor Johnson (d)
8:00 am - Antonia Venezia (d)

SATURDAY - Dec 27

8:00 am - Dick & Joanne Shlemmer (d)
4:30 pm - Bartley Christian (d)
7:00 pm - Maria Betancourt (d)
Antonio Ramirez Galvan (d)

SUNDAY - Dec 28

7:30 am - Blake Brinkerhoff (d)
9:00 am - Terry & MaryAnn Gilmore (d)
11:00 am - Braiden Hills 1st Birthday (int)
1:00 pm - Martha Trejo (d)
Lizbeth Cruz Azpeitia (d)
5:00 pm - Emile & Jaynie Schroepe (int)

**PASTOR'S NOTES -**

Fr. George G. Perez, CJM - Pastor -
4th Sunday of Advent -

As we arrive at the **Fourth Sunday of Advent**, the Church turns our hearts toward the quiet but powerful mystery at the center of our faith: **the Incarnation**, God becoming one of us. Advent has been leading us step by step toward this moment, inviting us to wait, to prepare, and to open our hearts for the coming of the Lord. Now, in these final days before Christmas, the tone becomes more intimate, more personal, as we encounter the figure who stands at the heart of this mystery—**Mary**.

In today's Gospel, we hear the familiar but ever-new story of the **Annunciation**. The angel Gabriel greets Mary with the words, "*Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you.*" Mary is surprised, even troubled, but she listens. She opens her heart to the message God brings. And through her humble "yes"—"*Let it be done to me according to your word*"—the world is forever changed.

Mary's response is not passive. It is the response of a woman of deep faith, trust, and courage. She does not have all the answers. She cannot see the full path ahead. But she knows the One who calls her, and that is enough. Her "yes" becomes the doorway through which God enters human history.

On this final Sunday of Advent, Mary teaches us how to prepare for Christ's coming:

with openness, trust, humility, and a willingness to let God work within us.

Like Mary, we are invited not just to welcome Christ into the world, but into our hearts, our families, our struggles, and our hopes.

The First Reading from 2 Samuel reminds us that God's promises are faithful and everlasting. The house and kingdom God establishes will endure forever. This promise is fulfilled not in a building or earthly throne, but in the humble womb of Mary, where the eternal Son of God takes flesh. God chooses simplicity, humility, and smallness to reveal His greatness.

As Christmas draws near, this Sunday becomes a moment of quiet reflection:

What is God asking of me?

Where is He inviting me to say "yes"?

What space must I open in my heart so that Christ can truly dwell there?

May Mary's courage inspire us, and may her humble "yes" echo in our own lives, so that Christ may be born anew within us and among us.

Prayer:

Lord, give us hearts like Mary—open, trusting, and ready to welcome You. As we approach the celebration of Your birth, help us to say "yes" to Your will and to prepare a place for You in our lives. Amen.



On December 24, Christmas Eve, we will celebrate our Christmas Family Mass at 4:00pm in the Parish Hall (not in the church where a different Mass is being celebrated). If they want to participate in our brief Christmas enactment of the gospel, children are invited to come dressed as an angel or a shepherd.



Christmas Mass Schedule

Horario de misas de Navidad



December 24, 4:00 pm, Family Mass in Parish Center

December 24, 4:00 pm, Mass in the Church (English)

December 24, 6:00 pm, Mass in the Church (English)

24 de diciembre, 8:00 pm, Misa en español en la iglesia

December 24, 10:00 pm, Mass in the Church (English)

December 25, 7:30 am, Mass in Church (English)

December 25, 9:00 am, Mass in the Church (English)

December 25, 11:00 am, Mass in the Church (English)

25 de diciembre, 1:00 pm, Misa en español en la iglesia

25 de diciembre, 1:00 pm, Misa en español en el salón

No evening Mass on Christmas Day.





NOTAS DEL PÁRROCO – P. George G. Pérez, CJM - Párroco - 4º Domingo de Adviento

Al llegar al **Cuarto Domingo de Adviento**, la Iglesia dirige nuestra mirada hacia el misterio más profundo y tierno de nuestra fe: **la**

Encarnación, Dios que se hace uno de nosotros. Después de semanas de espera, conversión y esperanza, este último tramo del Adviento toma un tono más íntimo. Nos acercamos al corazón del misterio navideño de la mano de **María**, la mujer cuyo “sí” abrió las puertas de la salvación.

En el Evangelio de hoy escuchamos el relato siempre nuevo de la **Anunciación**. El ángel Gabriel saluda a María diciendo:

“Alégrate, llena de gracia, el Señor está contigo.” Ella se sorprende, incluso se turba, pero escucha. Se abre al mensaje que Dios le trae. Y con su humilde y valiente respuesta—*“Hágase en mí según tu palabra”*—el curso de la historia cambia para siempre.

El “sí” de María no es pasivo. Es la respuesta de una mujer de fe profunda, que confía en Dios aunque no entiende todo lo que vendrá. No conoce el camino completo, pero sabe en quién ha puesto su confianza. Su disponibilidad permite que Dios entre en nuestra historia y se haga cercano, pequeño, vulnerable, como uno de nosotros.

Este último domingo de Adviento, María nos enseña cómo prepararnos para la venida del Señor:

con apertura, confianza, humildad y disposición a dejar que Dios obre en nosotros.

Como ella, estamos invitados no solo a celebrar el nacimiento de Jesús, sino a darle un lugar en nuestra vida cotidiana, en nuestras luchas, en nuestras alegrías y en nuestras esperanzas.

La primera lectura del segundo libro de Samuel nos recuerda que las promesas de Dios son firmes y eternas. El reino que Dios establece no depende de construcciones humanas, sino de su fidelidad. Esta promesa se cumple de manera sorprendente: no en un palacio, sino en el seno humilde de María, donde el Hijo de Dios toma nuestra carne.

Al acercarnos a la Navidad, este domingo es un momento para preguntarnos:

¿Qué me está pidiendo Dios hoy?

¿A qué me invita a decir “sí”?

¿Qué espacio necesito abrir en mi corazón para que Cristo pueda habitar verdaderamente en mí?

Que el ejemplo de María nos inspire, y que su “sí” humilde resuene también en nuestra vida, para que Cristo nazca de nuevo en nosotros y en nuestro mundo.

Oración:

Señor, danos un corazón como el de María: abierto, confiado y dispuesto a tu voluntad. Que, al acercarnos a la Navidad, sepamos decirte “sí” y prepararte un lugar en nuestra vida. Amen.

OFFICINAS CERRADAS

Todas nuestras oficinas parroquiales permanecerán cerradas desde el **24 de diciembre hasta el 2 de enero** y volverán a abrir el **lunes 5 de enero 2026**.

En caso de emergencia, llame al teléfono de la parroquia (760-729-2866) y, cuando comience el mensaje grabado, pulse la extensión 6. Así se pondrá en contacto con un sacerdote. Esto es solo para casos de urgencia.



La Natividad del Señor (Navidad)

Mensaje del Párroco

Hoy celebramos el mayor regalo jamás dado: el nacimiento de nuestro Salvador, Jesucristo. En la sencillez de un pesebre en Belén, Dios eligió entrar en nuestro mundo, no como un rey en un palacio, sino como un niño vulnerable, abrazando la plenitud de nuestra humanidad.

La Navidad nos invita a hacer una pausa y reconocer el profundo misterio del amor de Dios. En la humildad del pesebre, el poder de Dios se perfecciona en la ternura y la vulnerabilidad. Su amor no viene a dominar, sino a servir; no a exigir, sino a dar libremente. Cada año, la Natividad nos llama a recordar que Dios está cerca, especialmente en los momentos ordinarios y ocultos de nuestra vida.

Los pastores en el Evangelio nos muestran cómo responder a este regalo: con asombro, sencillez y pronta obediencia. Aunque eran personas comunes, fueron elegidos para ser testigos del evento extraordinario del nacimiento de Cristo. Del mismo modo, cada uno de nosotros está llamado a recibir a Cristo con el corazón abierto, reconociéndolo en nuestra familia, vecinos e incluso en los desconocidos.

Al intercambiar regalos, compartir comidas y gozar juntos, no olvidemos la verdadera razón de nuestra celebración. La Navidad es un llamado a vivir el amor de Dios de manera concreta: a través del perdón, actos de bondad y acercándonos a quienes están solos o sufren. Al hacerlo, nos convertimos, como los pastores, en testigos de la luz que ha venido al mundo.

Reflexionando en *The True Meaning of Christmas* de Michael Barber, recordamos que la Navidad vive en la Palabra de Dios. Antes de las luces, la música o las celebraciones, existe una historia sagrada: el “sí” de María y José, un humilde pesebre, ángeles que cantan y un Niño que es Dios-con-nosotros. Barber nos invita a detenernos y reflexionar cuidadosamente en las historias del nacimiento de Jesús. Solo entonces podremos celebrar la Navidad tal como verdaderamente debe celebrarse.

Cuando volvemos a las Escrituras, la Navidad se convierte en algo más que una temporada; se convierte en un encuentro. Celebramos no solo un recuerdo, sino un Dios que aún viene a nosotros, que busca un lugar en nuestra vida y que trae paz a los corazones que lo acogen. Este Adviento y Navidad, que el Evangelio guíe tus oraciones y tradiciones familiares. Ponte junto a María y José en el pesebre y celebra la Navidad con fe, asombro y amor.

Feliz Navidad, y que la paz y la alegría de Cristo llenen sus corazones ahora y siempre.



EL GRUPO DE ORACIÓN

Cordialmente te invitamos a que vengas a reunirte 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, llama 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!

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) ***A Note from the Pastor***

Today, we celebrate the greatest gift ever given: the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. In the simplicity of a stable in Bethlehem, God chose to enter our world not as a king in a palace, but as a vulnerable child, embracing the fullness of our humanity. Christmas invites us to pause and recognize the profound mystery of God's love. In the humility of the manger, God's power is made perfect in gentleness and vulnerability. His love comes not to dominate, but to serve; not to demand, but to give freely. Each year, the Nativity calls us to remember that God is near, especially in ordinary and hidden moments of our lives. The shepherds in the Gospel show us how to respond to this gift: with wonder, simplicity, and prompt obedience. Though ordinary, they were chosen to witness the extraordinary event of Christ's birth. Likewise, each of us is called to receive Christ with open hearts, recognizing Him in our families, neighbors, and even in strangers.

As we exchange gifts, share meals, and rejoice together, let us not forget the true reason for our celebration. Christmas is a call to live God's love concretely: through forgiveness, acts of kindness, and reaching out to those who are lonely or suffering. In doing so, we become, like the shepherds, witnesses to the light that has come into the world.

Reflecting on Michael Barber's *The True Meaning of Christmas*, we are reminded that Christmas lives in the Word of God. Before the lights, music, or celebrations, there is a sacred story: Mary and Joseph's "yes," a humble manger, angels who sing, and a Child who is God-with-us. Barber urges us to slow down and carefully reflect on the stories of Jesus' birth. Only then can we celebrate Christmas as it is truly meant to be celebrated.

When we return to Scripture, Christmas becomes more than a season; it becomes an encounter. We celebrate not just a memory, but a God who still comes to us, seeks room in our lives, and brings peace to hearts that welcome Him. This Advent and Christmas, let the Gospel guide your prayer and family traditions. Stand with Mary and Joseph at the manger, and celebrate Christmas with faith, wonder, and love.

Merry Christmas, and may the peace and joy of Christ fill your hearts now and always.

Holiday Parish Office Hours

All of our parish offices will be closed from **December 24th thru January 2nd**, and will reopen on **Monday, January 5, 2026**.

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**.

Wishing everyone a very happy and peace filled Christmas and New Year!



Annual Catholic Appeal



The 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal enables us to fund the pastoral ministries and programs that help our community live out their faith in meaningful ways. As of November 13, 2025, St. Patrick Parish in Carlsbad has contributed **\$82,085.70** toward our diocesan assessment of **\$105,875**, reaching 77.53% of our goal, with **\$2,008.32** in outstanding pledges and a current balance of **\$23,789.30** remaining. With 176 donors participating out of 4,462 registered families, our parish participation rate stands at 3.94%. These contributions sustain vital efforts across the Diocese of San Diego—supporting our Catholic schools, faith formation for all ages, family-strengthening programs, care for creation, ministries for youth and young adults, outreach to the poor and vulnerable, and the formation and support of our clergy and seminarians. Each gift helps extend the love and mission of Christ to those most in need.

<https://sdcatholic.org/giving/annual-catholic-appeal/>



Christmas Flowers Offering

Before long we will be celebrating the birth of our Savior. We want to make our church festive for our celebration of

Christmas. In your packet of envelopes that we mail to you, there is an envelope marked **Christmas Flower Offering**. If you would like to make a contribution to assist in paying for our Christmas flowers, please place your donation in that envelope (or a plain envelope) and write on the envelope the names of anyone you would like remembered at our Christmas Masses. **Indicate if they are deceased**

("In memory of...") or living ("In honor of...") Place your envelope in the collection basket, mail it to the parish office or drop it off. If you use Online Giving, just put the names on a paper and put it in the collection. All the names will be listed in our parish bulletin and newsletter shortly after Christmas.



The ladies of the **Altar Society** would like to thank the church community for their support of our Christmas Boutique.

The winners of our raffle baskets are:

Quilt Basket - Eric Frolander

Wine & Dine Basket - Bernadette Clark

Dine Out Basket - Scott Madansky

Outdoor Basket - Christine Coker

Congratulations to our winners!





Religious Education & Family Ministry (Prek - 8th grade)

Weekly Classes

There are no more classes for the remainder of 2025. Classes will resume in the New Year on Sunday, January 4, 2026.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Today we hear the central message of Advent: "God is with us". God was with Mary and Joseph in a deeply personal and miraculous way. Both, Mary and Joseph demonstrated great trust as they said yes to the call of God. We have each been called to say yes to God. *What could you do this week to live your faith in God?*

Light all the candles on the advent wreath and pray together:

Loving God, you have kept your promise by sending your Son, Jesus. Your son's name is Emmanuel – God is with us. Bless us as we light this wreath. The more candles are lit, the easier it is to walk in your light. Help us to bring your light to others and make their days brighter. Amen.

The Nativity of the Lord

On Christmas we celebrate that God has sent his own Son as Savior into the world. This good news is proclaimed with great joy as the angels sing: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests." The birth of a tiny boy reminds us tenderly that we are offered the same hope and the same promise that the angels announced.

May Christ come to us this Christmas with the gift of love, the blessing of hope, and the promise of peace. May our hearts and homes be filled with joy and gratitude for Jesus' birth.

Merry Christmas to your family!

Blessings, Margit Dornisch - Office for Religious Education and Family Ministry mdornisch@stpatrickcarlsbad.com or 760-729-8442.



**There will be No Adoration on
December 23 and December 30.**

**No habrá Adoración del Santísimo el
23 de diciembre y el 30 de diciembre.**



Remaining Advent 2025 Penance Service:

**Monday December 22, - 6:30pm at St. Marks
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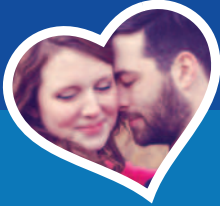
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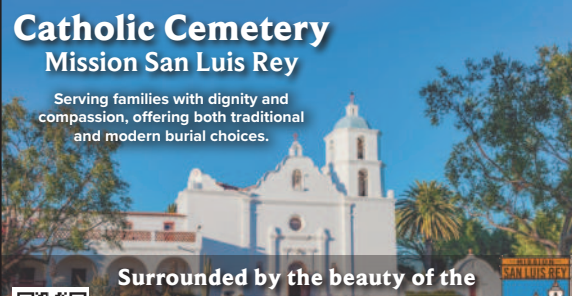




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Fourth Sunday of Advent – Year A

First Reading

Isaiah 7:10-14

Ahaz proclaims the sign that the Lord will give: a virgin shall give birth to a son, Emmanuel.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 24:1-2,3-4,5-6

The Lord is the King of Glory who established the earth.

Second Reading

Romans 1:1-7

Paul greets the community at Rome and declares himself a servant of Christ Jesus.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 1:18-24

An angel appears to Joseph, directing him to take Mary as his wife and telling him that the child she will bear will be called Emmanuel.



Background on the Gospel Reading

Finally, on this the Fourth Sunday of Advent, our Gospel Reading permits us to begin our contemplation of the mystery of the Incarnation we celebrate at Christmas: “Now this is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about” (Matthew 1:18).

The Gospel of Matthew tells the story of the birth of Jesus from Joseph's perspective. Today's Gospel passage is the second movement in this story. In the preceding verses of the first chapter of Matthew's Gospel, the Evangelist has listed the genealogy of Jesus, tracing his lineage through King David to Abraham. In the chapter to follow, Matthew tells of the visit from the Magi, the Holy Family's flight into Egypt, and Herod's massacre of the infants in Bethlehem. (The other stories which we associate with Christmas, the Annunciation, the Visitation, the angel and the shepherds, are found in the Gospel of Luke).

We must not gloss over too quickly the difficult circumstances described in today's Gospel. The way that Joseph and Mary face these circumstances tells us much about these holy people and their faith in God. Joseph and Mary are betrothed to be married. This is sometimes described as an engagement period, but it is more than that. Betrothal in first century Jewish culture was in fact the first part of the marriage contract. A breach of this contract was considered adultery. Mary is found to be with child. If adultery is proven, the punishment might be death. Joseph has rights under Mosaic law, but chooses to act discreetly in his plans to break the marriage contract, so as to protect Mary. Then God intervenes.

The message of the angel of the Lord given to Joseph in his dream tells us much about the child that Mary bears and his role in God's plan. He is conceived by the Holy Spirit. His name will be Jesus, which in the Hebrew means “Yahweh saves.” He will be the fulfillment of the prophecy heard in today's first reading from Isaiah: “. . . The virgin shall be with child . . . and shall name him Emmanuel [God with us].”

Joseph does as the angel of the Lord directs. He takes Mary to be his wife and accepts the child in her womb as his own. Joseph and Mary are both cooperative with God's plan. They are both models for us of what it means to be faithful servants of God.

Christmas Readings at Mass

The Masses of Christmas Eve and Christmas Day offer a variety of readings. The lectionary readings for Christmas celebrate the incarnation of God in Jesus, the coming of the promised Messiah and King, and the fulfillment of salvation history, emphasizing that God's eternal Word became flesh to bring light, grace, and peace into the world's darkness, revealing God's glory to all people and calling believers to be children of that light, no longer slaves to sin but heirs of God's promise.

Some key themes include:

- * The Word Made Flesh (John 1:1-14): The central message is the divinity of Jesus—God's eternal Word becoming human, bringing life and light to humanity, dwelling among us, full of grace and truth.
- * God's Saving Purpose: Jesus' birth isn't just a historical event but the beginning of God's plan to save the world, fulfilling Old Testament prophecies about a Messiah.
- * Light in Darkness: Jesus is the Light of the World, overcoming the darkness of sin, and his coming brings hope, peace, and true freedom.
- * Revelation to the Humble: The Nativity story, particularly to the shepherds, shows God revealing Himself in unexpected, humble places, inviting ordinary people to witness and share the good news.
- * Adoption as Children: Through Christ's coming, believers become children of God, receiving the Spirit to call God "Father," transforming them from subjects to heirs.

In essence, the Christmas readings proclaim that God has personally entered human history in Jesus to save, redeem, and indwell humanity, offering light, peace, and a new identity as children of God.

