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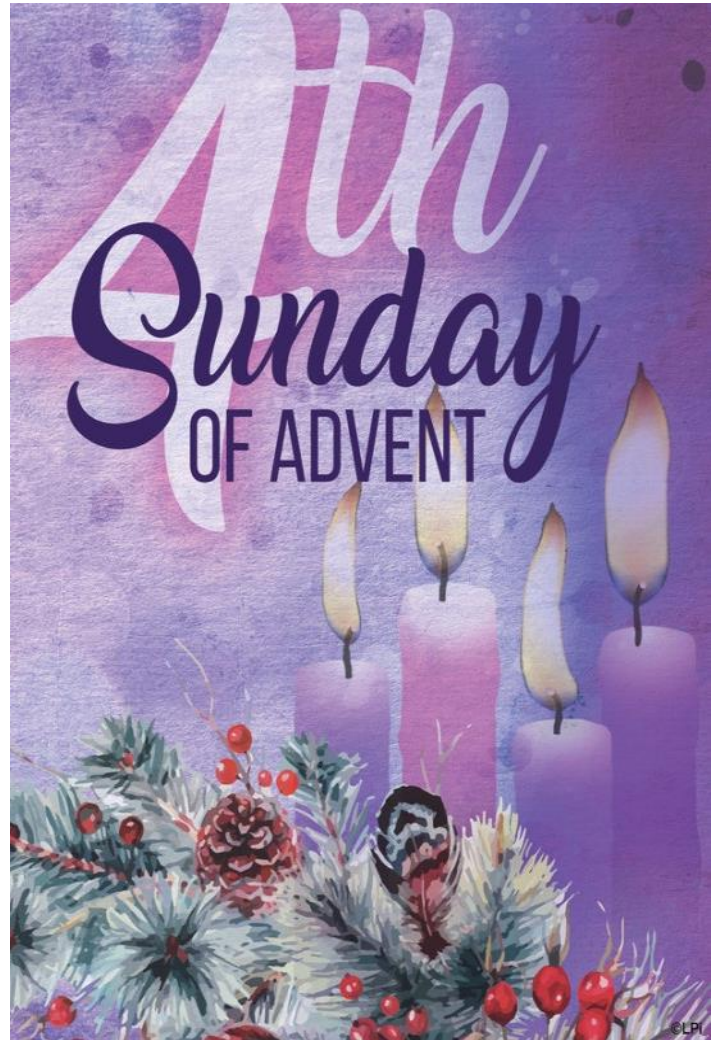
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LITURGY - CHRISTMAS EVE MASS 5:00 PM (ENGLISH) & 7:00 PM (SPANISH)
CHRISTMAS DAY 10:30 AM (ENGLISH)

Public Weekend Masses—In Church

12/24 Christmas Eve, Saturday: 5 PM English
7 PM Spanish
12/25 Christmas, Sunday: 10:30 AM English
12/31 New Year's Eve, Saturday: 5 PM English
1/1 New Year's Day, Sunday: 8:30 AM Spanish
10:30 AM English

Public Weekday Masses—In Church

Tuesday: 7 PM Spanish
Wednesday: 9 AM English
Thursday: 9 AM English
Friday: 9 AM English
1st Friday & Adoration: 8 AM-Adoration
8:30 AM-Rosary
9 AM-Mass
Adoration ends at 11 AM

Adoration

Tuesday: 5 PM—6:45 PM
Friday: 9:30 AM—11 AM

Anointing of the Sick

First Friday of the month, or by appointment.

Confessions

Tuesday: 6 PM—6:45 PM
Friday: 9:30 AM—10:15 AM
Saturday: 4 PM—4:50 PM
Sunday: 7:30 AM—8:20 AM

Parish Office Hours

Monday—Thursday: 9 AM—2 PM
Friday: 9 AM—Noon
Saturday & Sunday: Closed



God is Faithful and Full of Surprises



As we enter our last week of Advent and make our final preparations for the celebration of Christmas, our Scripture readings remind us that God fulfills His promises.

Therefore the Lord himself will give you this sign: the virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel. (Isaiah 7:14)

This was a surprising way for God to fulfill His promise to send His only-begotten Son to us, but as a friend pointed out in another passage of Scripture

“God is not a human being who speaks falsely, nor a mortal, who feels regret. Is God one to speak and not act, to decree and not bring it to pass?” (Numbers 23:19).

God is faithful. We don't have all the details when a promise is made or a word of prophecy is given, so the most important element is docility to the Holy Spirit and openness to being surprised by God. This was what makes St. Joseph such a wonderful figure in salvation history. He probably felt like he got hit over the head with a two by four when Mary told him the “good news” the Angel Gabriel announced to her. Yet he was a just man who didn't want to expose her to shame. God broke through and told him not to be afraid to take Mary as his wife.

God will give us what we need to fulfill the plan He has for our lives. It may not be through the message of an angel, but if our hearts are open, He will provide everything we need to wade through the challenges we face every day. Understanding of how everything fits together may feel somewhat vague, but we take all of our life experiences to prayer and our interior teacher, the Holy Spirit, begins to show us how all things work for our good (c.f. Romans 8:28).

There are a lot of disturbing things happening in our world today and we all probably have our own share of personal challenges. Let us step back and thank the Lord for the gift of Jesus. He will walk faithfully with us and new horizons of hope will open up to us casting aside the darkness.

Because of the tender mercy of our God by which the daybreak from on high will visit us to shine on those who sit in darkness and death's shadow, to guide our feet into the path of peace (Luke 1:78-79).

I hope this last week of Advent is filled with many blessings for you and your families.

in Christ,
Fr. James Northrop
Pastor



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FEAR NOT
God Is with Us

LIVE THE LITURGY
Inspiration for the week

"God is with us." This is the one constant in the unpredictability of life. The particulars of our lives can change, not only instantly but dramatically. People experiencing a time of peace can easily find themselves at war. Times of prosperity can rapidly become times of want. Our vision for the future can be destroyed, and our securities placed in jeopardy. These final days of Advent allow us to make final preparations. The true safety and security we seek can only come from God. The rest, harmony, and peacefulness we desire are found in God alone. How do we know this to be true? God Himself gave us a sign: Emmanuel, God with us. Do not be afraid, and do not be unbelieving. Hold fast to what God has done in giving us His only begotten Son. We do not have to anxiously attempt to control life's unpredictability. All we need to do is make sure that our hearts are in the proper place and seeking the right things!



LET THE LORD ENTER: THE KING OF GLORY
Psalm 24

Behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."
- Mt 1:20-21

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WELCOME TO ST. THOMAS PARISH!

Thank you for celebrating with us today. We invite you to come and worship with us again. If you would like to be a member of our faith community, please take a moment to register. We would love to have you as our spiritual companion.

BIENVENIDOS A LA PARROQUIA DE SANTO TOMÁS!

Gracias por celebrar con nosotros. Les damos una cordial invitación para celebrar la santa misa cada domingo con nosotros. Si usted desea ser un miembro de nuestra comunidad de fe, por favor llene el formulario de registro. Nos encantaría contar con usted como miembro de nuestra familia.

THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

INTENCIONES DE LA MISA DE ESTA SEMANA

Sunday, December 18, 10:30 AM

Monday, December 19
No Mass

Tuesday, December 20, 7 PM

Wednesday, December 21, 9 AM

Thursday, December 22, 9 AM

Friday, December 23, 9 AM

Saturday, December 24, 5 PM

† Demetrius Gunawan (by Vania & Daisy Gunawan)

CUARTO DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

“JOSE, HIJO DE DAVID, NO DUDES EN RECIBIR EN TU CASA A MARIA, TU ESPOSA, PORQUE ELLA HA CONCEBIDO POR OBRA DEL ESPIRITU SANTO” MATEO 1, 18-24



POSADA DE LA PARROQUIA

ESTE VIERNES 23 DE DICIEMBRE TENDREMOS UNA POSADA, SE REZARA EL ROSARIO, SE PEDIRA POSADA CON LOS PEREGRINOS, HABRA CENA, JUEGOS Y MAS, NO PERDAMOS NUESTRA TRADICION LOS ESPERAMOS.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK, ALL THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED FOR OUR PRAYERS:

FOR THE SICK: We remember especially: Judy Lund, Joan King, Martha Hickman.

FOR THE DEAD: Please pray for our beloved deceased Esteban Guevara. May the Lord receive him unto Himself giving strength, comfort, and peace to their families and our parish community. Amen.

2022 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL GOAL \$31,669
One Time gifts & Pledges \$37,410.80 *
* Includes Pledges not yet received as of 11.01.22

OUR FINANCIAL GIFTS

December 3rd and December 4th, 2022

Saturday & Sunday English Masses.....\$4,985.54
Sunday & Tuesday Spanish Masses.....\$1,667.15
Weekly Online Stewardship.....\$634.30
Maintenance Fund /
Fondo de Mantenimiento.....\$369.00

**Total Donation /
Donación Total.....\$7,655.99**

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HORARIOS DE MISAS

SABADO 24 DE DICIEMBRE
MISA DE VIGILIA DE NAVIDAD 5:00PM (INGLES) 7:00PM (ESPAÑOL)
DOMINGO 25 DE DICIEMBRE MISA DE NAVIDAD 10:30AM (INGLES)

SABADO 31 DE DICIEMBRE
MISA DE VIGILIA DE LA SOLEMNIDAD DE LA VIRGEN MARIA 5:00PM (INGLES)
DOMINGO 1ro. DE ENERO
SOLEMNIDAD DE LA VIRGEN MARIA 8:30AM (ESPAÑOL) 10:30AM (INGLES)

BAUTISMOS: Cada PRIMER DOMINGO del mes.
Para mas información favor de llamar a la oficina.

PRESENTACIONES: Cada ULTIMO DOMINGO del mes. Favor de llamar a la oficina primero

CONFESIONES: Todos los Domingos de 7:30 am
8:20 AM
Todos los Martes de 6:00 a
6:45 PM

CLASES PREMATRIMONIALES

Mas información, favor de llamar a Gabriel y Átala Olivas al numero. (206) 909—4944

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