

# Fourth Sunday of Advent/Christmas

## December 24, 2017

“Hail Mary, Full of Grace, the Lord is with You”

This weekend will be a blur of activities and the final week of preparation for the birth of Jesus. The 4<sup>th</sup> week of Advent will not be a week but only 24 hours before we celebrate Christmas. As the Spirit of God came upon Mary and she conceived in her womb, Jesus the Christ, she accepted this news with tranquility and peaceful surrender, “May it be done to me according to your word.” Mary is “full of grace” and the Lord is with her. May you ponder in this final moment of Advent that Mary said yes for you and changed all of salvation history by establishing the throne of David for all generations. I pray that you, like Mary, will say yes to doing the will of God the Father and bring light to “his kingdom which has no end.”

### Christmas Celebrates Emmanuel (God is With Us)

Merry Christmas! I have “good news of great joy” that shepherds, magi and all the world need to know: God is with us. “For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord.” Go to Bethlehem (the house of bread) and see what has been proclaimed, a Savior is born for us. Jesus, the Bread of Life, has come to save us and nourish us for the journey to his Kingdom.

There was no room for the inn but is there room for them in your heart and home? Let them in. Jesus will bring you so much – light, love, laughter, peace and joy – so do not hesitate to welcome them to your heart and home. Jesus makes all things new. Allow him to re-new your life. If your heart is broken, let him in to heal your heart. If you have lost your way let him show you the way. If a cloud of darkness is over you let the light of the world shine upon you.

May the peace and joy of Christmas dwell within you always. Jesus never tires of receiving his favorite gift from us – love. The love we offer can be giftwrapped or not. Our love of God and neighbor will transform this Christmas into something special if we but live as true children of God.

God bless you,  
Fr. Matthew

#### DAILY MASS READINGS

- Monday:** *The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)*  
Isaiah 52:7-10; John 1:1-18
- Tuesday:** *Saint Stephen, The First Martyr (Feast)*  
Acts of the Apostles 6:8-10; 7:54-59;  
Matthew 10:17-22
- Wednesday:** *Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist (Feast)*  
1 John 1:1-4; John 20:1a, 2-8
- Thursday:** *The Holy Innocents, Martyrs (Feast)*  
1 John 1:5-2:2; Matthew 2:13-18
- Friday:** *Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord*  
1 John 2:3-11; Luke 2:22-35
- Saturday:** *Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord*  
1 John 2:12-17; Luke 2:36-40
- Sunday:** *The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph*  
Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Luke 2:22-40

#### This Week's Program Schedule

##### Monday, December 25 ~ Christmas Day

~Office Closed~

9:00AM	Mass	Church
11:15AM	Mass	Church

**NO** Adoration/Reconciliation

##### Tuesday, December 26

~Office Closed~

8:00AM **NO** Mass

##### Wednesday, December 27

8:00AM **NO** Mass

##### Thursday, December 28

##### Friday, December 29

4:30PM	Mass	Church
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##### Saturday, December 30

3:30PM	Reconciliation	Church
5:00PM	Mass	Church

##### Sunday, December 31

9:00AM	Mass	Church
6:00PM	Mass	Church

#### Something for our Children!

Can you unscramble the following words from today's Gospel?

NGALE	IINVGR	CARGE
VAORF	MWOB	SOUEH

*Answers on the next page→*

#### SACRIFICIAL GIVING

*Give back to the Lord a sacrifice, a share of what the Lord has so generously given to you.*

Last Sunday's Offertory: \$ 7,241.64

**Thank you and God bless you!**

*We wish all of our friends and their families  
a very Happy and Blessed Christmas.  
God bless you all at Christmas time and always!*

**MASS INTENTIONS**

5:00PM	Sat., Dec. 23	Harold Kailihiwa†
9:00AM	Sun., Dec. 24	Reyna Martinez†
8:30PM	Sun., Dec. 24	All Saints Community
9:00AM	Mon., Dec. 25	Alice O'Donnell†

**CHRISTMAS LITURGY SCHEDULE**

Christmas Eve Children's Mass	5:00PM	Dec. 24
Christmas Eve Mass ( <i>Midnight Liturgy</i> )	8:30PM	Dec. 24
Christmas Day Mass	9:00AM	Dec. 25
Christmas Day Mass	11:15AM	Dec. 25

**NO DAILY MASSES:** There will be no daily masses the week after Christmas. **However, there will be mass on Friday, December 29 at 4:30pm.** Our regular weekend mass schedule will resume on Saturday, December 30.

**OFFICE CLOSED:** The office will be closed Monday, December 25, and Tuesday, December 26 in observance of Christmas.

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU** to **Ernie and Mary Jane Scheuber** for donating all the beautiful poinsettias to decorate our altar this Christmas season. Thank you and God bless you for your generosity!

**ANOTHER SPECIAL THANK YOU:** Another special thank you to **Tawnya Gomes-Perez** for doing such a beautiful job of decorating our Christmas Tree on the Altar. Thank you as well to **Rich Delgado** and **Steve Buck** for delivering the Christmas tree on the altar. God bless you all for your unselfish service!

**ONLINE GIVING AT ALL SAINTS:** We provide Online Giving – a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or recurring donation for your Regular Offertory, Building Fund and/or your Community Assistance donations. Getting started is easy – just visit our website at [www.allsaintscsus.org](http://www.allsaintscsus.org) and click our Online Giving link. When you participate your gift will be securely transferred directly into the parish bank account, and you won't have to remember to write a check or bring cash to mass for your donation! If you need additional assistance or have questions, please contact Tami Harris, our online Giving Administrator at 669-0473. God bless you for your generosity!

**SPECIAL PRAYERS**

*Please pray for our sick community members and friends:*

<i>Gustavo Delgadillo</i>	<i>Socorro Aguilar</i>	<i>Ed H</i>
<i>Peggy Howard</i>	<i>Rita Yonan</i>	<i>Andres...</i>
<i>Sarah Anderson</i>	<i>Linda Seymour</i>	<i>Stephen...</i>
<i>Jim Perdomo</i>	<i>Flynn Hillman</i>	<i>Janet Fiorini</i>
<i>Carol Soares</i>	<i>Doree O'Connell</i>	<i>Jack B. Shaw</i>
<i>Cynthia Basco</i>	<i>Jackie Ferreira</i>	<i>Thelma Tamis</i>
<i>Edie Ferrari</i>	<i>David &amp; Linda Back</i>	<i>Sharon...</i>
<i>Patti &amp; Tom Scott</i>	<i>Charlie W.</i>	<i>Ed Rocha</i>
<i>David &amp; Paula Baca</i>	<i>Catherine Harris</i>	<i>William Jackson</i>
<i>Joanne Mattos</i>	<i>Isabel Rodriguez</i>	<i>Edward Lytle</i>
<i>The Merchant Family</i>	<i>Pat B.</i>	<i>Fred Clerici</i>
<i>Brian Diehl</i>	<i>Artie Romero</i>	<i>Raul Campusano</i>
<i>Katarina Renenger</i>	<i>Cecilia Renenger</i>	<i>Kevin Downs</i>
<i>Maritza Dominguez</i>	<i>Josephina Camacho</i>	<i>Shelly...</i>
<i>Bernard &amp; Ann Pannella</i>	<i>Keith Bentley</i>	<i>Taylor Holt</i>
<i>Taurino &amp; Concepcion Lopez</i>	<i>Infant Rosie</i>	

*Your special prayers for these and others suffering from illness are gratefully appreciated. Thank you and God bless you!*

Notify the office if you have anyone you would like to place on our list of persons in need of prayer due to illness. So that space will always be available for your loved ones, names will be kept on our list for three months. (However, your prayer requests can be renewed.)

**ALL SAINTS PRAYER CHAIN**

If you would like a particular petition prayed for, please call Elaine Sullivan at 668-1464. Names remain on the list for three months and then are removed. You may let the office know when the health of your loved one has improved, or if a name should be removed from the Prayer Chain.

*This week's helpers include ...*

Altar Linens ~ Regina deBos

*Thank you and God bless you for your unselfish service!*

**PUZZLE SOLUTIONS:** ANGEL, VIRGIN, GRACE, FAVOR, WOMB, HOUSE. *How did you do?*

**TIPS FOR TITHING**

Our gift to God is a sacrifice. To give in a sacrificial way means that our giving comes from the heart. Jesus sacrificed his entire life for us and His gift was His very life. We are to return a portion of our time, talent, and treasure so the work of Jesus can continue on earth. ***What return can I make to the Lord for all the blessings He has poured out on me?***

**CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (CRE)**

**CRE Christmas Holiday Break:** There will be no CRE classes on December 27, January 3 or January 10. **Classes will resume on Wednesday, January 17.** Have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year!

**RCIA**

Any adult wishing to embrace the Catholic faith or any Catholic wishing to be confirmed should contact Michael Fuller by calling the church office at 669-0473.

**WALK FOR LIFE WEST COAST 2018:** Join fellow Catholics and Pro-Lifers from all over California and beyond as we stand up for the littlest among us at the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Walk for Life West Coast in San Francisco on January 27, 2018. There will be Mass at 9:30AM celebrated by Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone at St. Mary's Cathedral. The rally begins at 12:30PM in San Francisco's Civic Center Plaza, and the Walk, down the city's Market Street, begins at 1:30PM. Last year's Walk drew 50,000+ people. For complete information about the Walk, call 415-658-1793 or visit [www.walkforlifewc.com](http://www.walkforlifewc.com)

**NEW ADDRESSES:** Please remember to notify the office of your new address if you have moved or if you have a new phone number. Also, if you are not sure if you are registered, please call the office at 669-0473 to make sure that you are registered with All Saints University Parish. Thank you!