

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 20, 2009

PARISH CALENDAR FOR THIS WEEK:

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| Dec 19 (Sat) | "O Root of Jesse"
- 4:00 PM—Reconciliation (Individual)
- 4:30 PM—Rosary
- 5:00 PM—Mass |
| Dec 20 (Sun) | Fourth Sunday of Advent
"O Key of David"
- 5:00 AM—Misa de Gallo
- 6:30 AM—Rosary
- 7:00 AM—Mass
- 8:30 AM—Rosary
- 9:00 AM—Mass w/Investiture of Altar Servers
- 10:15 AM—FCC Mtg (PH)
- 10:30 AM—WGH-SNF Pry Svc
- 10:30 AM—PC (CH) |
| Dec 21 (Mon) | St Peter Canisius
"O Radiant Dawn"
- 5:00 AM—Misa de Gallo
- 6:30 AM—Rosary |
| Dec 22 (Tue) | "O King of All the Nations"
- 5:00 AM—Misa de Gallo w/Novena
- 6:30 AM—Rosary |
| Dec 23 (Wed) | St John of Kanty
"O Emmanuel"
- 5:00 AM—Misa de Gallo
- 6:30 AM—Rosary
- 6:00 PM—Na Leo (CH)
- 7:30 PM—Voices of Faith (CH) |
| Dec 24 (Thu) | Christmas Eve
Staff Holiday/Office Closed
- 5:00 AM—Misa de Gallo
- 6:30 AM—Rosary
- 8:00 AM—Christmas Decorating (CH)
- 9:00 AM—Craft Workshop (PH)
- 5:30 PM—Christmas Carols
- 6:00 PM—Christmas Vigil Mass
- 11:00 PM—Christmas Carols
- 12:00 AM—Christmas Midnight Mass |
| Dec 25 (Fri) | The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
Holy Day of Obligation
Holiday/Office Closed
- 12:00 AM—Christmas Midnight Mass
- 7:00 AM—Dawn Mass
- 9:00 AM—Day Mass |
| Dec 26 (Sat) | St Stephen, Protomartyr
- 4:00 PM—Reconciliation (Individual)
- 4:30 PM—Rosary
- 5:00 PM—Mass |
| Dec 27 (Sun) | The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
- 6:30 AM—Rosary
- 7:00 AM—Mass
- 8:30 AM—Rosary
- 9:00 AM—Mass w/Infant Baptism
- 10:15 AM—Infant Baptism
- 10:30 AM—PC (CH)
- 4:30 PM—Rosary
- 5:00 PM—Ilocano Mass |



Mass Intentions:

- Dec. 19-22** Placido Contillo (+)
Dec. 19 Mark Villegas (College Graduation)
Dec. 20 Rosario Soroten (+); Alejandro Tambio (+)
 Placido Contillo (+); Deceased members of
 the Whitmore Holy Rosary Club (+)
Dec. 23 Sabas Dumlao (+)
Dec. 24 Florendo Pascual (+)

TODAY'S READINGS

[Liturgical Color: Blue-Violet/Sarum Blue]

Micah 5:1-4a

From you shall come forth one who is to be ruler in Israel.

Hebrews 10:5-10

Behold, I come to do your will.

Luke 1:39-45

Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

[Liturgical Color: White]

1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28

1 John 3:1-2, 21-24

Luke 2:41-52



STEWARDSHIP FOR THE WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 12 AND 13:

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS	\$4,894.45
DAILY/WEEKDAY COLLECTIONS	10.00
VOTIVE CANDLES	271.01
OCCASIONAL OFFERINGS	300.00
RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT COLLECTION	1,145.04
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION	154.00
BUILDING FUND	105.00
FLOWER FUND	10.00
FOOD PANTRY	100.00
OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS	395.00

MAHALO FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!!!

If you would like to receive parish envelopes, please call the parish office at 621-5109 ext. 221. **Please be sure to print your name and address on ANY envelope that you use for your parish donations.**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

**NO Religious Education Classes this Sunday
at 10:30 AM. Classes Resume Sunday, January 10.**

Thank You for Participating in the Advent/ Christmas Program

Thank you to the parents and parishioners who came out last Sunday to observe and participate in the Advent/Christmas program, "On Christmas Day and Forever!" staged by the children of our parish's religious education program. We especially thank the children and their teachers who prepared the program and the many parents and parishioners who contributed the refreshments enjoyed afterwards.

Thank You for Your "Giving Tree" Gifts

Thank you for your support of our "Giving Tree." Through your generosity 106 homeless children will receive a gift that they would not have received except your loving donation. May our loving Savior whom we welcome on Christmas Day bless you as you have blessed the least of our brothers and sisters.

Condolences to the bereaved families of:

- +Lodrigo Parangan:** Dec. 29; Wake Svc; 7:00 PM; MMP
Dec. 30; Funeral Mass; 9:30 AM; OLS
- +Julius Tolentino:** Jan. 5; Funeral Mass; 12:00 N; OLS
- +Hattie Lara:** Jan. 5; Burial; 12:30 PM; MMP

The Nativity of The Lord December 25, 2009

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

December 24	5:30 PM	Christmas Carols (Children's Choir)
	6:00 PM	Vigil Mass (Children's Liturgy)
December 25	11:00 PM	Christmas Carols
	12:00 AM	Midnight Mass
	7:00 AM	Dawn Mass
	9:00 AM	Day Mass

READINGS FOR CHRISTMAS

[Liturgical Color: White]

Christmas Vigil Mass (Children's Lectionary)

Isaiah 9:1-6

Titus 2:11-14

Luke 2:1-14

God's grace has been revealed to all people.
Today a Savior has been born for you.

Christmas Midnight Mass

Isaiah 9:1-6

Titus 2:11-14

Luke 2:1-14

Darkness is scattered for God's grace has been
revealed in the birth of the Messiah.

Christmas Dawn Mass

Isaiah 62:11-12

Titus 3:4-7

Luke 2:15-20

Out of love for us, God became flesh, for our Savior has
appeared. Light dawns for us all!

Christmas Day Mass

Isaiah 52:7-10

Hebrews 1:1-6

John 1:1-18

God has spoken to us through his Son, the Word made flesh.
Thus has salvation been revealed to all the nations.

Mary, Mother of God/New Year's Day

January 1, 2010

8:00 AM

READINGS

[Liturgical Color: White]

Numbers 6:22-27

Galatians 4:4-7

Luke 2:16-21

Birth Date of Jesus

Paul Turner

The opening of the third millennium harmonizes with the traditional date for the first Christmas. Without a doubt, the birth of Jesus is the most important event to celebrate in the new millennium. But there is plenty of doubt about when that birth took place.

There is no clear historical record of the date and year of Jesus' birth. Although two of the Gospels record incidents pertaining to the event, neither assigns a date.

Two main theories surround the choice of December 25 to commemorate the nativity. The first theory looks to a third-century Roman pagan celebration coinciding with the winter solstice. As the days began to lengthen each year, December 25 became a festival for the rebirth of the unconquered sun. Christians, who believed Christ was the real unconquered source of light, put his birth date on the same day.

The second theory looks to the passion of Jesus. According to early conjectures, the actual day of Christ's passion fell on March 25 in the year Jesus died. Some Christians believed that Jesus died on the anniversary of his conception. For this reason, March 25 became also the celebration of the Annunciation. Looking forward nine months, the birth of Jesus was placed on December 25.

The traditional year of Jesus' birth was fixed in the mid-sixth century by Dionysius Exiguus, a monk and scholar who set the calendar according to the system we now know as A.D. (*anno domini*, "in the year of the Lord"). However, Matthew and Luke both say Jesus was born during the reign of Herod the Great, which scholars now calculate from 37 to 4 B.C. Oddly then, Jesus was probably born "before Christ."

Although the actual birth date of Jesus cannot be known, he was born, and the millennium commemorates this birth by recognizing that all of time hinges on the life of Jesus.

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Aloha

We welcome Bishop Larry Silva to OLS and thank him for presiding at the Misa de Gallo Mass this Sunday, December 20th at 5:00 AM.

Retirement Fund for Religious

Religious give thanks. Our parish contributed \$1,145.04 to the Retirement Fund for Religious in the second collection on December 12th and 13th. Of the support offered by this appeal, one religious writes, "We deeply appreciate this assistance. God's loving care touches us through the hearts of thousands of Catholics who give so generously to this collection year after year." Women and men religious throughout the country send their abundant thanks for your donation. www.retiredreligious.org

CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS TO ONE AND ALL

Fr. Edgar, Fr. Ted, Deacon Ben and the Parish Staff