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*"From this day ALL generations will
call me BLESSED:
the Almighty has done GREAT things
for me
and HOLY is his Name.
He has cast down the MIGHTY from
their thrones,
and has lifted up the LOWLY."*

LUKE 1:48B-49, 52

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Saturdays: 4:45 - 5:15pm or by appointment.

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Saturday Evening Vigil: 5:30pm

Sunday: 8:00am & 10:30am

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December 20th, 2015

Fourth Sunday of Advent

PARISH SUPPORT Stewardship

December 13, 2015 \$ 2926.55
 Christmas Flower Collection \$ 893.25
Our weekly budget is \$ 2500



NEW PARISHIONERS:

It's great to have you in our community. If you have not registered in the parish, registration packets are available in the church vestibule or the social hall, or call the rectory at 756-7771. We also invite everyone to the social hall after the 8:00am and 10:30am Masses for coffee and fellowship.

PLEASE NOTE: Just a reminder, Mary will be in the office on Mondays and Fridays. Cherie will be in the office M-Thurs. from 9am-12noon only. Bulletin announcements can be turned in on Sunday or Monday mornings.

Reflection: *Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled. Lk 1:45*

Week 4: The Birth of Yes, our Surrender to Life and Love

Our Advent time is moving along— time for listening and responding. Mary and Elizabeth both were women of listening, as were Joseph and Zechariah (who get short changed in these lectionary readings). Both couples listened to voices that came quite mysteriously, by angels, and in dreams and brought forth a word of YES, to the path drawn out before them. Mary and Joseph, Elizabeth and Zechariah, spoke their YES with great faith, but not without trepidation.

Is it possible that Joseph accompanied Mary to Elizabeth and Zechariah's home and then Joseph returned to his carpenter trade in Nazareth? Probably so. Nevertheless, the YES, the surrender to YHWH's plan, God's Love Design, was lived out day-by-day, step-by-step, in prayer and in everyday actions.

Joseph made plans to go down to Jerusalem and Bethlehem for the pre-ordained census— scratching his head perhaps and wondering how it would all work out. We know the rest of the story, but he and Mary surely did not. Their YES was firm. They would be steadfast as the Promise was to be fulfilled. God is Faithful.

Do I, like Mary and Joseph, Elizabeth and Zechariah, believe the Promise, and say YES to God's Fidelity, God's Plan?
 Will I become silent, listen more and speak less in my prayer and with others?

How do I recognize the Presence in dreams, through angels, and through others, when I least expect a visitation?

Where am I willing to go to share the Good News of Christ, the Birth of Yes?

The visitation is so familiar that sometimes we miss the significance of this event. Elizabeth, beyond child bearing years, and Mary, who had not yet been with a man, are both pregnant. Each in her own way was trying to understand what seemed impossible. Instead of responding with doubt, fear, shame, or any other such feeling, they interacted with amazement, joy, and wonder. Elizabeth in her wisdom spoke to Mary of her incredible faith, her trust that what was spoken to her would be fulfilled.

As we continue these final days of waiting and preparing for Christmas, are we aware of the words that God is speaking to us? Have we given our yes to God's purpose in our life? Do we believe that God can accomplish great things in and through us? In these final days of Advent listen closely and trust God so that what has been spoken to you by the Lord will be fulfilled.

Prayer: *Loving God, still our hearts so that we can hear your word. Open us to the mystery of what you are doing in our lives. Give us the faith to believe that what you have spoken to us will be fulfilled.*

Personal challenge: *Live in the wonder that what has been spoken to you by God will be fulfilled.*

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Mass Intentions

Dec. 19 5:30pm Virginia Blaine req. by Danuta Drej
 Dec. 20 8:00am St. Joseph req. by Lilia Hernandez
 10:30am Peter & Maria req. by Hoa Nguyen
 Dec. 21 8:00am For the People
 Dec. 24 5:30pm For the People
 11:00pm Lucile & George Mauer requested by Phil & Cindy Schroeder
 Dec. 25 10:00am Paul Galgan Jr. req. by Sylvia Galgan
 Dec. 26 5:30pm Leo & Helen Tomczak requested by Sylvia Galgan
 Dec. 27 8:00am Edward & Virginia Blaine requested by Fr. Blaine
 10:30am Franco Aguilar req. by Aguilar Family



December 24-25, 2015 Nativity of the Lord

	<u>Lector/Server</u>	<u>Communion Ministers</u>
5:30pm	Pat Pawlus Diego Martinez	Terry Hampton, Pat McGrath Juan Cruz, Jose Maciel
11:00pm	Juan Ortiz Matt Gordon	Millie Ortiz, Mary Frias Liz Vincent
10:00am	Dominic Knee Brett Knee	Jose Hernandez, Cecilia Corona

December 26-27 Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

	<u>Lector/Server</u>	<u>Communion Ministers</u>
5:30pm		
8:00am	Liz Vincent Emmalyn Jacobs	Gary & Cynthia Currier
10:30am	Arthur Becerra Jinette Villareal	Jody, Chad, & Derek Gonzales Julio Palomino

Now that Christmas is drawing near, this is just a reminder that Fr. Blaine has dietary restrictions. He is unable to eat many of the Christmas

goodies, like candy, breads, snacks, etc. that people generously gave in the past. Please keep this in mind for this year. Thank you!!



Christmas Mass Schedule

Thursday, December 24, 2015

Nativity of the Lord

Christmas Vigil Mass: 5:30pm
 Mass at Night: 11:00pm
 Musical Prelude and Ceremony of
 Light beginning at 10:30pm

Friday, December 25, 2015

Christmas Day

Mass during the Day: 10:00am

**No Confessions Christmas Eve or
 Christmas Day.**

December 26-27, 2015

*The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and
 Joseph-* Masses at 8:00am and 10:30am

Thursday, December 31, 2015

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

Mass at 5:30pm
 Exposition till 7:30pm

Advent as Countercultural- I believe Advent is the most countercultural season for Christians. People worry about what kind of decorations to put up and what kind of gifts to buy. They're afraid of feeling guilty if the gifts they give are not as nice as those they receive. Isn't that ironic? We have so much fear and guilt over the birth of the One who came to take away our fear and guilt. So the Church offers us a whole other way to move through this season.

Consider Advent's symbols: *Quiet*, as opposed to noise. Take time to read from the Bible or another spiritual book, and reflect in quiet. *Darkness*. Nights are longer, reminding us of the darkness and cold of a world without Christ. *Waiting*, as opposed to rushing around. We can redeem the moments we spend in traffic or in line by being cheerful with the people in line, helping others with packages or offering a quiet prayer for those around us. After all, the whole purpose of Christ's coming is to make us more peaceful and more loving. Fr. Martin Pable, O.F.M. Cap.
*Taken from Living Faith, Daily Catholic Devotions
 October-November-December 2015*



For all those in need: The poor, the hungry, the homeless, the lonely, the unemployed, and the sick, especially: Ron Vassel, Cheryl McQuaid, Joan Gay, Jamie Hernandez, Vicky Valerio, C.T. Miller, Richard Burness, Dick and Phyllis Allam, Jovan Currier, Bruce Minter, Cindy Navarro, Brian Smith, Angie Atherly, Katina Davidson, Mark Sykes, Susan Rosenbloom, Myrna Cosgrove, Tanner Morgan, Erma Pineda, Reinhard Mueller, Annette DiCicco. John Godwin, Mervin Bruce Atwater, Cindy Schroeder.



Our Homebound: Rosemary White, Nancy Fowler, Lilia Hernandez, Sarkis Barakat, Josie Torres, JoAnn Minter .

Readings for the Week of December 20, 2015

Sunday, December 20, 2015-Fourth Sunday of Advent-

Micah 5:1-4, Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19,
 Hebrews 10:5-10, Luke 1:39-45

Monday, December 21, 2015-St. Peter Canislus

Song of Song 2:8-14, Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21, Lk 1:39-45

Tuesday, December 22, 2015- 1 Samuel 1:24-28,

1 Samuel 2:1, 4-8, Luke 1:46-56

Wednesday, December 23, 2015- St. John of Kanty

Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24, Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14, Luke 1:57-66

Thursday, December 24, 2015- 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14,

Psalm 89:2-5, 27, 29, Luke 1:67-79

Friday, December 25, 2015- The Nativity of the Lord

Isaiah 9:1-6, Ps 96:1-3, 11-13, Titus 2:11-14, Luke 2:1-14

Saturday, December 26, 2015-St. Stephen

Acts 6:8-10;7:54-59, Ps 31:3-4, 6, 8, 16-17, Matt 10:17-22



Upcoming Events

St. Nicholas Breakfast after Masses

Mon. Dec. 21	7:00pm	Pack Meeting
	7:30pm	M.P.Y.R.
Wed. Dec. 23	7:30pm	MJM
Thurs. Dec. 24	5:30pm	Christmas Vigil Mass
	11:00pm	Christmas Mass at Night
Fri. Dec. 25	10:00am	Christmas Day Mass
Mon. Dec. 28	7:30pm	M.P.Y.R.
Wed. Dec. 30	7:30pm	MJM
Thurs. Dec. 31	Mass at 5:30pm	Exposition till 7:30pm
Fri. Jan. 1		New Years Day Mass at 8:00am

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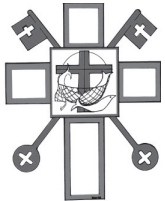
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If you are interested, or know someone who may be interested, please contact Mary in the office at 801-756-7771 Monday through Friday after noon for more information.

