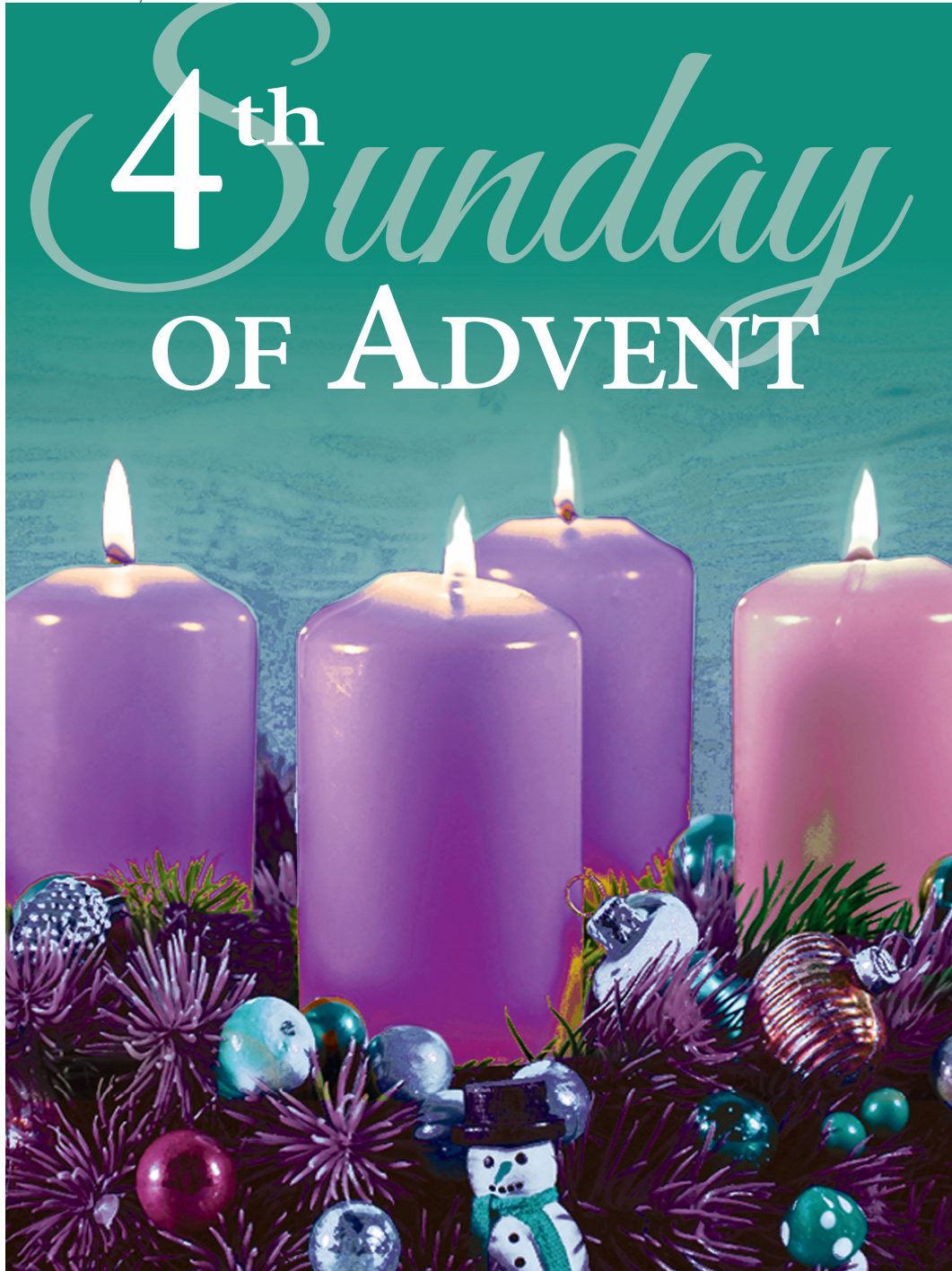




PARISH COMMUNITY
Santa Clara, California

Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 22, 2024
Cuarto Domingo de
Adviento



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From Monsignor Fran Cilia

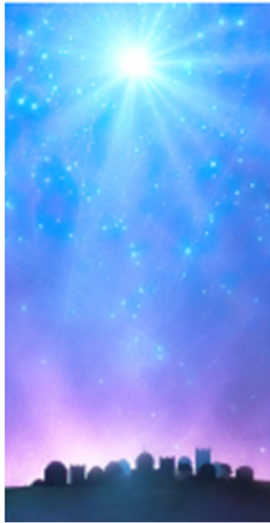
“At the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy.”

According to the gospels, soon after the Angel Gabriel’s visit to Mary, she “proceeded in haste” to the hill country where Elizabeth and Zechariah lived, there to assist her elderly cousin in the final months before her baby, John, was born. Even before his birth, John recognized the presence of Jesus, living in Mary.

It is important to note that Mary’s reaction to the news that she was chosen to be Mother of the Messiah was not to go into seclusion, but to travel to help her cousin, becoming for us an example of Christian service.

In a real way, Mary was the first Christian missionary, bearing the Lord to all the places and to all the people to whom she went. We can do the same, being what is now called “Missionary Disciples.” May we be effective witnesses of the Lord’s working in our lives.

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses



Christmas Eve Masses

| | |
|------------------|----------|
| English Vigil | 4:00 pm |
| English Vigil | 5:30 pm |
| Spanish Vigil | 7:00 pm |
| Chinese Vigil | 8:30 pm |
| Portuguese Vigil | 10:00 pm |

Tuesday, December 24

Christmas Day Masses

| | |
|------------|------------|
| English | 7:30 am |
| Portuguese | 9:00 am |
| English | 10:30 am |
| Spanish | 12:00 Noon |
| Chinese | 1:30 pm |

Wednesday, December 25

Mass on December 26 will be at 9:00 am

The parish office will be closed until January 2, to allow our staff to spend time with their families.

Poinsettias for the Church for Christmas

Again, this year, we will welcome your gifts of Poinsettias to help with our church’s Christmas environment. Please bring Poinsettias either to the church or the parish office any time before Christmas. If it is convenient for you, we should be arranging the church for Christmas around 10:00 on Christmas Eve morning, this Tuesday.



Collection for Saint Vincent de Paul



The “Fifth Sunday Collection” to benefit the work of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society will be taken up next weekend. As always, your gifts make a big difference in the lives of the individuals and families that are served.

Youth Ministry News



LAST MONTH to register for Confirmation 2025! If you are a current 8th-12th grade and are ready to take the next step in faith, consider joining our program from January to September 2025. Visit our website for more information: stclareparish.org/ymc Cost to register is \$350 and our last day to register is January 5th.

Bible study is every week on Tuesday at 8:00pm in the youth center basement.



PARISH COMMUNITY

Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses
Saturday Evening Vigil
5:00 p.m. (English)
Livestreamed

Sunday
7:30 a.m. (English)
9:00 a.m. (Portuguesa)
10:30 a.m. (English)
12:00 p.m. (Español)
Livestreamed

*Liturgy of the Word
for Children during
10:30 a.m. Mass (English)*

*Liturgia de la Palabra
para Niños
durante Misa de
12:00 p.m. (Español)*

Weekday Masses
Monday-Saturday
8:00 a.m.
Holidays - 9:00 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays
3:00 p.m.– 3:30 p.m.
(In the church)

Saint Clare School



*For to us a child is born, to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon His shoulder,
And His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
Isaiah 9:6-7*

The Saint Clare School faculty, staff, students, and families wish you all a very blessed Season of Christmas. We pray that you find joy and peace with family and friends and that you truly find the wonder of Christ's love for each one of us.

Visit <https://www.stclare.school/admissions-2> to learn more.

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then press 9

Creation Care Tips

“And this shall be a sign for you; you shall find a child wrapped in swaddling clothes, and lying in a manger.” —Luke 2:12

Our sacred scripture story tells us that the newborn Jesus was wrapped in swaddling clothes (the only thing Mary and Joseph had on hand), not a perfect blanket sewn with love. One of our Christmas traditions is to offer beautifully wrapped presents to friends and family. Unfortunately, this tradition involves cutting down tens of thousands of trees to make wrapping paper, most of which can't be recycled and gets discarded soon afterwards. This year, why not find alternatives for wrapping our presents, such as newspaper, old posters, or other reused paper? Some people use cloth napkins, which can be reused; others prefer using gift bags which can also be conveniently reused later on. When wrapping your gifts this year, be creative to prevent depleting our forests.



Weekly Justice Challenges

Christmas falls on Wednesday of this week. Sometimes in the midst of gifts and parties we forget the real purpose of this celebration—the Second Person of the Trinity incarnating and becoming one of us. Jesus came as a poor person to stand in total solidarity with those who have little. This week's challenge is to reflect on all the things you have, including the gifts you will be receiving this week, and what you will do with them in light of so many of your brothers and sisters across the world having so little. What are you willing to share?

Renovação do Ministério

Junte-se a nós,
no fim de semana de 11 e 12 de
janeiro de 2025,
imediatamente após cada missa.
Aprenda sobre os ministérios,
grupos e organizações da nossa
paróquia e como você pode
compartilhar seus dons e talentos
com a nossa comunidade.

11 e 12 de janeiro de 2025

NO SALÃO PAROQUIAL

Boletim Paroquial Português

22 de Dezembro de 2024; Domingo IV do Advento e **Festa do Natal de Jesus Cristo**
Reflexão Por: João Pereira Arruda

O Evangelho deste Domingo, o último do Advento, traz-nos em elevado relevo **Maria**. A viagem que Maria fez para visitar sua prima Isabel tem por distância cem milhas, mas depois de saber pelo anjo Gabriel, que sua prima estava grávida e não se importando muito com os perigos que essa caminhada comportava, pos toda a sua confiança no Senhor e predispos-de a servir sua prima no sua gravidez que depois nos daria João Baptista. Nossa Senhora sabia o caminho e arriscou-se no assumir o quão perigoso iria ser, mas para Ela, o mais importante era servir sua prima em tempo de nececidade Maria foi a primeira aventurada pois Isabel assim o disse: **“Bem-aventurada aquela que acreditou no cumprimento de tudo quanto lhe foi dito da parte do Senhor”**. Maria nos dá o exemplo de como estar preparada para cumprir o que Senhor de si quer, Maria concentra-se totalmente em estar preparada para aceitar a vontade de Deus. Assim tambm nós, neste último Domingo do Advento, devemos estar preparados para aceitar o Menino Jesus neste Natal. Devemos ter os nossos corações livres de todo o entulho que nos impede de estar em paz e com o Príncipe da Paz. Devemos estar sempre prontos para servir os irmãos , muito particularmente aqueles quantos, que nem gruta têm de abrigo, daqueles que são perseguidoa pela justiça humana, os exilados e imigrantes que procuram ter uma nova vida. Aos idosos e abandonados pelos próprios familiares e deste modo iremos chegar á Festa de Natal do Menino Jesus no próximo dia 25 de Dezembro.

Chegamos á Festa do Natal e todos nós fomos convidados a celebrar o aniversário do Menino Jesus! Queremos ter uma festa alegre, nos nossos gregados de família, mas tambem, como paroquianos de Santa Clara e como membros da Comunidade Paroquial Portuguesa. Façamos esforços para cada vez mais sermos uma comunidade unida em amor fraterno. Tal como Nossa Senhora predispos-Se a servir em nome do Senhor, assim também nós, assistidos pelo Espírito Santo possamos servir e conresponder ás necessidades que temos na nossa comunidade

Agradecimento do Concelho Paroquial Português

O conselho Paroquial Português gostaria de agradecer a todas as pessoas que contribuíram de qualquer maneira , no planeamento e na execução do nosso serão de Natal. Como sabemos, este serão é uma tradição de 49 anos. Queremos também agradecer à todos aqueles que já fizeram parte deste serão ao longo dos anos, e que por diferentes razões, não encontram-se conosco. Pela vossa disponibilidade, trabalho árduo e dedicação incansável, que Deus vos abençoe com as maiores bençãos do céu. Não existem palavras para podermos agradecer o vosso amor e dedicação para com a nossa comunidade.

Muito Obrigada!

Mensagem de Natal Que o nascimento do Menino Jesus traga-nos muita saúde, amor e esperança. Que o Natal possa encher-nos de motivação para sermos um exemplo de respeito, caridade e doação uns para com os outros. Para que através de Jesus, possamos transmitir a paz a todos quanto nos rodeiam. Que o vosso Natal seja cheio de luz, alegria e graça divina. Que Jesus, Nosso Salvador, proteja e abençoe a todos nós e nossas famílias como também a nossa comunidade paroquial.

FELIZ NATAL E PRÓSPERO ANO NOVO!

Claudia Madruga



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Stewardship Report

Collection:
December 14th and 15th

Goal: \$10,100.00
Actual: \$ 11,961.00

Thank you!

SUPPORT OUR PARISH

Scan one of the QR codes for direct and safe way to donate.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Daily Mass Readings



Sunday:

Micah 5:1-4a; Hebrew 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45

Monday:

Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24; Luke 1:57-66

Tuesday:

Morning: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Luke 1:67-79

Wednesday:

Vigil: Isaiah 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Matthew 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 *Night:* Isaiah 9:1-6; Timothy 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14 *Dawn:* Isaiah 62:11-12; Timothy 3:4-7; Luke 2:15-20
Day: Isaiah 52:7-10; Hebrew 1:1-6; John 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14 (*readings at priests' discretion*)

Thursday:

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Matthew 10:17-22

Friday:

1 John 1:1-4; John 20:1a, 2-8

Saturday:

1 John 1:5—2:2; Matthew 2:13-18

Next Sunday:

1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28; 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24; Luke 2:41-52



Parish Mission Statement

Founded in 1777, Saint Clare Parish is an ethnically diverse Catholic community of faith, united in worship, discipleship and service. In welcoming immigrants, newcomers and strangers, we strive to live the virtues of justice and love, so as to be the face of Christ in the world, becoming in Him a sign of unity and an instrument of God's peace.

Mass Intentions

December 21-28, 2024

| | | |
|-------------|---------------------|--|
| Sat | 5:00 pm | Graciela de Diez † |
| Sun | 7:30 am | Saint Clare Parishioners |
| | 9:00 am | Andre Sardinha † Maria Lucia Cardoso † Ernesto Gonsalves † Margarida Arias † Manuel Santos † Dora M. De Oliveira † Jose and Vidalia Gaspar Rocha † Jose Ignacio Mendonça † Manuel Sardinha † Domingos and Gilda Correia † Manuel and Angelina R. Ferreira † Jose Manuel Correia † Jose and Maria Rodrigues † Julio Matos † Alberto Cardoso Avila– Health In Thanksgiving to God |
| | 10:30 am | Patricia Torres– Birthday |
| | 12:00 pm | Ida López– Salud Claudette Regullano-Valbuena– Salud Patty Gumfry– Salud Angela de Buitrago † Francisco Luis Buitrago † Arturo Ávila † |
| Mon | 8:00 am | Andrew J. Balago † |
| Tues | <i>See page 2</i> | Saint Clare Parishioners |
| Wed | <i>for schedule</i> | Saint Clare Parishioners |
| Thu | 9:00 am | Antonino Pereira † |
| Fri | 8:00 am | Maria Adelina and Jose Furtado Pereira, Sr. † |
| Sat | 8:00 am | Jesuina and Francisco Lourenço and Family † |

MINISTRY RENEWAL

A Call to Serve

Join Us!

January 11-12, 2025,
immediately after each Mass.

Learn about the ministries,
communities & outreach
opportunities in our Parish and
how you can share your gifts and
talents with us.

January 11-12, 2025

PARISH HALL



SUNDAY
JANUARY
26

SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY
LEAVEY CENTER
500 EL CAMINO REAL, SANTA CLARA, CA 95053
www.dsj.org/basketball

BASKETBALL CHALLENGE

DOORS OPEN 5:00 PM TIP-OFF 6:30 PM

TICKETS AT YOUR PARISH OR
ONLINE AT DSJ.ORG/BASKETBALL
\$10 GENERAL
ADMISSION

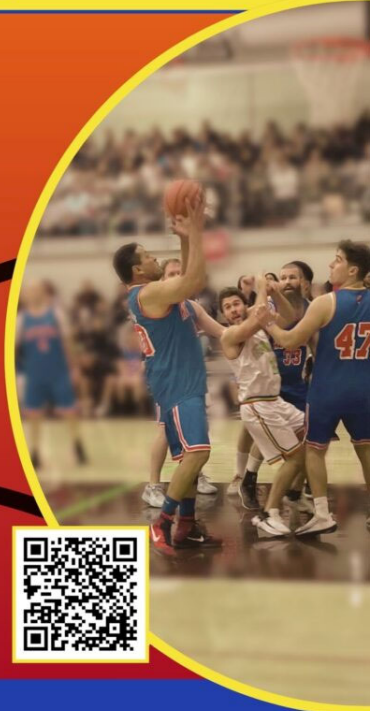
CHILDREN UNDER 9 AGE - FREE
ALTAR SERVERS FREE - MUST BRING
PHOTO OF THEM WEARING LITURGICAL
VESTITURE

RAFFLE TICKETS
\$10 EACH

1ST PRIZE - LAST SUPPER FRAMED ART
from the Holy Land

2ND PRIZE - OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE FRAMED ART
genuine replica from Mexico City

3RD PRIZE - STATUES OF DIOCESAN PATRONS
St. Joseph & St. Clare



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OPEN HOUSE

JANUARY 26, 2025
11:30 - 1:30



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RENOVACIÓN de ministerios

Acompáñenos,
el fin de semana del 11 y 12 de
enero de **2025**, inmediatamente
después de cada Misa.

Conoce los ministerios, grupos y
organizaciones en nuestra parroquia
y cómo puedes compartir tus dones
y talentos con nuestra comunidad.

11 y 12 de enero de 2025

EN EL SALÓN DE LA IGLESIA

December 22, 2024

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mi 5:1-4a | Heb 10:5-10 | Lk 1:39-45

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Ask a child, “Where is God?” and you’ll likely receive a variety of responses: “in heaven,” “in church,” “everywhere” and “in my heart” are all conceivable answers from a child’s lips. But the one we most easily write off as silly or sentimental is one that the saints would urge us to revisit more seriously: God is indeed “in my heart” – that is, he is present in our souls! This is true not only when we receive him in Holy Communion, and not only because he is “everywhere,” but because we possess *sanctifying grace*. Grace is *divine life* – God’s life – and if we are “in a state of grace” (that is, we have brought any mortal sins to confession), we have this life within us! Our model for becoming aware of this wonderful gift is our Blessed Mother, whose example in today’s Gospel teaches us to love, reverence, and obey God within us. Setting out “in haste” to serve her aged cousin, Mary carried God in her womb. We can imagine the love and joy with which she carried him. At every moment, God is present in us, too (not physically, but by grace) and we should strive to recognize and love him who has made our hearts his dwelling place.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

The events of today’s Gospel suggest that Jesus’ presence in Mary is not *for* Mary alone. Prompted by love, she made the arduous journey to visit Elizabeth – itself an act of charity. But Mary brought more than her services and support to Elizabeth during a potentially difficult pregnancy; she brought God himself! Mary was so conscious of God within her that even her words, flowing from a heart burning with his love, carried a special power; at Mary’s greeting, Elizabeth was “filled with the Holy Spirit” and John the Baptist “leaped for joy.” As we become increasingly aware of God dwelling in our souls, we, too, become “Christ-bearers” to others. By being lovingly attentive to our Divine Guest, our words and actions become means by which he can act on the hearts of those we encounter each day.

SING

*O come, divine Messiah!
The world in silence waits the day
When hope shall sing its triumph
And sadness flee away*

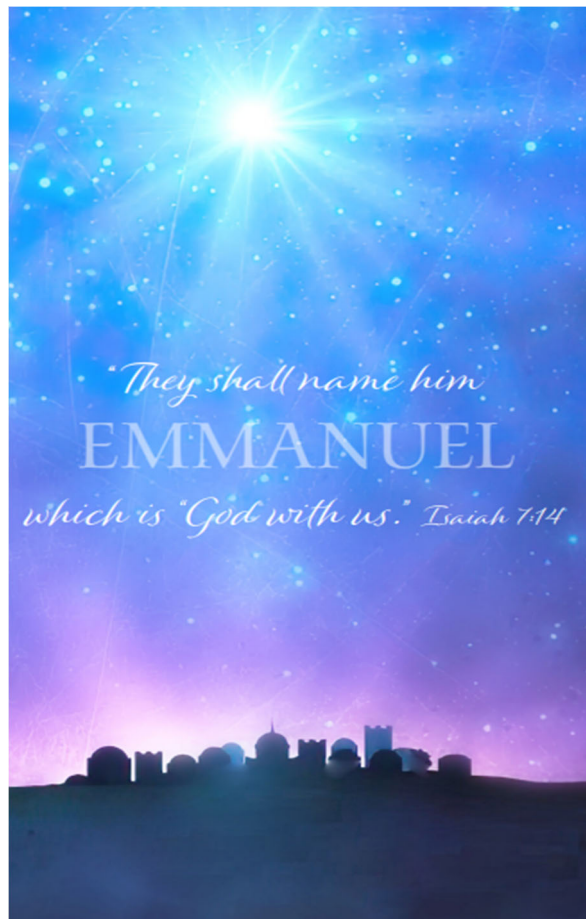


Dear Parishioners,

We wish you the blessings of Christmas and the coming New Year.

May our Christmas observances open to you and your loved ones the incredible mystery of the Love that is with and for us – forever. Thank you for being part of our parish family and for giving us the privilege of serving you here at Saint Clare.

May God bless you now and always!



Queridos feligreses,

Les deseamos las bendiciones de la Navidad y el próximo Año Nuevo.

Que nuestras celebraciones navideñas abran para ti y tus seres queridos el increíble misterio del Amor que está con y para nosotros, para siempre. Gracias por ser parte de nuestra familia parroquial y por darnos el privilegio de servirle aquí en Saint Clare.

¡Que Dios te bendiga ahora y siempre!

Magr. Fran

Rev. Victor Fidel

S. Quintanilla

Ryan Bao

Linda O. Brisuela

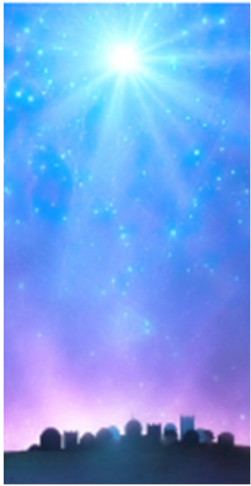
De Monseñor Fran Cilia

“En el momento en que el sonido de tu saludo llegó a mis oídos, el niño en mi vientre saltó de alegría”.

Según los evangelios, poco después de la visita del Ángel Gabriel a María, ella “se dirigió apresuradamente” a la zona montañosa donde vivían Isabel y Zacarías, allí para ayudar a su prima anciana en los últimos meses antes de que naciera su bebé, Juan. Incluso antes de su nacimiento, Juan reconoció la presencia de Jesús, viviendo en María.

Es importante señalar que la reacción de María ante la noticia de que fue elegida para ser Madre del Mesías no fue recluirse, sino viajar para ayudar a su prima, convirtiéndose para nosotros en un ejemplo de servicio cristiano.

María fue realmente la primera misionera cristiana, llevando al Señor a todos los lugares y a todas las personas a las que iba. Nosotros podemos hacer lo mismo, siendo lo que ahora se llama “Discípulos Misioneros”. Que seamos testigos eficaces de la obra del Señor en nuestras vidas.



Misas de Nochebuena y el día de Navidad

Misas de Nochebuena

Vigilia en inglés
Vigilia en inglés
Vigilia en español
Vigilia en chino
Vigilia en portugués

Martes 24 de diciembre

4:00 pm
5:30 pm
7:00 pm
8:30 pm
10:00 pm

Misas del día de Navidad

Inglés
Portugués
Inglés
Español
Chino

Miércoles 25 de diciembre

7:30 am
9:00 am
10:30 am
12:00 mediodía
1:30 pm

La misa del 26 de diciembre será alas 9:00 am

La oficina parroquial estará cerrada hasta el 2 de enero, para permitirle al personal pasar tiempo en familia.

Flores de Nochebuena para la Iglesia en Navidad

Nuevamente, este año, recibiremos con agrado sus donaciones de pascuas navideñas para ayudar con el ambiente navideño de nuestra iglesia. Traiga flores de Pascua a la iglesia o a la oficina parroquial en cualquier momento antes de Navidad. Si le resulta conveniente, deberíamos organizar la iglesia para Navidad alrededor de las 10:00 de la mañana de Nochebuena de este martes.



Colecta para San Vicente de Paúl



El próximo fin de semana se retomará la “Colecta del Quinto Domingo” a beneficio de la obra de la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl. Como siempre, sus donaciones marcan una gran diferencia en las vidas de las personas y familias atendidas.



CUARTO DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

Un pueblo bien dispuesto

Dios de salvación,
pastoreas tu rebaño
para dar nueva vida.
Al prepararnos a recibir
al rey de las naciones,
invocamos tu nombre.

Muéstranos tu rostro,
concédenos serenidad
para discernir tu voluntad.
Danos valor para responderte.
¡Ven pronto a salvarnos!
Por Cristo nuestro Señor. Amén.

Lecturas del día: Miqueas 5:1-4a; Salmo 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Hebreos 10:5-10; Lucas 1:39-45. Apenas antes, el ángel Gabriel le anunció a María que daría a luz un hijo (Lucas 1:31). Para convencerla de esa verdad, Gabriel le dice que su pariente, Isabel, también está embarazada. Dado que Isabel ya pasó la edad de concebir hijos, Gabriel implica que, si Isabel está encinta, María también puede estarlo, “pues nada es imposible para Dios” (1:37). Al visitar a Isabel, ésta saluda a María: “Bendita tú entre las mujeres”. Y la bendice porque “se cumplirá lo que el Señor te anunció”.

El cumplimiento es de aquello proclamado por el profeta Miqueas que anuncia la salvación del pueblo gracias a un rey de la casa de David: “De ti sacaré el que ha de ser jefe de Israel... y habitarán tranquilos,

Domingo, 22 de diciembre de 2024

Salto de alegría

cuando su autoridad se extiende hasta los confines de la tierra”. La Carta a los Hebreos habla del sacrificio de Jesús por el perdón de nuestros pecados, y nos ha “restaurado”, como canta el Salmo responsorial.

Isabel exclama que “la criatura dio un salto de gozo en mi vientre” al escuchar el saludo de María. Rebosantes del Espíritu Santo, madre e hijo anticipan la venida del Señor. El fin del Adviento está cerca; de verdad, el Señor se acerca. Esta última semana de Adviento, ¿cómo se prepara usted para saltar de alegría por la llegada del Señor? Esta tarde, rece un Avemaría y deléitese con la alegría que irradia Isabel.

Isaías 62:11-12; Salmo 97:1, 6, 11-12; Tito 3:4-7; Lucas 2:15-20. Día: Isaías 52:7-10; Salmo 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 (3c); Hebreos 1:1-6; Juan 1:1-18.

ESTA SEMANA EN CASA

Lunes, 23 de diciembre

¡Oh Emmanuel!

La antífona de hoy dice, “¡Oh Emmanuel, Rey y Legislador nuestro, esperanza de las naciones y salvador de los pueblos, ven a salvarnos, Señor Dios nuestro!”. Cerca del final del Adviento, ore con la canción “Ven, Ven, Señor, no tardes”, y vaya a misa hoy. Pida ayuda a Dios para ver que él viene a salvarnos. Considere imitar a Zacarías y bendecir a Dios; ¿cuáles son sus motivos? *Lecturas del día:* Malaquías 3:1-4, 23-24; Salmo 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 y 14; Lucas 1:57-66.

Martes, 24 de diciembre

Canten la bondad del Señor

Escuchamos el Cántico de Zacarías en el evangelio. Como el de María, este himno proclama la grandeza del Señor. Zacarías alaba la misericordia, la guía y la salvación del Señor. Apártese un momento del caos inevitable de preparar las celebraciones de mañana, y escriba un cántico de alabanza. Recuerde “¡adorarlo sin temor!” *Lecturas del día:* 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Salmo 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 y 29; Lucas 1:67-79.

Miércoles, 25 de diciembre

La natividad del Señor

¡Aleluya! “Una luz ha brillado”. ¡Hoy nos ha nacido un Salvador! En la oscuridad y la atracción constante de los deseos mundanos, envuélvase en abundante gozo porque el “Consejero admirable, Dios poderoso, Padre sempiterno y Príncipe de la paz” reina y sostiene “desde ahora y para siempre”. Resuelva proclamar esta Buena Nueva durante la temporada navideña. ¿Cómo va a “anunciar su salvación” y contar “sus maravillas”? Puede enviar tarjetas a familiares y amigos, hornear galletas navideñas para alguien confinado en casa o servir en un refugio. *Lecturas del día:* Vigilia: Isaías 62:1-5; Salmo 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 (2a); Hechos 13:16-17, 22-25; Mateo 1:1-25. Noche: Isaías 9:1-6; Salmo 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13; Tito 2:11-14; Lucas 2:1-14. Aurora:

Jueves, 26 de diciembre

San Esteban, Mártir

La Iglesia celebra el testimonio de san Esteban, elegido por la comunidad de discípulos para compartir las enseñanzas de Jesús. San Esteban fue apedreado porque “hacía grandes prodigios y señales entre el pueblo”. Lea el relato de su testimonio y martirio en Hechos 6—7:60. Pida el valor de seguir el modelo discipular de este santo. *Lecturas del día:* Hechos 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Salmo 31:3cd-4, 6 y 8ab, 16bc y 17; Mateo 10:17-22.

Viernes, 27 de diciembre

San Juan, Apóstol y Evangelista

De san Juan escuchamos que los fieles deben compartir la Buena Nueva, o evangelizar “para que compartan nuestra vida, como nosotros la compartimos con el Padre y con su Hijo”. La evangelización se hace en comunidad: en el evangelio de hoy, María Magdalena y dos discípulos comparten la noticia de la resurrección del Señor. ¿Con quién comparte usted el llamado a evangelizar? Ore por esa persona y contáctela para conversar. *Lecturas del día:* 1 Juan 1:1-4; Salmo 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Juan 20:1a, 2-8.

Sábado, 28 de diciembre

Fiesta de los Santos Inocentes

Cuando el rey Herodes buscó a Jesús “para matarlo”, María y José tomaron a Jesús y huyeron, buscando refugio y seguridad. Hoy, en la Fiesta de los Santos Inocentes, honramos a los primeros mártires: los niños masacrados en Belén por el rey, mientras buscaba al niño Jesús. Si hay una despensa o un centro comunitario cerca de usted, done artículos para bebés (pañales o comida). Diga una oración por aquellos que son perseguidos, por los refugiados, los migrantes y las personas desplazadas que buscan seguridad. *Lecturas del día:* 1 Juan 1:5—2:2; Salmo 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8; Mateo 2:13-18.

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Empezaremos a las 7:00pm

Domingo, 22 de diciembre (iglesia)
Lunes, 23 de diciembre (iglesia)

Se servirán bebidas y bocadillos.
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