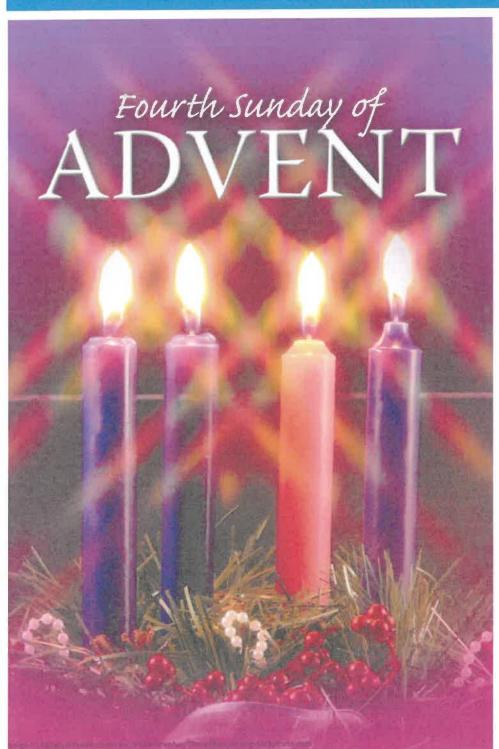
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December 24, 2023 | Fourth Sunday of Advent



MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Saturday 8:15 am

Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm

Sunday 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:15 am and 5:00 pm

Rite of Reconciliation (Confessions) Saturday following the 8:15 am Mass in the church.

Anointing of the Sick Please call or visit the parish office to make an appointment.

Parish Office Hours Mon-Fri: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Saturday & Sunday Closed

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FROM OUR PASTORAL STAFF

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

Happy Fourth Sunday of Advent y'all!

As the year of our Lord 2023 winds down, maybe you've already gotten a calendar for 2024. (I just got one as a gift. It has pictures of goats in trees on it. That's why I'm thinking about calendars and trying to forget about goats in trees. Google it. I guess goats in trees is a thing?!?)

Anyway, calendars represent time; in years, seasons, months, weeks and days. The same is true in our Roman Catholic Church calendar. But in our Church calendar a week is not always a week. For example, this year, because of moveable feasts and lunar cycles, the fourth week of Advent this year is exactly one day long - if you define a day as from sunset to sunset. But if you define a day as a 24 hour period from 12 Midnight to the next 11:59 PM, the 4th Week of Advent is approximately 16 hours long. We're celebrating the 4th Week of Advent on December 23 starting at 4 PM Mass, and continuing with the Sunday Masses in the morning on December 24. We'll do a quick change with the decorations and Christmas Masses start only 3 hours later, at 4 PM!

Even if that 4th Week of Advent is short, that doesn't mean that this last Sunday of Advent should be diminished or discarded! Just the opposite! We should pay particular attention to the theology of the Sunday readings. That theology tells us that God keeps his promises. The Old Testament, with it's history marked in time by the lives of patriarchs, the reigns of kings and kingdoms, and the rise and fall of empires, gives way to the timeless reign of Jesus, the Christ. With the birth of Jesus, the mystery of the Incarnation of the Son of God is revealed and a New Testament is born. The frailty of fallen, bygone human days gives way to the strength of eternal hope and love.

One more funny thing about the Church's calendar, while we celebrate liturgical seasons and remember past Saints with our calendar, our calendar will gladly become obsolete when Christ comes again and time will be no more and all will have eternal life in Christ. Advent has us think beyond Christmas and beyond our calendars to that Day of the Lord.

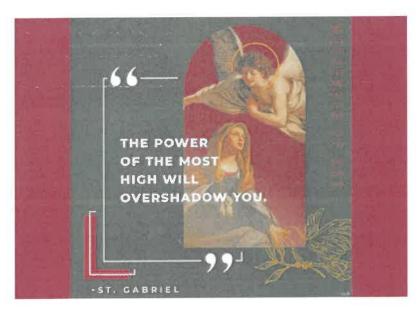
So in these last hours of Advent, let's get ready for Christmas! Certainly! But let's also take a prayerful moment to thank God, our Father, for the blessing that has led us through the seasons of our lives, really our own person "advents", which bring us to the grace and peace we know through the Holy Spirit, showing us the salvation given for all by Jesus, the Christ.

God bless you and yours!

Fr. Reynold



THE WEEK AHEAD



SCRIPTURE READINGS

Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29/Acts Monday:

13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96: 1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13/Ti 2:11

-14/Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk

2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6/Heb 1:1

-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and Tuesday:

8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22

Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

1 Jn 1:5-2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8/ Thursday:

Mt 2:13-18

1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35 Friday:

1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40 Saturday:

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, Sunday:

3, 4-5 or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40

or 2:22, 39-40

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading: "Your own issue shall be your heir." The Lord took Abram outside and said, "Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can. Just so," he added, "shall your descendants be." (Gn 3:4-5)

Second Reading: By faith he received power to generate, even though he was past the normal age —and Sarah herself was sterile. (Heb 11:11)

Gospel: The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him. (Lk 2:40)

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SSJ HAPPENINGS

Monday, December 25 - The Nativity of the Lord

- 9:30 am Mass | † Michelle Francis
- 11:15 am Mass | † Charles & Violet Thomas

Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, December 26 - St. Stephen, the First Martvr

• 8:15 am Mass | † Anne Neish

Parish Office Closed

Wednesday, December 27 - St. John, Apostle

- 6:30 am Men's Bible Study (FR)
- 8:15 am Mass | † Bill Hyink
- 9:15 am Adoration
- 3:30 pm Parking Lot Prayer
- 6:00 pm Knights of Columbus General Meeting (CC)

Thursday, December 28- The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

• 8:15 am Mass | † Ange Algaba

Friday, December 29 - 5th Day within the Octave of The Nativity of The Lord

• 8:15 am Mass | † Andrew Poochigian

Saturday, December 30 - 6th Day within the Octave of The Nativity of The Lord

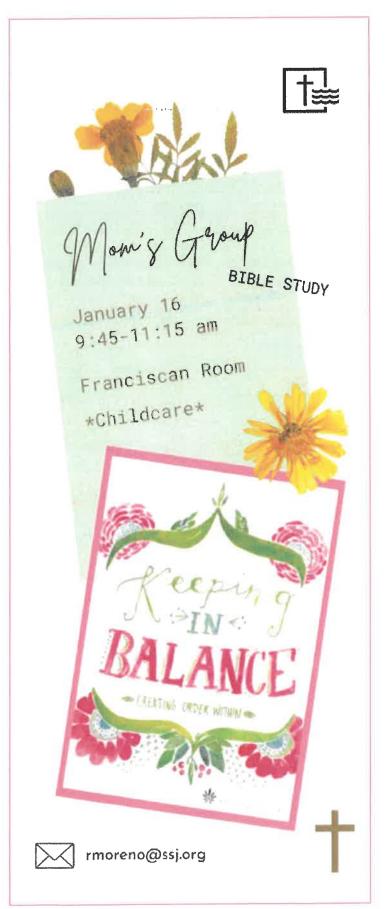
- 8:15 am Mass | + Grandma Rose
- 9:00 am Confessions
- 4:00 pm Mass | † Bill Deeley

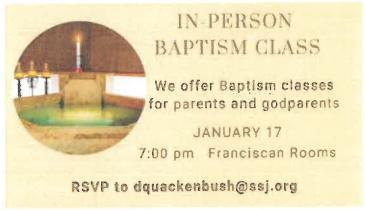
Sunday, December 31 - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

- 8:00 am Mass | † Dulce Baculi
- 9:30 am Mass | † Antonia Beltran
- 11:15 am Mass | † Pedro Motonishi
- 5:00 pm Mass | † Saints Simon & Jude Catholic Church

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FAITH FORMATION & SACRAMENTS



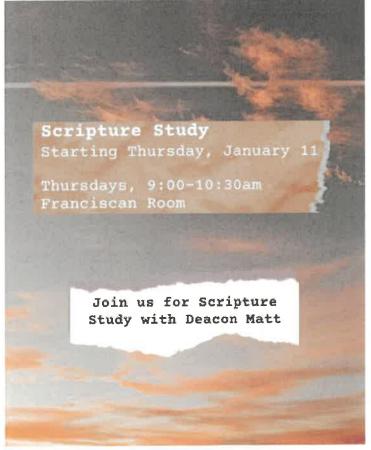


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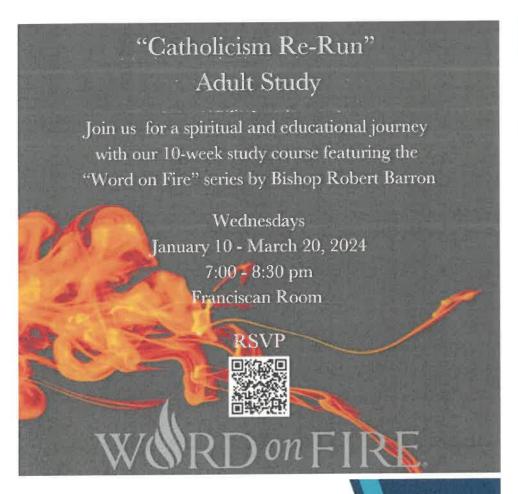
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Nick Garcia

Virginia Rivera

Presley Barreca

Preston Barreca

Elizabeth Barreca

Jeannette Stephen

Roxzane Doran

Barbara Wilson

Marlene Mahem

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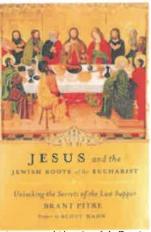
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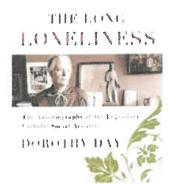


Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist Brant Pitre

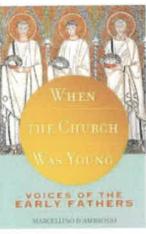


Conversion - The Spiritual Journey of a Twentieth-Century Pilgrim Malcolm Muggeridge

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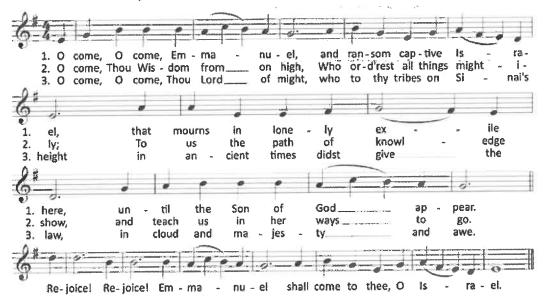


The Long Loneliness Dorothy Day



When the Church
Was Young
Marcellindo D'Ambrosio

Entrance: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel - VENI VENI EMMANUEL



Penitential Act: Kyrie Litany of Praise - Bob Hurd



Reading I: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

When King David was settled in his palace, and the LORD had given him rest from his enemies on every side, he said to Nathan the prophet, "Here I am living in a house of cedar, while the ark of God dwells in a tent!" Nathan answered the king, "Go, do whatever you have in mind, for the LORD is with you." But that night the LORD spoke to Nathan and said: "Go, tell my servant David, 'Thus says the LORD: Should you build me a house to dwell in?'

"It was I who took you from the pasture and from the care of the flock to be commander of my people Israel. I have been with you wherever you went, and I have destroyed all your enemies before you. And I will make you famous like the great ones of the earth. I will fix a place for my people Israel; I will plant them so that they may dwell in their place without further disturbance. Neither shall the wicked continue to afflict them as they did of old, since the time I first appointed judges over my people Israel. I will give you rest from all your enemies. The LORD also reveals to you that he will establish a house for you. And when your time comes and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your heir after you, sprung from your loins, and I will make his kingdom firm. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me. Your house and your kingdom shall endure forever before me; your throne shall stand firm forever."

Responsorial Psalm: Luke 1 - Owen Alstott



Reading II: Rom 16:25-27

Brothers and sisters: To him who can strengthen you, according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret for long ages but now manifested through the prophetic writings and, according to the command of the eternal God, made known to all nations to bring about the obedience of faith, to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation: Canticle Gospel Acclamation



V: Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.

Gospel: Lk 1:26-38

The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you." But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.

"Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." But Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?" And the angel said to her in reply, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren; for nothing will be impossible for God." Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

Preparation of the Gifts: The Angel Gabriel - GABRIEL'S MESSAGE



Profession of Faith

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, (BOW) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

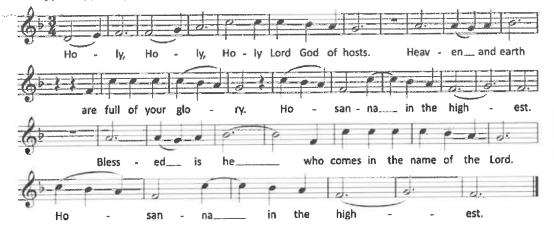
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the Prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

11:15 Mass: The Angel Gabriel - Paul W. Lohman

Eucharistic Acclamations: Mass of Saint Mary Magdalene - Sarah Hart

Holy, Holy, Holy



Mystery of Faith



Amen



Lamb of God





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Communion: My Soul in Stillness Waits - Marty Haugen



O Lord of Light, our only hope of glory, your radiance shines in all who look to you, come, light the hearts of all in dark and shadow.

O Spring of Joy, rain down upon our spirits, our thirsty hearts are yearning for your Word, come, make us whole, be comfort to our hearts.

O Root of Life, implant your seed within us, and in your advent, draw us all to you, our hope reborn in dying and in rising.

O Key of Knowledge, guide us in our pilgrimage, we ever seek, yet unfulfilled remain, open to us the pathway of your peace.

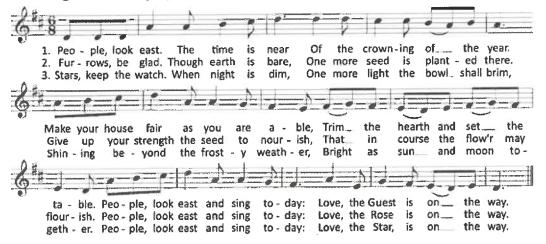
Come, let us bow before the God who made us, let ev'ry heart be opened to the Lord, for we are all the people of his hand.

Meditation: Ave Maria - Michael Perza

Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum. O maiden Mary, you are with favor. God is within you. Benedicta tu in mulieribus, et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus. Blest among women, blest be the child that you carry. Blessed be Jesus. Sancta Maria, Mater Dei, ora pro nobis peccatoribus nunc et in hora mortis nostrae. O holy Mary, Mother of God; pray for sinners, us sinners, throughout our life. Amen.

11:15am Mass: Ave Maria - Jaques Arcadelt (1505-1568)

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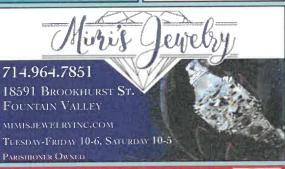
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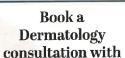
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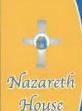
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