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December 18, 2022

FOURTH SUNDAY of *Advent*

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Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means "God is with us."

Matthew 1:23

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Office Hours:

Monday-Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Mass Schedule:

Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 7:00 am

Tuesday & Thursday: 5:30 pm

Saturday*: 5:30 pm

Sunday: 8:30 am, 10:30 am & 12:00 pm

*1st Saturday of the month 8:00am

Sacrament of Confession/Reconciliation:

Tuesday & Thursday: 4:45 pm - 5:15 pm

Saturday 4:45 pm - 5:15 pm

Sunday: 8:30 am & 12:00 pm

Sacrament of Baptism:

Call the parish office at least six weeks in advance.

Sacrament of Marriage:

Call the parish office at least six months in advance.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Advent :
Hanukkah begins

Wednesday: St. Peter Canisius; Winter
begins

Friday: St. John of Kanty

Saturday: The Vigil of Christmas
(Christmas Eve)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab,
16-17; Lk 1:5-25

Tuesday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-
38

Wednesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3,
11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

Thursday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk
1:46-56

Friday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10,
14; Lk 1:57-66

Saturday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5,
27, 29; Lk 1:67-79

Sunday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27
29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25
[18-25]

Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; 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 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6;
Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Eugenio B., Neomi Balderas, Dolores Beardsley, Mary Blake, Rosa Becnel, Michael Castro, Juliana Cavazos, Maria Chavez de Hernandez, Esther & Guadalupe Contreras, Ashley Cuellar, David Davis, John De Leon, Kate DeWein, Mary Elizabeth Donovan, Angela Fitzner, Deacon Frank Gallardo, Vangie Gallardo, Eric Hawbecker, Josephine Janczar, Markus Klink, Kathy McCoy, Sally McDuffee, George Perez, Rina Pollack, Jeanie Sanders, Carlos Saucedo, Edward Jacob Sciantarelli, Jim Sciantarelli, Laurie Seligman, Jerry SESCO, Carolyn Smith, Lisa Weissler, Henry Wolff, Stephen Wyrick.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading —You will be given this sign: the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel (Isaiah 7:10-14).

Psalm — The king of glory shall come in (Psalm 24).).

Second Reading — God has called us to belong to Jesus Christ (Romans 1:1-7).

Gospel —The son born of Mary shall be called Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins. He shall be Emmanuel, "God is with us" (Matthew 1:18-24).

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Please pray for the repose of the soul of
†Deacon Harry Meade Flavin
who died November 28, 2022.
May he rest in peace.

Next weekend's second collection
Is for Assumption Seminary



The Altar flowers this weekend are
In honor of
Our Lady of Guadalupe

Altar Flowers: If you would like to donate flowers for the altar in memory of a loved one, or in honor of a birthday or anniversary, please call the office at 734-7285. Each weekend in the bulletin we thank all those who sponsor the altar flowers.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, December 19

7:00 am Ramiro Zapata (d)
-Family of Ramiro & Julie Zapata

Tuesday, December 20

5:30 pm Giovanni 'Gino' Bruno Garza, Jr. (d)
-Parish

Wednesday, December 21

7:00 am In Thanksgiving V.S.I.

Thursday, December 22

5:30 pm Matthew Calderon (d)
-St. Anthony Catholic School Board

Friday, December 23

7:00 am Steven Davila (d)
-His Parents

Saturday, December 24

4:00 pm Kirk Nelson (d)
-The Gunn Family
4:00pm Special Intention - Maria Brooks
6:30pm Moses Sorola (d)
-Norma Sorola
10:00pm Our Lady of Grace Parishioners

Sunday, December 25

10:30 am Enrique Ferreiro (d)

MASS & CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Monday, December 19

Mass 7:00 am Fr. Joseph

Tuesday, December 20

Confessions 4:45 pm Fr. Joseph
Mass 5:30 pm Fr. Joseph

Wednesday, December 21

Mass 7:00 am Fr. Joseph

Thursday, December 22

Confessions 4:45 pm Fr. Joseph
Mass 5:30 pm Fr. Joseph

Friday, December 23

Mass 7:00 am Fr. Joseph

Saturday, December 24

Mass 4:00 pm - OLG Fr. Jorge
Mass 4:00 pm - SAHS TBD
Mass 6:30 pm TBD
Mass 10:00 pm Fr. Jorge

Sunday, December 25

Mass 10:30 am Fr. Joseph



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

All are welcome to the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Exposition begins every Tuesday in the Adoration Chapel after the 5:30pm Mass and ends on Friday at 7 am.

For more information please contact Becky Prieto at 210-725-2383.

LAS POSADAS

Join us as we celebrate the journey that Mary and Joseph made on the evening of Jesus' birth.

**This Sunday Evening from
6pm—8pm**

6:00pm—Candlelight Procession

We will begin the procession near the fountain in the lawn in front of the Church offices

7:00pm—Potluck Tamale Dinner

Bring a dish to compliment tamales such as rice, beans, chips, corn, soup, chili, etc....

7:45pm—Piñata & Desserts

Please Join the Rosary Prayer Group



The group will meet
**Tuesday, December, 20th
at 6:30 pm
in the Madonna Room**
for a brief Scripture, reflection
and praying the Holy Rosary.
For information, call Greg Clary
at 903-714-0232.

Christmas Season Schedule

Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord

Sat. Dec. 24 **At St. Anthony's Chapel**
3:30 pm Children's Pageant
4:00 pm Children's Mass

At Our Lady of Grace Church
3:30 pm Children's Pageant
4:00 pm Children's Mass
6:30 pm Christmas Eve Mass
10:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass

Sun. Dec. 25 10:30 am Christmas Day Mass

Feast of the Holy Family

Fri. Dec. 30 7:00 am Mass

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

Sat. Dec. 31 5:30 pm
REVISED!! Sun. Jan. 1 8:30 am | 10:30 am | 12 noon

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Sun. Jan. 8 8:30 am | 10:30 am | 12 noon
Adoration of the Child Jesus after every Mass

**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (JAN 9)
IS THE CONCLUSION OF THE CHRISTMAS SEASON**

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Advent

DECEMBER 18, 2022

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MATTHEW 1:23

TRUE GRATITUDE

Advent's four Sundays each have their own focus: "Stay awake!" (First); John the Baptist (Second); Rejoice! (Third); Joseph/Mary (Fourth). We might need to have a little pity on the Fourth Sunday, however, since the hectic realities of the secular calendar can overwhelm it, particularly in those years when there are only one or two (or zero!) days before Christmas. This year we have the luxury of a whole week! What shall we do with this gift from God? Perhaps a bit more charity or social action on behalf of God's poorest. Maybe take some time to listen for the voice of God in our dreams, as Joseph did. Attend daily Mass, Advent reconciliation, or pray the "O" antiphons (which began this Saturday evening). As with every gift, we show true gratitude by using it. Let us do so, as Paul tells us in Romans, for the sake of the name of Jesus, whose coming we await.

WHOSE HOUSE?

Interest in genealogy is much, much older than current fascination with using DNA analysis to trace our heritage. Matthew's Gospel opens with the genealogy of Jesus, going all the way back to Abraham, Israel's father in faith. This is what immediately precedes today's Gospel reading, and is crucial to how we hear the opening sentence: "Now this is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about." It's not so much as a starting point, but a pivot point that places Jesus firmly in the "house of David" through Joseph (in first-century Judaism, lineage and heritage was traced solely through males). An essential understanding of the Messiah was that he would come from the house and lineage of King David. For those of us who follow Jesus in faith, it's important to recall that it was through Joseph that Jesus both came from the house of David and was made a son of the covenant of Moses.

WHOSE HOME?

Matthew's Gospel also contains an angelic annunciation scene; we hear from it today. Another pivot point is presented, when the angel says "Do not be afraid to take Mary into your home." As with most angelic appearances in scripture, the angel provides an instruction not to fear. More importantly, Joseph is instructed by God's messenger to take Mary into his home. When Joseph and Mary were betrothed, they were officially constituted as husband and wife; the next step—approved by an angel—would have been for Joseph to take Mary into his home. So he provided a safe place for a young woman in a troubled pregnancy, and offered her child a home, a heritage, and a lineage. This rather difficult and risky move on Joseph's part might inspire us in this season to seek out and help out in those places where people are longing to have a house and—more importantly—a home.

TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 7:10–14
Psalm 24:1–2, 3–4, 5–6
Romans 1:1–7
Matthew 1:18–24



Children's Christmas Pageant & Choir

December 24th~3:30pm



Our Lady of Grace Church

*4pm Mass will follow after the pageant

Understand Your Catholic Faith with The Catechism in a Year Podcast with Fr. Mike Schmitz!

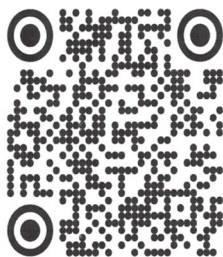
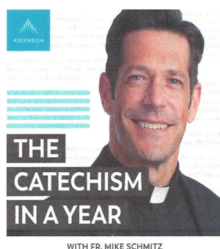
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JOIN THE CHOIR!

Rehearsals are held every Wednesday
at 7pm in the Choir Loft.

We are preparing to sing at the 10:30 Sunday Mass
and special parish celebrations.

Please contact me if you have any questions or if you
want to join us!

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HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

FRIDAY, DEC. 23	Closed
MONDAY, DEC. 26	Closed
TUESDAY - THURSDAY	10 am - 2pm
FRIDAY, DEC. 30	Closed
MONDAY, JAN. 2	Closed

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

SUNDAY, DEC. 25	No Classes
SUNDAY, JAN. 1	No Classes

PARISH MINISTRIES

ROSARY PRAYER GROUP & Potluck Dec. 20th

THAT MAN IS YOU Dec. 20th
**will be on break until on January 24th

Epic Bible Study Not Meeting
** will be on break until January 11th

BISHOP FULTON SHEEN SERIES Not meeting
**will be on break until January 7th

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD ON BREAK
**Children will not be gathered at Mass for CLOW
on December 25th or January 1st



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GOD WANTS TO BE ONE WITH US

What great lengths God will go to in loving and saving us! Think of the most outlandish circumstance you might conceive. That seems to be what the Lord is saying to Ahaz in today's first reading. "A virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel." Not only is the idea of a virgin conceiving beyond comprehension in Ahaz's time, so would the concept of God wanting to be with us be, as the name Emmanuel indicates. And yet, this is what we celebrate in the Incarnation—God wants so completely to be one with us that God came to be with us in a son born to a virgin, the Blessed Virgin Mary. There is more to this story than even these amazing and outlandish occurrences, however. God wants to be one with us so deeply that God partners with us to make God's presence known.

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