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☉ God,
who see how your people
faithfully await
the feast of the Lord's Nativity,
enable us, we pray,
to attain the joys of so great a salvation
and to celebrate them always
with solemn worship
and glad rejoicing.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ,
your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

The Opening Collect,
The Third Sunday of Advent:
Gaudete Sunday



The Third Sunday of Advent: *Gaudete Sunday*
A.D. December 17, 2017

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WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISHIONERS! / ¡BIENVENIDOS A NUESTROS FELIGRESES NUEVOS!

Each family should register at the Parish Office. Please, call the office, and one of the priests will meet with you.
Cada familia debe inscribirse en la Parroquia. Por favor, llame a la oficina y uno de los sacerdotes se reunirá con usted.

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Sunday/Domingo:
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Monday – Friday/Lunes – Viernes:
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday & Thursday/Martes y Jueves:
4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

THE HOLY MASS / LA SANTA MISA**Vigil/Vigilia:**

4:30 p.m. (English/Inglés)

Sunday/Domingo:

7:30 a.m. (English/Inglés)

9:30 a.m. (English/Inglés)

12:00 p.m. (Spanish/Español)

Monday – Friday/Lunes – Viernes:

8:00 a.m., 5:30 p.m. (English/Inglés)

Tuesday & Thursday/Martes y Jueves:

7:30 p.m. (Spanish/Español)

Saturday/Sábado:

8:00 a.m. (English/Inglés)

BAPTISMS / BAUTISMOS

Every Third Sunday of the Month in English/
Cada Tercer Domingo del Mes en Inglés:

2:00 p.m.

Every Third Saturday of the Month in Spanish/
Cada Tercer Sábado del Mes en Español:

2:00 p.m.

Parents need to make an appointment with the parish office.

It is recommended that preparations for Baptism begin, while you are awaiting the birth of your baby.

Los padres deben hacer una cita en la Oficina Parroquial.

Se recomienda iniciar los trámites del Bautismo mientras espera el nacimiento de su bebé.

CONFIRMATIONS / CONFIRMACIONES

Youth must be enrolled in our Religious Education program in order to be confirmed in 8th Grade.

Adults must be enrolled in our Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults process (English or Spanish) in order to be confirmed at Easter.

Los jóvenes deben estar inscritos en nuestro programa de Educación Religiosa para ser confirmados en el 8vo Grado.

Los adultos deben estar inscritos en nuestro proceso de Rito de Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos (inglés o español) para ser confirmados en la Pascua.

CONFESSIONS / CONFESIONES**Thursday/Jueves:**

8:00 – 8:45 p.m.

Saturday/Sábado:

3:30 – 4:15 p.m.

Monday – Friday/Lunes – Viernes:

By Appointment / Por Cita

MARRIAGES / MATRIMONIOS

Couples need to consult one of the parish priests at least 6 months before wedding date.

La pareja debe hacer una cita con el sacerdote con seis meses o más de anticipación de la fecha propuesta.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK / UNCIÓN

Available by appointment to the seriously infirmed and the aged.
Disponibile por cita a los seriamente infirmed y los ancianos.

DEVOTIONS / DEVOCIONES

**First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament/
Primera Adoración del Viernes del Santísimo Sacramento**

8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Miraculous Medal Novena/Novena Medalla Milagrosa

Mondays after Holy Mass/Lunes después de la Santa Misa

Rosary/Rosario

Weekdays at 7:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m./
Días de semana a las 7:30 a.m. y 5:00 p.m.

Saturdays at 8:30 a.m./

Sábados a las 8:30 a.m.

Chaplet of Divine Mercy/Coronilla de la Divina Misericordia

Fridays at 6:00 p.m./Viernes a las 6:00 p.m.

15TH BIRTHDAY / QUINCEAÑERAS

The birthday celebrant must make an appointment with the priest six months or more in advance of the proposed date.

El celebrante del cumpleaños debe hacer una cita con el sacerdote seis meses o más antes de la fecha propuesta.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

8:00 All Souls in Purgatory
4:30 The People of the Parish

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

7:30 Joseph E. Maines †
9:30 Juan and Alicia Peña †
12:00 Camilo Guerra †

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18

8:00 Agnes Burnes †
5:30 Sharon Marie Kallop †

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19

8:00
5:30 Clayton and Frances M. Seeber (L)
7:30

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20

8:00 Raymond Shea †
5:30

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21

8:00
5:30 Ronald A. Morgan †
7:30

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22

8:00 Lisette Engler †
5:30 William Houghtailing †

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23

8:00 John Stofa †
4:30 The People of the Parish

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

7:30 Agnes Burnes †
9:30 Agnes Burnes †
12:00 Maria De Jesus Curel †

LIFE IN OUR PARISH

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Grades 1-6 Sundays at 10:30 a.m., St. Mary's School
Grades 7-8 Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m., St. Mary's School

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASSES

English 1st Monday of the Month at 7:30 p.m.
St. Mary's School
Spanish 1st and 3rd Sunday of the Month at 1:00 p.m.
St. Mary's Church

BIBLE STUDY

2nd and 4th Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m., Rectory Conference Room

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m., St. Mary's Parish Center
Fridays at 7:00 p.m., St. Mary's Church

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Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m., St. Mary's School

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2nd Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m., Rectory Basement

LEGION OF MARY

Tuesdays at 3:00 p.m., Rectory Conference Room

MUSIC MINISTRY

English/Polish Choir Mondays at 6:30 p.m., St. Mary's Church
Spanish Choir Sundays at 11:00 a.m., St. Mary's Church
Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m., Rectory Basement

PARKING LOT FUNDRAISER

Pancake Socials 1st Sundays from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
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Food Fundraiser 2nd Sundays from 10:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
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Saturday Suppers 3rd Saturdays from 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
St. Mary's Parish Center

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

English (RCIA) Mondays at 7:30 p.m.,
Rectory Conference Room
Spanish (RICA) Fridays at 7:30 p.m., St. Mary's School

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

1st and 3rd Thursdays at 6:00 p.m., Rectory Conference Room

YOUTH GROUP

Fridays at 7:30 p.m., St. Mary's School Gym

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Sunday Regular Collection

December 10, 2017 \$3720.36
December 11, 2016 \$5287.52

Immaculate Conception

December 8, 2017 \$1455.00
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FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH!

TODAY'S READINGS**First Reading: Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11**

Isaiah describes the joy and salvation which will accompany the coming of Christ. He compares the plants which spring from a garden to the justice that will spring from all nations.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Paul reminds the Thessalonians to constantly ready themselves for Christ's arrival. He tells them to "avoid any semblance of evil" so that they may be found irreproachable when Jesus does arrive.

Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28

John explains that he is only a messenger to the people for one more powerful than himself. John stresses to them that they must make a path for the one so powerful that he is not fit to unfasten the strap of his sandal.

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William Reilly

"The spirit of the Lord is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me. He has sent me to bring glad tidings to the lowly, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to captives, and release to prisoners. To announce a year of favor from the Lord and a day of vindication by our God."

Remember when Jesus read this passage in His synagogue in Nazareth? St. Luke tells us He said "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearings." We often associate this passage at the time of ordination or confirmation. Today it is directed to me and tells me what to expect when the longed for Savior comes. He was 'anointed', the name Christ means the anointed one. He had a mission, He was sent. He had a message 'good news.' He looked for the lowly, the hurting, those bound by addictions and desperation. He came to free and form missionary disciples.

The mission of Jesus is our mission, the mission of the entire church. We are comfortable, but consider fellow Christians throughout the world suffering from poverty, political oppression. Consider missionaries serving the most pitiable people, like Doctors with Borders, the Catholic Near East Welfare Society Workers, Medical Mission Sisters bringing Isaiah's prompting to fulfillment.

Yes, the spirit of the Lord is upon all of us as we begin week three of Advent. Jesus has gifted us with His mission.

LECTURAS DE HOY**Primera Lectura: Isaías 61:1-2a, 10-11**

Isaías describe la alegría y salvación que acompañarán la venida de Cristo. Compara las plantas que crecen en un jardín a la justicia que crecerá en todas las naciones.

Segunda Lectura: 1 Tesalonicenses 5:16-24

Pablo le recuerda a los tesalonicenses a estar constantemente listos para la llegada de Cristo. Les dice "apártense de toda clase de mal" para que sean irreprochables cuando finalmente llegue Jesús.

Evangelio: San Juan 1:6-8, 19-28

Juan explica que él es sólo un mensajero de uno más poderoso que él. Juan hace hincapié en que deben preparar el camino para uno tan poderoso que él no es digno de ni siquiera desatar las cintas de su sandalias.

SU PALABRA HOY por el Rev. William Reilly

"El espíritu del Señor está sobre mí, porque el Señor me ha ungido. El me envió a llevar la buena noticia a los pobres, a vendar los corazones heridos, a proclamar la liberación a los cautivos y la libertad a los prisioneros; a proclamar un año de gracia del Señor, un día de venganza para nuestro Dios."

¿Recuerdan cuando Jesús leyó este pasaje en Su sinagoga en Nazaret? San Lucas indica que El dijo: 'Hoy se ha cumplido este pasaje de la Escritura que acaban de oír.' A menudo asociamos este pasaje durante una ordenación o confirmación. Hoy se dirige a mí y dice qué puedo anticipar cuando el muy esperado Salvador llegue. Fue 'ungido', el nombre Cristo significa aquel que ha sido ungido. Tenía una misión, El fue enviado. Tenía un mensaje de 'buenas nuevas'. Buscó a los humildes, a los que padecían, a los adictos y desesperados. Vino a liberar y a formar discípulos misioneros.

La misión de Jesús es nuestra misión, la misión de la iglesia entera. Estamos cómodos, pero considere a nuestros hermanos cristianos por todo el mundo sufriendo pobreza y opresión política. Considere a los misioneros sirviendo a la gente más pobre, tales como Doctores sin Fronteras, la Sociedad de Beneficencia Católica para el Medio Oriente, las Hermanas de la Misión Médica, quienes llevan las palabras de Isaías a cabo.

Sí, el espíritu del Señor esta sobre todos nosotros a medida que comenzamos la tercera semana de Adviento. Jesús nos ha dado el don de su misión.

PRAY FOR THE INFIRMED / OREMOS POR LOS ENFERMOS

Watch, O Lord, with those who wake, or watch, or weep tonight, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend your sick ones, O Lord Christ. Rest your weary ones. Bless your dying ones. Soothe your suffering ones. Pity your afflicted ones. Shield your joyous ones. And for all your love's sake. Amen.

- Saint Augustine

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Catechesis for This Week / Categeusis Por Esta Semana

The Tree of Jesse

(Bulletin Cover)

Jesse was the father of the great King David of the Old Testament. He is often looked upon as the first person in the genealogy of Jesus.

The Jesse tree helps us connect the custom of decorating Christmas trees to the events leading to Jesus' birth. The Jesse tree is named from Isaiah 11:1: "A shoot shall come out of the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots." Jesse was the father of King David. We adorn a Jesse tree with illustrated ornaments that represent the people, prophecies, and events leading up to the birth of Jesus. The ornaments of the Jesse tree tell the story of God in the Old Testament, connecting the Advent season with the faithfulness of God across four thousand years of history.

In Church art a design developed showing the relationship of Jesus with Jesse and other biblical personages. This design showed a branched tree growing from a reclining figure of Jesse. The various branches had pictures of other Old and New Testament figures who were ancestors of Jesus. At the top of the tree were figures of Mary and Jesus. This design was used mostly in stained glass windows in some of the great medieval cathedrals of Europe. The Cathedral of Chartres (which was dedicated in 1260) has a particularly beautiful Jesse Tree window.

Another development in religious art during the Middle Ages was that of Mystery Plays—drama that depicted various Bible stories or lives of Saints and Martyrs. These plays were performed in churches as part of the liturgical celebrations. One such play was based on the Bible account of the fall of Adam and Eve. The "Tree of Life" used during the play was decorated with apples. (Quite possibly this is also the forerunner of our own Christmas tree.)

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El Árbol de Jesse

(Cubierta del Boletín)

Jesse fue el padre del gran Rey David del Antiguo Testamento. A menudo es visto como la primera persona en la genealogía de Jesús.

El árbol Jesse nos ayuda a conectar la costumbre de decorar árboles de Navidad con los eventos que llevaron al nacimiento de Jesús. El árbol Jesse se llama de Isaías 11: 1: "Un vástago saldrá del linaje de Jesse, y un vástago crecerá de sus raíces." Jesse era el padre del rey David. Adornamos un árbol Jesse con adornos ilustrados que representan a las personas, las profecías y los eventos que conducen al nacimiento de Jesús. Los ornamentos del árbol Jesse cuentan la historia de Dios en el Antiguo Testamento, conectando el tiempo de Adviento con la fidelidad de Dios a lo largo de cuatro mil años de historia.

En el arte de la iglesia se desarrolló un diseño que muestra la relación de Jesús con Jesse y otros personajes bíblicos. Este diseño mostró un árbol ramificado que crece de una figura reclinada de Jesse. Las diversas ramas tenían imágenes de otras figuras del Antiguo y del Nuevo Testamento que fueron antepasados de Jesús. En lo alto del árbol había figuras de María y Jesús. Este diseño fue utilizado principalmente en vitrales en algunas de las grandes catedrales medievales de Europa. La Catedral de Chartres (que fue dedicada en 1260) tiene una ventana particularmente hermosa de Jesse Tree.

Otro desarrollo en el arte religioso durante la Edad Media fue el de Mystery Plays-drama que representó varias historias bíblicas o vidas de Santos y Mártires. Estas obras se representaron en iglesias como parte de las celebraciones litúrgicas. Uno de estos juegos se basó en el relato bíblico de la caída de Adán y Eva. El "Árbol de la vida" utilizado durante la obra estaba decorado con manzanas. (Es muy posible que este sea también el precursor de nuestro propio árbol de Navidad).

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Gaudete Sunday: Rejoice! / Domingo Gaudete: ¡Alegrarse!

The third Sunday of Advent, so called from the first word of the Introit at Mass (*Gaudete*, i.e. Rejoice).

The season of Advent originated as a fast of forty days in preparation for Christmas, commencing on the day after the feast of St. Martin (12 November), whence it was often called "St. Martin's Lent"-- a name by which it was known as early as the fifth century. The introduction of the Advent fast cannot be placed much earlier, because there is no evidence of Christmas being kept on 25 December before the end of the fourth century (Duchesne, "Origines du culte chrétien", Paris, 1889), and the preparation for the feast could not have been of earlier date than the feast itself.

In the ninth century, the duration of Advent was reduced to four weeks, the first allusion to the shortened season being in a letter of St. Nicholas I (858-867) to the Bulgarians, and by the twelfth century the fast had been replaced by simple abstinence. St. Gregory the Great was the first to draw up an Office for the Advent season, and the Gregorian Sacramentary is the earliest to provide Masses for the Sundays of Advent. In both Office and Mass provision is made for five Sundays, but by the tenth century four was the usual number, though some churches of France observed five as late as the thirteenth century.

Notwithstanding all these modifications, however, Advent still preserved most of the characteristics of a penitential season which made it a kind of counterpart to Lent, the middle (or third) Sunday corresponding with Laetare or Mid-Lent Sunday. On it, as on Laetare Sunday, the organ and flowers, forbidden during the rest of the season, were permitted to be used; rose-coloured vestments were allowed instead of purple (or black, as formerly); the deacon and subdeacon reassumed the dalmatic and tunicle at the chief Mass, and cardinals wore rose-colour instead of purple.

All these distinguishing marks have continued in use, and are the present discipline of the Latin Church. Gaudete Sunday, therefore, makes a breaker like Laetare Sunday, about midway through a season which is otherwise of a penitential character, and signifies the nearness of the Lord's coming.

FEASTS OF THE WEEK / FIESTAS DE LA SEMANA

December 21	SAINT PETER CANISIUS, PRIEST AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH (+ 1597)	Optional Memorial
December 23	SAINT JOHN OF KANTY, PRIEST (+ 1473)	Optional Memorial

THANK YOU!

A big "Thank You!" to everyone who helped with the preparation, celebration, and clean-up of all our liturgies and events honoring our Blessed Mother during the early part of December.

¡GRACIAS!

Un gran "¡Gracias!" A todos los que ayudaron con la preparación, celebración y limpieza de todas nuestras liturgias y eventos en honor a nuestra Santísima Madre durante la primera parte de diciembre.

BETHLEHEM HANDICRAFT SALE

This weekend our brothers and sisters representing the Christian Catholic Families of Bethlehem will be selling crucifixes, religious art work, and rosaries – all made of olive wood which is native to Israel and Bethlehem. Since tourism has greatly depleted, Christian families in the Holy Land, who depend on tourism, have been greatly affected. Sale of those goods will help them very much and, also, give you the opportunity to have something authentic from the Holy Land. Please, browse, and buy some articles. It is a good cause and also a help to your personal devotion.

BETHLEHEM HANDICRAFT SALE

Este fin de semana, nuestros hermanos y hermanas que representan a las Familias Católicas Cristianas de Belén venderán crucifijos, obras de arte religioso y rosarios, todos hechos de madera de olivo que es originaria de Israel y Belén. Dado que el turismo se ha agotado en gran medida, las familias cristianas en Tierra Santa, que dependen del turismo, se han visto muy afectadas. La venta de esos bienes les ayudará mucho y, también, le dará la oportunidad de tener algo auténtico de Tierra Santa. Por favor, explore y compre algunos artículos. Es una buena causa y también una ayuda para su devoción personal.

< KID'S > KORNER

Gospel Today

Third Sunday of Advent | John 1:6-8, 19-28

BE AWARE, PREPARE, REJOICE!

John the Baptist denies being the Christ. He is sent to testify to the light, the coming of Christ, light of the world.

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THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

ARRIVAL OR COMING OF CHRIST

GAUDETE SUNDAY

The Rose Candle

The rose/pink candle represents hope and joy. Rejoice! We are halfway through Advent and Christmas is near. Christ, light of the world, is coming soon.

WEEK 3, evening lighting prayer

Prayer said by Father or head of household

"O Lord, we beg Thee, incline Thy ear to our prayers and enlighten the darkness of our minds by the grace of Thy visitation. Through Christ our Lord, Amen".

Mother lights the first & second purple and the rose/pink candle.



Color 3 purple and 1 rose/pink candle. Draw flames on 2 purple and the rose/pink candle and color the holly leaves green.

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