



December 24 & 25, 2017

Fourth Sunday of Advent (24th)

The Nativity of The Lord (25th)

UPCOMING DATES

Fourth Sunday of Advent Masses:

Sun Dec 24, Mass 9 AM St. Elizabeth

Sun Dec 24, Mass 11 AM St. Colman

Christmas Eve Mass at St. Elizabeth:

Sun Dec 24, Christmas Carols 4 PM

Sun Dec 24, Christmas Eve Mass 5 PM

Christmas Day Mass at St. Elizabeth:

Mon Dec 25, Christmas Day Mass 10 AM

There will be no other Christmas Day Masses!

The office will be closed &

No daily Mass from Dec. 26 thru Dec. 29.

Tues Dec 26, St. Colman Guild Meeting 12 PM

Wed Jan 3, St. Elizabeth Guild Meeting 1 PM

Tues Jan 9, Finance Committee Meeting 4 PM

PRAY FOR OUR BROTHERS & SISTERS

Who are ill or in pain: Helen Johnson, Billy Henthorn, Steve Arcia, Jim & Mary Crowther, Steve Darling, Lorelie Fulwider, Fr. Andrew Metcalf, JoAnn Coules, Dinah Smith, Lorna Marie Hastings, Laverne Jones, Carol Williams, Joanne & Bill Rodgers, John Breig, Linda Schmidt, Michell Jackson, Degi Milko, Jim Ward, Nini Sanchez, Jacqueline Donovan, Art McNulty, Terry Devlin, Kathy Cissell, Mary Hall Smith, Stan Moorman, Maggie Nelson, Stella Dunne, George Ayoob, Nina Cantacessi, John Hoffman, Mary Tamargo, Don La Plante, Bruce & Trish, Sarah & David, Ed Fulwider, Vicki Gonzalez, Jesus Chavez Torres.

Who have been called to Eternal Life: Rebecca Jane Ruiz, Janine Bekker Carrig, Margie Sanchez, Glenna Enorme Schutz, Matthew Gonzalez, John Tivenan, Fr. Thomas Devereaux, Billy Ferree, Maureen Shaw, Charlie Castillo, Tom King, Tom Kelly, Axel Avera, Victor Theander, John Sanchez, Ed Botta, Nina Giacometti, Don Covello, Paula Epperson.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. 4 pm: Frank Danzart; Betty Campbell

Sat. 5 pm: For all parishioners

Sun. 9 am: For all parishioners

Sun. 11 am: For all parishioners

READINGS

Fourth Sunday of Advent (Sat/Sun morning)

2 Samuel 7: 1-5. 8b-12. 14a. 16

Psalms 89: 2-3. 4-5. 27. 29

Romans 16: 25-27

Luke 1: 26-38

Christmas Vigil (Sun night)

Isaiah 62: 1-5

Psalms 89: 4-5. 16-17. 27. 29

Acts 13: 16-17. 22-25

Matthew 1: 1-25

Christmas Day (Mon morning)

Isaiah 52: 7-10

Psalms 98: 1. 2-3. 3-4. 5-6

Hebrews 1: 1-6

John 1: 1-18

PARISH DONATIONS

Period reflected: Dec. 16 – Dec. 17

St. Elizabeth 1 st collection	\$1,353.00
St. Elizabeth 2 nd collection	\$236.00
St. Catherine 1 st collection	\$368.00
St. Catherine 2 nd collection	\$299.00
St. Colman 1 st collection	\$90.00
St. Colman 2 nd collection	\$71.00

Thank you for your generosity! \$2,417.00

LITURGICAL MUSIC CORNER

by our Music Director, Rebecca Brown

Dec. 24th Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

Gathering Song: Gathering Song For Advent

“Come, Lord Jesus, come Lord Jesus, come and give us your peace.”

(The Gloria is omitted during Advent.)

Psalms 89: Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Preparation of the Gifts: Hail Mary, Gentle Woman BB #706

Communion Hymn: We Wait ss

Recessional Hymn: Let the King of Glory Come BB #62

BB: *Breaking Bread Hymnal* SS: *Song Sheets*

Christmas

Dec. 24th 4 pm Caroling /5 pm Mass

Dec. 25th, 10 am

Processional Hymn: O Come, All Ye Faithful/ *Adeste Fideles* (BB # 82)

Gloria in excelsis Deo, gloria, gloria!

Gloria in excelsis Deo, et in terra, terra pax!

Psalms 96: *Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.*

Preparation of the Gifts: Gesu Bambino, *by Pietro Yon*

Communion Hymn: Silent Night (BB # 87)

O Holy Night, choir

Recessional Hymn: Joy to the World (BB # 78)

Hymn Notes:

O Holy Night ("Cantique de Noël") was composed by Adolphe C. Adam in 1847 to the French Christmas poem "Minuit, chrétiens" by Placide Cappeau.

On Christmas Eve, 1906, Canadian inventor Reginald Fessenden broadcasted the first AM radio program and played "O Holy Night" on the violin, making the popular carol the first piece of music to be broadcast on radio.

<http://christianmusic.about.com/od/christmas/a/oholynight.htm>

Please join us for caroling, choral pieces, and scripture reading at 4 pm on Christmas Eve, Sunday, Dec 24th, followed by the Christmas Vigil Mass at 5 pm. All are welcome, so encourage your friends to attend! Let us fill our beautiful church with song and praise celebrating the birth of Christ!

PASTOR'S DESK

It is the 4th Sunday of Advent and half day later is Christmas Eve, I'm not sure if I should wish you a Merry Christmas or not, but I know and pray that each one of you may experience his presence in your life.

Last Sunday was our Christmas Party and there were about ninety-eight people that attended and it was glorious. I hope you had a great time as I have enjoyed socializing with all of you. And I was really impressed that some of you have taken my challenge to introduce yourself to people you have not met. Some have shared their experience in meeting and sitting with people that they have not met before. Others like Linda, has taken the challenge to the extreme, she took the liberty to speak to all of you that was in attendance.

You all deserve that lovely dinner for all you do to make our parish a better place to worship and gather. For all of you who have continued to give your time as well as your financial contribution to the church, thank you!

May the Christmas season be a time to experience the incarnate God and may this year bring us closer to Him and ask for the Holy Spirit to rekindle His fire of love in each of us and with our families.

Again a reminder:

Christmas schedule for 2017

Sun. Dec. 24, Christmas Eve:

Christmas Carols 4 p.m. at St. Elizabeth

Christmas Eve Mass 5 p.m. at St. Elizabeth

Mon. Dec. 25, Christmas Day:

Christmas Day Mass 10 a.m. at St. Elizabeth

Peace and Blessings!

Fr. Luis

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

by Anne Osdiek, St. Louis University

First Reading: Christmas Vigil Mass (Isaiah 62:1-5)

“The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.”The “glory of the Lord” was showing around the shepherds, and the wise men followed the star. Doesn’t the whole world need “the true light, which enlightens everyone”? What makes Christ the true light? Where is the “dark” in the world today that needs the “true light”? How can you spread the light in your part of the world?

On the 5th Sunday of a month, the 2nd collection will benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

The deadline for Bulletin items is Wednesday at 5 p.m. Submit them (proofread and spell-checked) via email or the following meetings at St. Hubert's Hall: St. Elizabeth Guild Meeting (1st Wednesday 1 PM); Finance Committee Meeting (2nd Wednesday 4 PM); St. Colman Guild Meeting (4th Tuesday 12 PM).

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