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December 19th, 2021
4th Sunday of Advent

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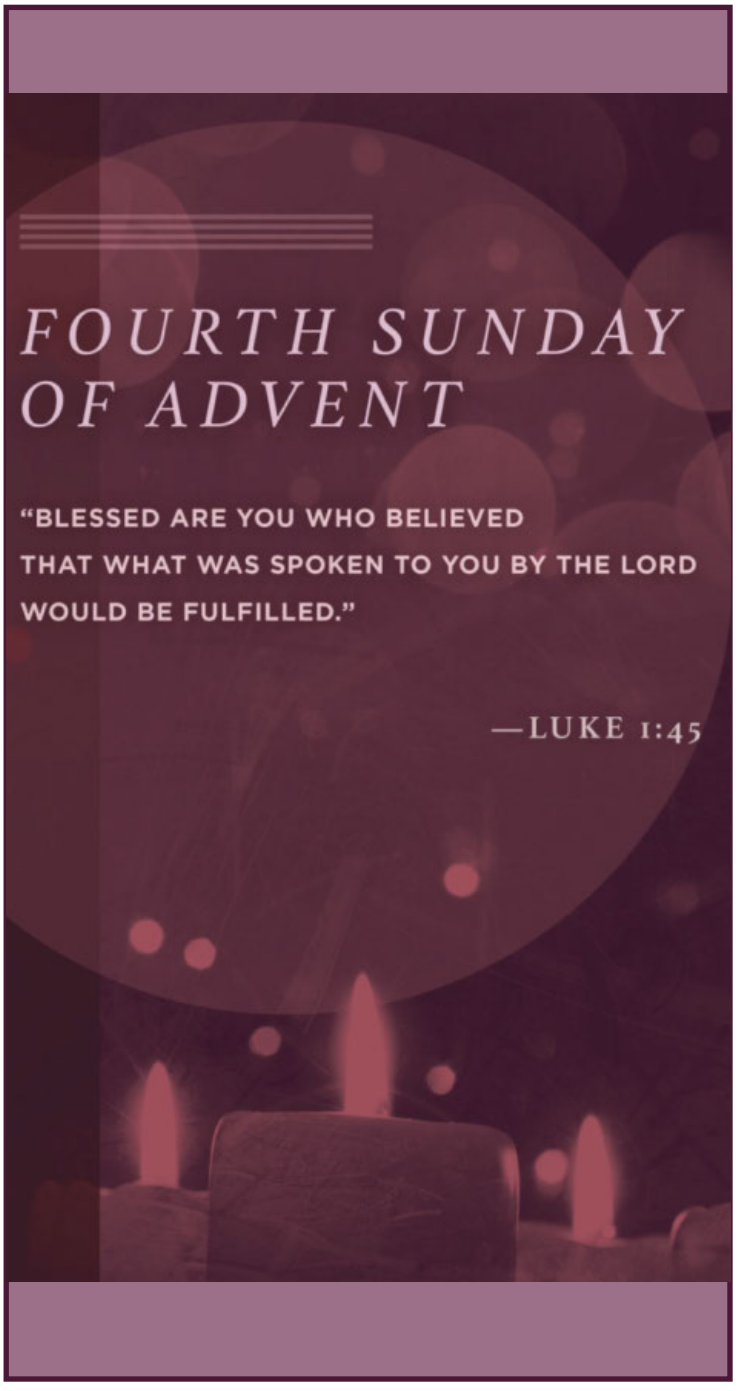


Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, December 20	7:00am	†Josephine Bellaver †Serenity Cirar
Tuesday, December 21	7:30am	†Earl Levee †Bert Harris
Wednesday, December 22	7:30am	LeRoy Lemon
Thursday, December 23	7:30am	†Jack & Nancy Klenske †Bruce Ostdick
Friday, December 24	4:00pm	Peter Fagen †Deceased Members of the Dolan, Sandman, & Seisser Families
	5:30pm	†Dick Stahr
	Midnight	†Joseph Szwab
Saturday, December 25	8:00am	†Louis & Nancy LaPonte
	10:00am	†John & Lorraine Melligan Mattoon Family
Sunday, December 26	7:30am	†Vito Dydas
	10:30am	†Tom Johnson †Josephine Kwasiborski

Pray for Our Military

Rickey Baylon - Navy
Daniel Cabrera-Army
Joseph M. Dutner - Army
Mike Klapperich - Navy
Ostdick - Air Force
Vivica Ramirez, Army
Miguel Uriostegui - Army
Nick Wiltsie– Army
Wayne Becker - Army
Tiara Cabrera - Army
Ben Kochheiser - Army
Joseph McAlpin - Air Force Mitchell
James Peterson, Navy
Jose Uriostegui - Army
Josh Wiltsie – Army

Volunteers Needed!

We need your help! We are still looking for volunteers who would be interested in becoming Eucharistic Ministers, Gift Bearers, and/ or Lectors. We are also in need of a Sacristan for the Sunday 10:30am mass. Please reach out to the parish office by email at **mcorona@stmaryelgin.org** or call **847-888-2828** to schedule training during your Mass time.

Weekday Mass (Live streamed)
Monday: 7:00am Tuesday - Friday: 7:30am
Saturday: 8:00am
En Espanol: 9:00am Martes & Miercoles

Sunday Masses
† 5:00 pm SAT. - Sunday Obligation
† 7:00 pm SAT. - Sunday Obligation (Espanol)
† 7:30 am
† 10:30 am
† 1:00 pm (Espanol)

Sacrament of Reconciliation
† Tuesday: 6:00 pm
† Saturday: 4:00 pm

Other Times By Appointment: Please call the Rectory.

Holy Day Masses
Times will be posted in the bulletin

Eucharistic Adoration
Every Tuesday from 3:00—7:00pm

Sacrament of the Sick
If you or a loved one are going to have major surgery or are seriously ill and would like to receive the grace and healing of the Anointing of the Sick, please call the Parish Office.

Parish Registration
New parishioners are most welcome. Please call the Parish Office during regular office hours.

Baptisms
Please call the Parish Office for information and registration.

Wedding Dates
Must be reserved at least six months ahead.

RCIA (Adult Initiation)
If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, please contact the RE Office at 847-888-2718.

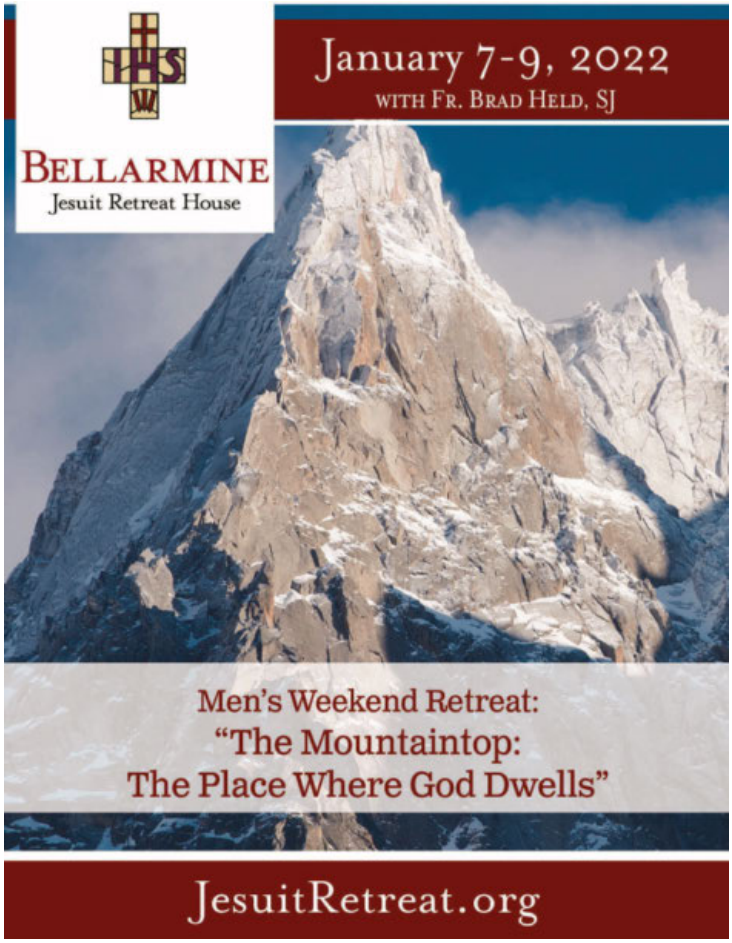
Bulletin Notices
Must be submitted by Monday noon, one week prior to event.

Parish Office Hours
Monday - Friday: 9:00am - 5:00pm

Hispanic Ministry (397 Fulton St.)
12:00pm - 5:00pm (Lunes - Viernes)

Christmas Reconciliation

We will have our last reconciliation before Christmas on Tuesday, December 21st from 6pm to 7pm.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday:
Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Heb 10:5- 10/Lk 1:39-45

Monday:
Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/Lk 1:26-38

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

Wednesday:
1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1a]/ Lk 1:46-56

Thursday:
Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66

Friday:
Morning:
2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79

Saturday:
Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 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 [Lk 2:11]/ 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 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Next Sunday:
Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12- 21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/ Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

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2022 Mission Planning
Are you looking for ways to share your God given skills, talents, or creativity? Consider chairing or being a part of one of the following committees for the upcoming St Mary Parish Mission in April 2022.

Here is the list of committees that we need volunteers for:
· Transportation
· Child Care
· Promotion
· Phone calling
· Hospitality (am/pm)
· Set up and tear down
· Liturgy and Mass

The success of this mission requires months of advanced planning, meetings, marketing, and other behind the scenes work. Please let us know if we can count on you. Call us at the Faith Formation Office at 847-888-2718.

REP
No REP on Sunday, December 26 and Sunday, January 2. Have a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. See you on Sunday, January 9!

Infant of Prague Novena
Look for the Novena prayers to the Infant of Prague posted daily on our St Mary Facebook page and sent out in Flocknotes. This Novena began on December 17 and will end on the December 24.

St. Vincent DePaul Society

St. Vincent de Paul thanks the school children for donating household products: soaps, sanitizers, and paper goods. They have filled those shelves. We also understand food will be donated from the Religious Education students. So thanks in advance to them. There is a brown wicker bin to the left of the church entrance, in the atrium, for any other donations. We appreciate all the support that St. Vincent de Paul gets from St. Mary's parish. A reminder that all checks for this ministry be made out to St. Vincent de Paul, not St. Mary.

A Plea: If anyone has a large wheelchair they no longer use, we have a friend-in-need who can use one.

Merry Christmas

On behalf of Fr. Kuhn, Fr. Cristancho, Deacon Loc,
Deacon Dave and the entire St. Mary Staff,
we wish you a holy and peaceful Christmas Season.

Thank you for all that you give to
the St. Mary Church community.

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parish Family,

I write this letter more than a week ago due to the bulletin company moving up their submission dates around Christmas and New Year. In the news as I write, there is talk about a comet coming close enough to earth for us to see it, perhaps with the naked eye. Also, there was talk of a recent solar eclipse of the Sun that was visible in foreign lands. During these long December nights, it is natural to look up and appreciate what is going on in the heavens around us.

People were looking up into the sky that first Christmas 2000 years ago. Shepherds, as they tended their flocks by night and Magi, as they watched the sky for portents and signs of great events. I found a Christmas reflection by Bishop Fulton Sheen, the great television teacher and storyteller, who evangelized millions in their homes through the then new technology of TV:

"One night there went up over the stillness of the evening breeze, out over those chalky hills of Bethlehem, the cry of a new born babe. '**The Word became flesh and dwelt among us'**. Earth did not hear the cry, for they did not know that a Child could be greater than a man; kings did not hear the cry, for they did not know that a King could be born in a stable; empires did not hear the cry, for empires did not know that an infant could hold the reins that steer the suns and worlds in their courses. But shepherds and philosophers heard the cry, for only the very simple and the very learned know that the heart of a God can cry out in the cry of a Child."

I can imagine the angels joining Mary and Joseph in wonder as they heard Baby Jesus cry while lying in his manger. May our Christmas never lose the sense of wonder that God took on our flesh and became man.

For those who will be on the road and visiting family this Christmas, I wish you a safe journey and pray you are able to come back to us refreshed after enjoying your loved ones. Here, at St. Mary, we will have **our last Confession for Christmas on Tuesday, December 21st from 6pm to 7pm**. I hope to have an extra priest on hand for this. There will be no Mass on Friday morning**, Christmas Eve – only the evening Masses at 4pm, 5:30pm and Midnight**. Our **Christmas Day Masses are 8am and 10:30am**. With Christmas falling on Saturday this year, we made the decision to have **no Confessions at 4pm or an evening Mass at 5pm**. All of our musicians and helpers will be worn out and busy enjoying their families – including Fr. Christopher Kuhn. An oddity of Liturgy – if we offered a Mass in the evening on Christmas Day, even after sundown, it would not be a vigil for Sunday. Instead, it would be an additional Christmas Mass.

Please remember, on **New Year's Day**, day of the Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God, **mass will be at 9am**. This Mass will honor Mary's most important Title and welcome in the New Year with prayer.

May God bless you all and your Christmas/New Year celebrations!

Fr. Chris Kuhn

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