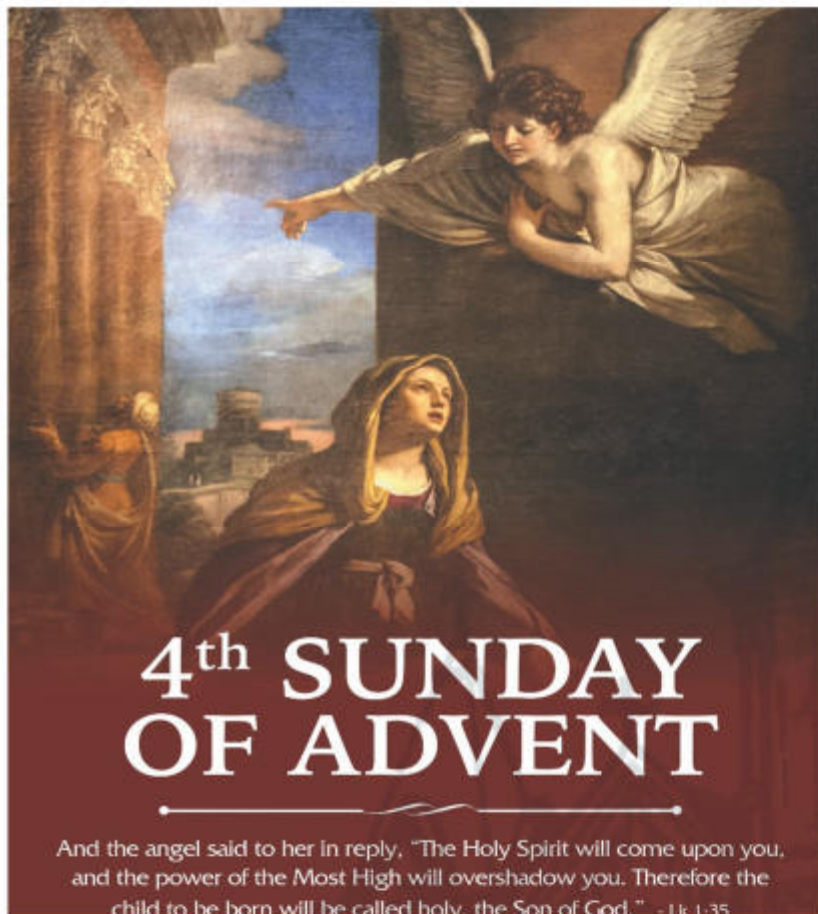


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4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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." - Lk 1:35

OUR PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

St. Paul the Apostle Parish is a community committed to celebrating and communicating the life and spirit of Jesus by word and action. Together with the Archbishop, it strives to build a living, caring and evangelizing church. The parishioners commit themselves to this mission by the sharing of their time, talent and treasure for the benefit of all in the community.

Parishioner Registration

To better serve you and your family, please consider becoming a registered member of our community at St. Paul the Apostle. Simply fill in (name, address, phone & email) and drop it off or mail it to the rectory.

Para servirle mejor a usted y a su familia, considere convertirse en un miembro registrado de nuestra comunidad en St. Paul the Apostle. Simplemente complete el registro (nombre, dirección, teléfono & email) y déjelo o envíelo por correo a la rectoría.

Name _____

Address: _____

Phone & Email _____

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS

8:00 AM, 10:00 AM (Spanish), 11:00 AM (at St. Ann's Nursing Home), 12:00 PM

MONDAY - FRIDAY

7:00 AM, 8:30 AM - Convent Chapel

SATURDAY

8:30 AM - Convent Chapel

5:00 PM (Sunday Vigil)

HOLY DAYS of OBLIGATION

7:00AM, 8:30 AM, 12:00 NOON & 7:00 PM

CIVIC HOLIDAYS: 8:30 AM in Church

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 4:00 PM - 4:45 PM or any time by appointment.

OTHER SACRAMENTS

For information regarding BAPTISMS, R.C.I.A., HOLY MATRIMONY, RELIGIOUS EDUCATION, AND ANOINTING OF THE SICK, please visit our website or call us at the rectory phone number.

Para obtener información sobre BAUTISMOS, R.I.C.A., MATRIMONIO, EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA Y UNCIÓN DE LOS ENFERMOS, visite nuestro sitio web o llámenos al número de teléfono de la rectoría.

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George Miller- *Adult Altar Servers Minister*

Lourdes DeVillava- *Healing & Deliverance*

OFFICE HOURS: Monday to Friday: 9:00 AM - 4:00PM, Saturday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Please call to make an appointment with a priest.

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Daily Mass Intentions- Week of December 20th, 2020

Saturday, December 19,

8:30AM Thomas Gorman (Joanne Gorman)
5:00PM Mary Elizabeth Barnes (Whipple Russell)

Sunday, December 20, (Fourth Sunday of Advent)

8:00AM Cecilio Lopez (Christina, Chelsea, Christopher & Chloe)
10:00AM Carlos Alvarado (Jorge Alvarado)
11:00AM (St. Ann's) Eleanor M. Carney (Marilyn & Thomas Carney)
12:00NN Angie Boduno Pascarello Ortiz

Monday, December 21, (St. Peter Canisius, Priest & Dr. of the Church)

7:00 AM George Hahn (M Pascarello, W Ortiz)
8:30AM (L) Mario Pascarello Birthday (W. Ortiz)

Tuesday, December 22,

7:00AM Selina Gangemi (Falcicchio Family)
8:30AM Virginia Cousins (Cathy Colacurcio)

Wednesday, December 23, (St. John of Kanty, Priest)

7:00AM Josephine Falcicchio (Family)
8:30AM Daniel Leone (Joseph Leone & Family)
7:00PM Divino Niño (Spanish)

Thursday, December 24,

8:30AM ONLY For the Covid-19 Victims
5:00PM Family Mass for Parishioners
8:30PM Christmas Vigil for the Parish

Friday, December 25, The Nativity of The Lord (Christmas)

8:00AM For the Parish
10:00AM For the Parish
11:00AM For the Parish
12:00NN For the Parish

Saturday, December 26, (St. Stephen, The First Martyr)

8:30AM (L) Pol & Lil Abis (Velasco Family)
5:00PM Lisa Velasco (Family)

Sunday, December 27, (The Holy Name of Jesus, Mary & Joseph)

8:00AM Nicholas D'Aluisio (George Miller)
10:00AM Ramon & Andrea Corporan (Gladys)
11:00AM (St. Ann's) Victor Remoroza Palacio (Vicenta Ilagan)
12:00NN Lorenzo Sista (Gail Cousins)

Weekly Collection

Sunday: \$2,485 Latin Mass: \$174
Spanish Immaculate Conception: \$254
Immaculate Conception: \$266
Repair: \$79 Retirement: \$243

Archbishop's Annual Appeal

Goal: \$16,720 Pledges: \$21,082.67
Received: \$19,804.67

Thank you for your generous contributions to our parish and to our Archdiocese.

4th Sunday Advent

**Mary's "Yes" to the will of God,
brought Jesus into the world**

Whose agenda are you following? Your own agenda or God's agenda? Whose will are you doing? Your own will or God's will? Whose kingdom are you building up? Your own kingdom or God's kingdom?

What about Mary in our Gospel? She was certainly not following her own agenda or doing her own will or building her own kingdom when she said 'Yes' to the angel Gabriel to become the mother of Jesus; "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." (Luke 1:38)

Think of the consequences it could have

had for her. She could have been stoned to death according to the law of that time (Deut 22:20-21). For that reason Mary knew that from the human point of view she may not even be able to bring her pregnancy to its full term but she had faith to believe that what is impossible for us is possible for God.

And so with that faith she said "yes." She surrendered into the hands of God, and it really was surrendering because she did not know what the consequences would be. But she had faith to believe that no matter what difficulties would follow, God would provide a way out and a remedy.

Mary shows us how to be a follower of Jesus, making a loving surrender into the hands of God who loves us. When we wonder if we can make such an act of trust and abandonment into the hands of God let us remember that when God calls us he also gives us the grace.

Mary's final words to the angel are a model for each of us, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." (Luke 1:38) And because Mary surrendered to God, Jesus came into the world.

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**El "Sí" de María a la voluntad de Dios,
trajo a Jesús al mundo**

¿Qué agenda estás siguiendo? ¿Tu propia agenda o la agenda de Dios? ¿De quién vas a hacer? ¿Tu propia voluntad o la voluntad de Dios? ¿De quién reino estás construyendo? ¿Tu propio reino o el reino de Dios?

¿Qué pasa con María en nuestro Evangelio? Ella ciertamente no estaba siguiendo su propia agenda o haciendo su propia voluntad o construyendo su propio reino cuando le dijo "Sí" al ángel Gabriel para que se convirtiera en la madre de Jesús; "He aquí la esclava del Señor. Hágase en mí según tu palabra". (Lucas 1:38)

Piense en las consecuencias que podría haber tenido para ella. Ella podría haber sido apedreada hasta la muerte según la ley de ese tiempo (Deut 22: 20-21). Por eso María sabía que desde el punto de vista humano tal vez ni siquiera pudiera llevar su embarazo a su término completo, pero tenía fe para creer que lo que es imposible para nosotros es posible para Dios.

Y así, con esa fe, dijo "sí". Se rindió en las manos de Dios, y realmente se rindió porque no sabía cuáles serían las consecuencias. Pero tenía fe para creer que sin importar las dificultades que pudieran surgir, Dios proporcionaría una salida y un remedio.

María nos muestra cómo ser seguidores de Jesús, entregándose amorosamente a las manos de Dios que nos ama. Cuando nos preguntamos si podemos hacer tal acto de confianza y abandono en las manos de Dios, recordemos que cuando Dios nos llama también nos da la gracia.

Las últimas palabras de María al ángel son un modelo para cada uno de nosotros: "He aquí, soy la esclava del Señor. Hágase en mí según tu palabra". (Lucas 1:38) Y debido a que María se rindió a Dios, Jesús vino al mundo.

**God Bless you,
Rev. Thomas Thottungal, Pastor**



Parish Announcements

*****Important Christmas Announcements*****

Christmas Mass Schedule:

Dec. 24th: 5:00pm and 8:30pm

Dec. 25th: 8:00am, 10:00am (Spanish), 12:00pm

The 8:30pm Vigil Mass on the 24th will be livestreamed on the parish Youtube channel.

There will be a violin Christmas concert by Lenny K beginning at 8:00pm in the Church on the 24th.

Please note that all Christmas Masses will be limited to 110 people. There will be no reservations. Please come early to secure a spot.

Horario de la misa de Navidad:

24 de diciembre: 5:00 pm y 8:30 pm

25 de diciembre: 8:00 am, 10:00 am (español), 12:00 pm

La misa de vigilia de las 8:30 pm del día 24 será transmitida en vivo por el canal de Youtube de la parroquia.

El concierto de Navidad de violín de Lenny K comenzará a las 8:00 pm en la Iglesia el día 24.

Tenga en cuenta que todas las misas de Navidad se limitarán a 110 personas. No habrá reservaciones. Venga temprano para asegurar un lugar.

2021 Hymnals

Due to COVID restrictions we cannot have hymnals in the pews. You can purchase a copy of this year's hymnal before or after Mass. The English copy is \$5 and contains the music and the Sunday readings for the entire liturgical year.

Debido a las restricciones de COVID, no podemos tener himnarios en los bancos. Puede comprar una copia del himnario de este año por antes o después de la misa. El himnario en español cuesta \$3 y tiene las lecturas para cada domingo del año.

Eucharistic Adoration Every Thursday Night

During these uncertain times, let us remain close to Jesus by visiting Him in the Blessed Sacrament regularly. There will be Eucharistic Adoration every Thursday night from 7-8pm with Confessions available in the Back Sacristy. Let us pray for our country, for the end of the Coronavirus, for our families, and for our parish.

Durante estos tiempos de incertidumbre, permanezcamos cerca de Jesús visitándolo regularmente en el Santísimo Sacramento.

Habrà Adoración Eucarística todos los jueves por la noche de 7 a 8 pm con Confesiones disponibles en la Sacristía Posterior. Oremos por nuestro país, por el fin del coronavirus, por nuestras familias y por nuestra parroquia.

Poinsettias

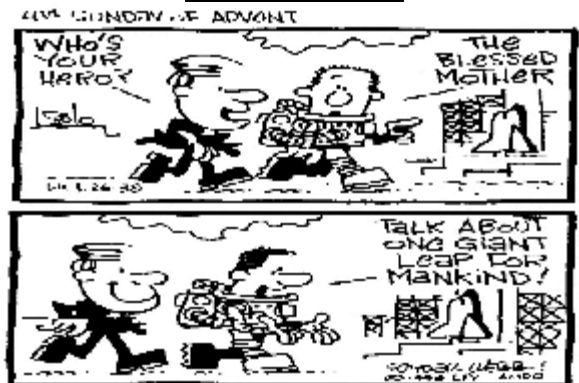
Donation forms for Poinsettia Plants are located on the tables at the back of the Church. Please note that each plant is \$15 per name. Completed forms and donation monies are due by Sunday, December 20th. You may place them in the collection box or return to the Rectory.

Los formularios de donación para las plantas de Poinsettia se encuentran en las mesas en la parte posterior de la iglesia. Tenga en cuenta que cada planta cuesta \$ 15 por nombre. Los formularios completos y el dinero de las donaciones vencen el domingo 20 de diciembre. Puede colocarlos en la caja de recolección o devolverlos a la Rectoría.

Sanctuary Candle:

In Memory of Vicky Silverstadt
From Joan A. Scerbo

Humor Corner



Food for thought

Relation is sweeter than honey and greater than money, smoother than silk, whiter than milk, higher than the any tower and stronger than any power. So maintain it.

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