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Monday: 9am-12n, 1pm-3pm

Tuesday : 1pm-3pm

Wednesday: 9am-12n, 1pm-3pm

Thursday: 9am-12n, 1pm-3pm

Friday: CLOSED

Liturgy Masses

Saturday 5:00pm English
7:00pm Spanish

Sunday 8:00am Spanish
10:30am English

Sunday Readings

First Reading: 2 Sm 7:1-16

Second Reading: Rom 16:25-37

Gospel: Lk 1:26-38

Daily Mass 9:00am

Tuesday: Lk 1:46-56

Wednesday: Lk 1:57-66

Thursday: Lk 1:67-79

Blessed Sacrament of Adoration: Wednesdays from 10am-12pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Every Saturday from 3:30pm-4:30pm or by appointment.



December 20, 2020



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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 20, 2020

Although he is King, David cannot do much without trusting God. This is one possible summary of today's first reading. God wants David's dynasty to prevail for all times, not through aggression or violence but through the peace that belongs to those who trust in him. In the second reading, Saint Paul affirms that the strength of the community comes from God, who loves them deeply. In the Gospel, we feel the force of the divine grace that embraced the humble maiden of Nazareth to transform her into the Mother of the Savior. Today we are invited to catch a glimpse of the lights that announce the Incarnation of God in the womb of the Virgin Mary. For several days now, during the Christmas novena, this announcement has been celebrated through pastorelas, aguinaldos, and other local gatherings. It is recommended that community leaders bring together their groups and prepare them to visit their neighborhood to help others reflect upon and celebrate this great mystery that transformed the human race. *www.liturgy.com*.

Second Reading: Romans: 16:25-27

These three short verses constitute the closing of Paul's magnificent Letter to the Romans, almost universally regarded as his greatest written legacy. Actually, this closing chapter may not be from Romans at all. Many scholars argue that Chapter 15 shows every sign of Paul's official signoff. Additionally, if one reads the earlier verses of Chapter 16, it seems strange that Paul would know so many people in a community he has yet to visit. But even if collected from another source, most would agree that the material contained in this chapter is Pauline. Whatever its origin, today's reading is the typical format for the closing of a letter in the First Century Mediterranean world. For Paul, it is a form of doxology commending his readers "...to him who can strengthen you..." and offering praise "...to the only wise God through Jesus Christ be glory forever and ever. Amen." Glory is a term with which we are sometimes uncomfortable because we associate it with ego, a kind of self-aggrandizement of a highly undesirable nature, and it certainly can be that. But in the biblical sense, it is seen as offering honor, praise, and adoration to God. Glory is one of the principle themes of the Gospel of John, and when read from this perspective, makes the entire Gospel an offering of love (another of his themes) to God. On this last Sunday before we hear the word 'glory' ringing from the night sky at Christmas, it seems a fitting culmination of the Advent period of anticipation and the Yuletide joy of the incarnation. Advent, Christmas, or any other season, the offering of glory to God should be a constant component of prayer, both personal and communal. . *By: Virginia Smith, www.liturgy.com*.

Gospel: Luke 1:26-28:

We are so familiar with this story that perhaps we miss something of its depth and profundity and novelty. First, Mary's condition: she is in love; she is betrothed, that is she has consented to be Joseph's wife but has not yet been taken to live with him, "she does not know man." Second, the angel says to her, "The Lord is with you." Actually, the Greek says, "The Lord with you," that is, there is no verb. The fact that there is no verb suggests a powerful and certain presence of the Lord with Mary. This powerful and certain presence will become yet even more intense and intimate when she "conceives and bears a son," and God becomes Mary's baby. This happens through the power of the Holy Spirit "overshadowing" Mary. This word "overshadow", in Greek episkiazein trails with it images of God's presence in the sanctuary of the Temple, and at the Transfiguration. God is indeed very present to, with and in Mary. There is, however, no element of compulsion in God's presence. One commentator, Tina Beattie, says: "God waited while Mary deliberated. The history of the world hung in the balance as a young girl considered the options before her." God's gracious presence is invitational and persuasive, never coercive. Finally, we notice that no man is present in the narrative. The angel Gabriel is a spirit, not a man, and, while Joseph is mentioned as Mary's betrothed, he plays no role in the narrative. As Tina Beattie says, "Man has claimed the right to silence every voice but his, but when God speaks to Mary, he restores the power of speech to women by explicitly excluding man from the event." Truly something/One new is incarnating here *By: Virginia Smith, www.liturgy.com*.

Receiving Holy Communion in the hand only. Catholic bishops can restrict the manner of reception of holy Communion temporarily in extraordinary circumstances. A pandemic certainly qualifies as an extraordinary circumstance. According to the Church's law, the rights of the faithful are not absolute. The Code of Canon Law states in Canon 223 that 'in exercising their rights, Christ's faithful, both individually and in associations, must take account of the common good of the Church, as well as the rights of others and their own duties to others' and that 'ecclesiastical authority is entitled to regulate, in view of the common good, the exercise of rights which are proper to Christ's faithful.' "In addition, the bishop is the moderator of the liturgy in the diocese (see Canon 835, which states that 'the sanctifying office is exercised principally by bishops, who are the high priests, the principal dispensers of the mysteries of God and the moderators, promoters and guardians of the entire liturgical life in the Churches entrusted to their care"). *Diocese of Salt Lake City, UT*



ADVENT



HOPE. LOVE. JOY. PEACE.

SACRAMENTS

Pre-marital Classes

Please contact the Parish Office for more information or for details on English classes. 801-465-4782.

Pre-baptismal Classes

Please contact the Parish Office for more information or for details on English Classes. 801-465-4782.

(Baptisms are **the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month at 10am**, please keep this in mind when scheduling a baptism date. Thank you). Both Parents and God Parents must attend these classes. Please No Children Allowed during Baptismal Classes.

Important Note: Godparents must be Catholic and confirmed, have already received the holy sacrament of the Eucharist; if married, must be through the Catholic Church, have a life in harmony with the faith and the role to be assumed. (Canon Law 874)

PARISH NEWS

Quinceañera: Classes for Quinceañera: For classes please contact Conteza Bautista (385)423-1127

VENMO: You can now deposit your offering through venmo: @SanAndres-CatholicChurch

Giving Back: This year we will not be giving out thanksgiving baskets due to the pandemic. Instead, Mary Klug will be giving 25 families in need a Food Voucher from Tabitha's way which will contain a thanksgiving meal. Please if you know anyone that is needing help this season refer them to Mary Klug at 801-376-6450. We want to make sure that this voucher goes to those who need it the most since there are only 25 vouchers, Thank you so much for your support and understanding.

SAN ISIDRO FUNDRAISING GIVEAWAY



To collect funds for our sister Mission San Isidro Religious Education Classrooms. Each ticket will be a donation of \$25.00. If you donate \$100 (4 tickets) we will giveaway one free entry. You can stop by the parish during office hours Monday-Thursday 9a-3pm to obtain a ticket/entry you can also contact the parish office

Grand Prize: 2016 Black Nissan Sentra with 41.6k miles

COUNT DETAIL

Due to the Holiday's there will be no count detail until further notice. Thank you for your understanding.

COVID-19 Guidelines:

Please Note: San Andres Parish has taken Covid19 serious with all safety measures. We encourage all of you to do the same. If you have any concerns or questions, please refer to coronavirus.utah.gov
Please visit our NEW website for more information about receiving communion and returning back to mass at: www.utsanandres.org

DECEMBER ACTIVITIES

CHRISTMAS MASS: We will determine how this celebration will be taking course depending on updates from the Utah Health Department. For now schedule is as follows:

12/24/2020	5:00pm	English
	7:00pm	Spanish
12/25/2020	12:00pm	Bilingual



SOLEMNITY OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD: We will determine how this celebration will be taking course depending on updates from the Utah Health Department. For now schedule is as follows

1/1/202021	12:00pm	Bilingual
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Please keep in mind that all of our celebrations will be transmitted LIVE on Facebook.

Pro-Life: The Incarnation

"By his incarnation the Son of God has united himself in some fashion with every human being" (Vatican II, GS 22). This saving event reveals to humanity not only the boundless love of God who "so loved the world that he gave his only Son" (Jn 3:16), but also the incomparable value of every human person. The Church, faithfully contemplating the mystery of the Redemption, acknowledges this value with ever new wonder. She feels called to proclaim to the people of all times this "Gospel", the source of invincible hope and true joy for every period of history. The Gospel of God's love for man, the Gospel of the dignity of the person and the Gospel of life are a single and indivisible Gospel" (Pope John Paul II, The Gospel of Life, n.2). (Priestforlife.org)



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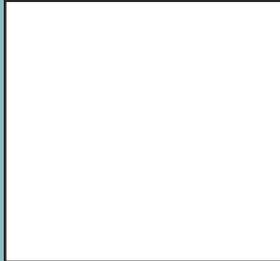
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