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December
20,
2020

Fourth Sunday of Advent



MASS SCHEDULES

Reconciliation

Saturday 3-4 PM, Wednesday 6-7 PM

Reconciliación

Miércoles 6-7 PM, Sábado 3-4PM

Masses Currently we have outdoor masses in English on Sunday at 9:00 AM and in Spanish on Sunday at 2:00 PM

Mass Schedule

We have livestream Masses Monday—Saturday at 10 AM and Sunday at 10:30 in English and Sunday in Spanish at 12:30 PM. Follow mass on Facebook or our webpage live. You can receive communion after the Sunday livestream masses by coming to the placita immediately after mass.



From the Pastor's Desk:

Years ago a psychologist named Thomas Holmes developed a scale for measuring stress. He assigned numerical values to events that cause stress such as the loss of job, moving to a new city, a new relationship. Dr. Holmes even included Christmas on his stress list. He decided that just a normal Christmas was worth a hefty 14 stress points. Some of you understand. You're up to 15 or 20 stress points right now. A writer by the name of Bridget Kuhns took Dr. Holmes' scale and applied it to Mary. Holmes calculated that any pregnancy earns 40 points: an unwanted pregnancy, add 20 more. A change in living conditions (Mary stayed three months with Elizabeth), earns 25 more. Marriage to Joseph: 50 points. A change in financial status: 38 points. Surely there must have been words between them when she discovered that he had not made reservations at the inn: score 35 points for an argument with a spouse. And then the birth – 39 points: 16 for a change in sleeping habits; 15 for a change in eating habits. Not to mention all those uninvited guests: shepherds and angels coming and going and wise men from the East. Psychologist Thomas Holmes says that people get sick when they reach 200 points on his stress scale. Ms. Kuhns calculates that Mary's ordeal earned her a record 424 points. This, of course, does not even include the flight to Egypt. Or even more important, the experience of watching her beloved son die as a common criminal on a cross. Is this what it means to be favored of God? Evidently being favored of God does not protect you from life's bumps and bruises.

"Excuse me," said a small river fish that happened to reach the ocean. . "You are older than I, so can you tell me where to find this thing they call the ocean?" "The ocean," said the older fish "is the thing you are in now." "Oh, this? But this is only salty water. What I'm seeking is the ocean," said the disappointed fish as he swam away to search elsewhere. Today's Gospel introduces God as Emmanuel, one living with us. Christmas celebration should enable us to experience this God within us and all around us.

5-year-old Olivia, and her best friend, Claire, were participating in a nativity play at school. Claire was playing Mary, and Olivia was an angel. Before the show, a young boy was going around the dressing room repeating, "I'm a sheep, what are you?" Each child responded politely, including Olivia, who proudly declared she was an angel. The boy then turned to Claire, still struggling into her costume with her mother's help, and repeated the question to her: "I'm a sheep, what are you?" Claire simply said, "I'm Mary." Realizing he was face to face with a lead character, he felt he needed to justify his own role. "It's hard being a sheep, you know," he said with all the seriousness of a 5-year-old actor with a big part. Claire's equally serious response was humorously profound. "Yes," said Claire innocently, "but it's also hard being a virgin, you know."

Nota de nuestro pastor: Hace años, un psicólogo llamado Thomas Holmes desarrolló una escala para medir el estrés. Asignó valores numéricos a eventos que causan estrés como la pérdida del trabajo, mudarse a una nueva ciudad, una nueva relación. El Dr. Holmes incluso incluyó la Navidad en su lista de estrés. Decidió que solo una Navidad normal valía 14 puntos de estrés. Algunos de ustedes entienden. Tienen hasta 15 o 20 puntos de estrés en este momento. Una escritora llamada Bridget Kuhns tomó la escala del Dr. Holmes y la aplicó a Mary. Holmes calculó que cualquier embarazo gana 40 puntos: un embarazo no deseado, agregue 20 más. Un cambio en las condiciones de vida (María se quedó tres meses con Isabel), gana 25 más. Matrimonio con José: 50 puntos. Un cambio de situación financiera: 38 puntos.

Seguramente debió haber habido palabras entre ellos cuando descubrió que él no había hecho reservación en la posada: anota 35 puntos por una discusión con un cónyuge. Y luego el nacimiento - 39 puntos: 16 por un cambio en los hábitos de sueño; 15 para un cambio en los hábitos alimenticios. Por no hablar de todos esos invitados no invitados: pastores y ángeles yendo y viniendo y magos de Oriente. El psicólogo Thomas Holmes dice que las personas se enferman cuando alcanzan los 200 puntos en su escala de estrés. La Sra. Kuhns calcula que la terrible experiencia de María le valió un récord de 424 puntos. Esto, por supuesto, ni siquiera incluye la huida a Egipto. O aún más importante, la experiencia de ver morir a su amado hijo como un delincuente común en una cruz. ¿Es esto lo que significa ser favorecido por Dios? Evidentemente, ser favorecido por Dios no lo protege de los golpes y moretones de la vida.

"Disculpe", dijo un pequeño pez de río que llegó al océano. . "Tú eres mayor que yo, así que ¿puedes decirme dónde encontrar esa cosa que llaman océano?" "El océano", dijo el pez más viejo, "es en lo que estás ahora". "¿Ah, esto? Pero esto es solo agua salada. Lo que estoy buscando es el océano ", dijo el pez decepcionado mientras se alejaba nadando para buscar en otro lugar. El evangelio de hoy presenta a Dios como Emmanuel, uno que vive con nosotros. La celebración de Navidad debería permitirnos experimentar a este Dios dentro de nosotros y a nuestro alrededor.

Olivia, de 5 años, y su mejor amiga, Claire, participaban en una obra de teatro en la escuela. Claire estaba interpretando a María y Olivia era un ángel. Antes del espectáculo, un niño recorría el camerino repitiendo: "Soy una oveja, ¿qué eres tú?". Todos los niños respondieron cortésmente, incluida Olivia, quien orgullosamente declaró que era un ángel. El niño luego se volvió hacia Claire, todavía luchando por ponerse su disfraz con la ayuda de su madre, y le repitió la pregunta: "Soy una oveja, ¿qué eres tú?" Claire simplemente dijo: "Soy María". Al darse cuenta de que estaba cara a cara con un personaje principal, sintió que necesitaba justificar su propio papel. "Es duro ser una oveja, sabes", dijo con toda la seriedad de un actor de 5 años con un gran papel. La respuesta igualmente seria de Claire fue graciosamente profunda. "Sí", dijo Claire inocentemente, "pero también es difícil ser virgen, ya sabes".

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week
of December 20, 2020

Sun/Dom:

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5,
27, 29 [2a]/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

Mon/Lunes:

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12,
20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-4

Tues/Martes:

1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd]/
Lk 1:46-56

Wed/Mier:

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

Thurs/Juev:

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

Fri/Vier:

Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/
Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

Sat/Sab:

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and
8ab, 16bc and 17 [6]/Mt 10:17-22

Next Sun./Dom:

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps
128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1] or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6,
8-9 [7a, 8a]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb
11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

THE WEEK AHEAD

Mass Schedule Our current
schedule for masses is:

Sunday
9:00 English—mass in the parking lot
10:30 English live streamed
12:30 Spanish live streamed
2:00 Spanish—mass in the parking lot

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Midnight Mass — Livestreamed at
12:00 midnight, English

9:00 English—mass in the parking lot
2:00 Spanish—mass in the parking lot

OFFICE INFORMATION

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PM *Office Closed till further notice* lingual availa-
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Bilingual available 10 AM-4 PM
Sunday 12 PM -4 PM
Bilingual available 12 PM-4 PM

Rev. Joseph Antony Sebastian, SVD

Pastor

Monday,Tuesday,Wednesday,&Friday
10 AM to 12 PM
5 PM to 8 PM (with appointment)
lunes, martes, miércoles, y viernes
10 AM a 12 PM
5 PM a 8 PM (con cita)

Rev. Ricardo Gonzalez, SVD

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5 PM a 8 PM (with appointment)
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Every year, from December 16 to 24 (for others, December 15 to 23), churches and chapels teem with people from all walks of life for a pious exercise that has become so popular among Filipino Catholics all over the world. This is a form of popular piety that is known as "Aguinaldo Masses" and is commonly called "Simbang Gabi" or "Misa de Gallo". This is a novena (nine) of Masses in preparation for the commemoration of the birth of Jesus Christ, the Savior. This Filipino religious custom originated in Europe brought to the Philippine islands by the Spanish conquistadores in the 16th century, who brought the Catholic faith to the Philippines.

Filipinos around the world especially here in the United States brought this religious tradition into their parishes as their "Aguinaldo" or "religious gift" to their new community. At present, Simbang Gabi is considered one of the common celebrations during Advent and is participated in by different cultural and generational groups in the parishes.

Here at St. Joachim Church, Simbang Gabi has been celebrated for 20 years this year and counting. The Mass starts at 5:30 in the morning. This year, because of the pandemic, we will celebrate the Mass completely virtual and we encourage everyone to participate in your homes online through our Facebook page: Saint Joachim Catholic Church or through our Parish website: saintjoachim.net.

The Filipino-American Ministry of St. Joachim Church is the lead organization of the Simbang Gabi celebration. We continue to invite members of our faith community to support and be a part of this ministry and the celebration of this year's Simbang Gabi. Let us all be an "Aguinaldo" or "gift" to one another, to our church and to our whole community. We encourage each family in our parish to be a sponsor (Hermano/Hermana) for a Mass as our "gift/present" to God for all the blessings we have received from his bounty: our life, our health and our family. **Please contact Ariel Mayormita at 510-5897555 leave your name and contact information for more details.**



PRAY FOR

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Ivan Benin
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Nelie Esguerra
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COLLECTION FOR WEEK

Dec 7-13, 2020

The Plate Collection

\$ 3,501.00

EFT Collection

\$ 190.00

On line Collection

\$ 5,020.00

Total

\$ 8,711.00

Saint Joseph the husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary comes from Scripture, and it is not a lot. The Gospels from Luke and Matthew both say Joseph was a descendant of David, the greatest king of Israel. The angel that first tells Joseph about Jesus greets him as “son of David”, a royal title. But despite such family lineage, we know he was a working man, a carpenter, because the skeptical Nazarenes when asking about Jesus said:

“Is this not the carpenter’s son?” We know Joseph was not rich because when he took Jesus to the Temple to be circumcised and Mary to be purified, the sacrifice offered was two turtledoves which was only allowed for those who could not afford a lamb. We know Joseph was a compassionate and caring man. When he discovered that Mary was pregnant, and he knew the child was not his, he planned to quietly send her away so not to expose her shame and be accused of adultery and possibly stoned to death. When the angel came to him in a dream and explained that the Holy Spirit was conceived in Mary, and she would give birth to a son, and Joseph was to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins. Joseph did as the angel said and took Mary as his wife. We know Joseph loved Jesus and treated him as his son. Directed by the angel, Joseph without question fled to a strange country – Egypt with his wife and baby to protect them from King Herod’s massacre of the children of Bethlehem. When it was safe he brought them back and settled in the obscure town of Nazareth to protect Jesus. When Jesus stayed in the Temple, Joseph and Mary searched with great anxiety for him for three days. We know Joseph respected God and followed his commands. He took his family to Jerusalem every year for Passover, which was probably difficult for a working man. Joseph does not appear in the Scripture in Jesus’ public life, nor at Jesus’ death or resurrection, so it is believed that Joseph probably had died before Jesus entered public ministry. Joseph is the patron saint of the dying because, assuming he died with Jesus and Mary close to him, it is the way we all would like to leave this earth. Joseph is also the patron saint of the Universal Church, families, fathers, expectant mothers, travelers, immigrants, house sellers and buyers, craftsmen, engineers, and working people in general. We celebrate two feast days for Joseph, March 19 for Joseph the Husband of Mary and May 1 for Joseph the Worker. With Pope Francis’ new Apostolic Letter, Joseph is remembered on the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark that occasion, Francis proclaimed a “Year of Saint Joseph” beginning December 8, 2020, and ending December 8, 2021. *to be continued ... Sources: vaticannews.va, catholic.org*



“Please prayerfully consider giving to our parish community online as it does benefit our parish in many important ways.”



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MASS INTENTIONS

December 19–26, 2020

Sunday Masses—English

Ramil Dela Cruz (*birthday*)
Elijah Orlina (*13th birthday*)
Tom Martinez (*thanksgiving*)
Valderrama Family (*thanksgiving*)
Jasmine & Steven (*healing*)
David A. Tayco †
Josephine Florina †
Jane Tabor †
Mary Mora †

Sunday Masses — Spanish

Miembros de la familia Cruz
(intencion especial)
Angelina Hernandez † (4th aniversario)
Paula & David Cruz †
Martin Napoles Zaragoza †
Juana Hernandez Barajas †
Esther Guevara †
Gilberto Buenrostro † (1st aniversario)

Monday 10:00 AM

Tom Martinez (thanksgiving)
Valderrama Family (*thanksgiving*)
Fr. Joseph and all consecrated souls
(*thanksgiving*)
L.Dudly family (*special intention*)
Nelia Esguerra (*healing*)
Josephine Florina †

Tuesday 10:00 AM

Tom Martinez (*thanksgiving*)
Valderrama Family (*thanksgiving*)
Fr. Bob Mendonca (*special intention*)
Lupa, Bea & Sandy (*special intention*)

Wednesday 10:00 AM

Tom Martinez (*thanksgiving*)
Valderrama Family (*thanksgiving*)
L. Oliveto Family (*special intention*)

Thursday 10:00 AM

Victoria Maturan (*birthday*)
Tom Martinez (*thanksgiving*)
Rodriguez & Cuayzon Family
(*thanksgiving*)

Friday English Masses

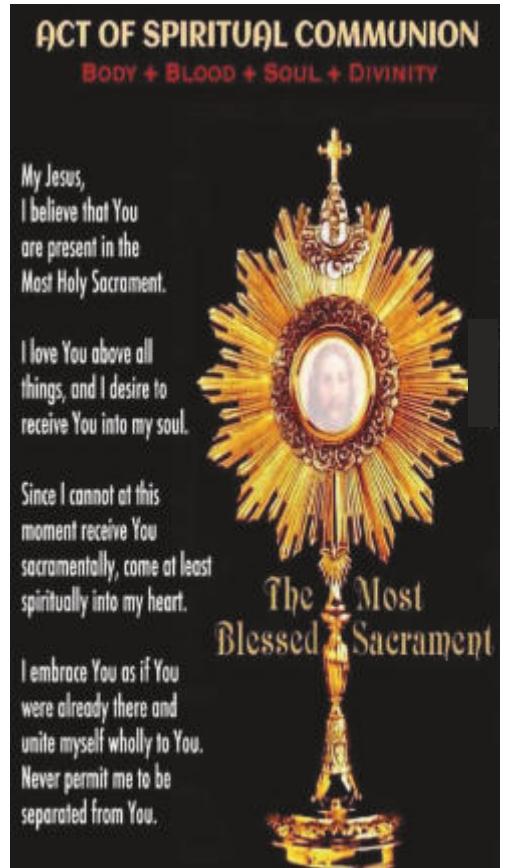
Virginia Tayco (*thanksgiving*)
Tom Martinez (*thanksgiving*)
Corcega Joyosa family (*thanksgiving*)
Kim family (*thanksgiving*)
Valderrama Family (*thanksgiving*)
Walter Fernandez †
Margaret Strelow †
Elmer & Mary Ann Krielow †
Eric & Boots Parras †
Almario P. Salta †

Friday Spanish Mass

Paula & David Cruz +

Lawrence & Riana Gochioco

Jakob Roland Lopez (+ birthday) *(special intention)*



Did you know that our Priests both say a private mass (just by themselves) everyday while our shelter in place is on and limited. Public Masses may be said.

Our Priest mention the names of all of those with Mass intentions on that day at their Mass, so if you have a mass intention on a day that there are no public masses your intention is mentioned at each of their masses.

If you would like to do a mass intention while the office is closed the easiest way is to do it online on our parish website saintjoachim.net / Select the Donate/Pay in the upper right hand corner and then select mass intentions , put all your payment information in and in the comment section please put a date and time of the mass you would like your intention read at. Even though right now those mass times do not exist we would like to know which mass would be your preference. Intentions must be in by noon the day before except for the weekend masses - those must be submitted by noon on Friday. You can still drop mass intentions in the Rectory mail slot or in the mail but these must be a minimum of one week in advance since we are not in the office on a regular basis now. If you have questions about this process, please call the Rectory Office and someone will return your call.



Our Christmas Masses

Midnight Mass — Live Streamed, English

9:00 AM ~ In the Parking Lot, English

2:00 PM ~ In the Parking Lot, Spanish

Christmas Mass Schedule



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