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LUKE 2:14

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*December 25, 2022 The Nativity of the Lord  
25 de Diciembre de 2022 La Natividad del Señor*

*Be sure that you first preach by the way you live  
~St. Charles Borromeo~*



# WEEKLY PRAYER

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 25, 2022

- Sunday:** *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/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 [3]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
- Monday:** Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22
- Tuesday:** 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
- Wednesday:** 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8/Mt 2:13-18
- Thursday:** 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35
- Friday:** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
- Saturday:** 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18
- Next Sunday:** Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

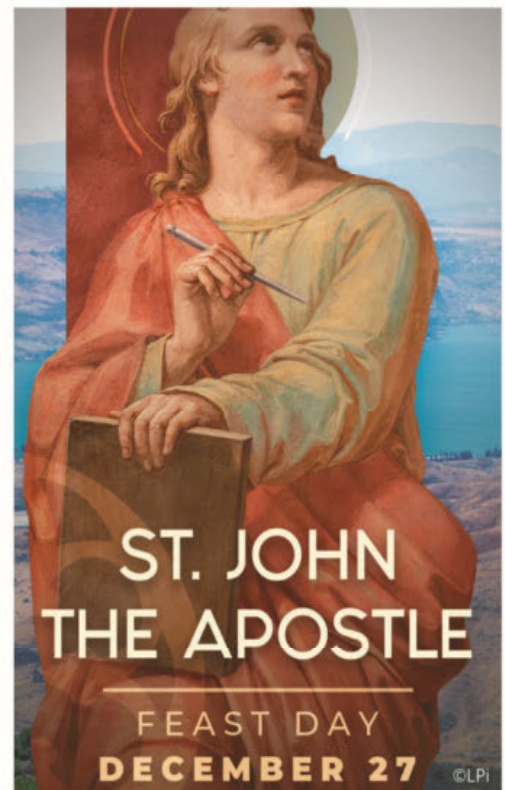
## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 25, 2022

- Sunday:** The Nativity of the Lord
- Monday:** St. Stephen, First Martyr
- Tuesday:** St. John, Apostle and Evangelist
- Wednesday:** The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
- Thursday:** St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr
- Friday:** Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
- Saturday:** St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve
- Next Sunday:** Mary, The Holy Mother of God, National Migration Week, New Year's Day, World Day of Peace

## LIVE THE LITURGY

### Inspiration for the week

The true meaning of Christmas is not found in the twinkling lights, the beautifully adorned trees, or the exchanged gifts. It is revealed when we find God along the way of our lives, especially when we feel displaced, desperate, and alone. Fleeing from their home, Joseph and Mary cautiously made their way through the uncertain, complex, and dark paths to a longed-for place of safety and welcome. Not sure where to lay their heads, they created makeshift preparations for the birth of their child, the Son of God. God, who always was, is, and will be, without beginning or end is the one constant in life who sees us through difficult and scary times. Jesus is the light, which enlightens everyone, and comes into the world to show us the truth. It is joyful good news that calms our fears and allows us to go forth into the nighttime of our lives, courageously. This is the meaning of Christmas. We are never lost or alone. God is with us, loving us and leading us where we need to be.



## SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint John was one of the Twelve, part of Jesus' inner circle, among the few that witnessed the Transfiguration, the raising of Jarius' Daughter, and the Agony in the garden at Gethsemane. He and his brother James were the sons of Zebedee and Salome. When Jesus called them, they left their father mending nets and followed him. Jesus called the brothers "Boanerges," meaning "sons of thunder" — they were passionate in their faith and Jesus had to rebuke them for their fiery zeal on more than one occasion. John, the younger brother, possibly the youngest disciple, was the only one present at Jesus' death.

Saint John the Apostle is traditionally thought to be the author of the fifth Gospel, the three Epistles of John, and the Book of Revelation. However, there has been some debate among scholars from antiquity to the present. Tradition also gives him the title Beloved Disciple and John's Gospel sees him seated next to Jesus at the last supper and the one to whom Jesus gives the care of Mary at the crucifixion.

Although Church tradition says that John survived the other disciples, living a long life, much of it is steeped in myth and legend. Some say he retired to Ephesus after the crucifixion with Mary and remained there until he died. But in other traditions he is more active. For a time he remained in Jerusalem with the other disciples, then founded churches in Asia Minor. In a legend of his persecution, during the reign of the Emperor Domitian, John is taken to Rome and thrown into a cauldron of boiling oil but preserved from death. He is then exiled to the island of Patmos where the Book of Revelation was written.

Most accounts agree that after his exile and the Assumption of Mary he returned to Ephesus where he died sometime after 98, during the reign of the Emperor Trajan.

**Please pray for our sick loved ones.  
Oremos por nuestros seres  
queridos enfermos.**

Larry Warfel, Goedy, Norma, Jovitz Catacutan,  
Nanay Lily Dimaranan, Teresita Gonzales, Ron  
Santa Cruz, Edie Dew, Henry Cota, Delia Vila,  
Ambrose Rojas, Pablo Milan, Graciela Trujillo,  
Roberto Orozco, Gerardo Jerry Olibarria, Andrew  
Hessner, Carlos Becerra Estrada, Myrtle Parsons,  
Phyllis Musselman, Michelle Gillman, Sue Eisner,  
Holly Davies, Claudia Montes, Michelle Gilman,  
William Rudy, Ernest DeCiutiis, Ruben Yanez,  
Maria Badame, Tranquilino Ramos



**MASS TIMES**  
**Saturday Vigil**  
5:00 pm

**Sunday**  
7:00 am | 11:00 am **ENGLISH**  
9:00 am **SPANISH**

**DAILY MASS**  
Monday - Saturday  
8:00 am  
Daily Adoration  
7:30 am

**SACRAMENT  
OF RECONCILIATION**  
**Saturday**  
2:30 pm - 4:15 pm

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**The Office will be closed  
December 26 - January 1**

# MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday, December 26**  
**8 am - Rosalinda Franco**

**Tuesday, December 27**  
**8 am - Alfonso Galindo (+)**

**Wednesday, December 28**  
**8 am - Dolores Lebario (+)**

**Thursday, December 29**  
**8 am - Edward Jinara (+)**

**Friday, December 30**  
**8 am - Felipe Granado**

**Saturday, December 31**  
**8 am - All the Children in the World**  
**5 pm - Demetrio Canlas (+)**

**Sunday, January 1**  
**7 am - Helen Daniel (+)**  
**9 am - Pro Populo**  
**11 am -**

*December 31 & January 1*  
*Regular weekend*  
*Mass Schedule*

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*In the advent wreath we have five candles. Three purple and a one rose candle represent each Sunday of advent season and the white candle in the middle represents Christmas Day and we light on Christmas night. The white candle shares the message of love that comes to us through the birth of Christ. So, as we celebrate the birth of Christ this Christmas, let joy be born in our hearts not just this Christmas day, but the whole year; not just the whole year, but our whole lives. Let us inspire this world, that can seem so lost in darkness, with the light of Christ in the light of our joy.*

*Let us welcome family and friends. Let us welcome strangers and travelers in our midst who may join with us to celebrate the Eucharist. Make room in the pews; greet them with a welcoming smile and gracious hospitality those like Mary and Joseph, who are seeking room in the inn. Let us not send them away to be born in a manger like the baby Jesus.*

*If you are returning to Church today from a long absence, or even a short one, let the joy of this celebration fill you. Let the light of Christ into your lives and into your hearts that your hearts may grow "three sizes" this day and return to the joy of celebrating the Eucharist today and every week of the year.*

*My thanks to all of you who have been faithful parishioners, for all you do even through the tough times. It is with humble joy that I give thanks for the honor of serving as your Pastor . Thank you for all your support and prayers. "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the City of David a Savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: You will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests." (Lk2:10-14)*

*Together with Bishop Eduardo Nevares and Monsignor George I wish each of you and your families the joy of Christmas. May your hearts and families always experience the never abandoning love of God.*

*Fr James P Kalliath MS*



*En la corona de adviento tenemos cinco velas. Tres velas moradas y una rosa representan cada domingo de la temporada de adviento y la vela blanca en el medio representa el día de Navidad y la encendemos en la noche de Navidad. La vela blanca comparte el mensaje de amor que nos llega a través del nacimiento de Cristo. Entonces, mientras celebramos el nacimiento de Cristo esta Navidad, que la alegría nazca en nuestros corazones no solo este día de Navidad, sino todo el año; no solo todo el año, sino toda nuestra vida. Inspiremos a este mundo, que puede parecer tan perdido en la oscuridad, con la luz de Cristo en la luz de nuestra alegría.*

*Demos la bienvenida a familiares y amigos. Demos la bienvenida a los extranjeros y viajeros entre nosotros para celebrar la Eucaristía. Haz sitio en los bancos, saluda con una sonrisa de bienvenida y grata hospitalidad a los que, como María y José, buscan alojamiento en la posada. No los enviemos a nacer en un pesebre como el niño Jesús.*

*Si estas regresando hoy a la Iglesia hoy después de una larga ausencia, o incluso corta, deja que la alegría de esta celebración te llene. Dejen que la luz de Cristo entre en sus vidas y en sus corazones para que sus corazones crezcan “tres tamaños” este día y regresen a la alegría de celebrar la Eucaristía hoy y todas las semanas del año.*

*Mi agradecimiento a todos ustedes que han sido feligreses fieles, por todo lo que hacen incluso en los momentos difíciles. Es con humilde alegría que doy gracias por el honor de servir como su Pastor. Gracias por todo su apoyo y oraciones. “No tengas miedo; porque he aquí, os proclamo buenas nuevas de gran gozo que será para todo el pueblo. Porque hoy en la Ciudad de David les ha nacido un Salvador que es Cristo y Señor. Y esto os servirá de señal: Hallaréis a un niño envuelto en pañales y acostado en un pesebre”. Y de repente apareció una multitud del ejército celestial con el ángel alabando a Dios y diciendo: “Gloria a Dios en las alturas y en la tierra paz a aquellos en quienes descansa su favor”. (Lc 2,10-14)*

*Junto con el obispo Eduardo Nevares y monseñor George les deseo a cada uno de ustedes y sus familias la alegría de la Navidad. Que sus corazones y familias experimenten siempre el amor de Dios que nunca abandona.*

*Padre James*

Thank you to all who donated to the Christmas Flower Offering  
In Memory/Honor of their loved ones. Your donation makes it  
possible for the Church to be beautifully decorated.  
May God bless you !



Gracias a todos los que donaron a  
la Ofrenda de Flores de Navidad  
para la decoracion de la Iglesia en  
Memoria/Honor de sus seres  
queridos. Que Dios los bendiga.

<i>A note from Father James</i>	<i>Una Nota del Padre James</i>
<p data-bbox="86 153 792 191">Was Jesus born on Dec 25th, AD 1 or Jan 6th, 4th BC?</p> <p data-bbox="86 222 800 1570">The Bible does not specify a date or month or year. The traditional belief is that Jesus was born on January 6th, 4 BC shortly before the death of Herod the Great in 4 BC. The four earliest Christian writers who report the date of Jesus' birth are Irenaeus (late second century), Clement of Alexandria (about AD 200), Tertullian (early third century), and Africanus (early third century). Africanus specifies the date in terms that can be understood as BC 2 or 3. Luke 3:1 and Luke 3:23 suggest that Jesus turned age thirty in the fifteenth year of Tiberius (AD 29). Hence, many early Christians deduced by calculation that Jesus was born in 2 BC. Month and date: Several considerations strengthen the probability that January 6 was the actual birthday of Christ. Clement of Alexandria's testimony proves that the association of Christ's birth with January 6 was a tradition rooted centuries earlier, perhaps in the early church itself, perhaps even in historical fact. Before the church as a whole fixed the date of the Nativity as 25th of December, the generally accepted date in the Eastern church and possibly also in the Western church was January 6. In fact, no tradition linking Christmas to December 25 can be traced back beyond the time of Constantine. In 336 the church at Rome officially observed the "birth day of Christ" on Dec. 25th. The most important reason to fix Jesus' birth on Dec 25th was that it was the Roman feast of the Sun god celebrated in the pagan Roman Empire. Replacing the pagan feast with Christmas was also a ploy to make Christianity, the newly official religion of the Roman Empire, more palatable to Roman soldiers, many of whom had been devotees of the Roman virility god Mithra whose birthday was also celebrated on Dec 25th. Besides, the first day of Hanukka (the Jewish festival of light) was on December 25th. Hence it is a theologically sound date for Jesus' birth when we consider that every other major event in the unfolding of His redeeming work also fell on a feast day. He died on Passover, He rose again on the Feast of First fruits, and He created the church on Pentecost (Acts 2).</p> <p data-bbox="86 1602 211 1633">Fr. James</p>	<p data-bbox="821 153 1487 222">¿Jesús nació el 25 de diciembre del 1 d. C. o el 6 de enero del 4 a. C.?</p> <p data-bbox="821 254 1546 1738">La Biblia no especifica una fecha, mes o año. La creencia tradicional es que Jesús nació el 6 de enero del año 4 a. C. poco antes de la muerte de Herodes el Grande en el año 4 a. C. Los cuatro primeros escritores cristianos que informan la fecha del nacimiento de Jesús son Ireneo (finales del siglo II), Clemente de Alejandría (alrededor del año 200 dC), Tertuliano (principios del siglo III) y Africano (principios del siglo III). Africanus especifica la fecha en términos que pueden entenderse como 2 o 3 aC. Lucas 3:1 y Lucas 3:23 sugieren que Jesús cumplió treinta años en el año quince de Tiberio (29 dC). Por lo tanto, muchos cristianos primitivos dedujeron por cálculo que Jesús nació en el año 2 a. Mes y fecha: Varias consideraciones fortalecen la probabilidad de que el 6 de enero fuera el cumpleaños real de Cristo. El testimonio de Clemente de Alejandría prueba que la asociación del nacimiento de Cristo con el 6 de enero era una tradición arraigada siglos antes, tal vez en la iglesia primitiva misma, tal vez incluso en hechos históricos. Antes de que la iglesia en su conjunto fijara la fecha de la Natividad como el 25 de diciembre, la fecha generalmente aceptada en la iglesia oriental y posiblemente también en la iglesia occidental era el 6 de enero. De hecho, no se puede rastrear ninguna tradición que vincule la Navidad con el 25 de diciembre. más allá de la época de Constantino. En el año 336 la iglesia en Roma observó oficialmente el "nacimiento de Cristo" el 25 de diciembre. La razón más importante para fijar el nacimiento de Jesús el 25 de diciembre fue que era la fiesta romana del dios Sol celebrada en el Imperio Romano pagano. Reemplazar la fiesta pagana con Navidad también fue una estratagema para hacer que el cristianismo, la nueva religión oficial del Imperio Romano, fuera más apetecible para los soldados romanos, muchos de los cuales habían sido devotos del dios de la virilidad romana Mithra, cuyo cumpleaños también se celebró el 25 de diciembre. Además, el primer día de Hanukka (la fiesta judía de la luz) era el 25 de diciembre. Por lo tanto, es una fecha teológicamente sólida para el nacimiento de Jesús cuando consideramos que todos los demás eventos importantes en el desarrollo de Su obra redentora también coincidieron en un día de fiesta. Murió en la Pascua, resucitó en la Fiesta de las Primicias y creó la iglesia en Pentecostés (Hechos 2).</p> <p data-bbox="821 1770 984 1801">Padre James</p>





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