

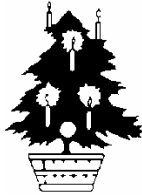
I am the voice crying out in the desert



An Upside Down World... The Church has just celebrated two great Marian feasts: the Immaculate Conception and Our Lady of Guadalupe. It is appropriate in this Advent time that we look to Mary's great song, the Magnificat, as a lens for today's readings, and to her life as the first of faithful disciples. In her canticle, Mary describes a world similar to the one for which Isaiah tells us the Spirit anoints the prophet: where the mighty arm of God scatters the proud and lifts up the lowly (the Lectionary, unfortunately, omits this verse today), where the hungry are filled with good things and the rich are sent away empty. This world is upside down from the one most of us experience. But if we are to follow our call to be disciples of Jesus, as Mary did, we must be committed to believing in and proclaiming a world like this. Copyright, JS Paluch, Company

The Readings For The Week

- Monday:** Num 24:2-7, 15-17a; Mt 21:23-27
- Tuesday:** Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Mt 21:28-32
- Wednesday:** Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17
- Thursday:** Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25
- Friday:** Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lk 1:5-25
- Saturday:** Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38
- Sunday:** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16
Psalm 89 Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38



Today we hear from John's Gospel, which serves as the first of a number of interjections during this year of the proclamation of Mark's Gospel. (This is because Mark's is the shortest of the Gospels.) John the Baptist once again speaks of his role as the forerunner, the herald of the light. He himself is not the light, but the one who "makes straight" the way before the Lord. John is describing our own vocation, the one given to us when we were baptized in water and the Spirit. We proclaim the coming of the light by living out our own Spirit-anointing to bring glad tidings to the poor, to strive for the world God desires, the one described by Isaiah. It is through our witness that we do not despise the prophetic utterances of John, Mary, and Isaiah, and that we do not quench the Spirit. As we prepare for the coming of the light in whatever vocation God has anointed us for, we must live as Paul insists: in continual prayer, and always rejoicing!

PEACE JOY



Mass Intention/Intención Especial

Sunday, December 14

- (9:00 Mass) **Loretta Kontz (+)** the repose of her soul
- Matilde y Guillermo Sanchez (+)** for the repose of their souls
- Mariana Teso Delgado (+)** special intention
- Marcus Daniel Angulo (+)** special intention
- (11:00 Mass) **Pedro y Bibiana Grimaldo (+)** on the anniversary of their death

Sunday, December 21

- (9:00 Mass) **Dora Arvayo (+)** the repose of her soul

Our Calendar of Events

Saturday, December 13

5:00 pm Mass (Third Sunday of Advent)

Sunday, December 14

9:00 Mass am (Third Sunday of Advent)

11:00 am Mass (Tercer Domingo de Adviento)

High School Religious Education Session (12:15-2:00 pm)

Monday, December 15

Religious Education 8th Grade Confirmation Class (6:30-8)

Reunión Grupo de Oración Ríos de Agua Viva a las 7:00 pm

Posada #1 (begins at SMDP at 6:30 pm/comienzan hoy- 6:30)

Tuesday, December 16

RE Classes Grades K-1-2 (6-7:30)

Parish Council meeting at 7:00 pm

Posada #2 (See Posada schedule)

Wednesday, December 17

RE Classes Grades 3-4-5 (6-7:30)

Thursday, December 18

RE Classes Grades 6-7-8 (6-7:30)

Scripture group meets 1:30/7:00

Posada #4 (See Posada schedule)

Friday, December 19

Posada #5 (See Posada schedule)

Saturday, December 20

5:00 pm Mass (Fourth Sunday/Advent)

Posada #6 (See Posada schedule)

Sunday, December 21

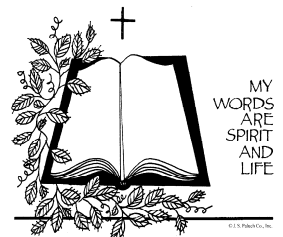
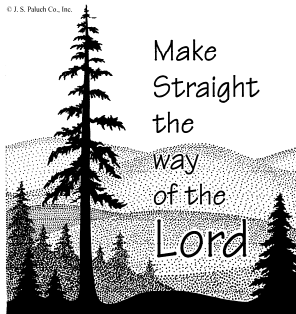
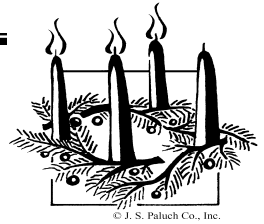
Mass at 9:00 (Fourth Sunday/Advent)

Ladies Club meeting after Mass

Mass at 11:00 am (Cuarto Domingo de Adviento)

Posada #7 (See Posada schedule)

All RE classes are on Christmas break for two weeks



Rejoice Always!

Pray without ceasing.

—Thessalonians 5:16



Weekly Offering/Ofertorio

December 7 — \$5,073.

Thank you! ¡Muchas Gracias!

Isaías realmente nos proclama una buena nueva! La venida del Señor no trae tristeza, culpa, miedo, ira ni condena. No, la venida del Señor es fuente de júbilo y consuelo. No basta con decirlo una vez, las lecturas



de hoy están llenas de júbilo. El Magnificat de María reemplaza a nuestro salmo hoy y nuestra segunda lectura nos anima a alegrarnos, dar gracias y rendir alabanza. Éste es el significado principal de la palabra griega eucaristía. Senos insta a alegrarnos y dar gracias, porque la venida del Señor trae júbilo, curación, libertad, perdón y vindicación. ¡Hace que la tierra eche brotes de vida nueva! ¡Buenas noticias!



Christmas Flower Offerings



(Donor)

(In Memory Of)

Richard/Lynne Johnson
Phillip/Kathleen Silvers

Gracie Green
Betty and Phil Silvers, Sr.
Evelyn and Mick Mulcahy

Russell/Deborah Smeds
Deborah Walls
Charles Tunley
Ann Densler
Thomas Rogers
Baltazar Valtierra

For those in need
Bill Spivey
Celestia Tunley
Anna Milos
Marie and Doug Rogers

Gilbert Torres III
Brian/Hilda Franke

Francisco y Cecilia Granadino
El Sagrado Corazón de Jesús
Ernesto y Carmelita Almazán
Robert Melendez (my father)
Angelica and Joseph

David/Mary Wilcox
James Trimbell
Eileen Halverson
Christine Sanchez

Riviera Wuellner
Trimbell & Lange families
Barney Halverson
Arthur Sanchez — Richard Lopez
Joseph Lopez — Lupe Lopez

Maureen Saunders
Gloria Arrebollo

Leonard & Helen Saunders
Cleofas y Jacoba Arrebollo
Aurelio y Anita Cano

Margaret Schuttler

Jose Francisco Cano Pesqueira
Bob Schuttler — Marie Flint
Phyllis-Johnson Frost

Bernice Ryan

Jerome L. Ryan — Patricia L. Ryan
Harold V. Ryan

Felix Alvarez

Cenesterio Flores y Rosalinda Flores
Segio Cruz Estrada y Martin Alvarez

Manuel Valdez

Panchita y Manny Valdez
Familias Valdez y Felix

Peggy McGee

Leon Jankowski — Joseph Hannon
Paula Jankowski Davis
Joseph Brohawn

Las Lecturas de La Semana

Lunes: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Mt 21:23-27
Martes: Sof 3:1-2, 9-13; Mt 21:28-32
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Jueves: Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25
Viernes: Jue 13:2-7, 24-25a; Lc 1:5-25
Sábado: Is 7:10-14; Lc 1:26-38
Domingo: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16
Salmo 89(88Rom 16:25-27; Lc 1:26-38



A Parish Wide Penance Service will be held on Thursday, December 18 at 7:00 in the evening. Tendremos un Servicio de Penitencia para todos los miembros de nuestra parroquia, el jueves, 18 de diciembre a las 7:00 de la noche.

Hoy escuchamos el Evangelio de Juan, que sirve como la primera de un número de interjecciones durante este año de la proclamación del Evangelio de Marcos. (Esto es porque el Evangelio de Marcos es el más corto de los Evangelios.) Juan el Bautista otra vez habla de su papel como el precursor, el heraldo de la luz. Él no es la luz, sino el que “hace recto” el camino para el Señor. Juan describe nuestra propia vocación, la que se nos dio al ser bautizados en agua y en el Espíritu. Proclamamos la venida de la luz viviendo la unción del Espíritu que hemos recibido, trayendo buenas noticias a los pobres, luchando por el mundo que Dios desea, el que describe Isaías. Como nos dice Pablo hoy, es mediante nuestro testimonio que no despreciamos las proclamaciones proféticas de Juan, María e Isaías, y que no extinguimos el Espíritu. Al prepararnos para la llegada de la luz en cualquiera que sea la vocación para la cual Dios nos ha ungido, debemos vivir como insiste Pablo, en continua oración, ¡y siempre alegres!

Wednesday, December 24th
Mass at 11:00 pm (Midnight Mass)
Thursday, Christmas Day
Mass is at 9:00 in the morning
Mass is at 11:00 in the morning



Las Posadas begin Monday, December 15 at 6:30 pm at church and run for nine nights, in different homes in the community. We end Tuesday 23 at the church with a Mass and a pot luck dinner. You may join us on any given night. Posada schedules will be available in back of church for those who would like to join in. Las Posadas comienzan el lunes, 15 de diciembre a las 6:30 en la iglesia. Visitaremos nueve casas para terminar el martes, 23 en la parroquia donde celebramos con Misa, una convivencia y piñatas para los niños. Tendremos horarios de las posadas en la mesa de atras para los que desean seguirnos.

