

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



We are the
Heart and
Hands
of Jesus!

December 20, 2015
4th Sunday of Advent

God's ways are not our ways.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



"And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."

- Lk 1:43-45

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

Rediscover Jesus by Matthew Kelly

This weekend we will be giving each family a copy of Matthew Kelly's book "Rediscover Jesus". This is our Christmas gift to each of you. Please read this book individually, as a family or come together with a group of friends and do a book study. You can either read it cover to cover, or you can read it chapter by chapter over the next forty days, considering each day's point to ponder, verse to live, question to consider and prayer based on that day's reading.

We will be reading this book ourselves and we will be referencing it in the bulletin over the next few months.

We hope that you will enjoy our gift to you.

Merry Christmas!

Parish Mission Statement:

We are a Catholic Community guided by the Holy Spirit, striving to live the Gospel message of Jesus Christ through teaching, worship and service.

As a family of faith, we are called to celebrate the Lord's presence among us by loving acceptance of all people.



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PARISH HOURS

Monday **12:00pm-3:30pm**
 Tue – Thu 8:00am-3:30pm
 Friday 8:00am-12:00pm

DAILY MASS

Tuesday-Friday 8:30am
 Saturday 5:00pm
 Sunday 9:00am, 11:00am

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Tuesday December 22
8:30 am † Mary Phuoc
Wednesday December 23
8:30 am † Peter Thuan
Thursday December 24
8:30 am Christmas Eve
Friday December 25
8:30 am Christmas Day
Saturday: December 26
5:00 pm † Jim Beren
Sunday December 27
9:00 am People of Assumption
11:00 am † Naomi Carabello

School News:

Changes will be happening in the building over Christmas Break. Thanks to a donation from Hunter Douglas, our school will be receiving new blinds in all the classrooms and in the gym! We are blessed to be the recipient of such a generous gift!

We wish everyone a very blessed and safe Christmas.

- Mrs. Grey

Ministries for December 26th & December 27th

Ministry	5:00pm	9:00am	11:00am
Lector	Lee Maes	Adolph Cordova	Chris Frank
Bread	Kathy Maes	Geri Romero Theresa Pardo Mike DelHiero	Michael Fontaine John Jiron Laura Ellen Meskell
Cup	Vic Palizzini Charlene Theis	Mary Vargas Jenn Anderson Ty Anderson Bernie Humphreys	Marlyne Aguilar Tim Aguilar Lorraine Crespín Jane Portner
Altar Server	Lacy Wilkison	Joseph Rupinen Jamison Horan Trinity Boyer Kara Ontis	Richard Perez Sophia O'Doriso Angelo O'Doriso Giacomo Frank

Sacraments

Baptism: Parents are asked to call our Religious Education Office to register for a Baptismal Preparation Meeting. At least one family member is to be a registered member of our parish.

Marriage: Couples are asked to arrange a proposed marriage date with our priest **one year in advance**. At least one of the engaged is to be a registered member of our parish.

Reconciliation: Individual confessions are heard by appointment and on Saturdays at 4:00 pm.

Anointing of the Sick: The Healing Sacrament is available following the 5:00 pm mass on the first Saturday of the month. Please notify our Parish Office to schedule a visit for those who are homebound or in the hospital.

Stewardship of Tithing December 13, 2015

Immaculate Conception	\$1,006.12
Saturday 5 pm Mass	\$1,498.00
Sunday 9 am Mass	\$2,110.92
Sunday 11am Mass	\$1,508.90
Children's Collection	\$71.61
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Outreach	\$180.00
Parish Hall/Gymnasium Renovation 2015 Project	\$865.00
Total:	\$7,415.55

Thank you for giving generously!

Please continue to contribute to our **Renovation** and to the **future needs** of our school and parish.

**Our total amount raised is
\$ 99,911.20!**

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Remember, our goal is \$100,000 by Christmas!

Teach Us to Pray
No, Less, Yes
Fr. James Martin



Can I make a confession? I'm starting to dislike Christmas. Before you ask me to hand you my collar, let me clarify. When I say "Christmas" I mean the unpleasant cultural trappings that have almost suffocated the holiday: overheated stores packed with stressed-out shoppers; the pressure people feel to buy, buy, buy, and the endless commercials that make the season more about spending money than about anything else.

Is it possible to set aside the unhealthy aspects of Christmas and focus on the Nativity of our Lord? Yes, and let me suggest three ways to do so. First, *just say no*. You don't have to go to every party, send a card to every friend, or buy a gift for every family member. Saying no to one thing (a party) means saying yes to something else (time to pray). Second, *just say less*. Try sending three-quarters as many cards or buying half the gifts that you did last year. Third, *just say yes*. Choose events that are more spiritual (Church services, lessons, and carols) as a way to nourish yourself and prepare for the real Christmas.

Overall, it's important to pull back from the craziness and to carve out more time for prayer during the Advent and Christmas season. Happily, the beautiful readings of Advent easily invite us to prayer.

Christ wants to enter into your life in a new way during these holy weeks. But if you're in a store listening to two people fight over a video game, you may not hear him.

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Readings for the Week of December 20, 2015

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

Monday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-8/Lk 1:46-56

Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14/Lk 1:57-66

Thursday: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29/Lk 1:67-79

Friday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-3, 11-13/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 98:1-6/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Saturday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3-4, 6, 8, 16-17/Mt 10:17-22



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