

DECEMBER 18, 2011

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Eucharistic Liturgies for the week of

December 19 Mon. Dec. 19 - 12:10pm + Kent Monson - Feasel Family
 Mon. Dec. 19 - 2:00pm (Manor) COMMUNION SERVICE
 Tues. Dec. 20 - NO LITURGY
 Wed. Dec. 21 - 12:10pm Spec. Int. Dee Ellison - Roy, Lisa & Family
 Thurs. Dec. 22 - NO LITURGY
 Fri. Dec. 23 - 12:10pm + Ma. Guadalupe Gonzales - Her Sons
 Sat. Dec. 24 - 4:00pm (Church) + Kyle Shurtz - Roy, Lisa & Family
 Sat. Dec. 24 - 4:00pm (Mater Dei) + Catalina Bocar Guerilla -Carmelita Angulo
 Sat. Dec. 24 - 7:00pm Spanish Pastorella
 Sat. Dec. 24 - 10:00pm + Albert & Emily Olabarria - Paul Rogers Family
 Sun. Dec. 25 - 8:00am + Jack & Madeleine DeFevre - Ron & Lillian
 Sun. Dec. 25 - 10:00am + Ruby Culbert - June Nicholas & Jean Sloan
 Sun. (Spanish) - 12:00pm + Tomas Macias - Sofia Macias & Family
 Sun. (Spr.Ck.) - 4:00pm + George Amato - Gilles & Louise Tousignant

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF December 19

Mon. **Jgs** 13:2-7,24-25a **Ps** 71:3-6,16-17 **Lk** 1:15-25
 Tue. **Is** 7:10-14 **Ps** 24:1-6 **Lk** 1:26-38
 Wed. **Sg** 2:8-14 **Ps** 33:2-3,11-12,20-21 **Lk** 1:39-45
 Thur. **1 Sm** 1:24-28 (**Ps**) **1 Sm** 2:1, 4-7,8abcd **Lk** :46-56
 Fri. **Mal** 3:1-4,23-24 **Ps** 25:4bc-5ab,8-10,14 **Lk** 1:57-66
 Sat. **2 Sm** 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16 **Ps** 89:2-5,27,29 **Lk** 1:67-79
 Sun. **Is** 52:7-10 **Ps** 98:1-6 **Heb** 1:1-6 **Jn** 1:1-18

WEEKLY COLLECTION

With gratitude for the gifts they have received, our parish family and friends have contributed to the Church \$6,690.69(regular), \$2,447(Retirement), \$837.00(Immac.Concep.), and \$1,354.04(Our Lady Guad.)for December 11, 2011.

Dear Fellow Parishioners and Brother Knights, Hope everyone is having a great weekend. Our next meeting will be on December 21 at 7p.m. in Columbus Hall.. Have a great week. God Bless, Jim Conner, FS



CHURCH DECORATING - Come one, come all! We will be decorating the Church for Christmas on **December 23 at 9:00am**. Many hands help lighten the load.

Your prayers are needed for the recovery of the following people.

Olimpia Zataray	Ruth Leniz	Sam Glandon	Cliff Ferry
Beth Aicher	Helen Anthony	John Urdaneta	Earlene Larsen
Ilene Gonzales	Vaughn Mueller	Palmira Reyes	Mike Santina
Luz Herrera	Tristan Killoy	Milad Zayat	Rose Badra
Mary Damele	Steve Feasel	Ann Chester	Denise Perry
Rito Cabrales	Nestor Vigil	Ted Wilton	Rick Wilton
James Lesar	Neil Worthington	Jim Hari	Darlene Salicchi
Paula Otto	Aaron Sand	Richard Schwalm	Debra Robinson

Peggy Tysfer
 Margaret Marcucci Margaret Holland Janell Harris Barbara Tourreuil
 Lillian McMahan Pat Landell Ruby Nichols

Please let the parish office know of your loved one's recovery, so that his/her name may be removed from the list.

MANY THANKS TO OUR ADVERTISERS. We especially thank **BLOHM JEWELERS** and **PATTANI AUTO BODY, INC...** Please patronize these and all of our bulletin advertisers.

BAPTISM CLASSES - English Class - Classes will be January 4 and January 11 at 6:00pm in Thomas Hall. Spanish Class - Class will be January 28 at 6:00pm in Columbus Hall.

Holy Family Mother's Group - There will be **NO** meetings until Tuesday January 3rd. On Jan. 3rd, we will begin a new book: "Extreme Makeover" by Teresa Tomeo: Women Transformed by Christ Not Conformed To the Culture. All mothers of any age are invited to come meet other Catholic moms and be encouraged in their mothering while learning how to incorporate our Catholic Faith into the lives of our families. Little children welcome! We meet every Tuesday from 9:30-11:30a.m. in Columbus Hall. Call Julie Klekas at 738-9477 to order your book or for more information.

Breaking Open the Word - There will be no class until January 10.

W.I.N.G.S. - There will be no meeting until January 12

CCD Classes: There will be **NO CLASSES** for grades K through 8 from December 19 through January 5. Classes resume on January 9. May the peace and joy of Christ be with your families this Christmas and throughout the coming year.

GOD'S LIGHT NOW COMES

God is light and there is no darkness in him (1 John 1:5). Christ our light transforms our darkness and draws us more deeply into the mystery of God's love.

Sunday...Isaiah 60:1-2
 Tuesday...John 1:1-5
 Thursday...Eph. 5:8-11
 Saturday...John 12:35-36



Monday...2 Cor 4:5-6
 Wed...John 12:44-46
 Friday...John 8:12

"Look on us, Jesus, and let disappear before the beams of your holy love, and open to us wisdom. You know all our what you have started, and wakened us to ask in prayer. face to us and show us your be satisfied and our peace will be perfect. Amen. - St. Augustine of Hippo

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all the darkness of our souls your brightness. Fill us with the treasures of your desire, so bring to perfection what the Holy Spirit has We seek your face, turn your glory. Then our longing will

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12:10pm - LITURGY 2:00pm (Manor) - Communion Service 4:30pm - 5:54pm - NO CCD Classes y	9:30am - NO Holy Family Mother's Group in C.H. 10:30am - NO "Breaking Open the Word" - T.H. 4:30pm - 5:54pm - NO CCD Classes 6:00pm - T.O.P.S. in Y.R. 6:30pm - Adult Choir practice in Church 6:30pm - R.C.I.A. in C.H. 7:00pm - NO 6 th - 7 th - 8 th grades classes	12:10pm - LITURGY 1:00 - 8:00pm - EUCHARISTIC ADORATION 4:30pm - 5:54pm - NO CCD Classes 7:00pm - K of C Meeting in C.H.	9:30am - NO W.I.N.G.S. in T.H. Parish Office will close at 1:30pm 4:30pm - NO CCD Sacramental Prep. Class	OFFICE CLOSED 11:00am- AA in C.H. 12:10pm - LITURGY 1:30pm - Children's Practice in Mater Dei Hall and Church 6:00pm - G.A. in C.H. (934-7297) 7:00pm - Spanish Prayer Group in Church	CHRISTMAS EVE 4:00pm - (in Church) LITURGY 4:00pm - (in Mater Dei) LITURGY 7:00pm - Spanish Pastorella 10:00pm - "Midnight" LITURGY	CHRISTMAS 8:00am - LITURGY 10:00am - LITURGY 12:00pm - MISA EN ESPANOL 4:00pm - Spring Creek Liturgy

Dear Members of the Catholic Community:

On this Fourth Sunday of Advent the readings of the Mass remind us of how God is faithful to His commitments, and that he can use flawed or insignificant people to bring about his purposes.

In the First Reading we meet the great, but flawed, King David, who in today's language might be accused of manslaughter. He deliberately sent one of his military commanders to a certain death, so that he could take that man's wife, Bathsheba, as his own. David could do so because his human power was immense. He is chastised by God, but still God will use David to bring about our salvation - the messiah will be "of the house of David, that is, he will be a descendent of David (the Virgin Mary's husband, Joseph, is a descendent of David).

David lives in a great palace, and his one desire is to build a beautiful Temple for God, a place to enthrone the Ten Commandments in the 'holy of holies.' God reminds David that He cannot be contained or confined in a certain place only, but is everywhere found by those who seek Him.

David wants to build a Temple, but the virgin Mary becomes a Temple - the angel Gabriel, in today's Gospel, tells her that her womb will become the Temple or dwelling place of God.

David sinned greatly, but God still loved him and included him in his plan. Mary is sinless and lives a very normal, humble life in an insignificant town called Nazareth. Unlike David, who wanted to "confine" God in a Temple, as soon as Mary's "confinement" of nine months is complete, the Son of God she gives birth to will be given to all peoples.

This is what we will celebrate in the coming week, beginning on this Saturday, Christmas Eve. We will have two Children's Masses at 4 PM, in the Church and in Mater Dei Hall. Later that evening the traditional 'Midnight Mass' is celebrated at 10 PM. The Spanish community will present a "Pastorella" at 7 PM, which is a retelling of the Christmas story. Because Christmas Day falls on a Sunday, the regular Sunday Mass schedule will be observed. For the first time Christmas Mass will be celebrated in our new Spring Creek chapel at 4 PM on Christmas Day.

Christmas does bring out the best in people. If you know of any "fallen away" Catholic, why not invite him/her to Christmas Mass? Similarly, if you know someone who does not belong to or attend any church, tell them that they are welcome to St. Joseph's.

God bless, Father Dan



It's Not Too Late! Register Now!
 Don't miss out on an opportunity to enrich your faith and connect with other Catholics in a spirit of community through celebration and prayer. This invitation is extended to **everyone** in your parish. Take advantage of choosing nationally renowned speakers and enjoy the chance for growth and spiritual renewal. Join us for the 2012 Diocesan Conference on January 13-14 at the Nugget in Sparks. With this year's theme, **We Do This Together**, we hope to see you there. For more information go to <http://www.dioceseofreno.org> or call the Diocesan office at 326-9434.



A **GREAT BIG THANK YOU** to all who so generously contributed for the names on our "Giving Tree". The Parish Office is overflowing with gifts, bicycles, food bags and baked goodies.

SUNDAY OFFERING ENVELOPES

As you know, the Sunday Offering envelopes are no longer mailed directly to your home. We are now using a special book of envelopes that will cover the entire year of 2012. If you have not already picked up your book of envelopes they are available in the church foyer or the parish office. Many thanks for using these envelopes when making your weekly contribution