





Fourth Sunday of Advent December 22, 2019

They shall name him Emmanuel,
which means "God is with us."

— Matthew 1:23

December 22, 2019



Masses
for the week

December 29, 2019

SAT 12/21	4:00 pm	Ted Frey (D) Lorenzo Zamora Jr (D) Santiago Lebantino (L, Healing/Tks)
SUN 12/22	6:00 am	Danny & Lina Cascon (L, 45th Anniv.)
	8:00 am	Matilde Cheng (D)
	9:30 am	Tarongoy Family (L, Tks) Rosie, Cristina, Benjamin Espinueva
Brisbane	9:30 am	Tommy & Sam Gonzales (D)
Spanish	11:00 am	Cristina Guzman (L, B-Day) Jovita Huerta & Felix Lara (D) Elvia Munoz (D, 1st Anniv.) Gabriel Duran (D)
	12:30 pm	Alejandro Contreras (D) Rufina Palacio Adame (D) Divina de Castro (D) Juan Cabral (D)
MON 12/23	6:00 am	Carlito & Belen Imperial (L, Anniv.) Alexander Tupas (D)
	7:00 am	Janine Lim (L, B-Day) Severo & Gregoria Abordo (D)
TUE 12/24	6:00 am	Estanislao & Gregoria Marcos (D) Christina Role (L, B-Day, Tks)
	7:00 am	Rodrigo Andres (D, Anniv.) Bernie & Rogel Corpuz (L, Tks)
	5:00 pm	Christmas Vigil Family Mass
Brisbane	7:00 pm	Christmas Vigil Mass at OLG
	8:00 pm	Vietnamese Christmas Vigil Mass
	12:00 am	Christmas Midnight Mass
WED 12/25	8:00 am	Mrs. T.B. Tabuena (L, Tks) Paul Andrieu Jr (D, B-Day) Zorahayda Roca (D, 1st Anniv.) Bob Bariuan (D)
	10:00 am	Mina Immediate & Extended Family Jorge, Marieta, & Angelito Cenina (D) Dolores Javier (D)
THUR 12/26	7:00 am	Andres & Matilde Ramos (D, Anniv.)
FRI 12/27	7:00 am	Simon, Frank, & Carmen Chetcuti (D) Grace Feneck (D)
SAT 12/28	7:30 am	Maria Mach Thi Hoang (D)
	4:00 pm	Deceased Members of Mothers' Club Chuck Barberini (D) Joan Kent (D) Enrique & Nanette Lim (L, Tks)
SUN 12/29	8:00 am	For the Parishioners
	9:30 am	Victoria Viana (D)
Brisbane	9:30 am	Bituin Bernardo, MD (D)
Spanish	11:00 am	Mirta & Nancy Wanderkauven (D)
	12:30 pm	Jerome Seegmiller (L, Tks)

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK:

MONDAY:

Simbang Gabi Mass in the Church at 6:00 a.m.

TUESDAY:

CHRISTMAS EVE

Simbang Gabi Mass in the Church at 6:00 a.m.

Christmas Vigil Family Mass in the Church at 5:00 p.m.

Christmas Vigil Mass at OLG Mission at 7:00 p.m.

Vietnamese Christmas Vigil Mass in the Church at 8 pm.

Festival of Lessons & Carols in the Church at 11:00 p.m.

Christmas Midnight Mass in the Church at 12:00 a.m.

WEDNESDAY:

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS) (Holy Day of Obligation)

Masses at 8:00 am, 10:00 am, and 5:00 pm (Vietnamese).

OLPH Devotion in the Church at 6:00 p.m.

No RCIA Gathering. Christmas Holiday.

THURSDAY:

No events scheduled for today.

FRIDAY:

SAINT JOHN, APOSTLE & EVANGELIST

Vietnamese Choir Practice in the Church at 8:00 p.m.

SATURDAY:

THE HOLY INNOCENTS

Legion of Mary in St. Leo's at 8:00 a.m.

No CCD Classes. Christmas Holiday.

Divine Mercy Choir in St. Leo's at 11:00 a.m.

Fatima Kids & Youth Group in St. Leo's from 4-6pm.

SUNDAY:

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, & JOSEPH

Charismatic Choir Practice in St. Leo's at 9:00 a.m.

Fil-Am Group in St. Leo's from 2:00-6:00 p.m.

Thank you to all those who participated in the Parish Holiday Giving Tree this year. We are sure the children will enjoy the gifts they receive. We hope you continue supporting this annual program.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — You will be given this sign: The virgin shall conceive and bear a son (Isaiah 7:10-14).

Psalm — Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory (Psalm 24)

Second Reading — God has called us to belong to Jesus Christ (Romans 1:1-7).

Gospel — The son born of Mary shall be called Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins (Matthew 1:18-24).



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25; Lk 1:57-66

Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89; Lk 1:67-79

Wednesday: *Vigil*: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]

Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

Thursday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31; Mt 10:17-22

Friday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Saturday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124; Mt 2:13-18

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128; Col 3:12-21 [12-17]; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST

The Knights of Columbus have displayed posters in the vestibule of the Church from students of OLV School and the Parish's Religious Education Programs on the theme of "Keep Christ in Christmas." Stop by the vestibule and see the students' wonderful art and be inspired in your Advent preparations for the Solemnity of Christmas. Vote on the poster(s) that most inspire you this Advent Season. God Bless You, and Keep Christ in Christmas.

LITURGY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 28th

4:00 pm R1— Roma Day R2— Willie Delizo

E— Siony Grospe, Dely Musngi, Ed Barles

U— Ricky Lim, Pacifico Grospe, Mario Escalona

Sunday, December 29th

8:00 a.m. R1— Celia Francis R2— Sia Moelasi

E— Nena Ramos, Henrietta Bariuan, Connie Cabardo

U— Arnold Bautista, Malou Bautista, Pacifico Grospe

9:30 a.m. R1— Sulema Ochoa R2— Miguel Campos

E— Crispin Lim, Purificacion Lim, Mindy Mangibin

U— Jorge Portillo, Jose Ochoa, Butch Mangibin, Tino Medios

12:30 pm R1— Ed Ramirez R2— Agnes Kioskli

E— Willie Delizo, Nenet Seegmiller, Lily Escandor

U— Lily Sweeney, Brandon Carino, J. Cenina

NEW YEAR'S EVE RETREAT

The Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose, Center for Education & Spirituality present: **New Year's Eve Retreat** with Fr. Bartholomew Hutcherson, O.P. The retreat will be at the Dominican Center in Fremont, CA on **Tuesday, December 31st** from 7:00-10:30pm. Free Will Offering. Register by December 28th by calling (510) 933-6360 or online at <http://bit.ly/2019NewYrRtrt>.

VOLUNTEER WITH CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Help serve brunch and mingle with Catholic Charities families and seniors at our 10th & Mission Family Housing and Edith Witt Community on **Tuesday, December 31st**. To volunteer or for more information, please contact Carol Laughlin at CLaughlin@CatholicCharitiesSF.org or visit us at catholiccharitiessf.org.

EMAIL SCAMS

Scammers are out in force this holiday season. Churches and pastors throughout the Bay Area are experiencing a tremendous increase in attacks wherein parishioners receive an email or text message from a priest asking for emergency help in the form of cash or gift cards. These are NEVER real requests. A pastor will not ever ask for help in this way. If you think your pastor is asking for help via email or text, CALL YOUR CHURCH, even on the weekends or at night. Please spread the word to others in your parish to prevent anyone from being taken advantage of.

REGISTER: WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

The annual **Wedding Anniversary Mass** at St. Mary's Cathedral is on **Saturday, February 29th** at 10:00 a.m. All couples who in 2020 will celebrate anniversaries ending in 5 or 0, and all couples married over 40 years, are invited to celebrate with us. Register now at anniversary-mass.info. For more information, call (415) 614-5680.

Weekly Collections

December 14th to December 15th

Mass Time	Collection
SAT: 4:00 p.m.	\$ 361.00
SUN: 8:00 a.m.	\$ 585.00
SUN: 9:30 a.m.	\$ 870.00
SUN: 11:00 a.m.	\$ 525.00
SUN: 12:30 p.m.	\$ 756.94
SUN: 5:00 p.m.	\$ 258.00

Church of the Visitacion Collection: \$3,355.94

Our Lady of Guadalupe Collection: \$ 460.00

Maintenance Fund Collection: \$ 885.00

2019 CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

In the second century, Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons, said that God “became what we are in order to make us what he is himself.” This invitation that is at the heart of Christmas invites all of us to enter into a new and dynamic relationship with God through our belief in the Word made flesh – Jesus, Son of God and Son of Mary. The people of the Old Covenant had for centuries looked forward to the coming of the Messiah, the one who would inaugurate a new era of peace and stability. As the prophet Isaiah states so elegantly: “For there is a child born for us...and this is the name they will give him: Wonder-Counsellor, Mighty-God, Eternal-Father, Prince of Peace.”

Each Christmas, we contemplate the mystery of our God who became man. He is born in silence, poverty, simplicity and purity in Bethlehem, the house of bread. Our God, made man, later taking bread and wine, transforms it into his body and blood; thus is the mystery of his Incarnation continued for us in the mystery of the Eucharist, God made real for us. God becomes man. Bread and wine becomes God-man.

Each time we come to the Eucharist, we come to a new Bethlehem. He, who rested once in a manger, now rests in our entire being as we receive him in the mystery of the Mass. This is the true meaning of Christmas. Now that Christmas has come, let us focus on the gifts and the givers; let us be thankful for the love out of which these gifts are given. Let us be especially thankful for that first Christmas gift, the gift given to us, not only at Christmas, but at every Mass – the gift of the only Son of God, Jesus Christ.

Let us receive this gift frequently, so that we ourselves may become a gift to God. For this is the one gift from which all others flow, because this gift of “God with us” is the gift of Love himself.

Let us strive to become more like him in everything we do and are. Let us always be ready to change into that which we are not; into that which God is. Let us turn away from sin, live according to his Gospel, and be united with him through these Sacraments, so that as God became man, we, too, may become God. To become God, or not to become God, that is the question. And God became man so that we could.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Fr. Thuan



MENSAJE DE NAVIDAD 2019

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo:

En el Siglo II, Ireneo, obispo de Lyon, dijo que Dios “se convirtió en lo que somos para hacernos lo que él mismo es.” Esta invitación que está en el corazón de la Navidad nos invita a todos a entrar en una relación nueva y dinámica con Dios a través de nuestra creencia en la Palabra hecha carne – Jesús, Hijo de Dios e Hijo de María. El pueblo de la Antigua Alianza había esperado durante siglos la llegada del Mesías, el que inauguraría una nueva era de paz y estabilidad. Como dice tan elegantemente el profeta Isaías: “Porque hay un niño nacido para nosotros...y este es el nombre que le darán: Maravilloso Consejero, Dios Poderoso, Padre Eterno, Príncipe de Paz.”

Cada Navidad, contemplamos el misterio de nuestro Dios que se hizo hombre. Nace en silencio, pobreza, sencillez y pureza en Belén, la casa del pan. Nuestro Dios, hecho hombre, luego tomando pan y vino, lo transforma en su cuerpo y sangre; así continúa el misterio de su Encarnación para nosotros en el misterio de la Eucaristía, Dios hecho real para nosotros. Dios se convierte en hombre. El pan y el vino se convierten en Dios-hombre.

Cada vez que llegamos a la Eucaristía, llegamos a un nuevo Belén. El, que descansó una vez en un pesebre, ahora descansa en todo nuestro ser mientras lo recibimos en el misterio de la Misa. Este es el verdadero significado de la Navidad. Ahora que ha llegado la Navidad, concentrémonos en los regalos y los que dan; seamos agradecidos por el amor del cual se dan estos regalos. Seamos especialmente agradecidos por ese primer regalo de Navidad, el regalo que se nos da, no sólo en Navidad, sino en cada Misa – el regalo del único Hijo de Dios, Jesucristo.

Recibamos este regalo con frecuencia, para que nosotros mismos podamos llegar a ser un regalo para Dios. Porque este es el único regalo del que brotan todos los demás, porque este regalo de “Dios con nosotros” es el regalo del Amor mismo.

Esforcémonos por llegar a ser más como él en todo lo que hacemos y somos. Estemos siempre dispuestos a transformarnos en lo que no somos; en lo que Dios es. Alejémonos del pecado, vivamos según su Evangelio y unámonos a él a través de estos Sacramentos, para que como Dios se convirtió en hombre, nosotros también podamos convertirnos en Dios. Convertirse en Dios, o no convertirse en Dios, esa es la cuestión. Y Dios se hizo hombre para que nosotros pudiéramos.

¡Feliz Navidad y Próspero Año Nuevo!

Padre Thuan