

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 22, 2019

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

— Matthew 1:23



### TRUST IN GOD

On this final Sunday of Advent our scriptures focus on the historical birth of Jesus, who is son of David and Son of God, child and king, Jesus and Emmanuel.

Isaiah the prophet begs Ahaz to ask for a sign, to allow God to offer him reassurance of the survival of the Davidic dynasty. The king hypocritically refuses to "tempt the LORD" in that way (Isaiah 7:12), but the prophet foretells the birth of a son, an heir to the throne, who will prove the Lord's enduring protection of God's chosen lineage on the throne of David. The child will be called Emmanuel.

Matthew's reference to this history in his description of the birth of Jesus highlights the contrast between the faithless refusal of trust shown by Ahaz, and the complete trust in God shown by Mary and Joseph in bringing about the birth of Jesus Christ.

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### 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).

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## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Monday</b> 8:00 am 7:00 pm	<b>December 23</b> † Leo Viscarra † Marie Hong Tran
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:00 am 4:30 pm 12:00 am	<b>December 24</b> David Mehrwein (L) Family Mass Midnight Mass
<b>Wednesday</b> 7:30 am 9:30 am 11:30 am	<b>December 25</b> Christmas Christmas Christmas
<b>Thursday</b> 8:00 am	<b>December 26</b>
<b>Friday</b> 8:00 am	<b>December 27</b> † Joseph, † Frank, and † John DeLuca
<b>Saturday</b> 8:00 am 4:30 pm	<b>December 28</b> † Pedro C. Songco Ramirez and Visperas Families
<b>Sunday</b> 7:30 am 9:30 am 11:30	<b>December 29</b> Lolita Canlas (L) † Giuseppe Moretto The People of the Parish

† Denotes deceased – (L) Living

For any available Masses listed above please see the priest before Mass with your [written intention](#) and [stipend](#).

### Sunday Collection December 15, 2019

<b>Weekly Need:</b>	<b>\$ 5,000.00</b>
<b>Sunday Collection</b>	<b>\$ 3,355.00</b>
<b>Over/Under</b>	<b>\$ 1,450.00</b>
<b>Church Project</b>	<b>\$ 1,087.00</b>

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## Christmas Novena Masses 2019

### St. Elizabeth Church

#### December 15-23

7:00pm Novena Masses before Christmas

**Main Theme:** "God brings love to the world through Jesus"

#### Sub-themes:

Dec. 21 "God is with us."

Dec. 22 "God sends messenger to prepare the way."

Dec. 23 "God's kingdom comes in the way of love and peace."

### 2019 Christmas Schedule

#### Monday December 23

8:00am regular Mass 7:00 pm Novena Mass (last night of the Novena Mass)

#### Tuesday, December 24

8:00 am Regular Mass  
4:30 pm Family Mass  
11:30 pm Christmas Carols  
12:00 Midnight Mass (Bilingual)

#### Wednesday, December 25

**Christmas day** 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 am

#### Saturday December 28

**Confession:** 3:30 pm-4:15 pm  
**Vigil Mass:** 4:30 pm

#### Sunday December 29

##### Sunday Masses

"The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph"  
7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 am

#### Tuesday December 31

8:00 am regular Mass  
6:00 pm Eve of the Holy Day Vigil

#### Wednesday January 1

**Octave Day of Christmas**  
(Holy Day of Obligation)

**Solemnity of Mary:** "The Holy Mother of God"

8:00 am Mass and  
7:00 pm Mass



On Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup> after the 11:30 am Mass there will be a reception in Cantwell Hall for all Church volunteers, to thank you for your dedication to the parish.



As we prepare for the Solemnity of Christmas we look forward to the joy of the birth of Christ. We hope to express our joy by filling the church with a bountiful display of poinsettias. We are asking parishioners to donate poinsettias to the Church. We will need a great number of them to beautify the sanctuary. Please bring them to the rectory by December 23<sup>rd</sup> during office hours. Please note that the rectory is closed on Fridays.



*Pray for our Beloved Deceased*  
*In your prayers this week, please remember*  
*the repose of the souls of our deceased*  
*parishioners, especially:*

*Maria Anita Cruz*

*"Eternal Rest Grant unto them O Lord..."*