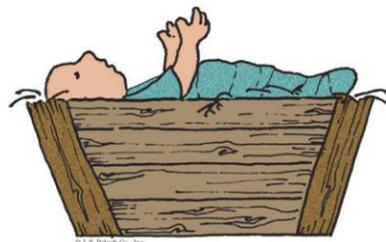


**Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 24, 2017**

The child to be born will be called holy,
the Son of God.
—Luke 1:35



GOD'S PROMISE

The lengthy passage from Samuel is a wonderful exposition of God's promise to the house of David: that his throne would forever be gloriously occupied by his descendants. Hidden in the mystery of the prophecy is the promise of the Savior, the Messiah, Son of God and Son of David. The prophet Nathan, speaking in God's name, poetically turns around David's plan to build a house for God, and announces God's plan to build a "house," that is, a dynasty for David. From this house of David will come the Messiah, the Christ, not in kingly splendor as David ruled, but as a humble man, destined to rule forever and over all. When God gives a gift, it's amazing what we are given—so different from what we ever could have imagined.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — I will fix a place for my people. I will plant them so that they may dwell in their place without further disturbance (2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16).

Psalm — For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 89).

Second Reading — To the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, be glory forever and ever (Romans 16:25-27).

Gospel — Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word (Luke 1:26-38).

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MASS INTENTIONS

<u>Monday</u> 7:30 am 9:30 am 11:30 am	<u>December 25</u> Christmas Christmas Christmas
<u>Tuesday</u> 8:00 am	<u>December 26</u> † Pedro C. Songco
<u>Wednesday</u> 8:00 am	<u>December 27</u> † Joseph, † Frank and † John DeLuca
7:00 pm	† Theodora Vinluan Hernandez
<u>Thursday</u> 8:00 am	<u>December 28</u> † Tessie, † Joseph and † Saviour Schembri
<u>Friday</u> 8:00 am	<u>December 29</u> † Aline Banks
<u>Saturday</u> 8:00 am	<u>December 30</u> † Theodora Vinluan Hernandez
4:30 pm	† Manuel Marquez
<u>Sunday</u> 7:30 am	<u>December 31</u> † Angela and † Giuseppe Tardio
9:30 am	Italian Catholic Federation
11:30 am	People of the Parish † Oswaldo Rafael Caamano

† Denotes deceased – (L) Living

Sunday Collection December 17, 2017

Weekly Need:	\$ 5,000.00
Sunday Collection	\$ 3,568.00
Over/Under	\$ 1,432.00
Church Project	\$ 508.00

If you make your offertory donation by check, without using parishioner envelopes, it would be most helpful if you placed your parishioner/envelope # in the "memo" section of the check. This helps us input your donation to the offertory data system. **We will not be responsible for donations not credited due to missing envelope numbers (or not having a Sunday collection envelope.)**



2017 Christmas Schedule

<u>Saturday, December 23</u>	<u>Confession</u> 3:30 pm to 4:15 pm 4:30 pm Mass
<u>Sunday December 24</u>	<u>Sunday Masses</u> 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30 am <u>Christmas Eve Masses</u> 4:30 pm Family Mass 11:30 pm Christmas Carols 12:00 am Midnight Mass (Bilingual)
<u>Monday December 25</u>	<u>Christmas Day Masses</u> 7:30, 9:30, and 11:30 am
<u>Saturday, December 30</u>	<u>Confession</u> 3:30 pm to 4:15 pm 4:30 pm Vigil
<u>Sunday December 31</u>	<u>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</u> 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30 am <u>Octave Day of Christmas Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God</u> 8:00 am
<u>Monday, January 1</u>	

Archdiocesan Annual Appeal

Our goal is \$48,470.00. To date our generous parishioners have pledged **\$48,099.00** leaving a balance of **\$371.00**.

The Parish office will be closed on Monday, December 25th and Monday January 1st.

MINISTRY TO THE HOMEBOUND

DID YOU KNOW... that St. Elizabeth Parish has an active outreach ministry to the homebound, sick, elderly, and disabled who are unable to attend weekly Mass? Legion of Mary members are prepared to make regular visits to bring Communion and to share the news of our parish community. If you or someone you know is homebound and would like to arrange for regular Communion visits or anointing of the sick, please call the parish office at **415-468-0820**.

Offertory Gifts

In order to be welcoming to all parishioners if you would like to bring up the offertory gifts please see an usher before Mass so it can be arranged. If a Mass is being offered for the repose of the soul of a particular person, or a special thanksgiving mass for the living, that person or person's family members may like to bring up the gifts at the offertory.



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

Maria Ibarra

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