

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 23, 2018

Blessed are you among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

— Luke 1:42



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### MEMORIES AND DREAMS

Throughout our lives, we retain the language and habits of our native region and family of origin.

Should we return to our home after a long absence, we quickly revert to its familiar speech and practices. Our deep memory is reflected in old stories and words and speech patterns. This familiarity runs like an underground river and accompanies us wherever we go.

Not only do we remember, we are incorporated into and made part of a greater memory. In remembering and recollecting, we are in turn gathered up and re-collected.

Today we remember Mary, a small figure travelling the country roads to visit Elizabeth. All the great pronouncements and dreams of the prophets point to this time when the Lord's words to Mary would be gathered and fulfilled. The memories of her people are alive in her, and memories of her nourish our own living faith.

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### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — From Bethlehem-Ephrathah shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel (Micah 5:1-4a).

**Psalm** — Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved (Psalm 80).

**Second Reading** — We have been consecrated through the offering of the body of Christ once for all (Hebrews 10:5-10).

**Gospel** — Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken by the Lord would be fulfilled (Luke 1:39-45).

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## MASS INTENTIONS

<u>Monday</u>	<u>December 24</u>
8:00 am	
4:30 pm	Christmas Vigil /Family Mass
12 am	Midnight Mass
<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>December 25</u>
7:30 am	Christmas
9:30 am	Christmas
11:30 am	Christmas
<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>December 26</u>
8:00 am	Communal Service
7:00 pm	†Josephine Nieri
<u>Thursday</u>	<u>December 27</u>
8:00 am	†Joseph, † Frank and † John DeLuca
<u>Friday</u>	<u>December 28</u>
8:00 am	† Ramirez and † Visperas Family
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>December 29</u>
8:00 am	† John Budesca
4:30 pm	Lolita Canlas (L)
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>December 30</u>
7:30 am	† Pedro J. Songco
9:30 am	† Manuel J. Marquez
11:30 am	People of the Parish

† Denotes deceased – (L) Living

### Sunday Collection December 16, 2018

<b>Weekly Need:</b>	<b>\$ 5,000.00</b>
<b>Sunday Collection</b>	<b>\$ 3,243.00</b>
<b>Over/Under</b>	<b>\$ 1,757.00</b>
<b>Church Project</b>	<b>\$ 866.00</b>

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.)**



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. The Liturgy committee is asking parishioners to donate poinsettia plants to the Church. We will need a great number of them to beautify the sanctuary. Please bring them directly to the Church on December 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please note that the rectory is closed on Fridays.

**The Parish office will be closed on Monday December 24<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday December 25<sup>th</sup>**

### Archdiocesan Annual Appeal

Our goal is \$50,615.00. To date our generous parishioners have pledged \$35,801.00 leaving a balance of \$14,374.00. Please help us reach our goal by the end of the year. Any deficit will have to be paid for by the parish as well as any overage will be returned to the parish. The cut-off date for the Archdiocese finance office to physically be in receipt of 2018 donations is January 9, 2019. Any donations received after that date will be posted in the 2019 AAA.



### 7:00pm Novena Masses before Christmas December 15<sup>th</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup>

#### Main Theme:

"Prepare your heart to receive the Savior"

#### Sub-themes:

Dec. 22 "Blessed are those who believe"

Dec. 23 "Promise fulfilled in Jesus"

### 2018 Christmas Schedule

#### Saturday, December 22

Confession: 3:30pm to 4:15pm

Vigil Mass: 4:30pm mass

7:00 pm Novena Mass

#### Sunday December 23

##### Sunday Masses

7:30, 9:30 & 11:30am

7:00pm last night of the Novena Mass

Raffle Drawing & Reception

#### Monday, December 24

8:00am regular Mass

4:30pm Family Mass

11:30pm Christmas Carols

12:00 Midnight Mass (Bilingual)

#### Tuesday, December 25

##### Christmas day

7:30, 9:30 & 11:30am

#### Saturday December 29

Confession: 3:30pm-4:15pm

Vigil Mass: 4:30pm

#### Sunday December 30

##### Sunday Masses:

"The Holy Family of Jesus and Joseph"

7:30, 9:30 & 11:30am

#### Monday December 31

8:00 am regular Mass

6:00 pm Eve of the Holy Day Vigil

#### Tuesday, January 1

##### Octave Day of Christmas

(Holy Day of Obligation)

8:00am Mass: **Solemnity of Mary:**

"The Holy Mother of God"

6:00 pm Mass