



December 20, 2015

<p>Saturday, December 19, 2015 5:00 PM Mary Ventura (D) By Marlita Ferriera</p>	<p>Saturday, December 26, 2015 5:00 PM Alice Pereira (D) By Stetsko Family</p>
<p>Sunday, December 20, 2015 8:00 AM Sharon Machado (D) By SPRSI #59</p>	<p>Sunday, December 27, 2015 8:00 AM Denise Kellerhals (D) By Bud Kellerhals</p>
<p>9:30 AM Victoria Santellano (D) By Lilo/Ida Santellano</p>	<p>9:30 AM Happy 15th Birthday Matthew Chavez (L) By Family</p>
<p>PRO POPOLO</p>	<p>PRO POPOLO</p>
<p>11:00 AM Happy Birthday Lilli Vargas (L) Por Familia</p>	<p>11:00 AM Rev. Dick Bevenour (D) By St. Jude Parish</p>
<p>Monday, December 21, 2015 7:30 AM Sharon Machado (D) By M/M Tom Deubert</p>	<p>WEEKDAY MASSES 7:30 AM</p>
<p>Tuesday, December 22, 2015 7:30 AM Josefina Manzano (D) By Lupe/Carolina Navarro</p>	<p>Monday, December 28, 2015 Delvena Cunha (D) By Lena DeGroot</p>
<p>No Mass Wednesday</p>	<p>Tuesday, December 29, 2015 Sharon Machado (D) By M/M Tom Deubert</p>
<p>Thursday, December 24, 2015 4:30 PM CHILDREN'S MASS Ethel Perkins/Ted Beshwate (D) By Family</p>	<p>Wednesday, December 30, 2015 No Mass</p>
<p>MIDNIGHT MASS 12:00 AM Elsie/Eugene Daniel Correia (D) By Correia Family</p>	<p>Thursday, December 31, 2015 Sharon Machado (D) By Sarah Cardoza</p>
<p>CHRISTMAS DAY 9:30 AM Friday, December 25, 2015 Jess Negrete (D) By Dolores Negrete</p>	<p>NATIVITY OF THE LORD SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD Friday, January 1, 2016 9:30 AM Ortiz Family (L) By Joe/Mary Rossotti</p>

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY During the Year of Mercy, visit a pilgrimage site to obtain indulgences: St. John's Cathedral, Fresno; Our Lady of Mercy, Merced; St. Joachim, Madera; St. Anthony of Padua, Reedley; Immaculate Heart of Mary, Hanford; St. Aloysius, Tulare; Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Bakersfield; St. Therese, Shafter; St. Ann, Ridgecrest.



Oremos por todos aquellos que están enfermos, desvalidos y convalecientes. Let us pray for all souls and those listed in our Book of Remembrance.



4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste.” What was the rush? Why did Mary go so quickly to visit her cousins Elizabeth and Zechariah? It's hard to know exactly what her purpose was, but one thing is clear: Mary and Elizabeth shared a special connection. Perhaps Mary was anxious to be in the company of someone who could understand her unusual situation.

At this point, Mary was newly pregnant by the power of the Holy Spirit. The verses preceding today's reading tell us about the appearance of the Angel Gabriel and Mary's willingness to become the mother of the Messiah. Now, this child was already growing within her womb, but the whole thing was an incredible secret. Who would believe her? In whom could Mary confide the unbelievable events that had taken place? We know that at some point later, Joseph had a vision in a dream that allowed him to understand. But before that dream came, he was planning to part ways with Mary. It must have been during that difficult time that Mary went to see Elizabeth. And what joy that upon her arrival, Elizabeth immediately understood. “Blessed is the fruit of your womb,” Elizabeth cried out. The same Holy Spirit who conceived Jesus in Mary's womb enlightened Elizabeth at this moment. What a consolation this must have been to Mary.

This story reminds us of the importance of our own fellowship in the faith. Sharing our spiritual journey with other believers who are receptive to the Holy Spirit is meant to be a source of encouragement and strength. We are not supposed to be in this alone. As we worship and celebrate together with our faith community, may we share with each other the real joy of this sacred season.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 20, 2015

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45
 Monday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45
 Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-8/Lk 1:46-56
 Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14/Lk 1:57-66
 Thursday Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29/Lk 1:67-79
 Friday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-3, 11-13/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1-6/Heb 1:1-6 Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
 Saturday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3-4, 6, 8, 16-17/Mt 10:17-22

Second Collection/Segunda Colecta: Religious Education/Educacion Religiosa

Last week's collection: \$2,195.00
 Retirement Fund for the Religious/Jubilacion de Religiosos \$1,050.00
 Our Lady of Guadalupe \$387.55

Next week's collection/Proxima semana colecta: Maintenance & Repairs/Mantenimiento y Reparaciones

Thank you for your continued generosity.
 Mil gracias que Dios bendiga por su generosidad.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER FOR THE YEAR OF MERCY

Pope Francis asks each of us to celebrate by showing to others the mercy that God constantly extends to all of us. A few things you can do:

Contemplate Mercy The motto for the jubilee year is “Merciful like the Father.” By contemplating mercy, we begin to see how God gives himself to us and asks nothing in return. Because we are touched by God's mercy, we can be merciful toward others.

Forgive Jesus asks us to forgive others in the same way that we have received forgiveness from God. When we forgive, we release the poison of resentment that builds up inside of us. Forgiveness is an act of mercy for ourselves as well as for the person who hurt us.

Listen to God's Word To become more merciful we must listen to the Word of God in Scripture and meditate on the message of God's mercy. As we grow in our understanding of mercy, we can better incorporate mercy into our lives.



4º DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

Tal vez has visitado Tierra Santa y en el recorrido has visitado Belén, pueblo pequeño entre las aldeas de Judá. El lugar es sencillo, muy hermoso, su gente es amable y tranquila. Al estar ahí te explican la forma de vivir de la gente pobre en tiempo de Jesús, que en su mayoría eran pastores, te parece imposible que el Señor Rey de Reyes haya nacido allí. Te quedas extasiado cuando visita la capilla donde hay pinturas del nacimiento de Jesús en ellos se muestra a los pastores llenos de gozo saltando de alegría, corriendo a toda prisa presurosos al lugar exacto donde estaba el niño con sus padres. Ese Belén es del que el profeta Miqueas dice en su profecía: “De ti, Belén de Efrata, pequeña entre las aldeas de Judá, de ti saldrá el jefe de Israel” (Miq 5, 1).

Hemos llegado al Cuarto Domingo de Adviento a estas alturas del recorrido nos damos cuenta de que el Señor viene a visitarnos, y, si queremos, se quedará en nuestra casa. ¿Lo queremos? ¿Qué ambiente le hemos preparado? Es la buena noticia de este domingo; el Hijo de Dios nos visita. La liturgia nos convoca para estar atentos a la víspera de la Navidad. Las personas encargadas de la liturgia deben dejar la iglesia engalanada para la Misa vespertina o de gallo. Dios actúa por medio de la alegría de los humildes, tal como lo hizo con los pastores de Belén. La participación en la Eucaristía debe reflejar liberación de las cosas que atan y alejan de su presencia. ¡Faltan cinco días! ¿Estás listo? Aún es tiempo de hacerlo si no lo estás.

LAS LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA DEL 20 DE DICIEMBRE DE 2015

Domingo: Miq 5, 1-4/Sal 80, 2-3. 15-16. 18-19/Heb 10, 5-10/Lc 1, 39-45
 Lunes: Cant 2, 8-14 o Sof 3, 14-18/Sal 33, 2-3. 11-12. 20-21/Lc 1, 39-45
 Martes: 1 Sm 1, 24-28/1 Sm 2, 1. 4-8/Lc 1, 46-56
 Miércoles: Mal 3, 1-4. 23-24/Sal 25, 4-5. 8-10. 14/Lc 1, 57-66
 Jueves: 2 Sm 7, 1-5. 8-12. 14. 16/Sal 89, 2-5. 27. 29/Lc 1, 67-79
 Viernes: Is 52, 7-10/Sal 98, 1-6/Jn 1, 1-18 o 1, 1-5. 9-14
 Sábado: Hch 6, 8-10; 7, 54-59/Sal 31, 3-4. 6. 8. 16-17/Mt 10, 17-22

CONFESSIONS

Monday, December 21st - 6:00 pm
 Wednesday, December 23rd - 6:00 pm
 Confessions after 7:30 am Mass All week
 No Confessions Christmas Eve



Happy Birthday, Jesus!

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Children's Mass 4:30 pm
 Thursday, December 24th

Midnight Mass 12:00 am

Christmas Day
 Friday, December 25th
9:30 am Spanish: 11:00 am

New Year's Day
 Friday January 1, 2016
9:30 am

HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

Please continue to bring non-perishable food items to help fill the Christmas baskets for those in need. Your generosity in providing food and gifts to others is most sincerely appreciated. Thank you!

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT

Four-day Ignatian Guided Silent Retreat designed to help adults personalize and deepen their relationship with God. Ideal for those who want to enjoy a vacation with God at St. Albert's Priory, Oakland from January 7-10, 2016. <http://www.christusministries.org> contact Beti at leonecisne@comcast.net

WALK FOR LIFE

Saturday, January 23, 2016 at Civic Center Plaza, San Francisco. Register and info: 415-658-1793, email: info@WalkforLifeWC.com

LEVEL GROUND CONFERENCE

Nancy Guthrie will be at Riverpark Bible Church in Fresno Friday, January 22nd, 6:00-9:00 pm and Saturday, January 23rd, 8:30-11:00 am. Register on line www.riverpark.org

Mary trusted that the Lord's words to her would be fulfilled. Step out in faith and God will be there to guide you.
Luke 1:39-45

MISAS DE LA NAVIDAD DEL SEÑOR

Misa de niños jueves, 24 de diciembre 4:30 pm (inglis)
Misa de la noche 12:00 am (inglis)
Misa de día viernes 9:30 am (inglis) 11:00 am (español)
 No confesiones el 26 de diciembre



COLECTAR ALIMENTOS

Recuerde empacar alimentos no perdederos y llevarlos a nuestra iglesia por las canastas de Navidad. Gracias por su apoyo.

VINEDO DE RAQUEL

Si alguien desea el retorno a la misericordia, amor y perdón de Jesús que parece ser perdido como consecuencia de un aborto, el Vinedo de Raquel le puede ayudar. Informacion; llame 1-888-686-8537.

Maria salio de prisa, llevando la buena noticia del gran amor de Dios. Donde quiera que vayas, lleva a Dios contigo.
Lucas 1:39-45

CAMINATA POR LA VIDA

Sabado, 23 de enero Plaza del Centro Civico, San Francisco. ¡Unete a nosotros y a nuestro invitado especial; Emmanuel! Emmanuel sera uno de los oradores. Informacion: 415-658-1793.