



ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA PARISH COMMUNITY

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MASS SCHEDULE

Face masks are encouraged upon
entering the church.

SATURDAY VIGIL

***5:15 pm**

SUNDAY

6:30 am

8:30 am

***10:15 am (ASL)**

12:00 pm

***1:45 pm Español/Spanish**

5:15 pm



DAILY MASS

Monday - Saturday: *8:15 am

Monday - Friday: 5:30 pm

(Except from Memorial Day through Labor Day)

Wednesdays 5:30 pm Mass is in Español/Spanish

***Masses are Live-stream**

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CONFESSIONS (CONFESIONES)

Saturday (sábado): 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Weekdays by appointment only

Please call the Parish Office at 951/781-9855

FOURTH SUNDAY OF

Advent



DECEMBER 18, 2022

*Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel,
which means "God is with us."*

MATTHEW 1:23

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CUARTO DOMINGO DE

Adviento

*He aquí que la virgen concebirá y dará a luz un hijo,
a quien pondrán el nombre de Emmanuel,
que quiere decir Dios-con-nosotros.*

MATEO 1:23

PARISH VISION STATEMENT

One God, One people in Christ, One community of love guided by the Holy Spirit to impact lives.

Un Dios, Un pueblo en Cristo, Una comunidad de amor guiada por el Espíritu Santo para impactar vidas.

MASS INTENTIONS - INTENCIONES DE MISASSUNDAY - DOMINGO 12/18

6:30 am Irene H. Miranda †
 8:30 am Deceased Members of Anne Backes Pitterle Fam. †
 10:15 am Intentions of Benjie & Malu Lungay
 12:00 pm Intentions of De La Torre Family

1:45 pm Cruz Pineda Hernandez †
 5:15 pm St. Catherine's Parishioners

MONDAY - LUNES 12/19

8:15 am Intentions of Guillermo Aliaga
 5:30 pm Dick & Sylvia Johnson †

TUESDAY - MARTES 12/20

8:15 am Aurora Saldaña †
 5:30 pm Marcos Lopez †

WEDNESDAY - MIÉRCOLES 12/21

8:15 am Esther Banzon Parungao †
 5:30 pm Jaime Lian Lao †

THURSDAY - JUEVES 12/22

8:15 am Socorro Aragon †
 5:30 pm Jimmy Rodriguez †

FRIDAY - VIERNES 12/23

8:15 am Joseph Sr., Tillie & Joseph, Jr. Medure †
 5:30 pm Carolyn de Leon †

SATURDAY - SÁBADO 12/24

8:15 am Maria Trinidad Esparza †
 10:00 am At WMV - Parishioners

CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASSES (CHRISTMAS EVE)

All Masses Offered for Parishioners

4:30 pm; 6:00 pm; 7:30 pm Español/Spanish; 12:00 am

SUNDAY - DOMINGO 12/25THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS DAY)

All Masses Offered for Parishioners

6:30 am; 8:30 am; 10:15 am; 12:00 pm;
 1:45 pm Español/Spanish; 5:15 pm

† Symbolizes Soul of Deceased



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TODAY'S READINGS

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

Psalm — The king of glory shall come in (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. He shall be Emmanuel, "God is with us" (Matthew 1:18-24).



LITURGY
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LITURGY CORNER**December 18 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

December 21 - Saint Peter Canisius, Priest, Doctor of the Church

December 23 - Saint John of Kanty, Priest

Saint Peter Canisius a Jesuit, ordained in 1546; catechist and missionary; leading voice in counter-reformation Germany, he strove mightily for many years with pen and tongue to defend and strengthen the Catholic faith; among his many books, the *Catechism* is the most important; he died in 1597.

Saint John of Kanty dean of philosophy and professor of theology at the University of Cracow; noted for his austerity, humility, and charity toward the poor; he died in 1473 and was canonized in 1767.

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Confessions on Saturday, December 24, will be from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

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**Christmas Mass Schedule:**

Vigil Saturday, December 24, Mass times: English 4:30 pm, 6:00 pm and midnight, 12:00 am; Spanish 7:30 pm. Christmas Day same as Sunday Mass Schedule:
 English 6:30 am, 8:30 am, 10:15 am, 12:00 pm, and 5:15 pm;
 Spanish 1:45 pm.

Church Christmas Season extends from Evening Prayer of Christmas through the Baptism of the Lord, Monday, January 9, 2023. Liturgy color is white.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Tuesday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38
Wednesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
Thursday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
Friday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66
Saturday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79
Sunday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27-29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]
Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

Brothers and Sisters,

We are now a week away from the day when we celebrate the Lord's coming in the Incarnation. In Jesus-Emmanuel-God is with us. This Advent we have heard Isaiah speak of the day when our misery would turn to joy, when the blind would see and the lame walk, when the wolf and the lamb would play together and nations would beat their swords into plowshares. However, in today's prophecy, Isaiah gives the most important detail concerning the Messiah, Christ. He was to be God as well as man. 700 years before the birth of Christ, Isaiah foretold, the Lord himself will give this sign: "the virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel" (Is. 7:14). We call the Incarnation, the coming of the Son of God among us in human form, a basic mystery of our Christian faith. Why would God love us so much as to send his Son to save us?



In today's second reading, Paul reminds us that we are favored with apostleship, so that we might spread his name and bring to obedient faith all who have been called to belong to Jesus Christ. The promise of God is revealed in his Son and it is his Good News that the faithful are to take out to the world. There are times when we think we know where our lives are going and we tell others of our plans. Then something unexpected puts our plans in disarray. It has happened to many people in the past couple of years. The effects of the pandemic changed lives and upended personal plans and ambitions. It is at moments like these that people have to make difficult, sometimes life-changing decisions and the strength of their character is shown in overcoming their fears, sticking to their principles and standing by others. In today's gospel, Joseph is betrothed to Mary and finds out she is pregnant. All his plans for the future are suddenly in disarray. Yet as a man of honor he refuses to shame Mary and decides to quietly divorce her. But as with Mary, "the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home'." It takes an angel for Joseph to see things as God sees them and for Joseph to put aside his fears. Joseph has to make a choice that will go against the customs of his people. It is an extraordinary challenge, but Joseph has both the strength of character and the faith in God to do it.

In the gospel story of the annunciation, Mary has to make a choice and she accepts the role God has for her. In Joseph's case, what God asks of him could be said to be even harder: he is being asked to stand by Mary's choice. Whatever his life will be in the future is a consequence of Mary's decision. The gospel stories about the birth of Jesus frequently refer to fear. When the angel appears to Mary, when angels appear to the shepherds in the fields, as well as when the angel appears to Joseph, the message is the same: do not be afraid. It was their faith in God that helped them muster the courage to accept what befell them. So here is my question for you: When we are faced with challenges, can we also find the courage to heed the message: "Do not be afraid"?

Faithful Friar

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT!

Thank you to all who supported the 2022 Annual Diocesan Development Fund (DDF) campaign. There will be no second collection for DDF this month. Any donations received in December will be used for parish projects such as the new HVAC system for the church. If you would like to make a donation, please put it in an envelope labeled "DDF" and drop it in the regular collection basket. We thank you for your generosity and continued support.

STEWARDSHIP . . . Thank you for supporting your parish, St. Catherine of Alexandria!
Thank you for your generous contribution. God bless you.

Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023 Summary of Weekly Sunday Offering December 4, 2022

	Actual Collection	Budgeted Collection
December 4th	\$ 18,420.22	\$ 17,500.00
Actual Collection		\$ 398,178.18
Budgeted Collection		389,150.00
YTD Collection Overage		\$ 9,028.18

PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR PARISH FINANCIALLY.

Thank you for your generosity.

2022 Diocesan Development Fund December 4, 2022

Pledges Made	\$ 207,444
Less: DDF Assessment	66,700
Total Pledges made to the Parish	\$ 140,744
DDF Pledge Payments	\$ 205,994
Less: DDF Assessment	66,700
Cash to the Parish (PDF)	\$ 139,294
Number of donors	756
Parishioner's participation %	25%

PLEASE SUPPORT DDF-2022.

FEEDING THE HUNGRY MINISTRY

WARM BLANKETS & SOCKS NEEDED

Cold weather is coming on and it is hard to get warm without socks or blankets.

Those less fortunate than us are in need of our help.

We are asking for donations of **NEW SOCKS AND CLEAN, GENTLY USED BLANKETS**. All items must be sealed individually with plastic or in a trash bag. Donations can be dropped off during weekend Masses in the container located at the entrance of the church or at the Ministry Center Monday-Friday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Thank you for helping those in need!
"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me."

- Matthew 25:40



LOW GLUTEN HOSTS

Those parishioners who have a medical need for low gluten hosts, please be advised we have them at St. Catherine's. The hosts will distribute to anyone in need however parishioners are asked to check in with the sacristan at least 15 minutes before Mass to advise as hosts are only consecrated for the number of persons asking.

If you have any questions, please contact the Liturgy Office at 951-683-0800 ext 14.

Holy Father's Intention for the month of December 2022:

For volunteer not-for-profit organizations
We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

CONFESSIONS - Saturday, December 24, 2022

Confessions will be from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

Penance is an experience of the gift of God's boundless mercy.

VINCENTIAN CORNER



The St. Catherine's conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul would like to thank the SCoA parish staff and parishioners for their prayers and financial support. Your contributions during our fiscal year of 10/01/2021 through 09/30/2022 made all of the following possible in your community:

2003 people assisted with food

357 food bags delivered to 265 families through non-contact personal home visits

1103 Emergency Food Bags provided to the Ministry Center for distribution

\$46,347 provided in food and financial assistance

\$770 of conference expense (98 cents of every dollar donated goes directly to serve our clients)

4992 hours volunteered helping families throughout the city of Riverside

24 families sponsored for 2021 Christmas

Thank you for your prayers and your generous donations during this difficult year which allowed St. Vincent de Paul volunteers continue to make a difference in your community. We wish you and your families a Blessed Holiday Season!

We are in need of CRACKERS, PASTA SAUCE, CANNED CHICKEN for the grocery bags given to those in need of assistance with food. Please help. Thank you.

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY

"A Christian can never conform to a law which is in itself immoral, and such is the case of a law which would admit in principle the licitly of abortion. Nor can a Christian take part in a propaganda campaign in favor of such a law or vote for it ... On the contrary, it is the task



of law to pursue reform of society and conditions of life in all its milieu, starting with the most deprived, so that always and everywhere it may be possible to give every child coming into this world a welcome

worthy of a person." -Holy See (1974)

CHOOSE LIFE - TRUST GOD - HE WILL BLESS YOU!

Deaths



Please pray for our beloved dead...

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord;
and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

Hugo Mauricio Umaña

Francisca Cortes

Annie Prescott

Susan Leblanc

Veronica Luna

Frank Nava

Johnny Sicut

Edward Vincent Gooselaw

Julianne Mary Gooselaw

Mary Margaret Nurre

Gilbert Serros

...May they rest in peace.

HEALTH MINISTRY NEWS

The mobile clinic will be **CLOSED** on Saturday, December 31, 2022 in observance of New Year's Eve.

The mobile clinic will be at St. Catherine's school grounds on Saturday, January 7, 2023 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA CHURCH RIVERSIDE, CA



Christmas Mass Schedule

December 24, 2022

4:30 pm - English Mass
6:00 pm - English Mass
7:30 pm - Spanish Mass
12:00 am - Bilingual Mass/Live Stream
Starts at 11:30 pm with
Christmas Carols

December 25, 2022

6:30 am - English Mass
8:30 am - English Mass
10:15 am - English Mass
Deaf Interpreted/Live Stream
12:00 pm - English Mass
1:45 pm - Spanish Mass/Live Stream
5:15 pm - English Mass

Feast of the Holy Family - December 30, 2022

Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

December 31, 2022 - January 1, 2023

Worship with us. Bring your family and friends.

2022 ADVENT COMMUNAL PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION SERVICES
2022 SERVICIOS DE RECONCILIACIÓN Y PENITENCIA COMUNAL DE ADVIENTO

Riverside Vicariate and Riverside Metropolitan Area

"Lord, forgive the wrong I have done"

St. Andrew Newman Center—Thursday, December 22 at 7:00 pm

U.S. CITIZENSHIP



**Are You Interested in Becoming a
U.S. CITIZEN?**

**Don't miss this opportunity!
Free Citizenship Classes**



Catholic Charities strives to give aspiring citizens the information, resources, and assistance they need to make their journey successful.



If you want to become a U.S. Citizen, come to the free classes to help improve your language skills and prepare you for the USCIS test and interview.

**Six (6) Week Class (Thursdays)
Class Starts: January 12, 2023
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm**

**St. Catherine of Alexandria Catholic Church
Ministry Center Room 1
7005 Brockton Avenue
Riverside, CA**

Christmas Food Baskets

**Last day to make
donations is TODAY
December 18th!**



"They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh."

Every year, with the help of parishioners, we at St. Catherine of Alexandria provide Christmas dinner for the poor and needy families in our community. Please help the youth of our parish provide these families with a holiday meal by helping in the following ways:

1. Donate some or all of the items on the Grocery list.
2. Donate an offering by placing a check with memo designated for "Christmas Food baskets" in the Sunday collection.
3. Donate a grocery store gift card.

Food, donations, or gift cards can be brought to the Ministry Center between Monday through Friday 10:00am - 5:00pm on or before 12/16/2022.

For more info please call 951-781-9855 Ext. 14

**Deadline to drop off food is Sunday,
December 18, 2022** ←←←

Christmas Grocery List:

- Ham (fresh or frozen)
- Turkey (frozen please)
- Boxed Stuffing
- Instant Mashed Potatoes
- Gravy
- Canned vegetables:
 - Corn
 - Green beans
 - Yams
- Canned Cranberry Sauce
- Canned Pineapple fruit
- Boxed Cake Mix
- Canned Frosting

WE CAN ONLY ACCEPT ITEMS ON THIS LIST

(Expired food will not be accepted)

Thank you for your donation! Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

LIVING STEWARDSHIP NOW

Ways to help new life: Make donations or volunteer time to Birthright, Right to Life, the Christ Child Society, or any other organization that benefits new mothers and their children.

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**The parish offices will be closed from Friday,
December 23, 2022, through Monday, January 2, 2023,
for the Christmas and New Year holidays.**

**We wish you and your families a joy-filled and
Blessed Christmas and New Year!**

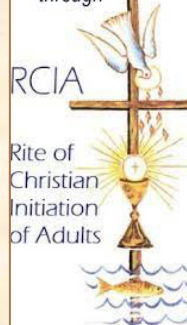


**Las oficinas parroquiales permanecerán cerradas desde
el viernes 23 de diciembre de 2022 hasta el lunes 2 de
enero de 2023, por las fiestas de Navidad y Año Nuevo.**

**Les deseamos a ustedes y a sus familias una feliz
y bendecida Navidad y Año Nuevo.**

RCIA Inquiry

Becoming a Catholic
through



Have you been worshipping with us, but have never officially taken the step to become Catholic?

Have you been a Catholic all your life, but have not celebrated all the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist)?

Have you joined us from a different background and would like to find out more about the Catholic Church?

If you, or someone you know, answers **YES** to any of these questions, you are invited to find out more through a process called the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)**. Please call 951-781-9855 extension 29 and leave your contact information.

*We would love to help you through the journey
of becoming Catholic!*

TO REPORT THE SEXUAL ABUSE OF A CHILD

by a priest, deacon, employee, or volunteer, call the toll free
Sexual Misconduct Hotline 1-888-206-9090

**PARA REPORTAR EL ABUSO SEXUAL
DE UN MENOR**

por parte de un sacerdote, diácono, empleado o voluntario,
llame a la **Línea Directa de Conducta Sexual
Inapropiada 1-888-206-9090**

CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER**Prayer for Generosity**

Lord, teach me to be generous.
Teach me to serve you as you deserve;
to give and not to count the cost,
to fight and not to heed the wounds,
to toil and not to seek for rest,
to labor and not to ask for reward,
save that of knowing that I do your will.

— Saint Ignatius of Loyola

The world needs more Knights!

Consider becoming more involved and live your faith as a man;
come carry out a legacy, the Knights motto is:

“In Service to One, In Service to All.”

We come from many places, backgrounds, and stages in our
lives, but we are all of ONE faith ready to lead, serve, protect
and defend those in need. Reach out to one of your Knights
today at mass or if you have questions:

Corbin DeLapp at 951/522-4498 or

Joe Buhr at 951/347-7489.



Knights of
Columbus

**HELP ADORN ST. CATHERINE'S CHURCH WITH
POINSETTIA PLANTS FOR CHRISTMAS**

If you would like to donate a
Poinsettia Plant in memory of a
loved one, you may bring your
plant to the Church **Saturday
morning December 24th from
9:00 am to 10:00 am.**

Memorial Cards will be available for you to fill out
and place with the plant in the Church.

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mention Bulletin #152400, or visit their website at
www.jspaluch.com. Thank you for your consideration.



Lance Wiseman - 781.9855 ext. 14

Frances Pineda - 781.9855 ext. 28

All High-School-Age Youth LIFE NIGHT
Sundays from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. after LIFE TEEN Mass

LIFE TEEN (high school age teen)

**Life Night is back in person and will meet almost every Sunday
from 7:00pm to 8:30pm in the Parish Hall.** If you have questions
or need more information, contact:

Frances Pineda at fpineda@stcofa.org or 951/781-9855 x 28

Lance Wiseman at lwiseman@stcofa.org or 951-781-9855 x 14

This Week - 12/18/2022: Life Night—Christmas Food Baskets

Tonight we will be assembling Christmas baskets for those less fortunate in our community. The night is from **7:00pm to 8:30pm in the hall.** The night is from **7:00pm to 8:30pm in the hall.**

Next Week - 12/25/22: NO Life Night, Christmas

Tonight spend time with your family and friends. See you in two weeks. The nights are from **7:00pm to 8:30pm in the hall.**

Remember Life Nights are open to **all High School age youth and we invite you to join us.** They are held most Sundays 7:00pm to 8:30pm in the Parish Hall. Please contact Frances if you have questions or need more information.

YOUTH SERVICE HOURS - For service opportunities, we are looking for help collecting food, data entry, calls for the upcoming Christmas food baskets. Please contact Lance Wiseman at 951/781-9855 ext. 14.

YOUTH FUNDRAISER - New \$SHOP RIVERSIDE cards for 2023 are available for purchase. Valid from date of purchase through **end of 2023.** Please contact Lance at 951/781-9855 x 14 if you are interested in purchasing. Remember **the money raised helps support St. Catherine's youth programs.** Please contact Lance for other upcoming fundraisers.

MIDDLE SCHOOL - THE EDGE - a Ministry for youth in middle school. All 6th, 7th and 8th graders are invited for a night of faith and fun! **Our next EDGE session will be on January 18, 2023 at 6:30pm to 7:45pm.** Location: **The Youth House-6956 Nixon Dr., Riverside.** For more information please contact Frances Pineda.

CONFIRMATION NEWS - UPDATE AS OF 12/18/2022

1st Year of Confirmation - Our next module for the year will be Sunday, January 8th from 3:00pm to 5:00pm or Monday, January 9th from 6:30pm to 8:00pm in the parish hall.

2nd Year of Confirmation - All 1st year make-up work, mass reflection & service reflection sheets are past due.

3rd Year of Confirmation - Please remember to turn in retreat paperwork & fees, **deadline is January 6, 2023.** All 1st & 2nd year make-up work, mass reflection & service reflection sheets are past due, please see Lance.

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION—Classes for the 2022-23 Confirmation year have begun. Contact Lance Wiseman at 951-781-9855 ext. 14 for more information.

Our Confirmation process is a three year program, starting in 9th grade and confirming in 11th grade, this is the required process for anyone in either public or private schools. Contact Lance with any questions.

CUARTO DOMINGO DE

Adviento

18 DE DICIEMBRE DE 2022

VERDADERA GRATITUD

Los cuatro domingos de Adviento tienen cada uno su propio enfoque: “¡Manténganse despiertos!” (Primer); Juan el Bautista (Segundo); ¡Alégrese! (tercero); José/María (cuarto). Sin embargo, debemos tener un poco de piedad con el Cuarto Domingo, ya que las agitadas realidades del calendario secular pueden abrumarlo, particularmente en aquellos años en los que sólo hay uno o dos (¡o ninguno!) días antes de la Navidad. Este año tenemos el lujo de una semana entera. ¿Qué haremos con este regalo de Dios? Quizás un poco más de caridad o de acción social en favor de los más pobres de Dios. Tal vez dedicar algo de tiempo a escuchar la voz de Dios en nuestros sueños, como hizo José. Asistir a la misa diaria, a la reconciliación de Adviento, o rezar las antífonas “O” (que comenzaron este sábado por la tarde). Como con todo don, mostramos la verdadera gratitud utilizándolo. Hagámoslo, como nos dice Pablo en Romanos, por el nombre de Jesús, cuya venida esperamos.

¿QUÉ CASA?

El interés por la genealogía es mucho, mucho más antiguo que la fascinación actual por utilizar el análisis de ADN para rastrear nuestra herencia. El Evangelio de Mateo inicia con la genealogía de Jesús, que se remonta hasta Abraham, el padre de la fe de Israel. Esto es lo que precede inmediatamente a la lectura del Evangelio de hoy, y es crucial para que escuchemos la frase inicial: “Así se produjo el nacimiento de Jesucristo”. No es tanto un punto de partida, sino un punto de giro que sitúa a Jesús firmemente en la “casa de David” a través de José (en el judaísmo del siglo I, el linaje y la herencia se trazaban únicamente a través de los varones). Una interpretación esencial del Mesías era que vendría de la casa y el linaje del rey David. Para los que seguimos a Jesús en la fe, es importante recordar que fue a través de José que Jesús vino de la casa de David y fue hecho hijo de la alianza de Moisés.

¿QUÉ HOGAR?

El Evangelio de Mateo contiene también una escena de anunciación angélica; la escuchamos hoy. Se presenta otro punto de inflexión, cuando el ángel dice “No tengas miedo de recibir a María en tu casa”. Como en la mayoría de las apariciones angélicas en las Escrituras, el ángel da una instrucción de no temer. Lo más importante es que el mensajero de Dios instruye a José para que acoja a María en su casa. Cuando José y María se desposaron, se constituyeron oficialmente en marido y mujer; el siguiente paso -aprobado por un ángel- habría sido que José acogiera a María en su casa. Así, proporcionó un lugar seguro a una joven en un embarazo problemático, y ofreció a su hijo un hogar, una herencia y un linaje. Este movimiento bastante difícil y arriesgado de José podría inspirarnos en esta época para buscar y ayudar en aquellos lugares donde la gente anhela tener una casa y, sobre todo, un hogar.

LECTURAS DE HOY

Isaías 7:10-14
Salmo 24 (23):1-2, 3-4, 5-6
Romanos 1:1-7
Mateo 1:18-24

LA ESQUINA DE ORACIÓN CATÓLICA

Oración para Pedir Generosidad

Oh Dios mío, enséñame a ser generoso para servirte como mereces ser servido.

Dar sin considerar el costo, luchar sin miedo a ser herido, trabajar sin buscar descanso, y dedicarme sin esperar recompensa. Sabiendo que estoy haciendo tu santa voluntad.

—San Ignacio de Loyola

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Jue 13:2-7, 24-25a;
Sal 71 (70):3-4a, 5-6ab,
16-17; Lc 1:5-25

Martes: Is 7:10-14; Sal 24 (23):1-4ab,
5-6; Lc 1:26-38

Miércoles: Cant 2:8-14 o Sof 3:14-18a;
Sal 33 (32):2-3, 11-12, 20-21;
Lc 1:39-45

Jueves: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1,
4-8abcd; Lc 1:46-56

Viernes: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34;
Sal 25 (24):4-5ab, 8-10, 14;
Lc 1:57-66

Sábado: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16;
Sal 89 (88):2-5, 27, 29;
Lc 1:67-79

Domingo: Vigilia: Is 62:1-5; Sal 89
(88):4-5, 16-17, 27-29;
Hch 13:16-17, 22-25;
Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]
Noche: Is 9:1-6;
Sal 96 (95):1-3, 11-13;
Tit 2:11-14; Lc 2:1-14
Aurora: Is 62:11-12; Sal 97
(96):1, 6, 11-12;
Tit 3:4-7; Lc 2:15-20
Día: Is 52:7-10;
Sal 98 (97):1-6; Heb 1:1-6;
Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

He aquí que la virgen concebirá y dará a luz un hijo,
a quien pondrán el nombre de Emmanuel,
que quiere decir Dios-con-nosotros.

MATEO 1:23

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LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — La señal del Señor es que la virgen estará embarazada y dará a luz un hijo varón (Isaías 7:10-14).

Salmo — El rey de gloria vendrá (Salmo 24 [23]).

Segunda lectura — Jesús, descendiente de David biológicamente, fue establecido el Hijo de Dios en poder. (Romanos 1:1-7).

Evangelio — María, la comprometida de José, quedó embarazada por obra del Espíritu Santo (Mateo 1:18-24).



INFORMACIÓN LITÚRGICA

18 de diciembre - CUARTO DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

21 de diciembre - San Pedro Canisio, presbítero y doctor de la Iglesia

23 de diciembre - San Juan de Kety, presbítero

San Pedro Canisio, jesuita, ordenado en 1546; catequista y misionero; voz destacada en la Alemania de la Contrarreforma, durante muchos años se esforzó con denuedo, con la pluma y la lengua, por defender y fortalecer la fe católica; entre sus muchos libros, el Catecismo es el más importante; murió en 1597.

San Juan de Kenty, decano de filosofía y profesor de teología en la Universidad de Cracovia; destacó por su austeridad, humildad y caridad hacia los pobres; murió en 1473 y fue canonizado en 1767.

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Horario de las Misas de Navidad:

Vigilia el sábado 24 de diciembre
Horario de misas: Inglés 4:30 pm, 6:00 pm y medianoche, 12:00 am; Español 7:30 pm.

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Horario de misas: Inglés 6:30 am, 8:30 am, 10:15 am, 12:00 pm, y 5:15 pm; Español 1:45 pm.

La temporada Navideña de la Iglesia se extiende desde la Oración Vespertina de Navidad hasta el Bautismo del Señor, el lunes 9 de enero de 2023. El color litúrgico es el blanco.

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*A quien pondrán el nombre de Emmanuel,
que quiere decir Dios-con-nosotros.
— Mateo 1:23*

MINISTERIO DE SALUD

La clínica móvil estará cerrada el sábado, 31 de diciembre de 2022. Estaremos de nuevo el 7 de enero de 2023 de 9:00 am a 1:00 pm en los terrenos de la escuela.

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