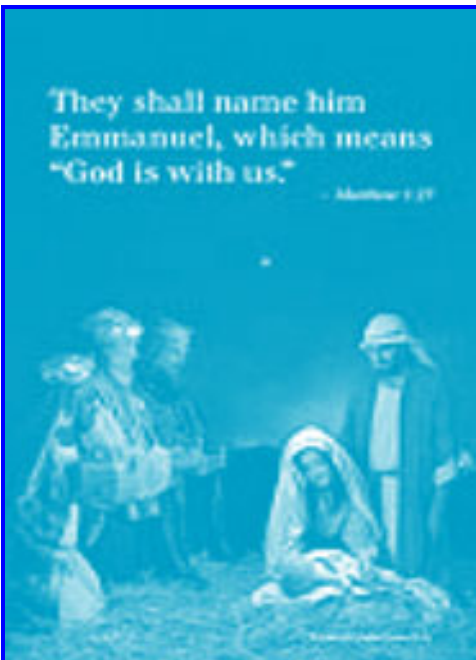


WELCOME TO ST. CALLISTUS

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 22, 2019



MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

"Let the Lord enter, He is the king of glory", says today's Responsorial Psalm. During these final days of Advent, the Lord Himself gives us that call.

Christmas is a time of immense spiritual blessings for us. Let us ask ourselves how our preparation has been for the coming of this King of glory. Regardless of how it has been so far, let us do our best during the remaining two days, because unless we prepare ourselves, open our hearts in love and eager desire, we will not be able to receive what Jesus wants to give us.

How to prepare? We have two wonderful examples for it in the two people we hear about in today's Gospel: Mary and Joseph. Mary submits herself fully in answering God's call to her to be the Mother of the Son of God. She trusts God, surrenders herself to God, and obeys God fully and completely. Joseph is concerned about what was happening, but once he learns what it is that God was asking from him, he too gives himself completely to the Divine will totally and wholeheartedly.

Let us ask ourselves how trusting and obedient we are. "Let the Lord enter". But He can enter only if we allow Him to, only if we open ourselves for Him, in trust, self-surrender and willing obedience to Him. Let us do that and ask the good Lord Himself to help us in that.

MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY 2020

*Fr. Jimmy Thottapally
Your Pastor.*

TODAY'S READING

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).

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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CHRISTMAS DAILY PRAYER

**Your gift to me , O Lord:
to grow in faith
during these holy Christmas days.**

**Your gift to me, O Lord:
to increase in hope
throughout the joyful days
of Christmas.**

**Your gift to me, O Lord:
to live in love,
beyond the days of this
Christmas season.**

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Raoul Martinez
Lee Peres
Lino Destacamento
Judy Robinson
Dan Craighead
Liling Hernandez
Vincent Dimalanta
Thinh Tran
Aurea de Alza

And all the family and friends listed in our Prayer Book.

....and the homebound in our parish family,

Faye Eaton
Gilbert Estrada, Sr.
Carole Freeman
David Trejo
Carrie Chew
Venancio Talao
Robert Maloney
Fred Granzella
Ma. Christina Zamora

2019 - 2020 CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE and OTHER CELEBRATIONS

Tuesday, December 24: Christmas Eve
Regular Morning Mass 8:30AM
Children’s Liturgy 6:00 PM
Midnight Mass 12:00 Midnight

Wednesday, December 25: Christmas Day
Masses: at 8:00AM; 10:00AM;
and 12:00 Noon.
NO 8:30 Morning Mass

December 25 & 26: Parish Office - CLOSED

Wednesday, January 1, 2020:
New Year’s Day
Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of
God
Mass at 10:00AM Only
NO 8:30AM Mass

Parish Office is CLOSED on New Year’s Day.

Welcome

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We welcome the new parishioners who have registered and joined the St. Callistus Parish Family, during the course of the year 2019. We are very happy that you and your family come to celebrate the Holy Eucharist with us, and to participate in the various Parish activities. We look forward to worshipping with you here at St. Callistus, in the days ahead.

A Few Interesting Stats From 2019 Record Books:

New Registered Families: 15
First Communion: 17 Children & Adults
Baptisms: 7
Marriage: 2
Confirmation: 19 Youth & Adults
Congratulations to all!

We pray for the deceased members of our Parish family: Deaths: 15. God grant them eternal rest. Please pray for their families.



Schedule of Devotions

Rosary and Chaplet of The Divine Mercy - Monday to Saturday 9:00AM

Holy Hour and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Wednesdays 9:00AM

Mother of Perpetual Help: Thursdays 9:00AM

Hispanic Prayer Group - First & Third Thursdays 7:00PM

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - First Fridays 9:00AM to 3:00PM. Benediction at 3:00 PM.

~ EVENTS' SCHEDULE - WEEK OF DECEMBER 22ND ~

MON. **NO Youth Confirmation Class - CHRISTMAS BREAK**
TUE. **NO RCIA Class - CHRISTMAS BREAK**
NO Youth Group Meeting - CHRISTMAS BREAK
WED. **OFFICE CLOSED - CHRISTMAS DAY HOLIDAY**
THU. **OFFICE CLOSED - CHRISTMAS DAY HOLIDAY**
7:00 P.M. Leadership Group Meeting - in Church
FRI. 6:00 P.M. Choir Practice - St. Cecilia's Room
SAT. **NO Faith Formation Class - CHRISTMAS BREAK**

MASS INTENTIONS FROM DEC. 22 THROUGH DEC. 28

SAT. 5:15 P.M. Primo & Jovita Castaneda ✠✠
by Mila Canoy
and Albert Tamayo ✠
by Guia Gorospe
SUN. 8:00 A.M. Vicky Jiz De Ortega ✠
by Mila Delossantos
10:00 A.M. People of the Parish of St. Callistus
12:00 Noon Teresita Cruz ✠
by Vivian DeLeon
and Mike Iwamoto ✠
by Alex & Didit Salcedo
MON. 8:30 A.M. Estrell Bautista (Living, Birthday)
by Estrell & Butch
TUE. 8:30 A.M. Albert Tamayo ✠
by Tony & Geny Fabella
6:00 P.M. Youth of the Parish of St. Callistus
12:00 Midnight People of the Parish of St. Callistus
WED. 8:00 A.M. Wayne Faust ✠
by Ritzi & Gibran Faust
10:00 A.M. Pilar Del Rosario ✠
by Olive & Vic Pares
12:00 Noon Jose Victor A. Dignadice ✠
by The Rose Family
THU. 8:30 A.M. Natividad Rivera Grimstad ✠
by Romy & Lydia Matundan
FRI. 8:30 A.M. Thanksgiving for Myrna & Manny Villasica
by Myrna Villasica
SAT 8:30 A.M. Albert Tamayo ✠
by Gary & Grace Magtibay
and Cesar Bartolome ✠
by Mila Canoy



Due to early publishing of this Bulletin, the Sunday Collection and the Christmas Flowers Collection totals for Sunday, December 15th are not available. Will be published in next week's Bulletin. Thank you.

Collection for Wed., Dec. 25th - Christmas Gift for my Parish
Second Collection for Sunday Dec. 29th - St. Vincent de Paul

Thank you for your offering. May God bless you all.

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Plan For These Sacraments

Baptism of Infants: Make arrangements with priest at least six (6) weeks in advance. Parents must be registered parishioners of St. Callistus for at least 3 months.

Weddings: Make arrangements with priest at least six (6) months in advance.

