

Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." *Luke 1:41-42*

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Fourth
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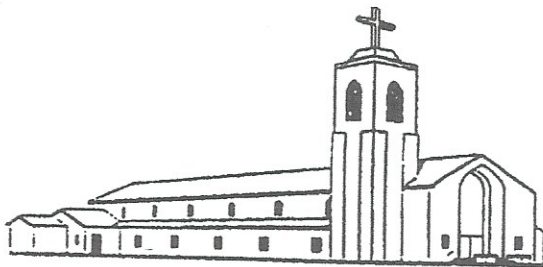
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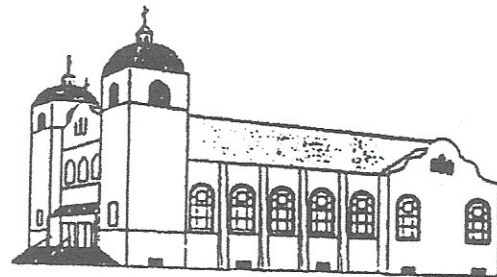
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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil

4:00 PM	English	St. Anthony Church
5:30 PM	Español	St. Anthony Church

Sunday

7:00 AM	English	Immaculate Conception
8:00 AM	Español	St. Anthony Church
9:30 AM	English	St. Anthony Church
11:00 AM	English	St. Anthony Church

Daily Mass or Communion Service

6:30 am	English	St. Anthony Church
6:30 pm	Español	St. Anthony Church

Liturgy of the Hours 20 Minutes Before Daily Mass

Holy Days as Announced
National Holidays as Announced

Confessions Friday 5:00 PM (TILL Completed)

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FOURTH

Sunday OF

Advent

DECEMBER 19, 2021

INCARNATION AND PASCHAL MYSTERY

For years, Catholic spiritual writers have drawn our attention to the Christmas liturgy's subtle—and not-so-subtle—linking of Christ's incarnation with his paschal mystery. In the infancy narratives of Matthew and Luke, there are countless intimations of the Passion and cross. The saints of the Christmas octave, dubbed "comites Christi," Christ's companions in suffering, form a royal honor guard of martyrs and others who bore witness at great personal sacrifice to the Child we hail as "Prince of Peace," while the wood of the manger evokes the wood of the cross. But these days, sadly, in the wake of seemingly endless mass shootings at schools, we need no reminders of how close in real life are the cradle and the cross. May our hearts find, if not answers, at least comfort in the prophet Micah's reminder that, from the pain of a woman's labor came forth the Child who is our incarnate peace.

COMFORT AND SALVATION

All of today's scriptures seem to declare Christmas's "comfort and joy." Micah declares that, as small as Bethlehem is, the child born there will bring peace that "shall reach to the ends of the earth." Hebrews proclaims that, despite pain and suffering, the "offering of the body of Jesus Christ" saves us all. In today's Gospel, bearing the Christ Child within her, Mary, barely more than a child herself, immediately, unselfishly sets aside her own preoccupations—and as a betrothed but as yet unmarried mother-to-be, how many they must have been—to travel in haste, over dangerous terrain, a four-day journey (the scholars say) from Nazareth to Ain-Karem, to the home of Elizabeth and Zechariah.

BLESSED

Then, just as David leapt and danced before the ancient Ark of the Covenant that bore precious signs of God's abiding presence, so John leaps in his mother Elizabeth's womb as Mary arrives, a living ark bearing God's living presence. Elizabeth joyfully greets Mary in words that we pray daily in the "Hail Mary": "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." Why Mary is so "blessed" Elizabeth then explains: "Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled." Likewise, we may dare hope to be "blessed" for "believing that what was spoken" to us "by the Lord"—Jesus' promise of mercy—will be fulfilled as we share God's mercy with everyone. For by reason of our baptism and, more immediately and repeatedly, because of our participation in the Eucharist, we too bear within ourselves the living Christ. To whom, or to what situation, do we need to bear Christ this Christmas? Indeed, throughout the year, how selflessly do we set our own concerns aside? How eagerly—"in haste"—do we, disregarding difficulties, traverse whatever dangerous terrain needs conquering to be of service

TODAY'S READINGS

Micah 5:1-4a
Psalm 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19
Hebrews 10:5-10
Luke 1:39-45

Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

Luke 1:39-40

Fourth Sunday of Advent December 19, 2021



O LORD of hosts,
look down from heaven and see;
take care of this vine,
and protect what your right hand
has planted.

— Psalm 80:15-16

AUDACITY

There is a spirit of audacity in our readings today. During a time of injustice and threat of invasion, the prophet Micah boldly announces that the God of insignificant Israel will raise up a leader from backwater Bethlehem, and this leader will bring justice and peace to the whole world. In the Gospel, Elizabeth and Mary, marginalized women, brazenly celebrate that their sons will be world-changing instruments of God. We further learn that this audacity is rooted in trust in God. The author of Hebrews describes the faithful obedience of Jesus. Mary is shown as the exemplar of faithful trust in God. This is the way God often seems to work, in the ordinary and marginalized in our world. Those who seem weak have learned to trust in God's strength. These have the audacity to become instruments of God's peace and justice.

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CONFESSIONS on Friday's

5 PM – Until Completed

NOTE: Confessions are Drive-Thru.

Please when entering off of Winton Way Come around the Church the Priest will be standing in front of the Rectory.

***Confessions will remain as a Drive-Thru for time being. Thank you**

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Advent
- Tuesday: St. Peter Canisius; Winter begins
- Thursday: St. John of Kanty
- Friday: The Vigil of Christmas
- Saturday: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

.LOVE NOW

*Let those love now
who never lov'd before;
let those who always lov'd
now love the more.*

—Anonymous

LIGHT

*All the darkness of the world cannot put out the light
of one small candle.*

—Anonymous

NATURE RESTORED

*Christ is born, that by his birth he might restore
your nature.*

—St. Peter Chrysologus

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

Wednesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

Thursday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66

Friday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79

Saturday: **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]

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

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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PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Fourth Sunday of Advent

*Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord,
your grace into our hearts,
that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son
was made known by the message of an Angel,
may by his Passion and Cross
be brought to the glory of his Resurrection.
Who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.*

Reflection question:

How can I make known to others the Incarnation of Christ?

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MASKS REQUIRED TO ENTER CHURCH

Due to a recent requirement by state health officials, the Roman Catholic Diocese of Fresno and Bishop Joseph Brennan are directing all parishes to require masks while indoors, regardless of vaccination status. The new indoor mask requirement will be effective Wednesday December 15th, 2021 and will expire on January 15th, 2022.

Debido a un requisito reciente de los funcionarios estatales de salud, la Diócesis Católica Romana de Fresno y El obispo Joseph Brennan está indicando a todas las parroquias que requieran máscaras en el interior, independientemente de estado de vacunación.

El nuevo requisito de mascarilla interior entrará en vigor el miércoles 15 de diciembre de 2021 y vence el 15 de enero de 2022.

SE REQUIERE MASCARA PARA ENTRAR A LA IGLESIA

PARISH OFFICE IS OPEN!!

PARISH HOURS:

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TUESDAY	9AM - 12NOON
WEDNESDAY	9AM - 12NOON
THURSDAY	9AM - 12NOON
FRIDAY CLOSED	

If you are in need of assistance and call the parish office, please leave a message. If you hang up and don't leave a message. I can't help you. Thank you

Random Acts of Prayer

"You have 2 more weeks, everyday to give your Random Acts of Prayer as gifts to the poor and less fortunate in our community".

18th SAN FRANCISCO WALK FOR LIFE Saturday, Jan 22, 2022

www.walkforlifewc.com

UNITED FOR LIFE OF MERCED COUNTY is once again sponsoring buses to be a part of this West Coast Pro-Life Walk, peaceably protesting abortion, walking and praying, down Market Street. We hope to fill 2 buses. One to leave around 7:00am in time to get to the 10:30 Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral and the 2nd to leave around 8:30am. Main event starts around 12:00. Both buses will return around 6:00pm. We are inviting all Pro-Life individuals and families to take this opportunity to be a part of this powerful Prayer Walk that represents the "Voice for the most defenseless among us!" Be challenged, inspired, and motivated to continue to pray and defend the child in the womb.

Email uflmerced@yahoo.com to reserve your space, or call 1(209) 383-0407 and leave a message. Your donation of \$10 Adults, \$5 Students, \$25 Family will help with the cost of the buses.

CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES FOR 2022:

Offertory Envelopes will be dispersed in December.

Please call us at 358-5743 and inform us, if you are no longer interested in using your offertory envelopes.

Offering Envelopes



Thank you, Parish Staff

2022 Mass Intention Book Now Open

- * A suggested offering per Mass is \$10
- * Only 5 Mass intentions per household per year per same family name. (3 during the week & 2 weekend Masses allowed)

You would need to come into the parish office to request Mass Intentions. Please have the dates and Mass time you would like ready. No more than 2 names are allowed per Mass Intention (has to be same last name).

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS:
**MASS TIME FOR IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION CHURCH HAS
CHANGED FOR WINTER HOURS TO
7:00AM**

Attention Parishioners:

Fr. Stanley Stephen Amburose has been re-assigned to a parish in Bakersfield. Please keep him in your prayers and wish him well.

18º CAMINATA POR LA VIDA SAN FRANCISCO Sábado. 22 de enero de 2022 www.walkforlifewc.com
UNITED FOR LIFE OF MERCED COUNTY una vez más patrocina autobuses para ser parte de esta Caminata Pro-Vida de la Costa Oeste, protestando pacíficamente por el aborto, caminando y orando, por Market Street. Esperamos llenar 2 buses. Uno para salir alrededor de las 7:00 am a tiempo para llegar a la misa de las 10:30 en la Catedral de Santa María y el segundo para salir alrededor de las 8:30 am. El evento principal comienza alrededor de las 12:00. Ambos autobuses regresarán alrededor de las 6:00 pm. Invitamos a todas las personas y familias Pro-Vida a aprovechar esta oportunidad para ser parte de esta poderosa Caminata de Oración que representa la "Voz de los más indefensos entre nosotros". Sea desafiado, inspirado y motivado para continuar orando y defendiendo al niño en el útero.
Envíe un correo electrónico a uflmerced@yahoo.com para reservar su espacio, o llame al 1 (209) 383-0407 y deje un mensaje. Su donación de \$ 10 Adultos, \$ 5 Estudiantes, \$ 25 La familia ayudará con el costo de los autobuses.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

** Español * Mass at Immaculate Conception

Saturday, December 18th, 2021

- 4:00PM †Jesus Cruz
4:00PM †Cathleen Degregori
5:30PM †Albertina Orozco **
5:30PM Intenciones para Familia Gayton Barron**

Sunday, December 19th, 2021

- 7:00AM †Amelia & Manuel Miguel*
7:00AM †Maria & Frank Correia*
8:00AM †Fabian Garcia**
8:00AM Todas las almas en el purgatorio**
9:30AM Special Intentions for John Paul & Rosie
9:30AM Special Intention for Marianne Flynn
11:00AM †Andres Walley
11:00AM †Luz Martinez

Monday, December 20th, 2021

- 6:30AM Special Intention for Fr. Stanley Stephen Amburose
6:30AM †Ignacio Cardenas

Tuesday, December 21st, 2021

- 6:30AM †Gloria Munoz
6:30AM Special Intentions for Maria Perez

Wednesday, December 22nd, 2021

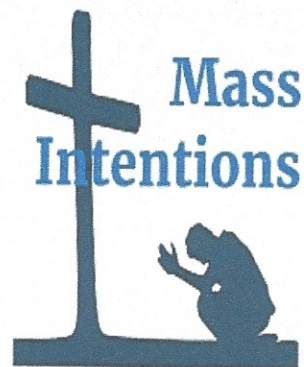
- 6:30AM †All Souls in Purgatory
6:30AM †Mike Olivarez
6:30PM Intención especial para Mariellena**
6:30PM Todas las almas en el purgatorio**

Thursday, December 23rd, 2021

- 6:30AM †John Escobar
6:30AM Special Intention for Fr. Sabinus Iwu

Friday, December 24th, 2021 Christmas Eve

- 4:00PM †Daniel Henning
4:00PM †Helio Avila
5:30PM †Andres Walley**
5:30PM Intenciones especiales para el diácono Jesús y Griselda Cisneros y la familia**






LET US REMEMBER TO OFFER A
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