December 22, 2019 ~ Fourth Sunday of Advent

They shall name him Emmanuel,
which means “God is with us.” ~ Matthew 1:23

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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.

Treasures From Our Tradition

How many languages do you know? Most Americans might say they have a primary language, can follow the basics of another encountered in school or in the workplace, and maybe know the barest elements of a third. Yet nearly everyone is fluent in languages of symbol and ritual, languages that transcend the spoken word and may perhaps communicate more clearly. A dance, the delights of the table, the thrill of sport, the power of a painting, a shared silence on a surf washed beach or under a desert sky, a burst of delighted applause, all communicate without a single word.

Sacrament empowers fluency in these languages. A little girl returning from Mass where a baby had been baptized was asked to summarize her day thus far. “I went to church, and some little baby became my brother.” That’s far more accurate than the adult’s remark, “There was a baptism at Mass today.” When we celebrate sacrament, Christ is always calling us into deeper fluency with the languages beyond speech. Sacraments open our senses to the presence of God precisely so we can respond to the depth of that love more fully.

Christmas

A young mother, her eyes shining with fatigue, who is arranging her hair; a father who finds himself alone with his pretty wife and baby, straightening the stable to make himself useful in some way; shepherds who bring cheese and perhaps also some curdled milk; sheep who look at their shepherds while bleating; a donkey who is eyeing his manger changed into a cradle; an adorable swaddled baby whom one calls Savior, Christ and Lord: This is the manifestation of the goodness and the tenderness of God. This is the most fantastic birth in the history of humanity, the one which changed the face of the world! This is how far God humbled and compromised himself with us! This is Emmanuel!

Love Now

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

Christmas in the Heart

Christmas! ’Tis the season for kindling the fire of hospitality in the hall, the genial fire of charity in the heart.

Christmas Children

It is good to be children sometimes, and never better than at Christmas.

Please Pray for our Holy Father’s Intention for December

Pope’s Intention (December): The Future of the Very Young. That every country determine to take the necessary measures to make the future of the very young, especially those who suffer, a priority.
**Ministers Schedule**

**Dec 28 - 29, 2019**

**Saturday, 5:15 p.m.**
Readers - Amy Mohler, Rowena Cruz Diaz  
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion - Barbara Villanueva, Amy Mohler, Luzviminda Grajales, Mary Josue, Jeannette Chafe

**Sunday, 7:30 a.m.**
Readers - Julius Vedasto, Vida Ventura  
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion - Therese Guintu, Cathy Bohol, Julius Vedasto, Vida Ventura, Albert Chin, Tessie Gallardo

**Sunday, 9:30 a.m.**
Readers - Rizalina Fernandez, Fred Nangca  
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion - Ligaya Gementera, Celso Mangoba, Rose Mangoba, Miguel Herrera, Ben Banatao, Malou Pulanco, Rufina Oviedo

**Sunday, 12:00 p.m.**
Readers - Belinda Rodrigues, Virginia Dilim  
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion - Sandra Cea, Mary Josue, Fe Macatangay, Carlito Pantig, Trini Raymundo, Judy Labaria, Jeannette Bird

**Sunday, 5:15 p.m.**
Readers - Zachary Duldulao, JM Valencia  
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion - Zachary Duldulao, Teng Sullivan, Luzviminda Grajales, Mary Josue

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**Advent and Christmas Season 2019**

“Jesus... He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High”  
(Luke 1:32)

**Misa de Gallo**
Monday, December 16th - Tuesday, December 24th, 6:00 a.m.  
Reception after Mass in Bitanga Hall

**Christmas Schedule**

**Tuesday, December 24th**
6:00 a.m. Mass (Misa de Gallo)  
7:30 a.m. Mass  
12:10 p.m. Mass  
**NO MASS AT 5:15 p.m.**  
7:00 p.m. Christmas Carols

**Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord**
Traditional “Mass During the Night”  
(formerly known as “Mass at Midnight”)
**Tuesday, December 24, 2019 at 8:00 p.m.**

**Wednesday, December 25th**
Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord (Mass During the Day)  
Holy Day of Obligation  
7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m.

**No 5:15 p.m. Mass on Christmas Day**
**Tuesday, December 31, 2019**
7:30 a.m., 12:10 p.m., 5:15 p.m.
**Wednesday, January 01, 2020**
Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God  
Holy Day of Obligation  
7:30 a.m., 12:10 p.m., 5:15 p.m.

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**Tips on Keeping Christ in Christmas**

**More Than A Holiday – Christmas is Christ**

Pope Benedict XVI said that the contemporary Christmas season is being spoiled by "commercial pollution" that obscures the true meaning of Christ's humble birth. People need to remember that Christ was born in a manger, in a sign of poverty. The Holy Father said Christmas brings true joy and peace to those who, like the shepherds at Bethlehem, recognize the sign of "an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger."

**Here are some insights on how to focus on the birth of Christ...**

- Cut the trimmings. The circumstances surrounding Jesus’ birth were “no-frills” at best. Let this simplicity be reflected in your celebration of His birth.
- Encourage family members to talk about the meaning of Christmas and how each has lived like Christ that day.
- Let your words and actions underscore the importance of your faith. Don’t let Christ’s birth be lost in a sea of “Happy Holidays” and “Season’s Greetings.” Respect for people of other beliefs should always guide us, but should never stop us from celebrating the spiritual essence of Christmas.

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"This little thing is your script of what you'll be singing at the Christmas Midnight Mass, Pastor Al."
St. Stephen (First Century)  
December 26

“A man filled with faith and the Holy Spirit” (Acts 6:5): thus Luke introduces Stephen, first of seven deacons chosen by the community for its ministry of charity, first to lay down his life in witness to Christ. As the church’s first martyr, Stephen’s life and death mirror the preaching and passion of Jesus, “the faithful witness” (Greek, martyr) (Revelation 1:5). Like Jesus, Stephen works “great signs and wonders among the people” (Acts 6:8). Like Jesus, when falsely accused, Stephen’s face radiates angelic serenity (Acts 6:15), though his tongue, like Jesus’, is a two-edged sword. As the dying Jesus forgave his executioners, even making excuses for them, then commended his spirit into his Father’s hands (Luke 23:34, 46), so Stephen interceded for his murderers and begged Jesus to receive his spirit (Acts 7:60, 59). How fruitful both passions! The penitent thief inherits Paradise; Saul, who consented to Stephen’s killing, is transformed into the fearless preacher Paul. Thus Stephen challenges us to bear witness not in words only, but by Christ-like forgiveness toward all.

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Getting Even

The only ones you should try to get even with are those who have helped you.

~ Anonymous

Lord of All

Jesus Christ will be Lord of all, or he will not be Lord at all.

~ St. Augustine
**Welcome to St. Patrick!!**
Welcome to all of our out-of-town visitors,
Thank you for worshipping with us!!

**Today’s Readings**

**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).

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**Schedule of Sacraments**

**Eucharistic Celebrations**
Sundays ~ 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 5:15 p.m.
Family Mass on 2nd Sunday at 12:00 p.m.
Tagalog Mass on 1st Sunday at 2:00 p.m.
Charismatic Mass and Healing Service on 3rd Sunday at 2:00 p.m.
Monday through Friday ~ 7:30 a.m., 12:10 p.m. & 5:15 p.m.

**Sacrament of Baptism (Infants and Children)**
Baptismal Prep Class ~ Every 1st Saturday at 9:00 a.m.
Sacrament of Baptism ~ Every 2nd and 4th Saturday at 10:00 a.m.
Please call the parish office at least two months before the preferred date of Baptism. All Baptisms are scheduled through the parish office and Baptismal classes are required for all first time parents and godparents.

**Sacrament of Marriage**
You must first be a registered and active parishioner for at least six months prior to arranging a marriage at St. Patrick. Arrangements for this celebration must be made at least six months in advance. No date may be reserved without first consulting with the Pastor.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)**
Tuesdays and First Fridays ~ 11:30 a.m. & 4:30 p.m.
Saturdays ~ 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

**Parish Meeting Schedule**

Adult Choir…………………………………….. Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.
Altar Servers…………………………………….. 3rd Sunday, 10:30 a.m.
Charismatic Lay Group………………………. Sundays, 1:30 p.m.
Forever Young Ministry……………………….. Sundays, 10:30 a.m.
Legion of Mary ~ Patrician Meeting……………. Last Sunday, 1:30 p.m.
Parochial Schoolivitas Devotees………………. 1st Saturday, 2:00 p.m.
Parish Pastoral Council………………………. 1st Monday, 6:15 p.m.
Sacred Heart of Jesus Devotion…………………. 1st Friday, 6:00 p.m.
St. Vincent de Paul Society………………….. 4th Saturday, 6:30 p.m.
Young Adult Choir (SPYCO)………………… Fridays, 6:00 p.m.

**Devotions**
Sacred Heart ~ Every First Friday, the Blessed Sacrament is exposed for public adoration from 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Our Mother of Perpetual Help ~ Tuesdays after the 5:15 p.m. Mass
Divine Mercy ~ Daily at 4:45 p.m.
Santo Niño Devotion ~ 2nd Friday after the 5:15 p.m. Mass

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**Mass Intentions for Dec 22 - 28**

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**Saints & Special Observances**

Monday: optional memorial ~ St. John of Kanty, Priest
Tuesday: Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord
Wednesday: The Nativity of the Lord
Thursday: Feast ~ St. Stephen, the First Martyr
Friday: Feast ~ St. John, Apostle, Evangelist
Saturday: Feast ~ The Holy Innocents
Sunday: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

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**Readings for the Week**

Monday: Mal 3:1-4,23-24; Lk 1:57-66
Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:1-5,8-12,14a,16; Lk 1:67-79
Mass During the Night
Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
Wednesday: Mass During the Day
Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1-5, 9-14
Thursday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22
Friday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a,2-8
Saturday: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Mt 2:13-18
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
Sir 3:2-6,12-14; Ps 128:1-3; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17;
Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

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