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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - 19 DECEMBER 2021

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CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE CHANGES

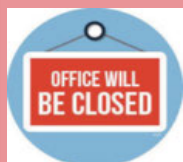
Following parish activities will be cancelled or rescheduled during the Christmas weekend

Morning and Evening Prayer on **Friday, December 24th**, are cancelled.

Morning Prayer **Saturday, December 25th** is moved to 7:30 a.m., and no Evening prayer on **Saturday, December 25th**.

There will be no Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from **Friday, December 24th, through Sunday, December 26th**.

There will be no Confessions on **Saturday, December 25th**.



The Parish Office will be closed from Monday, December 20, 2021, returning to normal business hours on Monday, January 3, 2022.

READINGS & INTENTIONS

Sun, Dec 19, Fourth Sunday of Advent - O Radix Jesse
Micah 5:2-5a / Hebrews 10:5-10 / Luke 1:39-45
DWSM: Propers & Readings: p. 81, Order of the Mass: pp. 663-706

5 p.m. Intention for Deborah Wentdland
7 a.m. Sean Markey, Departed
9 a.m. Brian Michael O'Connell, Departed
11 a.m. Intention for the People of the Parish
5 p.m. Intention for Zachary & Beatriz Adian

Mon, Dec 20, O Clavis David

Isaiah 7:10-14 / Luke 1:26-38
7 a.m. Intention for Bishop Lopes

Tue, Dec 21, O Oriens - St. Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor of the Church

Song of Songs 2:8-14 / Luke 1:39-45
7 a.m. Intention for Christy Hivnor

Wed, Dec 22, O Rex Gentium

1 Samuel 1:24-28 / Luke 1:46-56
7 a.m. Intention for Gregory King

Thu, Dec 23, O Emmanuel - St. John of Kanty, Priest

Malachi 3:1-4, 4:5-6 / Luke 1:57-66
7 a.m. John McDonald, Departed

Fri, Dec 24, O Virgo Virginum - The Vigil of the Nativity

7 a.m. - NO MASS ON CHRISTMAS EVE MORNING

Nativity of the Lord - Vigil Mass

Isaiah 62:1-5 / Acts 13:16-17, 22-25 / Matthew 1:1-25

5 p.m. Richard J. Haverty, Departed

Nativity of the Lord - Mass in the Night

Isaiah 9:2-7 / Timothy 2:11-14 / Luke 2:1-14

11:30 p.m. Benefactors of the St. Joseph Foundation & Catholic United for the Faith

Sat, Dec 25, Nativity of the Lord - Mass at Dawn

Isaiah 62:11-12 / Timothy 3:4-7 / Luke 2:15-20

8 a.m. Intention for Joseph A. Coleman Family

Nativity of the Lord - Mass on the Day

Isaiah 52:7-10 / Hebrews 1:1-6 / John 1:1-18

10 a.m. Sean Markey, Departed

Vigil Mass - NO 5 P.M. VIGIL MASS



Mass Schedule

Saturday 5 p.m. Vigil Mass (Read Mass)

Sunday 7 a.m. (Read Mass)

9 a.m. (Solemn Mass)

11 a.m. (Solemn Mass)

5 p.m. (Read Mass)

Monday through Saturday 7 a.m. (Read Mass)



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Sunday 8:30 a.m. to 9 a.m., and 10:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Wednesday 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Thursday 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Saturday 7:45 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.



PARISH DEVOTIONS

PLEASE JOIN US!

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Sacred Heart Chapel

Friday 7:45 a.m. to Sunday 6:15 a.m.

Parish Family Adoration Hour

First Wednesday of the month—7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

First Saturday after the 7 a.m. Mass

Morning and Evening Prayer

Mon—Sun, 6:30 a.m. & 4:30 p.m.

Parish Rosary

Saturday after the 7 a.m. Mass

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Friday, December 24th - Christmas Eve

5 p.m.—Christmas Eve Mass - Vigil Mass

11 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.—Musical Prelude with Choir

11:30 p.m.—Mass in the Night - Midnight Mass

Friday, December 31 - Solemnity of Mary,

Mother of God

7 p.m.—Said Mass

Saturday, December 25th - Nativity of the Lord

8 a.m.—Mass at Dawn - Said Mass

10 a.m.—Mass on the Day - Sung Mass

Saturday, January 1st - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

8 a.m.—Said Mass

10 a.m.—Sung Mass

Attention: Because Christmas Day falls on a Saturday this year, and the Mass of the Nativity supersedes Sundays of Christmastide, there will be NO Vigil Mass of the Holy Family on the evening of Saturday, December 25th.

Attendance at such evening Mass would not fulfill the Sunday obligation.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Brothers & Sisters, We ask that you keep the following members in your prayers.

> *Peggy Whiteside*
> *The Semrad Family*

> *People of the Parish*
> *Intentions of the Pope*

> *Fr. Mark Lewis & Family*
> *Bishop Lopes*

If you would like to add someone to this list, please send an email, with that person's full name, to joliveros@atonementonline.com.



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2021

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

The end of 2021 is near! If you have not completed your 2021 stewardship pledge and would like to, here are some ways you can make your year-end contribution: **Online** giving, or **mail a check** to Attn: Business Office, Our Lady of the Atonement Catholic Church, 15415 Red Robin Rd, San Antonio, TX 78255, or **stop by** the parish office for credit card donations. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Sandra Alejo at the Parish Business Office or send email to salejo@ourladyoftheatonement.org.

Gospel Meditation

GOSPEL MEDITATION
December 19, 2021 4th Sunday of Advent

St. Augustine tells us that a “Christian is a mind through which Christ thinks, a heart through which Christ loves, a voice through which Christ speaks and a hand through which Christ helps.” As we look around and out at the world, we do not have to search too far before we come face to face with inequity and injustice. There is so much unfairness, prejudice, anger, hatred, violence, and want. The stories of human heartache, people being hurt, deprived of life’s necessities, loneliness, and sickness are far too commonplace. For many of the world’s ills, the vices of greed, lust, pride, gluttony, and jealousy are clearly among the more significant root causes.

Why doesn’t God just step in and fix this mess? After all, God created this world, and one would hope that he would step up and take some measure of responsibility for it! Once we sit with this thinking for a while, we can begin to realize just how flawed it really is. God did take responsibility and God did fix the problem! God sent us Jesus Christ as the divine solution to the world’s ills. It is not God who has shirked responsibility, we have. We are the ones who continually fail to set our own personal needs, wants, and securities aside so that One more powerful than us can use us.

Mary had to set her needs aside in order for the Son of God to come into the world. Put simply, Mary listened and believed. Having opened herself to being an instrument of the Divine, God could use her as his mind, heart, voice, and hand. She became God’s vessel so that God’s greatness could reach the ends of the earth and peace could come upon the world. God’s fix for the world’s difficulties is you and me. We are the ones who confess that Jesus Christ came into the world as the Son of God, the Prince of Peace, and herald of justice. All we have to do is believe, as did Mary, that what has been spoken to us by the Lord will be fulfilled. Then, we can step aside and be the Christians we claim to be. What a difference it would make if every person who professed to be Christian truly understood that their one and only vocation is to be God’s instrument. What a beautiful, equitable, and just world it would be. ©LPi



4th Sunday of Advent Luke 1:39-45

Blessed Advent! Today we have two mothers meeting; they are related, and one carries in her womb John the Baptist and the other woman, Mary, carries in her womb Jesus.

The Gospel account says that John, who would cry out in the desert the message that everyone needs to "prepare the way of the Lord," leapt with joy in the womb of his mother upon hearing Mary's greeting.

John's message in the desert is the message that we all need to heed as we get closer to the Christmas celebration. May our faith leap with joy at the chance to proclaim our Lord and to prepare the way!

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Baby Jesus' Wish List

Odds are you've got a Christmas list going by now — gift ideas for everyone from your nephew to your goddaughter to your mailman. But what about the birthday boy? What's the gift Jesus gets from you this Christmas?

If you've ever read the Book of Leviticus, you know all about the sacrifices God asks of the Israelites, referred to in the reading from Hebrews today. Leviticus can be a chore to read — a little repetitive, a little intimidating. There's a lot of very specific actions that God asks His Chosen People to complete to make up for whatever they have done wrong. In essence, it's a bit of a wish list for gifts.

But it's a wish list that can really confuse you. What's God going to do with a cereal offering? The kidneys of an animal? If you look closely, what God is doing here is beautiful. He's customized his wish list to only those things He knows the Israelites can give. It's God saying, in what amounts to theological baby-talk for folks who barely know of Him and His ways, exactly how they could be stewards. "Do this, but don't do that. If you do that, do this and you will find My mercy."

Our guide to stewardship — the Gospels of Christ — is less precise because by the time of Christ, God's people have grown in understanding of love and mercy and relationship with the divine. Through Christ, we find out that God's real wish list didn't really consist of cereal offerings and the kidneys of various animals. It's far simpler, but luckily, it's something we still have on-hand. All He wants is our whole heart.— *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS* ©LPi

UPCOMING EVENTS



Join us on **December 19, 2021, at 7 p.m.** for the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols with the participation of all of our Parish Choirs. Lessons and Carols is an Advent tradition that prepares us for the coming of Christ through the reading of Scripture and the singing of hymns.

You don't want to miss out on this staple of our Anglican patrimony



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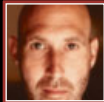
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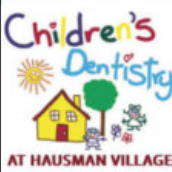
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