

From Father Khoa's Desk...



Dear Parishioners and Friends,

The season of Advent draws to a close with a very human image from the Gospel today. The journey of Mary to the hill country to visit her cousin Elizabeth. Throughout the Gospels she is never pictured as doing anything in a spectacular way. She simply involves herself completely in the everyday, commonplace events of normal human life. Her holiness is deeply rooted in her simplicity and humility.

In this stance of life, Mary could see how God was calling her to do her part in fulfilling God's plan. It is no surprise that the prayer that she would teach the Church is the Magnificat: "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my savior!" There is another quality in this Scriptural picture of Mary that is important to notice. It is her directness. She recognized that God was calling her in a certain direction and she chose to follow that call. She saw no need to hesitate or postpone her decision. She did not complain that she was not worthy nor did she worry about the demands this call would make in her life. She did not attempt to compare her accomplishments and virtue to those of anyone else. Mary not only had a deep faith in God, but apparently she had a realistic confidence in herself. She simply accepted life as it presented itself to her and she made a personal decision to respond to a call that she knew in her heart was from God. Thus, Advent comes to a close with the same image by which it began: a woman of trusting faith, pregnant with life, both human and divine.

For us, just like for Mary, the point is reached in life when all the external evidence and support are insufficient to assure certainty in the direction that we should go. We must simply decide, "Am I going to believe or not?" If we choose to say "No," then we are left to face life with only our own resources. If we choose to say "Yes" like Mary, then we open ourselves to the possibility of infinite goodness and power flowing through us, even in the smallest and most ordinary details and events of our lives. For those who make this choice, hope springs eternal. For people of faith, it is always the season of Advent. May our Lord Jesus Christ, born in Bethlehem, bless you, your families and loved ones at this blessed time of hope and grace. And may Mary, the Mother of the Child Jesus and our Mother, watch over you always!

Merry Christmas to all!

Fr. Khoa

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE	
St Ann	Our Lady of Chartres
Christmas Eve	
Vigil Mass: 4:00 pm	
Midnight: 12:00 am	
Christmas Day Mass:	Christmas Day Mass:
9:00 am	7:30am

A Holy Day of Obligation January 1, 2016
Solemnity of Mary The Holy Mother of God
Mass Times
St Ann
Dec. 31st - Vigil Mass: 4:00 pm
Jan. 1st - Solemnity of Mary: 9:00 am

Retired Fund for Religious
This week is the Special Diocesan Collection for the Retirement Fund for the Religious. Your tax-deductible donation to the Retired Religious helps support the care of the elderly and frail religious who have offered their lives in service to others.

ST. ANN STEWARDSHIP: 72Identifiable: \$1,454.00;**
 Loose: **\$1,230.00;** Total: **\$2,684.00;** Children: **\$27.00.** Building Fund: **\$194.00,** Immaculate Conception: **\$402.00**
 St Vincent De Paul: **\$38.00.**

OUR LADY OF CHARTRES STEWARDSHIP: Identifiable: **\$95.00;** Loose: **\$243.00** Total: **\$338.00.** Building Fund: **\$25.00;** Immaculate Conception: **\$225.00**

Amount needed weekly **\$2,908.84.

Thank you for your generosity.

ST. ANN ACTIVITIES

Bible Study: Classes are on **Wednesdays 6:30-8 pm, and on Thursday from 9-10:30am at CCD Building.** For more information, please contact **Ruth S. and Henrietta L.**

Church Cleaning: WC and Lennell King will clean up the church on Dec 20 and 27. Thank you

Parish Council: meet this Saturday.

CYO: meet every other week on Sunday 6:00pm. You can visit St Ann CYO on www.facebook.com/stannslizanacyo or contact

Katelyn Moran and Danielle Ladner.

PRAYER REQUESTS Those who are ill:

Leslie Cuevas, William DeMello, Dcn Jack Hunter, Lee James, Darlene Billingsley, Victoria Moran, Michael Gilbert, Jerry Malley, Vivian Clifford, Ezekiel Rutherford, Julia Perronne, John Moran, Jerry Rutland, Pat Leimer, Carolyn Brewer, Elizabeth Necaie, Loretta L., Regina Franke, Dalwin Cuevas, Colby Cagle, and Debbie Bowen.

Christmas Basket: Thank you for your continual support and help for the poor. The baskets can be pick up **this Sunday Nov 20 from 10-10:15am.**

Newly Baptized: Congratulation to Madeleine Rose Zaleski, who was baptized last Sunday, December 13.

Father Pete's Memorial will be presented at the Mass on Saturday, January 30, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. A reception will follow. Please come join us on this special celebration.



4th Sunday of Advent



December 20, 2015



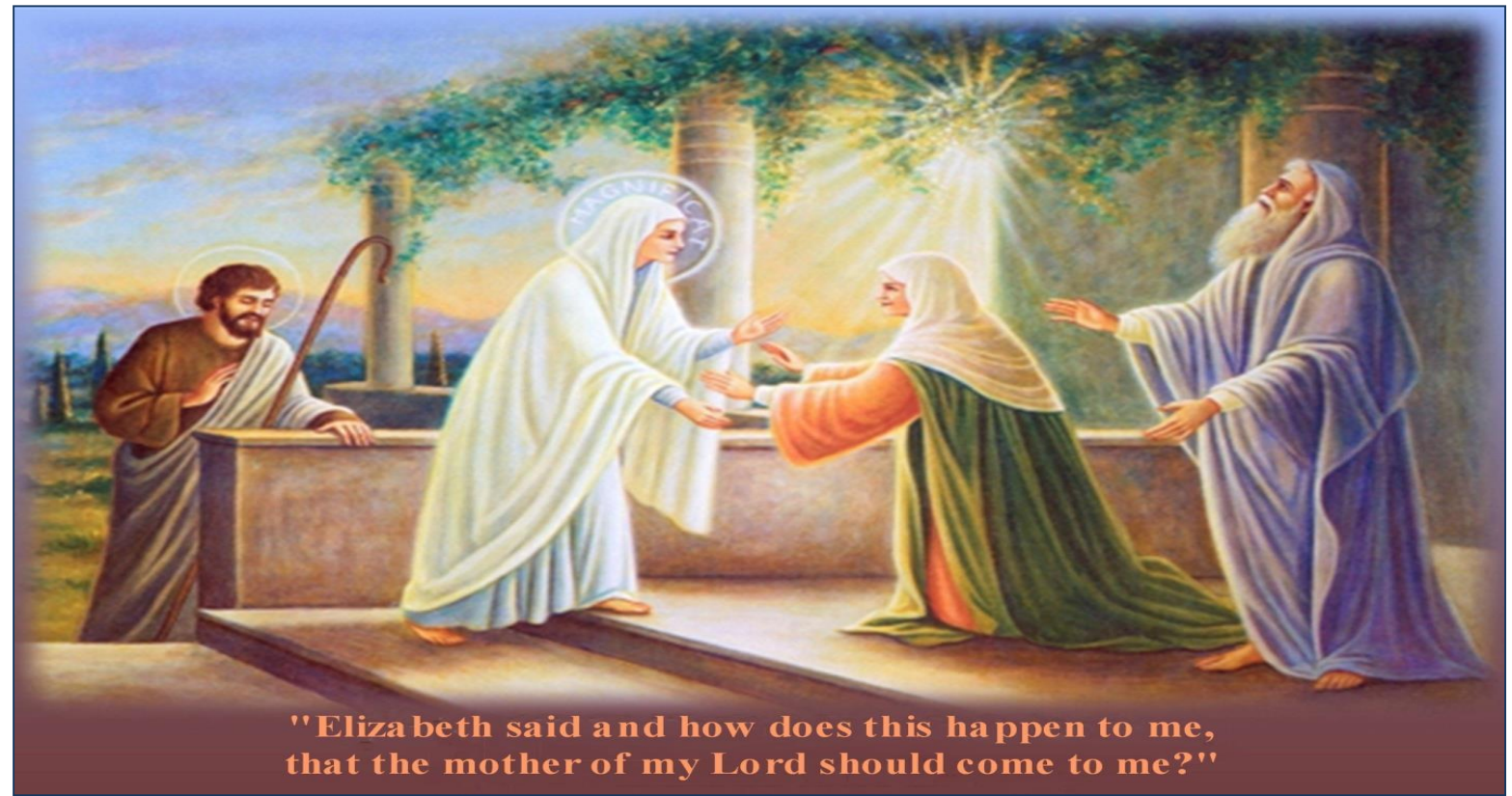
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"Elizabeth said and how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?"

St Ann Mass Schedule & Intentions
 Week of December 21 – December 27

Sat.	4:00pm	Our Parish Family
Sun.	9:00am	Our Parish Family
Mon.	8:00am	Herbert Holder (KC)
Tue.	8:00am	Rev. Peter Mockler (Spe Int)
Wed.	8:00am	Rev. Peter Mockler (Spe Int)
Thur.	8:00am	No morning mass
	4pm.	The Nativity of Our Lord
	12 Midnight	Mass The Nativity of Our Lord
Fri.	7:30am	at OLC Our Parish Family
	9:00am	Rev. Peter Mockler (Spe Int)

Our Lady of Chartres Mass & Intentions
 Week of December 21 – December 27

Sun.	7:30am	Our Parish Family
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MASS	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTICMIN.	SERVERS	USHER S	GIFTB.
Sat 19 5pm	Judith Martiez	W C & Lenell King, Doris S.	Austin Scarengoas	Doug Ira	Patricia Lizana
Dec 20 7:30am	Sandra Ammons	Daniel Squillante	(OLC)	Terry Mitchell	(OLC)
Sun 20 9am	Kim Wood	Marlow L, Derek T, Sharon L	Will D Nick	Robert Jimmy	Marie Nance
Sat Dec 26 4:00pm	Henrietta	Richard D, Doris Snowden, Henrietta	Ausin S.	Doug Kermit	G & K VanPelt
Dec 27 7:30	Sandra Ammons	Daniel Squillante	(OLC)	Terry Mitchell	(OLC)
Sun 27 9am	Beverly Saucier	Kim W., Carolyn B, Robin P	Carson Kaiden	Robert Jimmy	Peterson Family

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:
 Before Mass and by Appointment
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:
 Friday 8:30a.m. – 9:30a.m.