

From Father Khoa's Desk...



Dear Parishioners and Friends,

This Sunday we read the story of the angel Gabriel's announcement to Mary about the birth of Jesus. This story is found only in Luke's Gospel. On this fourth Sunday of Advent, the liturgy shifts our attention from John the Baptist to Mary, the mother of Jesus. Both John and Mary serve as important figures for our reflection during the season of Advent; they both played instrumental roles in preparing the way for Jesus.

Last week we reflected on John the Baptist's announcement that the Savior was among us, although not yet recognized. This week we reflect upon Mary's example of faith and obedience to God, traits which permitted her to receive the angel's message that God's Son would be born as a human person, as one of us. We are familiar with the story of the Annunciation, and it is fitting that we recall how God announced the birth of Jesus as we make our final preparations for our celebration of the Incarnation.

The angel Gabriel visited Mary, a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph. Mary greeted the angel's news with awe and wonder and asked how it could be possible that she could give birth to a child. In his reply, the angel Gabriel announced the seemingly impossible reality: the child to be born would be conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and would be God's own Son. The angel reported to Mary another miracle; her relative Elizabeth was also pregnant despite having been thought to be unable to have a child. Mary's response to the angel, which is called her fiat, is an example of complete faith and obedience to God.

The story of the Annunciation calls to our attention God's wondrous action in human history. God chose a human person to give birth to his Son so that all humanity would know God's salvation. Mary, already full of God's grace, was able to cooperate in this great plan for our salvation. Thus Jesus was born as one of us, fully human and also fully divine. This is the mystery we prepare to celebrate at Christmas, the mystery of the Incarnation. In the model of Mary, we pray that we will be people of faith who recognize God's saving plan for us and are able to respond with obedience.

May Christ's peace and joy fill each of your hearts and homes this holy Christmas Season!
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: 9:00 am	Christmas Day Mass: 7:30am

A Holy Day of Obligation January 1, 2015
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:** 69Identifiable: \$1,327.00; Loose: \$318.00; Total: \$2,521.00; Children: \$26.00. Building Fund: \$191.85, St Vincent DP Pharmacy: \$21.00
OUR LADY OF CHARTRES STEWARDSHIP: Identifiable: \$95.00; Loose: \$30.00 Total: \$125.00.

**Amount needed weekly \$2,908.84.

Thank you for your generosity.

ST. ANN ACTIVITIES

Bible Study: We will study *Mary* beginning on Jan 8, 2015. Classes are on **Wednesdays 6:30-8 pm, and on Thursday from 9-10:30am at CCD Building.** For more information, please contact **Ruth Schonewitz and Henrietta Ladner**

Church Cleaning: Lenell King cleans the church during December. Please contact Ellen West for more information.

Parish Council: meet on third Sundays.

CYO: meet every other week on Sunday 6:00pm. You can visit St Ann CYO on www.facebook.com/stannslizana or contact **Katelyn Moran and Danielle Ladner.**

Project Hope and Compassion: For more information, please contact the office.

PRAYER REQUEST Those who are ill: Leslie Cuevas, William DeMello, Betty Pierce, Dcn Jack Hunter, Lee James, Annette Moran, Darlene Billingsley, Janet Thompson, Victoria Moran, Michael Gilbert, Jerry Malley, Vivian Clifford, Ezekiel Rutherford, and Julia Perronne.

Lizana Light: Thank you Kathy Brogdon for serving Lizana Light for six years. For her own reason, she cannot continue to serve Lizana Light after Christmas. For that reason, I would like to invite whoever has the ability to serve in this position because the poor and the hungry still need us. This is our call as Catholics. If anyone who would like to do this, please contact the rectory. Thank you.

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS † PLEASE FILL OUT A NEW MEMBER REGISTRATION FORM AND SUBMIT TO PARISH OFFICE. FR. KHOA WILL BE HAPPY TO VISIT WITH YOU TO ASSESS YOUR SPIRITUAL NEEDS.



4th Sunday of Advent

December 21, 2014



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St Ann Mass Schedule & Intentions
Week of December 20 – December 26

Sat. 4:00pm Our Parish Family
Sun. 9:00am Our Parish Family
Mon. 8:00am Rev. Peter Mockler (Spe Int)
Tue. 8:00am Rev. Peter Mockler (Spe Int)
Wed. 4:00pm Rev. Peter Mockler (Spe Int)
Midnight Mass The Nativity of Our Lord
Thur. 9:00am The Nativity of Our Lord
Fri. 8:00am Rev. Peter Mockler (Spe Int)

Our Lady of Chartres Mass & Intentions

Week of December 20 – December 26
Sun. 7:30am Our Parish Family

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

MASS	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MIN.	SERVERS	USHERS	GIFT B.
Sat Dec 20 4:00pm	Richard Dunlap	Ellen West, Mike Mays, Diane Mays	Katelyn Casey Boots Moran	Doug Ladner Gus Schone.	Helen O'Neal & G. Armand
Dec 21 7:30	Sandra Ammons	Daniel Squillante	(OLC)	Terry Mitchell	(OLC)
Sun Dec 21 9am	Valerie Ladner	Marlow Ladner, Derek Troclair, Kim Wood	Carson Lilly	Robert Pat Leimer	David Crabtree Family
Sat Dec 27 4:00pm	Lisa Cuevas	Richard Dunlap, Doris Snowden, Henrietta	Katelyn Casey Boots Moran	Doug Ladner Gus Schone.	Gerald & Kay VanPelt
Dec 28 7:30	Sandra Ammons	Daniel Squillante	(OLC)	Terry Mitchell	(OLC)
Sun Dec 28 9am	Jason Necaize	Dale Babin, Carolyn Brewer, Robin Peterson	Carson Kaison	Robert Pat Leimer	Pat & Robin Peterson Family

Catholic Students of our parish to receive subsidy are: James Estrada, Jacob Estrada, Ella Enroth, Austin Scarengoas, Tammy Sarah Thomas, Carson Leverette, Keegan Leverette, Kennedy Leverette, and Nicolas Quintini. Please contact me this week if your children or grandchildren are not on the list.