

Calendar

Monday

DECEMBER 24
Advent Weekday
2 Sm 7:1-5,
8b-12, 14a, 16
Lk 1:67-79

Tuesday

DECEMBER 25
Christmas
Is 52:7-10
Heb 1:1-6
Jn 1:1-18 or
Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

Wednesday

DECEMBER 26
St. Stephen,
The First Martyr
Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59
Mt 10:17-22

Thursday

DECEMBER 27
St. John, Apostle
and Evangelist
1 Jn 1:1-4
Jn 20:1a and 2-8

Friday

DECEMBER 28
The Holy Innocents,
Martyrs
1 Jn 1:5-2:2
Mt 2:13-18

Saturday

DECEMBER 29
Fifth Day in the
Octave of Christmas
1 Jn 2:3-11
Lk 2:22-35

Sunday

DECEMBER 30
The Holy Family of
Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or
1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28
Col 3:12-21 or
Col 3:12-17 or
1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24
Lk 2:41-52

Dear Padre,

Our parish is big into nighttime services. We have the Advent vespers and, of course, Midnight Mass. Is there a reason for doing these services at night?

Both Advent vespers and Midnight Mass center on our expectation of Jesus coming into our midst as the Light of the World. The vespers prayer is usually celebrated at dusk, as day is turning into night. The service proclaims that the darkness of night will not conquer the Light of Jesus. Christian tradition holds that the ecclesiastical day begins at sunset, in accord with Genesis 1:5: "Evening came, and morning followed—the first day." Vespers, or the Office of Evening, is the first hour of the new Church day.

Both the vespers and the Mass at midnight call us to embrace a new beginning, which is Jesus the Light.

This imagery is especially appropriate considering the arrival of the winter solstice. In the beginning of Advent, the nights grow progressively longer. Then, right before Christmas, the winter solstice marks the light's reclaiming of the world.

In the early centuries of Christianity, people from the countryside would gather on Christmas Eve in the warmth of the great monastery church. They would go to confession, be forgiven, sing of the newborn Savior, and participate in the Eucharist. After Eucharist, they would join in a great feast that lasted until sunrise. When you celebrate at Midnight Mass this year, recall that you are proclaiming that Jesus the Light has conquered the darkness again—this year and forever.

—Fr. Paul J. Coury, CSSR
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MASS	LECTOR	EUCARISTMIN.	SERVERS	USHERS	GIFT B.
Sat Dec 22 4pm	Kathleen Cuevas	Kay VanPelts, WC & Lennell King	Austin S.	Mike Shorty	Doris Snowden Family
Sun Dec 23	Sandra Ammons	Daniel Squillante	(OLC)	Terry Mitchell	(OLC)
Sun Dec 23 9am	Richard Dunlap	Will Burke, Lester Palmer, Robin Peterson	Will Ken	Garland Pat	Robert Lizana Family
Sun 6pm	Gunnar	Jan Estrada, Derek & Jodi Tros.	TBA	TBA	TBA
Sat Dec 29 4pm	Mike West	Kermit & Dianne Northrop, Carolyn Brewer	Austin	August Dale	Wendy Johnston
Sun Dec 23	Sandra Ammons	Daniel Squillante	(OLC)	Terry Mitchell	(OLC)
Sun Dec 30 9am	Jason Cuevas	Susan Peleaz, Kim Wood, James Quintini	Nick Jaseigh	Will Burke Robert	James and Nicki Quintini
Sun 6pm	Gunnar	Jan Estrada, Derek & Jodi Tros.	TBA	TBA	TBA

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



4th Sunday of Advent

December 23, 2018



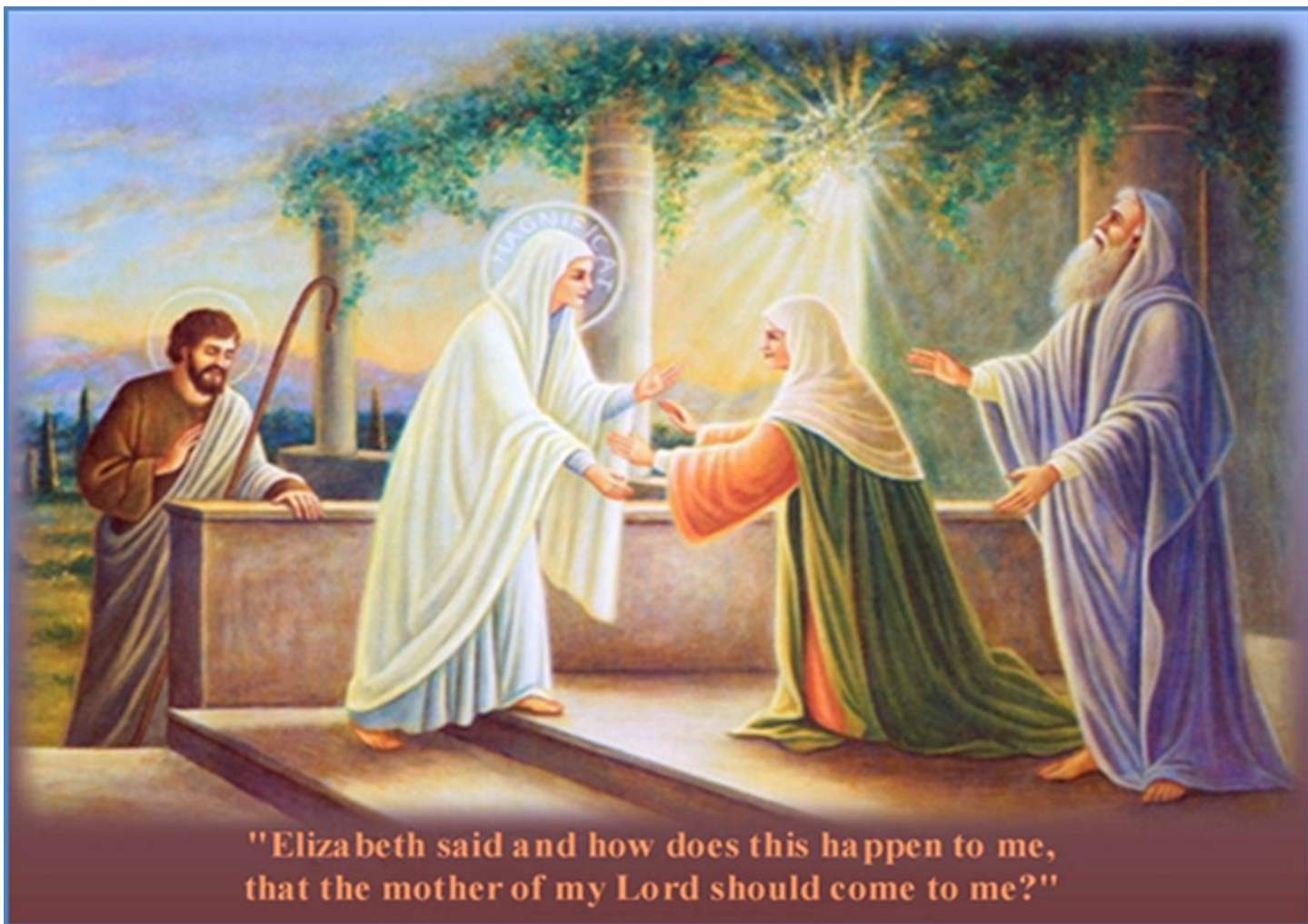
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*"Elizabeth said and how does this happen to me,
that the mother of my Lord should come to me?"*

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
Every Friday Adoration from 8:30
a.m. to 9:30 a.m
**SACRAMENT OF
RECONCILIATION**
Both Before Mass and by
Appointment.

Mass Schedule for this Week
St. Ann Mass Schedule &
Intentions
Saturday Vigil 4pm: Our Parish
Sunday: 7:30am Our Parish
9am Our Parish
6pm Our Parish

Mon Christmas Vigil 4pm: Our Parish
Christmas Midnight (12am): Our Parish
Tues Christmas 7:30am: Our Parish
9am: Our Parish
Wed 6:00 pm Benefactors
Thu 8:00 am Our Parish
Fri 8:00 am Spec Int

From Father Khoa's Desk...

Dear Parishioners and Friends, Jesus likes you. Jesus loves you. Jesus longs for you!

Dear Parish Family, We enter the last week of Advent, but it is a short week! This fourth week only lasts for a day and half before we start celebrating Christmas. But this is an important week because it asks us the question once again: Are we ready for the coming of the Lord?

In today gospel "Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste." What was the rush? Why did Mary go so quickly to visit her cousins Elizabeth and Zechariah? It's hard to know exactly what her purpose was, but one thing is clear: Mary and Elizabeth shared a special connection. Perhaps Mary was anxious to be in the company of someone who could understand her unusual situation.

At this point, Mary was newly pregnant by the power of the Holy Spirit. The verses preceding today's reading tell us about the appearance of the Angel Gabriel and Mary's willingness to become the mother of the Messiah. Now, this child was already growing within her womb, but the whole thing was an incredible secret. Who would believe her? In whom could Mary confide the unbelievable events that had taken place? We know that at some point later, Joseph had a vision in a dream that allowed him to understand. But before that dream came, he was planning to part ways with Mary. It must have been during that difficult time that Mary went to see Elizabeth. And what joy that upon her arrival, Elizabeth immediately understood. "Blessed is the fruit of your womb," Elizabeth cried out. The same Holy Spirit who conceived Jesus in Mary's womb enlightened Elizabeth at this moment.

What a consolation this must have been to Mary. This story reminds us of the importance of our own fellowship in the faith. Sharing our spiritual journey with other believers who are receptive to the Holy Spirit is meant to be a source of encouragement and strength. We are not supposed to be in this alone. As we worship and celebrate together with our faith community, may we share with each other the real joy of this sacred season.

Merry Christmas to all! And enjoy your praying!

...Fr. Khoa

ST. ANN ACTIVITIES.

MASS FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS: You can have Masses offered for the deceased as well as for living family and friends. Mass cards and envelopes are available at the Parish office.

PRAYER REQUESTS Those who are ill:

Leslie Cuevas, Lee James, Darlene Billingsley, Victoria Moran, Jerry Malley, Ezekiel Rutherford, Dalwin Cuevas, Colby Cagle, Debbie Bowen, Andrew Fillengame, Melissa Peterson, Breanna Ladner, Margaret Northrop, Andrew, Sharon Somora, Robert Necaie, Nancy Ladner, Matt Bryant, Paul Ladner, Dianne Dearman, Jenny Hinton, Marie Cuevas, Sharon Smith, Hayden Helton, Kathy, Phyllis Raymond, Marleen Moran, Teresa McAllister, Kendra Necaie, John Hitchcock, Hubert Lizana, and Margaret Northrop.

Bereavement Committee: Please contact **Sharon Leimer** at 539-9928. Lasagna, green salad, rolls, and deserts will be provided for the funeral reception upon request. Thank you.

ST. ANN STEWARDSHIP: 80Identifiable: \$1,479.00; Loose: \$1,612.00; Total: \$3,731.00; ACH: \$640.00; Children: \$20.10, Christmas Basket: \$20.00.**

OL OF CHARTRES STEWARDSHIP: Identifiable: \$95.00; Loose: \$261.00; Total: \$356.00. ****Amount needed weekly \$2,908.84. Thank you for your generosity.**

Christmas Basket: Thank you Altar Society, especially Beverly, for serving the poor.

Ida Shaw 100th birthday celebration: will be on January 5, 2019 at the parish hall. For more info, please contact Linda Longino 941-376-1856. Thanks.

Knights of Columbus: meet 1st Sunday. **Lizana Light:** For more info, please contact Doris.

Altar Society: meet 2nd Sundays. **Parish Council:** meet third Saturday. **RCIA:** Please contact Sherry.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATION 2018

IN MEMORIAM

Special Intention
Jay Kinder and Tina Boswell
John Way Brewer
George Brignac Jr., George & Edna Brignac Sr.
Marie & A. J. Robichaux Sr.
Beauregard Favre
Belena Cuevas, Helen Babin
Provis & Belena Cuevas
Jimmy Ammons
Special Intention
Mr. & Mrs. Emile Schindler
Mr. & Mrs. Dom Squillante
Elliott & Ethel Cuevas
James Ammons Sr.
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Mestayer
Pat Leimer
Herman & Nora Muetting
Charles & Kathryn Van Pelt, Deacon Jack Hunter
Rosa & Walter Moss, Helen & Merle West
Richard Purvis, Alena Ladnier
William DeMello, Elizabeth Boudreaux
Robert & Audrey Brown
Francis & Elvera Ladner
Herbert & Margurite Holder, Marie Mays
Lois & William J. Burke Sr. Laura & Author Pine
Mr. & Mrs. DeGrado, Mr. & Mrs. Acosta
Carla Thomas
Christine Flynt
Celena Saucier *Mother*
Cecil Ladner
Judy Necaie, Patricia Lizana
Wardell Dedeaux
Lillis Vogle
Julia Perronne, Kenneth Perronne
Curvis & Juanita Cuevas, & Frieda Wilson
Slade Ladner, Mary Elizabeth Ladner
Harvis Cuevas
William (Bill) Blackwell, John Delmas Dedeaux
Chester and Geneve King, Dantzler and Lee Ladner,
Betty Howard, Bobby Ladner

There are an additional 2 unknown donations **And For** Those who have sacrificed their lives for our Freedom.

GIVEN BY

Barbara Stewart
Sandra Boswell
Oscar & Carolyn Brewer

Wanda Brignac
Peleaz grandchildren
Prentiss & Deborah Cuevas
Darcy & Kathy Cuevas
Phyllis Ammons
M. H. Dickson

Daniel & Kathy Squillante
Helen Marie Ladner
Sandra Ammons
Dorothy Graves
Sharon Leimer

Gerry & Kay Van Pelt
Mike & Ellen West
Alice Ladnier
Sherry DeMello
private
Frankie & Emma Ladner
Mike & Diane Mays
William Burke Jr.
Lanny & Rita Acosta
Elaine Thomas
Danny & Kim Wood
Carl Saucier
Dereck & Michelle Ladner
John Necaie family

Wanda Lizana
Susan Mayberry
Luke Cuevas

Louise Ladner, Lisa Cuevas, Pat Ladner
Adrenne Dedeaux

WC & Lennell King

*"The altars look beautiful with the lilies that were donated.
We will pray for your loved ones in whose honor and memory the lilies were donated- Fr. Khoa"*