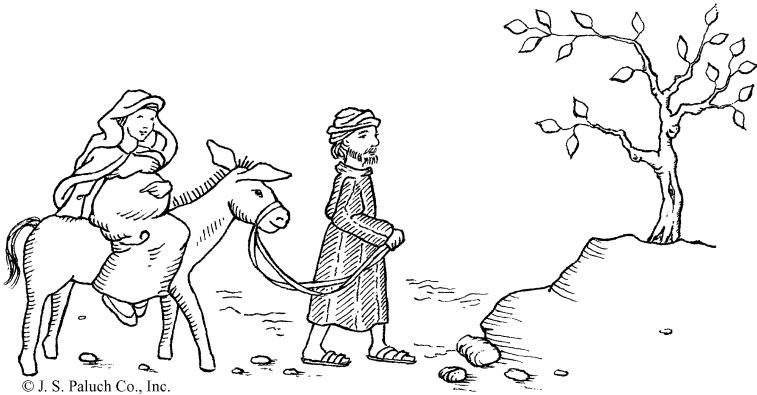


# Fourth Sunday of Advent

## December 19, 2010



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*They shall name him Emmanuel,  
which means "God is with us."  
— Matthew 1:23*

### 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.

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### TODAY'S READING

**First Reading** — You will be given this sign: the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel (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. He shall be Emmanuel, "God is with us" (Matthew 1:18-24).

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38  
Tuesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zeph 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-45  
Wednesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56  
Thursday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66  
Friday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Lk 1:67-79  
Saturday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]  
Midnight: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14 Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20 Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18[1-5, 9-14]  
Sunday: Sir 3:2-7, 12-14; Ps 128; Col 3:12-21 [12-17]; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

**Rosary Dedication December** For the lives of children who are threatened by abortion.

**This Week at Our Lady of Sorrows**

**Sunday, Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>**

K of C Rosary, 7:35 am

Mass - 8 am

PRE - 9 am, Christmas Party, GYM

Mass - 10:30 am

Christmas Caroling after 10:30 Mass  
meet in parking lot

Spanish Mass- 5 pm

Posadas, 6pm cafeteria

Bible Study Class, 6:30 pm KH

**Mon, Dec 20<sup>th</sup>**

Mass- 8:00 am

Hispanic Flood Victims Meeting GYM

Posadas, 6pm KH

**Tuesday, Dec 21<sup>st</sup>**

Mass- 8:00 am

Posadas, 6 pm KH

**Wed. Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Legion of Mary, 4:30 pm LH

Mass- 6:30 pm

Posadas, 6 pm KH

**Thurs. Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Mass - 8:00 am,

Posadas, 6 pm KH

**Friday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> Rectory Closed**

Confessions, 3 pm

Vigil Mass w/Children, 5pm (English)

Spanish Vigil Mass 6:30 pm

Fiesta Gym 7:30 pm

Choir Program, 10:30 pm

Midnight Mass 11:00 pm (English)

**Saturday, Dec 25<sup>th</sup>**

Christmas Day Mass 10 am (English)

NO CONFESSIONS

Mass - 4 pm

**Sunday, Dec. 26<sup>th</sup>**

Rosary, 7:35 am

Mass - 8 am

Mass - 10:30 am

Spanish Mass- 5 pm



**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday:	Fourth Sunday of Advent
Tuesday:	St. Peter Canisius; Winter Solstice
Thursday:	St. John of Kanty
Friday:	The Vigil of Christmas
Saturday:	The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

**Posadas:** Everyone is invited to join in the festivities of the Posadas, the living novena, on the nights leading up to Christmas. There will be a family celebration in the gymnasium following the Spanish liturgy on Christmas Eve. EVERYONE is welcome. There is no language barrier in Baby Jesus!

**CHRISTMAS CHILDREN**

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

—Charles Dickens

***Ministers & Altar Server  
Schedule for Dec. 18 & 19***

	<u><b>4:00 PM</b></u>	<u><b>8:00 AM</b></u>	<u><b>10:30 AM</b></u>	<u><b>5:00 PM</b></u>
Communion	D. Henry G.Taulman	D. Don L.Hall	M.Standridge K.Pope	E. Roque N.Vinturella
Reader	C.Specht	J.Hall	L. Pope	J. Estrada/J. Benitez
Altar Servers:	L.Carter R. Rodriquez	K.Hudson B. Hudson	A. Lopez P. Moreno J. Moreno	E. Garcia N. Villanueva

***Ministers & Altar Server  
Schedule for Dec 25 & 26***

	<u><b>4:00 PM</b></u>	<u><b>8:00 AM</b></u>	<u><b>10:30 AM</b></u>	<u><b>5:00 PM</b></u>
Communion	N. Vinturella D. Henry	D.Bennis C. Vasquez	B. Bustos A. Humphrey	E. Roque N. Vinturella
Reader:	P. Lutts	B. Williams	T. Floyd	P. Villanueva
Altar Servers:	W. Solomon	C. Bailey D.Bailey	A. Lopez J. Moreno P. Moreno	B. Marquez E. Marquez O. Marquez

**Please remember the following people in your prayers:** Therese Acklen, Fr. Jack Atkinson, Theresa Baker, Ann Balcom, June Bennis, Rebecca Bethune, Ed Bisner, Deanna Bolgeo, Reno Bolgeo, Johnny Boletta, Thomas Brown, Carole Brunner, Trudi Collier, Monsignor Bill Davis, Abrahan Delgado, Danny Dunn, Elena Everroad, Rena Frazier, Alice Fricks, Theresa Greco, Eileen Haklitch, Amanda Hall, Shelby Henricks, Ruth Hill, Raymond Hosse, John & Lisa Hutchison, Mike & Donna Jackson, Margaret Jones, Brad Kitts, Butsy Lanigan, Fr. Joe Lattus, Angelo Lobianco, Ericka Lopez, Robert Lutts, Jerry Lynn, Sadie Claire Lynn, Louise Macdonald, Joseph Mangold, Ron Marshak, Alex Mosby, Bill Nutt, Tony Oliviera, Jackie Perfetti, Waldyr Poilis, Nancy Pope, Dr. Cheryl Pearson, Bea Remmert, Mary Dorothy Scola, James Spain, Mona Stringfellow, Fr. Bryan Timby, Marie Torres, Keith Trenham, Vera Trudell, Mae Tulip, Henry VanNess, Maria Isabelle Vega, Helene Weiss, Lewis Wilkinson, Angie Wright .

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***Flowers on altar in memory of Bessie Murray Anniversary  
From Bryan Timby***

**Stewardship of the Altar** – Flowers can be put on the Altar in memory of a loved one; a deceased couple of the departed of an entire family or in honor of someone’s special anniversary, birthdays or other happy occasions or just to honor someone you think is special. Please contact Frances Bursi at 357-5874 or 634-1168.



**Parish Pastoral Council:** The Parish Pastoral Council was unable to conduct business this past Tuesday because there was no quorum. Only five members remembered that the PPC meets on the fourth Tuesday of every odd-numbered month. One member called and said he would not be able to attend. Members should mark their personal calendars accordingly because the members of the parish have placed their trust in you.

**Teens4Christ:** Youth Group members who are participating in the Living Nativity on Christmas Eve need to arrive at School by 3:45 p.m. to put costumes on and receive instructions. The Living Nativity is scheduled for 30 minutes before the 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass and for 30 minutes before the 6:00 p.m. Spanish Mass.

**Teens4Christ Electronic Communication:** Youth Groups members can communicate online through Facebook by adding *OLS teensforChrist* as a friend.

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

**Sat. Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> 4:00 pm**

People of Parish

**Sunday, Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> 8:00 am**

Marvel & Anna Stavrum+

**Sunday, Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> 10:30 am**

Steve Ordich+

**Sunday, Dec 19<sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm**

Int. of Archbishop J. Peter Sartain

**Monday Dec 20<sup>th</sup> 8:00 am**

Mary Kuenzel+

**Tuesday, Dec 21<sup>st</sup> 8:00 am**

Carolyn Walsh+

**Wednesday, Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> 6:30 pm**

Kathryn Ordich Masey+

**Thurs. Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> 8:00 am**

Joseph Wooldridge+

**Friday Dec 24<sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm**

Int. of Pastor

**Friday Dec 24<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm**

Int. of Pastor

**Friday Dec 24<sup>th</sup> 11:00 pm (Midnight Mass)**

Int. of Pastor

**Sat. Dec 25<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am Christmas Day**

Int. of Pastor

**Sat. Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> 4:00 pm**

Maude & William Timby+

**Sunday, Dec. 26<sup>th</sup> 8:00 am**

People of Parish

**Sunday, Dec. 26<sup>th</sup> 10:30 am**

James Harley & Wm J. Owens Family+

**Sunday, Dec 26<sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm**

Poor Souls in Purgatory

## **PARISHONERS IN NURSING HOME:**

**Jackie Perfetti**

**St. Francis Nursing Home**

**5959 Park Ave, room 328**

**Memphis, TN 38119**

**Helene Weiss**

**St. Francis Nursing Home**

**5959 Park Ave, room 328**

**Memphis, TN 38119**

**Ginger Shemwell**

**King's Daughters & Sons**

**3568 Appling Rd, room 144**

**Bartlett, TN 38133**

**Dolores Bair**

**Ava Maria Home**

**St. Lukes**

**2805 Charles Bryan Road, 38134**

**Henry Van Ness**

**Trezevant Manor Assisted Living**

**177 North Highland, room 124**

**Memphis, TN 38111**

**Amanda Hall**

**Highlands of Memphis**

**3549 Norris wood Avenue, room 236-1**

**Memphis, TN 38111**

**Moira Kavanagh**

**Mid South Rehab Center**

**2380 James Rd, room 102**

**Memphis, TN 38127**

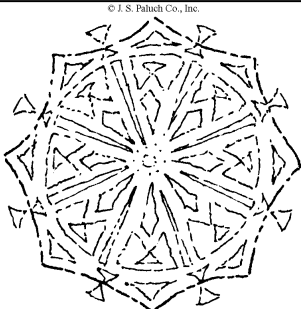
**Vera Trudell**

**Grace Healthcare**

**Room 103 A**

**955 N. Germantown Pkwy**

**Cordova, TN 38018**



**Winter**

**Financial Report  
Weekend of 12/12/2010**

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Envelopes	\$2,790.00
Loose Checks	200.00
Loose Currency/Coin	142.62
Improvements	10.00
Debt	80.00
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>3,222.62</b>
Church Budget for the week	- 4,458.38
Collection Diff for the week	\$ (1,235.76)
Collections Revenues Y-T-D	<b>\$ 96,229.30</b>
Church Budget Y-T-D	<u>107,001.12</u>
Collections Deficit Y-T-D	<b>\$ (10,771.82)</b>
<b>Immaculate Conception</b>	<b>\$4.66.00</b>



**Annual Christmas Caroling:** Sunday December 19<sup>th</sup> after 10:30 am mass. Meet in the parking lot. We will be visiting the homebound parishioners. Come join us for fun and festivities. For more information call Sharon O'Brien at 357-7078.

**DON'T THROW GOOD MONEY AWAY!!!!** Please clip and save the Box Tops for Education labels from General Mills products and put them in the box in the vestibule of the church. Every label is worth 10¢ to our school. As you prepare to bake for the holidays, please consider purchasing Betty Crocker mixes that have TWO labels per box and doubling your contribution to the school. This is a great way to support the school without having to write a separate check. We've already collected almost 1,000 labels this year and our goal is 10,000.

**Campbell Soup Labels:** We are still collecting Campbell Soup labels. Like the Box Tops for Education, these labels are worth cash money to our parish school. All you have to do is remove the label from the can after you have used it and put the labels in the same box in the vestibule of the church used for the Box Tops promotion. It's another easy way to support OUR parish school.

**Christmas Flower Collection** – the annual collection for Christmas flowers will be on the weekend of Dec. 18-19. Please use the envelopes that come in your sets or the ones included in Fr. Timby's Advent letter, which you should receive in coming days. Please print the names of those you will remember with your donation so that we can print the names in the weekly bulletin the weekend after Christmas.

**December Bulletin Deadlines** –The Bulletin deadline every week in December will be on Monday at 12:00 noon due to the many short work weeks. Please be considerate of the office staff and get your bulletin items to Carolyn Roberts **before** the deadline.

**Thank You:** A special thank you is extended to all who made our first "Breakfast with Santa" such a wonderful success. The room mothers did a wonderful job providing a festive morning celebration and the children were filled with excitement and wonder. And, we must thank Santa Claus for taking time out of his busy schedule to visit with us at OLS for a couple of hours.

## RISKY BUSINESS

Matthew's Gospel today tells us Joseph was betrothed to Mary. A betrothal was a much more formal arrangement than an engagement is today. A special ceremony before witnesses marked the betrothal, which was considered a binding contract. The couple might wait for a year before the bridegroom took the bride into his house and began married life. Any sexual activity during the betrothal was frowned upon. If the bride became pregnant by another man, her groom had the right to denounce her, and she would be stoned



to death. The alternative was to quietly divorce her. This would have saved Joseph from shame and humiliation, but would have done nothing to protect Mary. Her pregnancy would have subjected her to fierce condemnation and an uncertain future. God spoke in Joseph's dream and told him not to be afraid to take Mary as his wife. God gave the child a name—Jesus, the one who saves. It was usual in Jewish families for the father to name a child; this child was named by his heavenly Father, but brought through adoption into Joseph's family, descendants of David, Israel's greatest king. Joseph could have ignored the dream, just as Mary could have refused the message of the angel that she was chosen to bear the Messiah. Joseph took a risk and said "Yes" to God without regard for what the outcome might be. Not all women have a "just man" like Joseph to do the right thing and stand by them during the challenges of

pregnancy and birth. Not all women have the resources to cope with single motherhood or with a child's mental or physical disabilities. Some have trouble even putting food on the table for a growing family when times are hard. Take a risk like Joseph and commit to offering help.

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### Giving Tree 2010 –



Once again, we will help support the Monastery of St. Clare (Poor Clare Sisters) on Dellwood, Birthright, OLS School Emergency Tuition Fund and the St. Vincent De Paul Society with gifts from the Giving Tree. Please take an ornament from the tree for each gift you wish to provide. Do not send private checks or deliver individual gifts to the organizations for which you take ornaments. This is a parish project and we want to deliver the gifts as a parish. If writing a check, please make the check out to OLS and

indicate what organization you wish to assist. When you deliver your gifts in fulfillment of your ornaments selection, please take a red or green leaf ornament and place it on the tree so that the parish can see the generosity of our community bloom before our eyes.

**2011 Parish Calendars** -- The new parish calendars for 2011 will be available this weekend. We ask that you take only one per family to allow distribution to all the parishioners. Be sure to thank the sponsors of the calendars for assuming the cost of their publication.

**Holiday Closings:** The Parish Office will be closed on Friday, Dec. 24, for Christmas. The Parish office will be open Monday through Wednesday, December 27-29, for regular business the week after Christmas but will be closed Thursday and Friday, Dec. 30-31.

**Annual Pro-Life Breakfast:** Holy Rosary Parish extends an invitation to everyone to attend its annual Pro-Life Breakfast on Saturday, January 8, at 9:00 a.m. Mass will be celebrated before the breakfast at 8:15 a.m. with Fr. Scott Daniels, O.P., as homilist. The keynote speaker at the breakfast will be Dr. Beverly McMillan, the first doctor to open an abortion clinic in the State of Mississippi but who now, with her husband Roy, spends her energy proclaiming the sanctity of life from the moment of conception.

**Christmas Liturgies:** OLS will celebrate her Christmas liturgies as follow:

Dec. 24	3:00 p.m.	Confessions
Dec. 24	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass w/Children's Homily (English)
Dec. 24	6:30 p.m.	Vigil Mass (Spanish)
Dec. 24	7:30 p.m.	Fiesta de Feliz Navidad (gymnasium)
Dec. 24	10:30 p.m.	Choir Program
Dec. 24	11:00 p.m.	Midnight Mass (English)
Dec. 25	10:00 a.m.	Christmas Day Mass (English)
Dec. 25	3:00 p.m.	NO CONFESSIONS
Dec. 25	4:00 p.m.	Mass for the Feast of the Holy Family (English)
Dec. 26	8:00 a.m.	Holy Family (English)
Dec. 26	10:30 a.m.	Holy Family (English)
Dec. 26	5:00 p.m.	Holy Family (Spanish)

*Christmas is a Holy Day of Obligation for every Catholic in the world. This means that every Catholic who has reached the age of reason (age 7) is required to assist at Mass and reflect upon the mystery of God's birth in human form. This year all Catholics are expect to assist at Mass for Christmas AND for Sunday. Assisting at 4:00 p.m. Saturday Mass may count for Christmas, however, one then must return on Sunday to fulfill the privilege of assisting at Sunday Mass.*



## FEAST OF FAITH

### Gathering

When Pope Benedict XVI visited the United States in 2008, tens of thousands gathered in Yankee Stadium to celebrate the Eucharist with him. What made them different from all the other excited crowds who have assembled there through the years? When they began to sing together, to listen together, to pray together, they ceased to be a crowd, and became a liturgical assembly. It was not where they were but what they did that set them apart.

The Gospels speak of many instances when Jesus prayed alone to his Father. But Jesus also put a special value on communal prayer. "Where two or three are gathered together in my name," he told his disciples, "there am I in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:20). Jesus gave his own mission to his followers, sending them forth to do everything he did: to heal, to teach, to proclaim the kingdom. Jesus wants us to meet God in and through each other. So the Christian community continues to gather, Sunday after Sunday. When we get up on Sunday morning and come to Mass, we respond to Jesus' invitation, and we express our trust in his promise that whenever we come together, he comes, too.

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