

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY

Christmas is only a week away! On this Fourth Sunday of Advent, the readings turn to the immediate preparations for the birth of our Lord. We, too, are finalizing our preparations for his birth into our hearts once again. Let us pray today for the courage of Joseph to bear whatever burdens may be necessary so that our world, too, may be saved from its sinful ways.

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Is 7:10-14 The virgin shall be with child.
Psalm 24 "Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory."
Romans 1:1-7 Jesus is the son of David and the Son of God.
Mt 1:18-24 *Joseph, son of David, have no fear about taking Mary as your wife.*

Today's readings are about signs: God's sign to Ahaz, the angel's appearance to Joseph. As we hear God's holy word proclaimed today, what signs in your life point to God about to do wonderful new things? How can you respond like Joseph?

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, December 17, Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Advent
4:00 PM Parishioners of Rosary
Sunday, December 18, Fourth Sunday of Advent
8:30 AM Cecilia Wambach (RIP)
10:30 AM Parishioners of Peace
Monday, December 19, *Advent Weekday*
8:30 AM W. A. Brown (RIP)
Tuesday, December 20, *Advent Weekday*
8:30 AM M. C. Brown (RIP)
Wednesday December 21, *St. Peter Canisius*
8:30AM Special Intention
Thursday, December 22, *Advent Weekday*
8:30 AM Parishioners of Rosary
Friday, December 15, *St. John Kanty*
9:00 AM Parishioners of Peace

Please see Fr. Brown for Mass Intention requests. The Celebrant is not obligated to publicly announce the Mass intentions; this is a courtesy. If the Celebrant omits announcing the intention, the Mass is still offered for the donor's intention. If you would like to make a donation for the Sanctuary Lamp for a special intention, please see Father Brown. December intention is for David and Janet Meyers (RIP).

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Sat, Dec. 24 4:00pm Christmas Eve
Sun, Dec. 25 8:30am Christmas Mass

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Who in my life this Christmas needs to experience from the righteousness of Jesus' new Torah, Jesus' own compassion and tenderness touching them through me?

VISITING PRIEST

On December 27th, Father Tom Collins will be here to celebrate mass at 10:00 am. All are welcome, and to join us for fellowship at the Anyday Cafe. Please call Mary Kay Collins at 784-1452 ASAP.

MEDITATION ON THE LIGHT

Response: *In the darkness of our hearts and of our world, we cry out until the dawn. Come, Sun of Justice! (cf. Is 38:13a)*

...Prepare to meet your God, O Israel: Him who forged the mountains, and created the wind, and declares to man his thoughts; Who made the dawn and the darkness and strides upon the heights of the earth: The Lord, the God of hosts by name. (Am4:12b-13) **R**

Be attentive to me, my people; my folk, give ear to me.
For law shall go forth from my presence and my judgment, as the light of the peoples *Is 51:4) **R**

If you bestow your bread on the hungry and satisfy the afflicted; Then light shall rise for you in the darkness, and the gloom shall become for you like midday. (Is 58:10)

Rejoice not over me, O my enemy! though I have fallen, I will arise; though I sit in darkness, the LORD is my light. (Mi 7:8) **R**

You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house. Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father. (Mt 5:14-16) **R**

Concluding Prayer: *May the God of infinite goodness scatter the darkness of sin and brighten our hearts with holiness. Amen.*

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

OFFERTORY	\$3,032.00
BUILDING FUND	<u>\$2,360.00</u>
TOTAL	\$6,292.00

BUILDING FUND MONTHLY

	\$5,641.72
Month to date	<u>\$3,754.00</u>
NEEDED	\$1,877.72

OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE MISSION

OFFERTORY	\$501.00
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**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
CHRISTMAS CARD DRIVE**

The Knights will be selling holy Christmas cards before and after each of the Masses for the next several weeks. Prices range from \$8-\$12 per box, with five different types of cards to choose from. Christmas auto magnets will also be sold at \$4.00 each.

REMINDER:

**DONATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS
ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED, AND WILL BE
GREATLY APPRECIATED.**

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Aging religious need your help. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others—educating the young, comforting the sick, seeking justice for the oppressed. Today, many are frail, elderly and in need of assistance. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to furnish medications, nursing care and other necessities. Please give generously to today's second collection.

In 2015, our office distributed \$25.6 million to 395 religious communities for the direct care of senior members. Additional funding was allocated for education, consultation and resources that enable religious communities to plan more effectively for retirement. In fact, an independent study of Planning and Implementation Assistance—our program for congregations with critical funding deficits—found that 81 percent of participants reduced their retirement shortfalls.

**OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY/QUEEN OF PEACE
CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Don't Forget OUR FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY THIS SUNDAY, December 18 at 2:00pm in Rosary's Parish Hall we will have. Meat and drinks will be furnished. Sign up is required! Please bring a *side dish or dessert*. Games and music for all ages; visit by St. Nicholas for young and young at heart; and optional gift exchange. Questions: contact Kevin Hall at 914-0334.

Parish Hall Countdown

Amortization Schedule

12/22/2016	\$37,102.65	\$31,692.82
1/22/2017	\$31,692.82	\$26,249.18
2/22/2017	\$26,249.18	\$20,771.52
3/22/2017	\$20,771.52	\$15,259.62
4/22/2017	\$15,259.62	\$ 9,713.27
5/22/2017	\$ 9,713.27	\$ 4,132.26
6/22/2017	\$ 4,132.26	\$ 00.00

More Details to Follow!!!!

**LET THE HEAVENS
RESOUND WITH JOY**



OUR SAVIOR IS BORN!

“Angel of God Protect Me”

The Fourth Sunday of Advent
The Fourth Candle represents PEACE: it can
often be called the Angel's candle.



Week 4: Therefore the Lord himself will give you this sign: the virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. (Isaiah 7:14)