

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT December 23, 2018

Blessed are you among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

— Luke 1:42

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### Mass Intentions:

December 22nd: Parishioners of

St Andrew and St Regina

December 23rd: Thomas Gateley +

by Mr & Mrs Mark Bartel

December 25th: For the Children and

Grandchildren of the Fiechtl, Olewnik

and Hartman Families

December 29th: Parishioners of

St Andrew and St Regina

December 30th: Tony Dat Nguyen +

by Mr & Mrs Mark Bartel

### WEEKLY OFFERING

Dec 16th

Budget \$2300

Actual \$2327

Over \$27

December 30, 2018

**Lectors** — Lois Freeland

**Gift Bearers** — Mr & Mrs

Ken Franckowiak

**Eucharistic Ministers** — Carmen McDaniel, Elaine Doner, Sheri Parkinson

**Servers** — Brenda Placencia, Myriann

Placencia

**Sacristans** — Carmen McDaniel

**Altar Linens** — Eleanor Michie & Khuyen

Segerson

**Ushers**—Men of the Parish



### MEMORIES AND DREAMS

Throughout our lives, we retain the language and habits of our native region and family of origin. Should we return to our home after a long absence, we quickly revert to its familiar speech and practices. Our deep memory is reflected in old stories and words and speech patterns. This familiarity runs like an underground river and accompanies us wherever we go.

Not only do we remember, we are incorporated into and made part of a greater memory. In remembering and recollecting, we are in turn gathered up and re-collected.

Today we remember Mary, a small figure travelling the country roads to visit Elizabeth. All the great pronouncements and dreams of the prophets point to this time when the Lord's words to Mary would be gathered and fulfilled. The memories of her people are alive in her, and memories of her nourish our own living faith.

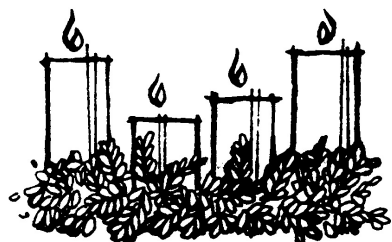
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### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In ancient pagan Rome, these days in mid-December were a time for general slacking off at work and far too much rejoicing. The period of leisure after the harvest and a whole cluster of pagan festivals were a force for the church to reckon with. The Saturnalia, breaking out on December 17, was a time of high living and loose morals. Christians were advised by their bishops to drop out of the mayhem and do some serious fasting. A famous church council at Saragossa in Spain made a season of fasting mandatory from December 17 to December 23, exactly coinciding with the Saturnalia. The bishops at that time were perhaps less concerned with preparing for Christmas than with resisting the kind of loose living going on.

Modern times have restored a bit of the Saturnalia spirit to our culture, so that a general period of partying with a vague connection to religion is now upon us. How does a Christian keep balance? The practice of charity by remembering the poor in our gift-giving, of hospitality in finding a place at our holiday tables for the poor and lonely, and of daily prayer in the home and at church are great helps. Although Advent is not a penitential season like Lent, it is a time for making room in our lives for what matters most.

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### TODAY'S READINGS FOR YEAR C

**First Reading** — From Bethlehem-Ephrathah shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel (Micah 5:1-4a).

**Psalm** — Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved (Psalm 80).

**Second Reading** — We have been consecrated through the offering of the body of Christ once for all (Hebrews 10:5-10).

**Gospel** — Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken by the Lord would be fulfilled (Luke 1:39-45).

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### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

#### Parishioners

Grant Adams, Jody Adams, Mark Green, Ethel Huffman, Jacob Palomino, Khuyen Segerson, Ted & Jeanette Thiele, Joe & Stella York

#### Relatives

Thomas & Kelli Blankenship, Zula Doyle, Nancy Gambino, Fiona Green, Christine Hart and the twin boys Benjamin and Theodore, Lisa Michelle Kirkpatrick, Nickolas Kirkpatrick, Asa McCarty, Paul Montgomery, Andrew Morlan, Emily Ernst Royal, Richard Scran, Kevin Young

#### Friends

Susi Bickerstaff, Emma Cupples, Frank DeLuca, Emily Evans, Eddie Michaels, The Jeff Melton Family, Joseph Smile, Dr. Laurie Pearlman, Fr Robert Ponticello



### Christmas Mass Schedule

**Christmas Eve Vigil**  
St Andrew at 10:00 pm

#### Christmas Day

St Andrew at 9:00 am  
St Regina at 11:00 am

### O COME, LONG FORETOLD

O come, Desired of nations,  
Whom priest and prophet long foretold  
Will break the captive fetters,  
Redeem the long-lost fold.  
Dear Savior, haste; come, come to earth,  
Dispel the night and show your face,  
And bid us hail the dawn of grace.

—Simon J. Pellegrin (1663-1745), Tr. by Mary of St. Philip (1825-1904)

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79

Tuesday: **Vigil:** Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]

**Night:** Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13;

Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

**Dawn:** Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12;

Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20

**Day:** Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6;

Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

Wednesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22

Thursday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, -8

Friday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52



### Mass Schedule

**Monday:** 10:00 pm

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**Thursday:** 9:00 am

**Friday:** 11:30 am

**Saturday Vigil:** 4:30 pm

**Sunday:** 9:00 am

### Special Collection

Villa Vianney

December 24th/25th

### Coming Events

**December 23rd through December 26th:**

The office will be closed.

**December 31st and January 1st:** The

office will be closed.

#### PRE

There will be no class on December 23rd or

December 30th. Classes will resume on

January 6th.