

December 18, 2022



GOD WANTS TO BE ONE WITH US

What great lengths God will go to in loving and saving us! Think of the most outlandish circumstance you might conceive. That seems to be what the Lord is saying to Ahaz in today's first reading. "A virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel." Not only is the idea of a virgin conceiving beyond comprehension in Ahaz's time, so would the concept of God wanting to be with us be, as the name Emmanuel indicates. And yet, this is what we celebrate in the Incarnation—God wants so completely to be one with us that God came to be with us in a son born to a virgin, the Blessed Virgin Mary. There is more to this story than even these amazing and outlandish occurrences, however. God wants to be one with us so deeply that God partners with us to make God's presence known.

TODAY'S READINGS

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 — The king of glory shall come in (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: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a;
Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

Tuesday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a;
Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

Thursday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

Friday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14;
Lk 1:57-66

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

Sunday: **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]

MASSES FOR THE WEEK - MISAS DE LA SEMANA

Saturday

4:30pm: Bernardino Matos+, John Melhaff+,
Elvira Sousa+

6:30pm/Spanish: All Souls+

Sunday

8:00am: Alicia Andes+, Luis Angelo+, Senon &
Maria Franco+, Marcelina & Patrocinia Franco+

10:00am: Tony Mello+, Elvira Sousa+,
Marie Vierra+, John & Dianne Kardash+

11:30am: Marcelina Ramon+

9:00am/(M): Elvira Sousa+

9:00am/(T): John Melhaff+

9:00am/(W): All Souls+

9:00am/(Thurs): All Souls+

9:00am/(F): All Souls+



Christmas Eve

Saturday, December 24, 2022

4:30 p.m. English Mass

6:30 p.m. Misa en Español

12 Midnight English Mass

Christmas Day

Sunday, December 25, 2022

8:00 a.m. English Mass

10:00 a.m. English Mass

11:30a.m. Misa en Español

New Year's Eve

Saturday, December 31, 2022

4:30 p.m. English Mass

6:30 p.m. Misa en Español

New Year's Day

Sunday, January 1, 2023

8:00 a.m. English Mass

10:00 a.m. English Mass

11:30a.m. Misa en Español



The Church is accepting poinsettias to beautify our sanctuary during the Christmas Season

A jolly thank you to everyone who helped make our Feast of St. Nick weekend a wonderful example of the Advent season. Over 40 children of our parish enjoyed the story of St. Nick read aloud by our St. Nick impersonators, Dan Aguiar, Joe Schaffhausen and Ben White. They were so excited to see if their shoe had a special treat inside after mass! We hope everyone enjoyed the event and will remember the kindness and generosity of St. Nick during the rest of the Advent Season. Special thanks to our storytellers and Grandmas Guild elves who coordinated this event, Lynn Darone, Mary Aquiar, Suzanne Souigny, Rhonda Smith, Joyce Skeen, Eva Delgado and Melissa Krebill. A **big thank you** to everyone who gave candy donations and to Anna Matthews who donated the St. Nick costume. If you are interested in helping with our Grandmas Guild please contact Rhonda Smith, 209471-2631. Our next event will be the Christmas Eve Mini Play at the 4:30pm Mass on December 24.



Children's Nativity Play

Children of the parish are invited to participate in an impromptu Nativity mini play on Saturday, Christmas Eve at the 4:30pm Mass. You can be an angel, a shepherd, a sheep or a star! Any child attending Mass will be invited to participate. Props will be provided. There will be light refreshment served after the Mass. Come and enjoy the story of this most special time of the church season! If you would like to participate or help. please contact Grandmas Guild members: Rhonda 209 471 2631, Joyce 209 642 1067.

The Daughters of Isabella will have a Holiday Bake Sale December 17th & 18th after all masses. Come and pick out your favorite baked goodies to share with your family and friends!



Venta de repostería:

diciembre 17 y 18 después de las misas, Es para ayudar a las Hermanas de Isabella.

18 de diciembre de 2022



DIOS QUIERE SER UNO CON NOSOTROS

Hasta dónde llega Dios para amarnos y salvarnos. Piensa en la circunstancia más descabellada que puedas concebir. Eso parece ser lo que el Señor le dice a Ajaz en la primera lectura de hoy. “Una virgen concebirá y dará a luz un hijo, y le pondrá el nombre de Emmanuel”. No sólo la idea de que una virgen conciba es incomprensible en la época de Ajaz, sino que también lo sería el concepto de que Dios quiera estar con nosotros, como indica el nombre Emmanuel. Y, sin embargo, esto es lo que celebramos en la Encarnación: Dios quiere ser uno con nosotros hasta tal punto que vino a estar con nosotros en un hijo nacido de una virgen, la Santísima Virgen María. Sin embargo, hay más en esta historia que estos sucesos sorprendentes y extravagantes. Dios quiere ser uno con nosotros tan profundamente que se asocia con nosotros para dar a conocer su presencia.

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — La señal del Señor es que la virgen estará embarazada y dará a luz un hijo varón (Isaías 7:10-14).

Salmo — El rey de gloria vendrá (Salmo 24 [23]).

Segunda lectura — Jesús, descendiente de David biológicamente, fue establecido el Hijo de Dios en poder. (Romanos 1:1-7).

Evangelio — María, la comprometida de José, quedó embarazada por obra del Espíritu Santo (Mateo 1:18-24).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Jue 13:2-7, 24-25a;
Sal 71 (70):3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lc 1:5-25

Martes: Is 7:10-14; Sal 24 (23):1-4ab, 5-6; Lc 1:26-38

Miércoles: Cant 2:8-14 o Sof 3:14-18a;
Sal 33 (32):2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lc 1:39-45

Jueves: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lc 1:46-56

Viernes: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Sal 25 (24):4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lc 1:57-66

Sábado: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16;
Sal 89 (88):2-5, 27, 29; Lc 1:67-79

Domingo: **Vigilia:** Is 62:1-5; Sal 89 (88):4-5, 16-17, 27 29; Hch 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]
Noche: Is 9:1-6; Sal 96 (95):1-3, 11-13; Tit 2:11-14; Lc 2:1-14
Aurora: Is 62:11-12; Sal 97 (96):1, 6, 11-12;
Día: Is 52:7-10; Sal 98 (97):1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

