

**Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 22, 2024**

Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. — *Luke 1:42*

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.

TODAY'S READINGS

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).

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: 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, 2-8

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

Attention Parishioners: Weekly contribution envelopes for 2024 are available for pick up in the vestibule.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK † MISAS DE LA SEMANA

Dec. 21-27

Saturday/4:30pm/Maria Spannuth+,
John Melhaff+

6:30pm/Evangelina Dias+,Alfonso Macias+

Sunday/8:00am/John Melhaff+,
Alicia Andes+

10:00am/Tony Mello+,

11:30am/Charlie & Francisco Mosqueda+,
Antonio Rincont+

Monday/9:00am/All Souls+

Tuesday/NO DAILY MASS +

Wednesday/9:00am/All Souls+

Thursday NO DAILY MASS

Friday/NO DAILY MASS



Christmas Eve

Tuesday, December 24, 2024

4:30 p.m. English Mass

6:30 p.m. Misa en Español

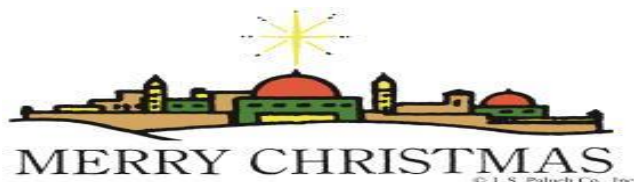
12 Midnight English Mass

Christmas Day

Wednesday, December 25, 2024

9:00 a.m. English Mass

10:30a.m. Misa en Español



The Parish office will close December 25th & 26th, we will return on Monday, December 30th. In case of an emergency, please leave a message on the church's answering machine, as it will be checked periodically throughout the holiday. A Blessed Christmas to all.

-Fr. Miguel and Parish Staff.

Let us welcome Father Patrick Henry, who will assist with our weekend masses, while Father Miguel is away the month of January.

Attention: No daily mass celebrated during the month of January.

Our First Saturday of the month Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will not be celebrated in January or February.

Children's Nativity Play

Children of the parish are invited to participate in an impromptu Nativity mini play on Tuesday, Dec. 24th, Christmas Eve at the 4:30pm Mass at St. Christopher's Church. You can be an angel, a shepherd, a sheep or a star!

All children attending Mass will be invited to participate. Props will be provided. No rehearsals are needed. Children will be asked what part they would like when they come into the church for mass. A very simple production. 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 member, Rhonda at 209-471-2631.



Knights of Columbus

Pancake Breakfast **Saturday-Jan. 11, 2025 - 8:00AM-Noon**

Catholic Community Center (CCC.)
526 3rd St, Galt. Proceeds for Galt Chiefs Sports Team Athletic Equipment.



Sunday-January 19

Take home Burritos-Available after 8 & 10am Masses.

Take home Tacos-Available after 11:30am Mass.

A special thank you to the Knights of Columbus, who have graciously helped with numerous repairs, and upkeep at the CCC. All expenses were donated by them. Thank you very much and God bless you. Edie Schaffhausen, CCC Coordinator.

From the Daughters of

Isabella: Thank you so much to everyone who supported our bake sale. The funds raised will be used for charitable activities in our parish and community. Gracias a todos que nos apoyaron en nuestra venta de postres. Los fondos recaudados serán utilizados para actividades caritativas en nuestra parroquia y comunidad.



Cuarto Domingo de Adviento

22 de diciembre de 2024

Bendita eres entre las mujeres, y bendito es el fruto de tu vientre.— *Lucas 1:42*

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — De ti, Belén, saldrá el que será el jefe de Israel (Miquea 5:1-4a).

Salmo — Señor, muéstranos tu favor y sálvanos (Salmo 80 [79]).

Segunda lectura — Aquí estoy, Dios mío, para hacer tu voluntad (Hebreos 10:5-10).

Evangelio — Bendita eres entre las mujeres, y bendito es el fruto de tu vientre (Lucas 1:39-45).

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Sal 89 (88):2-5, 27, 29; Lc 1:67-79

Martes: Is 52:7-10; Sal 98 (97):1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

Miércoles: Hch 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Sal 31 (30):3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22

Jueves: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Sal 97 (96):1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Viernes: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Sal 124 (123):2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18

Sábado: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Sal 96 (95):1-3, 5b-6; Lc 2:22-35

Domingo: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 o 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Sal 128:1-5 o Sal 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] o 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lc 2:41-52

RECUERDOS Y SUEÑOS

En el curso de nuestra vida mantenemos el idioma y los hábitos de nuestra región nativa y familia de origen. Cuando retornamos a nuestro hogar tras una larga ausencia, rápidamente volvemos a su manera de hablar y a sus prácticas familiares. Nuestros profundos recuerdos se reflejan en viejas historias y palabras y en modos de conversar. Esta familiaridad corre como un río subterráneo y nos acompaña a donde sea que vayamos. No solamente recordamos, sino que somos incorporados y formamos parte de una memoria más amplia. Cuando traemos recuerdos a la mente somos a la vez reunidos y recordados. Hoy recordamos a María, una joven frágil, que recorre zonas rurales para visitar a Isabel. Todos los grandes pronunciamientos y sueños de los profetas apuntan a este tiempo en que deben cumplirse las palabras del Señor a María. Las memorias de su pueblo están vivas en ella, y esas memorias alimentan nuestra fe viva.