

# Fourth Sunday of Advent

## The Nativity of the Lord



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

First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6;

Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7; Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24

*"Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord."*—Psalm 96

First Reading: Isaiah 9:1-6; Psalm 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13

Second Reading: Titus 3:4-7; Gospel: Luke 2:1-14

### DAILY GOSPEL READINGS

**December 23-27, 2019**

**Mon:** Luke 1:57-66

**Tues:** Luke 1:67-79

**Wed:** Luke 2:1-14

**Thurs:** Matthew 10:17-22

**Fri:** John 20:1a, 2-8

Joseph awakens from a dream and welcomes the unexpected. Our celebration of the coming of Christ at Christmas is an invitation to open our hearts to God's unexpected voice. The Savior comes to us as a fragile, tiny, and needy human being. He comes to us, too, in the fragile and precious gift of one another and of our neighbors here in Carmel Valley and in every corner of the earth. Just as God slept among the poor in the cold of Bethlehem, we now find him in the most vulnerable and suffering, young and old, among us. May we, like Mary and Joseph, be open to the voice of God speaking to us when we least expect it. He brings us—and all of creation—mercy, love and peace! EMMANUEL, GOD WITH US! Merry Christmas!

### 12/13 Project Update: Maintaining God's House

With the financial support of the Capital Campaign, completed plans and specifications were submitted on December 13 by our architect for the improvement and upgrades, including ADA requirements, the parish hall and kitchen, bathrooms, entrance vestibule, and potential social outreach building. The Site Committee expects the County of Monterey process of issuance of a building permit to take 3 to 4 months. The Site and Capital Campaign Committees will use this time to review and develop cost cutting options should it be necessary to remain within the goal of a debt free project.

### Gift Cards for Victims of Human Trafficking

The YWCA Safe House for Victims of Human Trafficking has requested our assistance with holiday gift cards for the young women in their house. A basket has been placed at the entrance of the church and will remain there for the next two Sundays. Our support would be appreciated by the safe house staff and residents.

Thanks to all of you who donated gifts to the Carmel Valley Angel Project. They were deeply appreciated!

### The Nativity of the Lord Mass Schedule

Our Christmas Eve and Christmas Morning Schedule, Dec. 24 and 25 will be as follows:



#### *Christmas Eve*

**4:00 pm** - Christmas Carols / **4:30 pm** - Mass  
**6:30 pm** - Christmas Concert / **7:00 pm** - Mass

#### *Christmas Morning*

**9:00 am**  
**11:15 am** (bilingual)

### Christmas Preparations and Poinsettia Intentions

You are invited to bring to the office or leave in the church a poinsettia plant with a special Mass intention. Please make sure that your Mass intention is attached to the plant. Thank you for your support.



We will be preparing the church for Christmas this Monday morning at 11:00 am. You are welcome to join us. Your help would be appreciated.

## Special Holy Day, January 1, 2020 New Year's Day



Wednesday, the 1st of January, is the **Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God and the World Day of Prayer for Peace**.



There will be a special Mass at **9:00 am**. Please join us as we gather in prayer to begin the New Year at the Table of the Lord.

"Let us entrust to Mary's intercession the daily prayer for peace, especially in places where the senseless logic of violence is most ferocious; so that all people may be convinced that in this world we must help each other, as brothers and sisters, to build the civilization of love." —*Pope Benedict XVI*

### The 2020 Census

You matter!

The 2020 Census will decide how the government will spend your tax dollars. Make sure you're counted!



### Civilize It: Dignity Beyond the Debate

As Catholics, we have a long tradition of engagement in the political process as a means of putting our faith into action. You are invited to join the *Civilize It* campaign by taking the pledge at [civilizeit.org](http://civilizeit.org). This is a way to promote civility, love our neighbors, and build community as people of God.

"Today the darkness begins to grow shorter and the light to lengthen, as the hours of night become fewer.... Realize that the true light is now here and, through the rays of the gospel, is illuminating the whole earth." —*Saint Gregory of Nyssa*

### Parish Registration Form—Welcome!

New parishioners are invited to complete a yellow registration form available at the main doors of the church. We are very happy to have you with us!

### Second Collection - This Sunday - December 22

Parish Social Outreach Ministries

### Weekly Offertory Report

**12/15/2019 - Offertory \$1,207**; Special Christmas Donation \$10,000; Bulletin Ads \$500; Mass Intentions \$100; Other \$225; Total \$12,032.

## Mass Intentions Dec. 21-27, 2019

Sat	4:30 pm	Sick and Homebound of the Parish
Sun	9:00 am	+Teresa Schruben
	11:15 am	John Condon - Health
	5:00 pm	+Fallecidos de Nuestras Familias
Mon	6:00 pm	Familias de Cachagua
Tues	4:30 pm	Christmas Eve—Children of the Parish
	7:00 pm	Christmas Eve—Families of the Parish
Wed	9:00 am	Christmas Day—+Dan Dobberpuhl
	11:15 am	Christmas Day—Families of the Parish
Thur	7:00 am	+Nireo Guillen
Fri	7:00 am	+Helen Luedtke



### ANUNCIOS ESPECIALES DE LA SEMANA

**Misa en Español:** Cada domingo a las 5:00 pm.

**Bautismos, Bodas, Presentaciones y Quinceañeras:**  
Favor de hablar con Padre Dennis (831-659-2224)

**Confesiones:** Los sábados a las 3:30 pm y por cita.

**Coro:** Todos están invitados a participar. El ensayo es cada domingo antes de la Misa de 5 pm a las 4:15 pm

### CUARTO DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

**Isaías 7:10-14; Salmo; Romanos 1:1-7;**

**Evangelio de San Mateo 1:18-24**

*"José, hijo de David, no dudes en recibir en tu casa a María, tu esposa, porque ella ha concebido por obra del Espíritu Santo. Dará a luz un hijo y tu le pondrás el nombre de Jesús, porque el salvará a su pueblo..."*

Todos están invitados a ofrecer una **Flor de Nochebuena** con una intención de Misa para ayudar con las preparaciones navideñas. Si esta libre el lunes a las 11 am—por favor, acompáñenos para preparar la Iglesia.

**Misa de las Posadas**, el lunes, 23 de dic., a las 6 pm en Cachagua. Todos están invitados.

### MISAS DE LA NAVIDAD DEL SEÑOR

**Nochebuena, 24 de diciembre**

4:00 pm (Música Navideña) y 4:30 pm Misa  
6:30 pm (Concierto Navideña) y 7:00 pm Misa  
**Misas de la Mañana, 25 de diciembre**  
9:00 am y 11:15 am (Bilingüe)



### Youth Corner (Matthew 1:18-24 / Luke 2:1-14)

Draw me more deeply, Lord, into your gentle and humble heart. Help me to become more of myself and more authentically human. Guide my thoughts and actions so that I may know the freedom and joy of being transformed into your image and likeness.

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# Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

Catholic Church

*Our Lady of Mount Carmel is a warm and welcoming Catholic Community that serves the Gospel with deep faith, hope and love as a living and Spirit-filled witness to the Heart of Jesus present and alive in Carmel Valley.*

*Nuestra Señora del Monte Carmelo es una cálida y acogedora comunidad Católica que sirve el Evangelio con profunda fe, esperanza y amor como testigo vivo y lleno del Espíritu del Corazón de Jesús presente y vivo en el Valle del Carmel.*

**Pastor: Father Dennis Gallo**

## Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:30 pm

Sunday: 9 am, 11:15 am, 5 pm (Spanish)

Weekday Masses: Wednesday through Friday, 7 am;  
First Friday of each month, 12 noon

## Reconciliation

Saturday 3:30 pm and by appointment

## Office Hours

Wednesday through Friday  
9 am – 12 pm; 2 – 4 pm

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## Parish Ministries

**Pastoral Council:** Adele Margolis, *Chair*,  
Dede Woodhead, *Vice Chair*, Jeff Hawkins, *Secretary*,  
Tess Arthur, Lori Jakubowski, Concepción Jara,  
Alondra Klemek, Patricia Merrifield, Tom Rowland

### Faith Formation:

First Communion:

Patricia Merrifield, Kim Hlasny

First Communion:

Clara Rivera

Confirmation: Sam Klemek, David Warner

RCIA / Adult Faith Formation: John Condon, Brian Kelly

**Hope's Pantry:** Lydia Newton • Wed 10 am–12 pm

**Hope's Boutique:** Janice Hawkins • Wed 10 am–12 pm

**Manna Ministry:** Joni Zabala

**Homeless Hot Meal:** Lori Jakubowski

**Stop Human Trafficking/Social Justice:** Lonni Trykowski

**Why Catholic? Ministry:** Tess Arthur, Alondra Klemek

**Bereavement Ministry:** Trudy Dowd • (831) 915-4619

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### Music Ministry:

Kayleen Turner (4:30 pm Sat., 5:00 pm Sunday Mass)

Robin McKee Williams, *Director*, George Peterson,  
*Piano* (9:00 am and 11:15 am Masses)

**Lectors:** Dede Woodhead

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**Liturgical Environment:** Gail Quinnan



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