

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 20, 2020



GOSPEL READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: Luke 1:39-45

Tues: Luke 1:46-56

Wed: Luke 1:57-66

Thurs: Luke 2:1-14

Friday: Luke 2:15-20

“The promises of the Lord I will sing forever.”—Ps. 24:1

First Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Psalm 24;
Second Reading: Romans 16:25-27; Gospel of Luke 1:26-38

“May it be done to me according to your word.”—Luke 1:38

Like young Mary, each of us has the power to choose. We have the power to choose how we respond to the mysteries that come our way as we follow Christ. To love or not. To place our faith and trust in God or not. When we are confronted with choices to do God’s will, we can call these *Mary Moments*. Mary understood that there would be a cost. And the angel of God said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.” Listening to God’s word gives Mary peace and confidence in God’s presence and faithfulness. She responds with a loving and trusting heart, “May it be done to me according to your word.” This final Sunday of Advent reminds us of the importance of opening our hearts to God’s love in every *Mary Moment* that comes our way. There will be likely be many!

Mary’s response to the power of the Holy Spirit in Luke’s Gospel is an image of discipleship, obedience and trust. The same is asked of us each and every day. And as the angel Gabriel promises, “Nothing will be impossible for God.” *Come, O Come, Emmanuel—God-with-us!*

Maintaining God’s House 24th Week of Construction

Interior rough electrical work made great progress this week and is close to completion. Interior HVAC ductwork was also completed this week. Finally, attention turned to our kitchen with demolition of the existing cracked tile floor and rough plumbing and electrical work for new commercial sinks and dishwasher. Rough interior work should be ready for county inspection next week, paving the way for insulation and drywall installation. Thank you for your loving support of our Building Renovation Project.

Winter Weather Advisory

- ✝ Check the weather report before coming to Mass.
- ✝ Dress accordingly.
- ✝ Consider bringing a blanket if it’s especially cold.
- ✝ Please don’t feel obligated to come to Mass if you have concerns. You will be missed, but it might be wise for you to watch a live streamed Mass.

Hope’s Pantry

Our Hope’s Pantry assists individuals and families in need of food every Wednesday at 10 am.



Christmas Mass Schedule



Christmas Eve, Thursday, Dec. 24 at 4:30 pm

Christmas Morning, Friday, Dec. 25 at 10:00 am



You are invited this Sunday or during the week to bring a handmade or other family ornament to share with our parish community. The ornaments, representing our families, will be placed on our live Christmas tree and returned following the Christmas Season. Our tree will be planted in memory of those who have died from the COVID-19 virus. May these final days of Advent and the Christmas Season unite us with all who have suffered greatly during this very difficult time.

Poinsettia Mass Intentions



You are invited to bring a poinsettia plant before Christmas Eve with a Mass Intention. The traditional Christmas plants will be part of our festive celebration of the Feast of Christmas—The Birth of Our Lord.

Let us Pray: Eternal God, the refuge of all your children, in our weakness, you are our strength; in our darkness, you are our light; in our sorrow, you are our comfort and peace. May we always live in your presence and serve you in our daily lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. —**St. Boniface**

Lectio Divina for the Fourth Week of Advent

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



Prayer:

Hear in kindness, O Lord, the prayers of your people, that those who rejoice at the coming of your Only Begotten Son in our flesh may, when at last he comes in glory, gain the reward of eternal life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Reading: Read **Luke 1:26-38** two or three times.

Meditation: After the reading, take time to reflect in silence on one or more of the following questions: What word or words in this passage caught your attention? What in this passage comforted you? What in this passage challenged you?

Prayer: Read the Scripture passage one more time. Bring to the Lord the praise, petition, or thanksgiving that the Word inspires in you.

Contemplation: Read the Scripture again, followed by this reflection—What conversion of mind, heart, and life is the Lord asking of me?

“Do not be afraid.” What fears keep me from living according to God’s will? How can my faith help me to overcome those fears?

“You have found favor with God.” When have I felt God’s favor in my life? How have I responded to the favor?

“Therefore the child to be born will be called holy.” How do I acknowledge God’s holiness? How do I live my Christian call to holiness?

After a period of silent reflection:

Recite the Lord’s prayer and the Psalm for this Sunday, Psalm 24:1-6

Living the Word This Week:

How can I make my life a gift for others?

Sacrament of Reconciliation - Available in our Saint Francis Prayer Garden by appointment at 659-2224.

“The Advent mystery is the beginning of the end of all that is not yet Christ.” —Thomas Merton

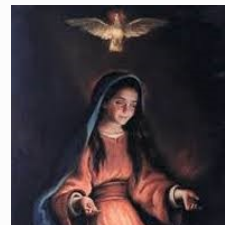
Weekly Offertory Report 12/13/20

Offertory \$1,451; Special Christmas \$7,000; Mass Intentions \$150; Other \$45; Total \$8,646.

Mass Intentions - Dec 20-25, 2020

Sun	10:00 am	+Bruna Odello +Jim Wylie +Felicia Colton	
	12:00 pm	+Maria de Jesus Morgadinho	
Wed	12:00 pm	Victims of COVID 19	
Thur	4:30 pm	Christmas Eve—Families of the Parish	
Fri	10:00 am	Christmas Day—Families of the Parish	

CUARTO DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO



2 Samuel 7, 1-5, 8-12, 14, 16; Salmo 88; Romanos 16:25-27; San Lucas 1:26-38

Celebramos el ultimo domingo del Adviento del Señor. San Lucas con revela los comienzos de la encarnación del Hijo de Dios. Dios elige a una jovencita humilde y sencilla, “llena de gracia,” de nombre María, para concretizar la promesa del Salvador.



Nuestras Misas de la Navidad:

El jueves, nochebuena, 24 de diciembre, 4:30 pm
El viernes, en la mañana, 25 de diciembre, 10:00 am

Todos están invitados a traer un adorno hecho a mano o un adorno sencillito de familia el domingo próximo para compartir con nuestra comunidad parroquial. Los adornos, representando nuestras familias, decorarán el árbol de Navidad y serán regresados después de la Navidad. Plantaremos el árbol en memoria de las personas que han muerto del virus de COVID-19. Que estos días de Adviento nos unan con todos que han sufrido durante la pandemia.

Las Flores de Nochebuena y las Intenciones



Estamos invitados a participar esta semana, antes del 24 de diciembre, en la tradición de ofrecer una planta de nochebuena con una intención de Misa.

Oremos: Dios de bondad y misericordia, que eliges a los humildes para llevar a termino tus designios de salvación, escucha nuestras plegarias y concede a tu Iglesia los dones del Espíritu Santo, para que a imitación de María, acoja a tu Hijo, el Verbo de vida, y se alegre como madre feliz de una descendencia santa y eterno. Por Jesucristo, nuestro Señor. Amen.

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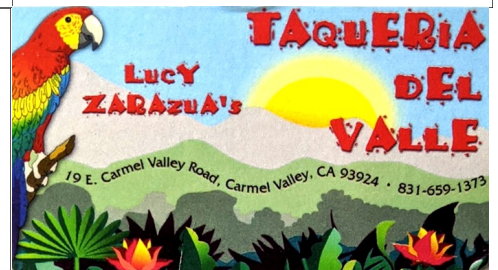
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Nuestra Señora del Monte Carmelo es una cálida y acogedora comunidad Católica que sirve el Evangelio con profunda fe, esperanza y amor como testigo vivo y lleno del Espíritu del Corazón de Jesús presente y vivo en el Valle del Carmel.

Pastor: Father Dennis Gallo

Special Mass Schedule

Sunday: 10 am and 12 Noon

Weekday Masses: Wednesday - Friday, 12 Noon

Special Reconciliation Schedule

By appointment in the Parish Office

Office Hours

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

Parish Ministries

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Patricia Merrifield, Kim Hlasny

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