

TRANSFIGURATION PARISH



Christmas is coming

—Advent Message Series—

Christmas is the season of hope. The season awakens in us the deepest desire of heart that life could be and should be better. We hope we will get what we want for Christmas, we hope the season will be filled with cheer, hope that our families will get along with one another. We have hope and yet we also have fears that maybe our hope is unfounded. It can be dangerous to hope because hope unfulfilled makes the heart sick. Hope unfulfilled can be painful.

And so often we manage expectations and disappointments. We feel like we should give up because nothing good happens. However, Christ didn't come to lower our expectations but to exceed them.

In this series, we will look at the importance of hope as a Christian virtue and why hope doesn't disappoint.

WEEK FOUR: Hope Fulfilled

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 22, 2019

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

LITURGY OF THE WORD

READING I

— IS 7:10-14

The LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying: Ask for a sign from the LORD, your God; let it be deep as the netherworld, or high as the sky! But Ahaz answered, "I will not ask! I will not tempt the LORD!" Then Isaiah said: Listen, O house of David! Is it not enough for you to weary people, must you also weary my God? Therefore the Lord himself will give you this sign: the virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel.

Psalm 24: We Long See Your Face #25

READING II

— ROM 1:1-7

Paul, a slave of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised previously through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, the gospel about his Son, descended from David according to the flesh, but established as Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness through resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord. Through him we have received the grace of apostleship, to bring about the obedience of faith, for the sake of his name, among all the Gentiles, among whom are you also, who are called to belong to Jesus Christ; to all the beloved of God in Rome, called to be holy. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL

—MT 1:18-24

This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child through the Holy Spirit. Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame, decided to divorce her quietly. Such was his intention when, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: *Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel*, which means "God is with us." When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home.

SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

General Intention

Pope's Intentions: That every country take the measures necessary to prioritize the future of the very young, especially those who are suffering.

4:00 pm : † Helen & Edward Lucas

6:00 pm : Leaders of our Nations

8:00 am : Ray & Irene Anders
† Charlette Weber
† Theresa Solimini
† Mike Sanks

10:00 am : † Albert, Ethel, & Patricia Wagner
† Anna Remy
† Peter Tortorice
† Mario Bertolani

12:30 pm : The unborn & Fragile Elderly

MASS INTENTIONS: Daily Mass Intentions are available for parishioners who would like their intentions to be remembered at Mass. Intentions are available for those who have died or for someone who is living. Stop by the Parish Office or call us to obtain a date and time.



WEEK FOUR: Hope Fulfilled

ONE CHURCH — ONE MESSAGE:

ADVENT MESSAGE SERIES

WEEK FOUR – Hope Fulfilled

Scripture: Matthew 1: 18-24

What do we want you to know? Jesus is our true hope and he is with us.

What do we want you to do? Make last minute invitations for Christmas at Transfiguration.

The angel of the Lord told Joseph great words of true hope: “She (Mary) will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus ...which means “God is with us. ” Our ultimate hope and desire, the deepest longing for our hearts is for Jesus. We thirst for him, we long for him. In this week, we will focus on Jesus and how he fulfills all our hopes and desires. We will look at Christmas and the coming of Jesus as our true fulfillment.

Monday, December 23 - Advent Weekday

✠ MAL 3: 1-4 / LK 1: 57-66

Tuesday, December 24 - Advent Weekday

✠ Morning 2 Sm 7: 1-5 , 8b-12 , 14a , 16 / LK 1: 67-79

8:00 am Those Experiencing a Crisis of Faith

3:00 pm † Janie Glaser
 † Gerald Walters
 † Joanne Post
 † Robert Dembski
 † Ita Torrez

6:00 pm † The Souls of Purgatory

10:00 pm Catholics Coming Home

Wednesday, December 25 - The Nativity of the Lord

✠ IS 52:7-10 / HEB 1: 1-6 / Jn 1: 1-6 / Jn 1: 1-18

12:00 am † The Souls of Purgatory

8:00 am World Peace
 † George Mueller Sr.

10:00 am † Walter , Catherine & Wally Bectke

12:00 pm For Priests

Thursday, December 26 - St. Stephen

✠ ACTS 6: 8-10 ; 7: 54-59 / MT 10: 17-22

8:00 am The Seriously ill

7:00 pm Those in financial crisis

Friday, December 27— St. John Apostle

✠ 1 JN 1: 1-4 / JN 20: 1a, 2-8

8:00 am Those affected by terrorist actions

Saturday, December 28 - Holy Innocents

✠ 1 JN 1: 5-2:2 / MT 2: 13-18

Sunday, December 29-Holy Family Of Jesus , Mary and Joseph

✠ SIR 3: 2-6, 12-14 / col 3: 12-21 / MT 2:13-15, 19-23

4:00 pm † The Souls of Purgatory

6:00 pm For Community Unity

8:00 am † Theresa Solimini

10:00 am † Peggy Mathes , † Clifford Benjamin ,
 † Albert , Ethel & Patricia Wagner , † George Mueller Sr.

CALENDARIO SEMANAL**KALENDARZ TYGODNIOWY****Sunday, December 22 (Fourth Sunday of Advent)**

5:45 am Spanish Mass-CH

8:00 am RCIA-MR.2&3

8:00 am AA Meeting -YH

2:00 pm Art & Environmental-Decorating-CH

Monday, December 23 (No School Winter Break)

6:30 am Journeymen Prayer Group —MR1

8:00 am Communion Service

6:00 pm LOTW Faith Sharing -SMO

7:00 pm Spanish Prayer Group-CH

Tuesday, December 24 (Christmas Eve)

Parish Office Open till 1:00 pm

3:00 pm English Mass-CH

6:30 pm Spanish Mass-CH

10:00 pm English Mass-CH

Wednesday, December 25 (No School Winter Break)

Parish Office Closed All Day

12:00 am Polish Mass-CH

10:00 am English Mass-Ch

8:00 am English Mass-CH

12:00 pm Polish Mass-CH

Thursday, December 26 (No School Winter Break)

Parish Office Closed All Day

8:00 am English Mass-CH

5:00 pm Weight Watchers —MR1&2:

6:00 pm Rosary Making-SMOF

7:00 pm NO Choir Rehearsal —CH

7:00 pm Polish Mass-CH

Friday, December 27 (Winter Break No School)

7:00 pm Escuela de la Cruz (men) -YH

7:00 pm Music-Coro Hispano —CH

Saturday, December 28

8:00 am Communion Service -CH

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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The QUEEN is coming:

The Queen of hearts will be coming in January of 2020 more details to follow.

Parish (Calendars):

Calendars are available in the Gathering Place take one of your language of choice available in English or Spanish

Parish (Memory Altar):

If you haven't taken your memorabilia from the altar of the day of the dead please stop by the parish office to pick them up.

Christmas Parish Office Hours:

Parish Office will be closing at Noon on December 24, 2019 and on December 31, 2019 the Parish Office will be Closed all day on December 25 & 26, 2019 and January 1, 2020. On December 27, 2019 the office will be closing at 4:30 pm. Frassati Catholic Academy will be closed starting December 23, 2019 through January 8, 2020 for their Christmas break.

Oplatki:

Oplatki is available for purchase in the Parish office for \$2.00 per package.

NO CONFESSIONS :

There wont be confessions from December 23rd to January 3rd.

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THANK YOU!

STEWARDSHIP

SOMOS DISCIPULOS COMPROMETIDOS

DZIELENIE SIĘ DARAMI

"When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home."

MATTHEW 1:24

Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Striving to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may lead us. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.

"Cuando José despertó, hizo lo que el ángel del Señor le había mandado y llevó a su esposa a su casa".

MATEO 1:24

Poner completamente nuestra confianza en el Señor sin esperar nada a cambio. Esforzarnos por poner a Dios primero en todas las cosas y seguirlo a donde sea que nos guíe. Mientras nos vamos preparando para el nacimiento de nuestro Señor, reze por fuerza y coraje para ser un discípulo modelo, tal como lo fue José.



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LET US PRAY

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ADVENT HYMN

O come, o come, Emmanuel

O come, O come, Immanuel,
and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely exile
here until the Son of God
appear.

Refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, O come, great Lord
of might, who to your tribes
on Sinai's height in ancient
times did give the law in
cloud and majesty and awe.

Refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.



Merry Christmas!



Christmas Greetings!

"Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel." Isaiah 7:14

A New Testament reference to this prophecy is found in Matthew 1:23 and goes on to share the meaning of the Name "Immanuel" which is "God with us." I don't know about you, but the wonderful assurance I feel when I read a verse such as this gives me great assurance for the day and age we live. If there is ever a day we need the assurance of the presence of God, it is today, and we know God's presence still abides with us through the presence and power of the Holy Spirit.

When Jesus came to earth over 2,000 years ago in the form of a little child, it was both the fulfillment of many prophecies declaring it would happen, but also was the beginning of the revelation of God the Father to a lost and dying world.

God was declaring Who He was through the life of His Son. A powerful scripture shares this truth. "If you really knew me, you would know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him." (John 14: 7) Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us." (John 14: 8) Jesus answered:

"Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?" (John 14: 9)

Too often we can become so enthralled with the trappings of Christmas, yet fail to realize it was ALL about God coming to earth to reveal His unconditional love and continual reaching out to mankind in mercy and grace.

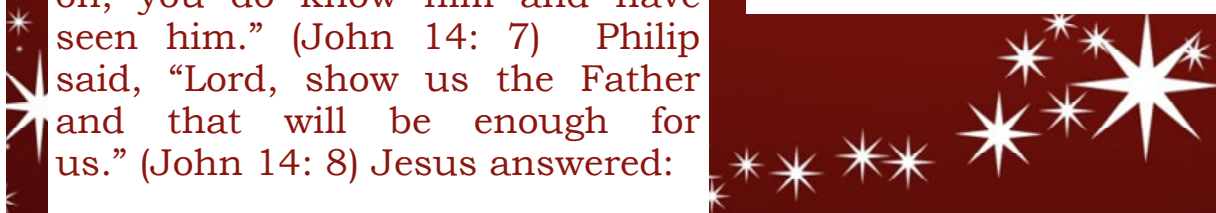
As we once again celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, I pray you would take time to appreciate this wonderful God who is still "with us". He is STILL Immanuel! He is a personal God who loves you beyond anything or anyone and will be there for you even when the closest of friends turn and walk the other way.

Take time to reflect and appreciate "God with us" during this season.

Blessings in Christ,



Rev. Juan Pablo Avila Ibarra



THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

THE ORDER OF MASS

I. INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE HYMN

Joy To The World

Hillsong United Version

Joy to the world, the Lord is come
Let earth receive her King
Let every heart prepare Him room
And heaven and nature sing
And heaven and nature sing
We will sing joy

Joy to the world, the Savior reigns
Let men their songs employ
While fields and floods, rocks, hills
and plains

Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat the sounding joy
We will sing joy
We will sing joy
We will sing joy
Joy to the world

He rules the world with truth and
grace

And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love
And wonders of His love
We will sing joy
We will sing joy
We will sing joy
Joy to the world

GREETING

Priest: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Assembly: Amen

Priest: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Assembly: And with your spirit

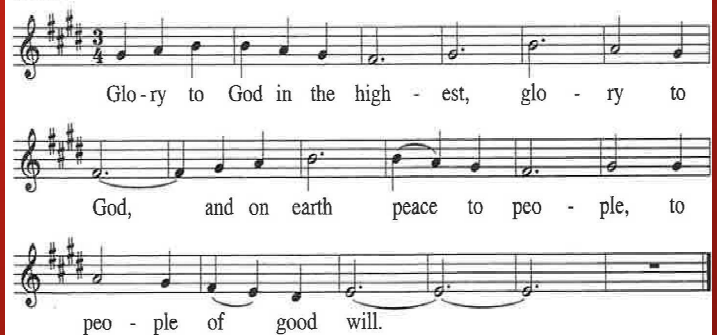
PENITENTIAL ACT

GLORIA

Mass of Light

David Hass

Refrain



COLLECT / OPENING PRAYER

The priest says the Prayer over the Collect and all respond: AMEN

II. LITURGY OF THE WORD

Worship Hymnal # 892

First Reading

—IS 9:1-6

* After the Reading:

Lector: The Word of the Lord

Assembly: Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Worship Hymnal # 49

Second Reading

—TI 2:11-14

* After the Reading:

Lector: The Word of the Lord

Assembly: Thanks be to God.

Gospel

—LK 2:1-14

* Before the Gospel, an acclamation is sung.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mass of Light

David Hass

* Before the Gospel:

Refrain



Priest: The Lord be with you

Assembly: And with your spirit.

* After the Gospel:

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord

Assembly: Praise to your, Lord Jesus Christ.

Refrain



HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

III. LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

Light of the World

Priest: Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

Assembly: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

The priest says the Prayer over the Offerings and all respond: **AMEN**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Preface Dialogue

Priest: The Lord be with you.

Assembly: And with your spirit

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

Assembly: We lift them up to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Assembly: It is right and just.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Mass of Light

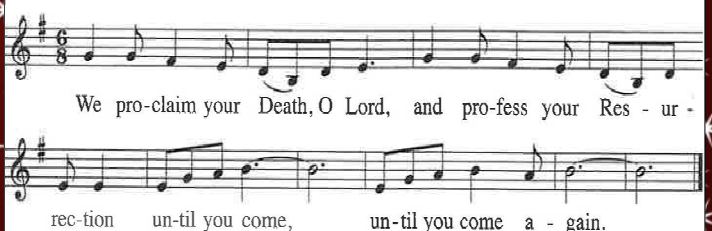
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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Mass of Light

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CONCLUDING DOXOLOGY & AMEN

Priest: Through him... for ever and ever.

Assembly:



IV. COMMUNION RITE

The Lord's Prayer

Then the Priest says: Deliver us, Lord, we pray... and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Assembly: For the Kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever.

Sign of Peace

Priest: Lord Jesus Christ, who said... for ever and ever.

Assembly: AMEN

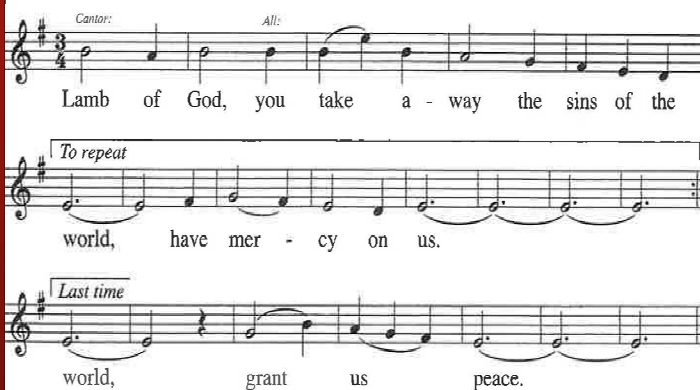
Priest: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Assembly: And with your spirit.

Lamb of God

Mass of Light

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Invitation to Communion

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

Assembly: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION SONG

Night of Silence / Silent Night

Worship Hymnal # 371 & 372

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Worship Hymnal # 356

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The priest says the Prayer After Communion and all respond: AMEN

V. THE CONCLUDING RITES

Priest: The Lord be with you.

Assembly: And with your spirit

Priest: May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Assembly: Amen

Priest: Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.

Assembly: Thanks be to God.

SONG OF DISMISSAL

Angels We Have Heard on High

Worship Hymnal #361



NEW YEAR'S

Mass Schedule

December 31, 2019

— SANTA MARIA,
MADRE DE DIOS —

✠ 7:00pm — Español

January 1, 2020

—BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
THE MOTHER OF GOD—

✠ 9:00am — English

✠ Półudnie — Po polsku



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Next week's mass ministers Dec. 28 & 29, 2019

Thank you for ministering at our weekly worship. Your attentive participation enhances the celebration for everyone.

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4:00 pm English Language Mass SATURDAY			
Fr. Piotr <u>Clare Keane</u> <u>Mike Keane</u> Janie Piccolo	Dc. Chris Fisher Bill Barron Beata Dempsey Lorrie Gaughan	Addie Dempsey Daniel Fisher	G1: Volunteer Needed G2: Volunteer Needed L1: Janel Kovarik L2: Carolyn Hune
6:00 pm Spanish Language Mass			
Fr. Jesus Haro Leslie Medellin Darlen Alarcon Jazmine Santiago	DC. JOSE Juan Gonzalez Marina Ortiz Jesus Ortiz	Eddy Gonzalez Josue Guerrero Lillian Perez Vanessa Esquivel	L1: Denise Ortiz Ps: Denise Ortiz L2: Marina Ortiz Petitions: Marina Ortiz
8:00 am English Language Mass SUNDAY			
Fr. Piotr <u>Priscilla Padavic</u> <u>Jill Ryan</u> Sheila Wolverton	Dave Jakubek Britany Ortiz Marina Ortiz Jesse Ortiz	Fiona Ackerson Keira Ackerson	G1: Marlene Buntenbach G2: Barbara Zonca L1: John Mills L2: Deb Lezon
10:00 am English Language Mass			
Fr. Juan Pablo Bev McKeown <u>Magen Robison</u> <u>Nancy Slupski</u> John Wallor Paula Watson	Dc. Chris Fisher Mary Ann Fijalkiewicz Kathie Blaszk Carolyn Cox Lenore Speciale Maria Weisbruch	Kasey Kruger Volunteer Needed	G1: Volunteer Needed G2: Volunteer Needed L1: Marty Napoli L2: Ken Michaels
12:30 pm Polish Language Mass			
Fr. Piotr Beata Dempsey Adam Brak Gienia Kalinowski Volunteer Needed	Dc. Feliks	Alex Waz Maximilian Waz Karol Nowak	C: Zofia Decowska L1: Artur Drewno L2: Tadeusz Magiera

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