



Love

"Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means "God is with us."

Matthew 1:23

"La virgen concebirá y dará a luz un hijo, y le pondrán por nombre Emmanuel,"

que significa:

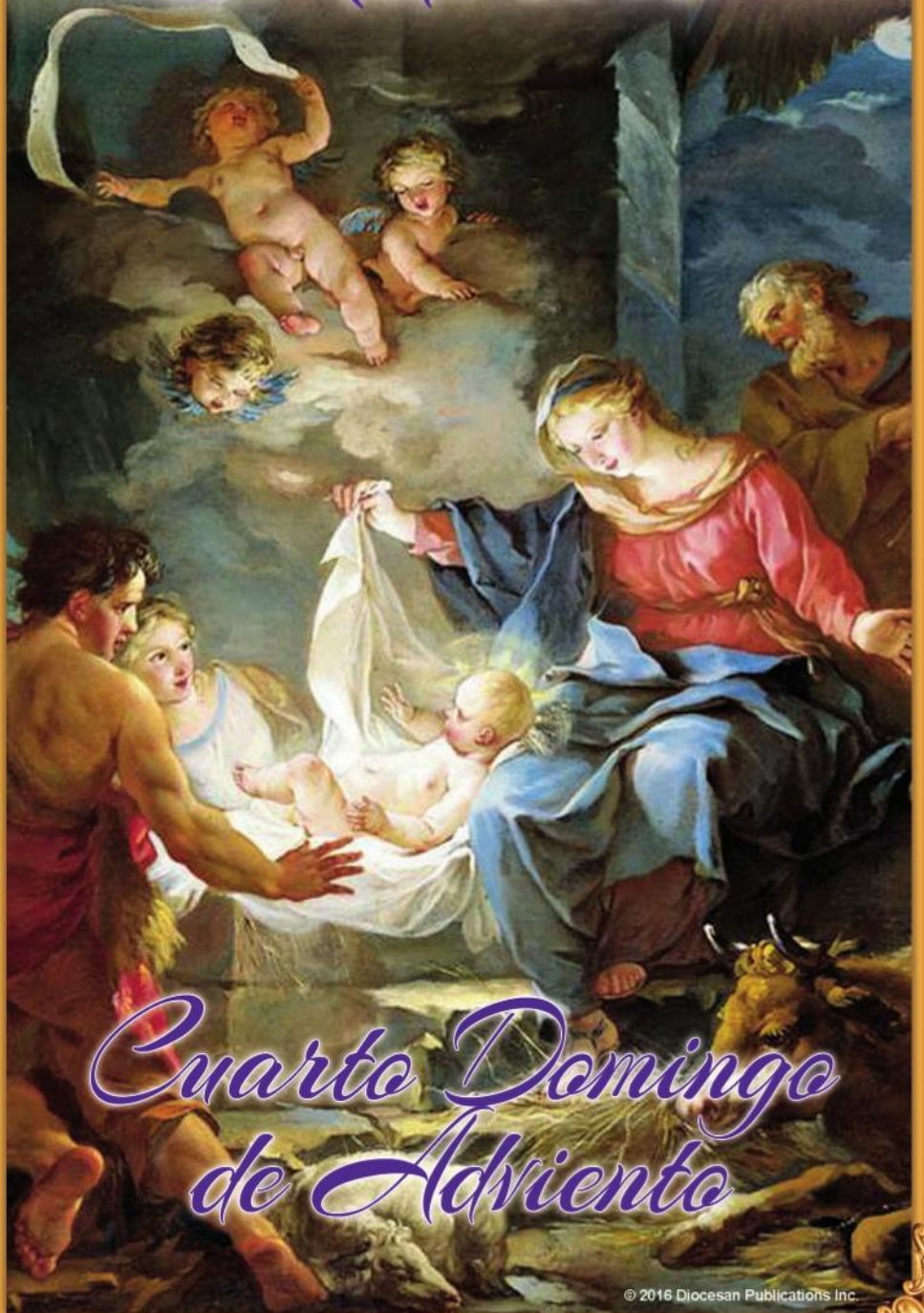
"Dios-con-nosotros."

Mateo 1, 23

Amor



Fourth Sunday of Advent



Cuarta Domingo de Adviento

Mass Intentions for the Week

- Mon 12/19 8:15 A.M. † Carmen Rodriguez
- Tues 12/20 8:15 A.M. † Jose/Julia Rodriguez
- Wed 12/21 8:15 A.M. Reynaldo Vela = SI
- Thurs 12/22 8:15 A.M. † Lloyd Vaughan
Jacob Sanchez = B
- Fri 12/23 8:15 A.M. † Angelita Castilleja
† Roy Salinas
† Josefina Valenciano
- Sat 12/24 3:00 P.M. † Jose/Consuelo Garza
† Emma Arechiga
Dalfonzo Duncan = SI
5:00 P.M. † Kenneth Cooper
Reinaldo Sharpe = SI
7:00 P.M. † Arianna Cook
† Carmen/Edilio Cantu, Sr.
- 11:00 P.M. † Pedro/Maria Rodriguez
Carlos Rodriguez & Fam = SI
- Sun 12/25 9:00 A.M. † Edward Matthews
† Henry Presz
† Ella Tillman
11:00 A.M. † Jose G. & Ricky S. Garcia
† Henrietta Manzano
1:00 P.M. † Miguel Angel Gonzalez
† Jose Luis Delgado
7:00 P.M. Anthony Rodriguez y Fam.
Robert Rodriguez = SI

SI = Special Intention L & D = Living and Deceased



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn in loving memory of *Victoria N. Marco*



HOLY HOUR AND ADORATION
If someone you loved and hadn't seen in a while wanted to see you badly, wouldn't you make time to show that person how much you care? Jesus is waiting for you at the next Holy Hour Thursday, December 22nd at 7 p.m. and he loves you more than anyone ☺



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CONGRATULATIONS , PADRE ALEJANDRO!
No one is a stranger to him, he's curious about everything and there is no place he hasn't traveled that isn't interesting or exciting! We want to congratulate our beloved pastor, *Padre Alejandro del Bosque*, for 29 years of shepherding God's people. He was ordained into the priesthood on December 24, 1987. Let's remember him in our prayers and ask God to continue to bless him with health, happiness and wisdom to continue guiding God's children.



Mass Schedule

Saturday, December 24th Christmas Eve :
3 p.m., 5 p.m. Children's Mass, 7 p.m. and 11 p.m. bilingual Mass
Sunday, December 25th Christmas Day
9 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m. Spanish ;7 p.m. Spanish

THE CHILDREN'S MASS DECEMBER 24TH
The Children's Mass on Christmas Eve is at 5 p.m. This is a treat for the families especially with small children. There is a Nativity play which recounts the birth of our Savior! Be sure to come early; the church fills up very quickly for this Mass ☺

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD MASSES
Saturday, December 31st 5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass (bilingual)
Sunday, January 1, 2017
9 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m. Spanish Mass, 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Spanish Mass

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



PARTY CLOSE TO HOME
Ring in the New Year at St. Monica's New Year's Eve Party Saturday, December 31st in the PARISH HALL. The committee does such a good job with the decorations, food and music that you won't need to go elsewhere to enjoy an extravagant and unforgettable evening! Party from 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. and Dinner is served from

7 p.m. to 9 p.m. More details to come in future bulletins.



Las Posadas commemorates the journey that Joseph and Mary made from Nazareth to Bethlehem in search of a safe refuge where Mary could give birth to the baby Jesus. When they were unable to find lodging in Bethlehem, Joseph and Mary were forced to seek shelter in a stable, where the Christ child was born. Please come be part of this Christmas tradition and bring your family. **Sunday, December 18th** at 7:30 p.m. to the SCHOOL'S GYM . There will be cookies, pastries, hot chocolate, buñuelos, tamales and other delectable foods of the season! Thank you, Bertha Castellanos, for being the main coordinator of this extraordinary event!



The second collection this weekend is for the Retirement Fund for Religious. This money goes towards the care of senior members in religious communities.

Sunday collection: \$ 10,473.50
St. Vincent de Paul: \$ 4,994.00
Immaculate Conception: \$12,195.50



GIFTS DUE THIS SUNDAY!
We want to thank all of those who participated in the Angel Tree gift program. We ask that you bring back the gift by Sunday, December 18th to the church foyer. It must be wrapped and with the label securely taped to the gift to ensure that it will get delivered to the right child and family ☺



Our Advent Penance Service will be Wednesday, December 21st at 7 p.m. There will be several priests assisting with confessions including those who speak Spanish.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

NO CLASSES ON THE DATES:

December 21 and December 28 and January 4th, 2017

CLASSES RESUME: January 11, 2017

OFFICE CLOSURES

Friday, December 23rd and Monday, December 26th for Christmas and Monday, January 2, 2017

ATTENTION ALL LAY MINISTERS

We need Sacristans, Lectors, E.M.'s, Altar Servers and Ushers for the Masses on Christmas and for Mary, Mother of God. Sign up list in Chapel or online.

ST. JOHN PAUL II CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Winter Basketball & Baseball Camps

The SJPII Head Coaches & Staff will be hosting two winter camps in 2017. Camps are **FREE** to all participants!

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