



4th SUNDAY *of Advent*

"And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy." - Lk 1:43-44

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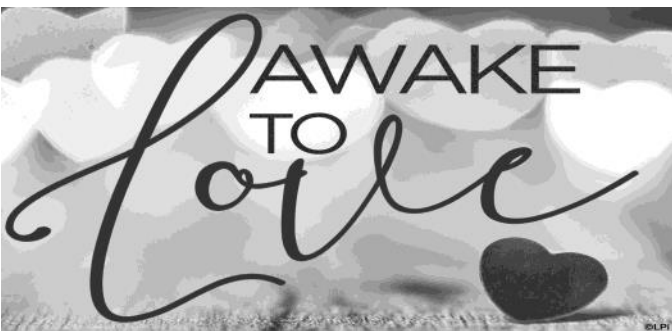
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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Here we are, mere days from Christmas, and we hear a Gospel anticipating the birth of another child. Mary has received word that her cousin Elizabeth is with child. Pregnant as she is, Mary "set out and traveled to the hill country in haste." She has recently received the greatest news of her life - that she is to be mother to the Messiah by the power of the Holy Spirit - but her concern is for her cousin in need. Through God's grace, Elizabeth turns it into an opportunity to honor the coming Christ. "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." Yet Mary's example of selflessness should inspire us.

As Christmas draws near, there is plenty of goodness to anticipate for many of us. We'll reunite with family and friends, uphold time-honored traditions, swap stories old and new, exchange gifts, and welcome Jesus at the Christmas liturgy. These are wonderful things! Of course, they probably all come with their own to-do list. Shop for last-minute gifts, pick up recipe ingredients, ready the guest room, or pack your own bags. Mary probably had things to do as well. She had a lot to consider, for one thing. How do you plan to tell your parents you're pregnant, but no man was involved? When Joseph finds out, who will care for the practical needs of you and your child? Into what may have been a chaos of questions, Mary receives news that someone is in need. She goes immediately.

In these final days before Christmas, stay watchful and awake! You never know when God might invite you to welcome, hospitality, and compassion. It might be tempting to reject the opportunity for your own needs. Follow the example of Mary! If God is providing you an opportunity to love, He will provide the means to accomplish all your other tasks. This Christmas season, may you too hear, "Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."



Parish Stewardship "Treasure Report"
Due to an early transmittal time, the collection for December 16th will be published in the December 30th Bulletin.
Thank you for your continued generosity.

Welcome to Facebook Corpus Christi Parish! Please see our new parish Facebook page and click "Like". Feel free to share the page with friends so they can find out about Corpus Christi.

A MESSAGE FROM FR. PAT....

When the angel Gabriel encountered Mary, perhaps during her evening walk, he told her of God's plan to birth the "Son of the Highest" into life through her body. It was an incomprehensible request of preposterous proportion. Mary could have said "no", but, instead, she said, "May it be done to me according to your word" (Luke 1:38). Three months later, Mary's cousin, Elizabeth, said to her, "Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."

In our lives God speaks to us, and we know what he asks of us. May our response be the same as Mary's so that the purpose of our lives could also be fulfilled.

These two short days before Christmas remind us of God's powerful promises on the brink of fulfillment. We are not the only ones waiting and wondering what is yet to come, especially in these uneasy times. We have the perspective of history on how earlier promises bore fruit as well as our own yearnings. Do we believe that there are promises still to be fulfilled, and, if so, how do we demonstrate that?

I thank all who contributed to our annual Christmas Giving Tree. A special thank you to Maria Wojciechowski and Helen Costa who helped to organize, gather and deliver the gifts to the organizations receiving them. Your help is appreciated.

Please take note of our Christmas Schedule that was sent to all registered parishioners and is listed in our Bulletin and on our website.

On behalf of the Priests, Deacons and Parish Staff, I extend a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year to our entire Corpus Christi family.

God Bless,
Fr. Pat



If you have felt the Holy Spirit moving you to become involved with a ministry and have a love of children, come share your faith with the children of Corpus Christi. LTWC is in need of volunteers for 10:00am Sunday Mass (children's Mass). If you are interested or would like to learn more, please contact Donna Palmiotto at (201) 288-8012.



4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve: December 24th
4:00pm—Chapel
4:15pm—Church
10:00pm—Chapel

Christmas Day: December 25th
8:00am—Church
10:00am—Chapel
12:00nn—Chapel

Mary, Mother of God: January 1st
5:00pm—Church (Dec. 31st)
9:00am & 12:00nn—Church

PARISH CENTER HOLIDAY HOURS MASS TIME CHANGE

Please note that there is only **ONE** daily Mass on Monday, December 24th, at 8am and on Wednesday, December 26th, at 8am. Adoration will be closed from December 24th—26th.

Parish Center Hours:

Monday, December 24th: 9am—1pm
Tuesday, December 25th: All facilities closed
Wednesday, December 26th: All facilities closed
Thursday, December 27th: 9am—1pm
Friday, December 28th: 9am—1pm
Saturday, December 29th: 9am—1:30pm

SAVE THE DATE

The *Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity* Book Review Program will begin on Saturday, January 12th. It will run for 7 Saturdays and be held in Corpus Christi School's cafeteria. Water, coffee and tea will be provided. Each session will run about 2 hours. Registration will be required. The Registration Form will be included in an upcoming Bulletin.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy."

When you hear the scripture readings and Gospel reading each Sunday, do you "leap for joy?" If not, don't blame the lecturer or priest, rather look inside yourself. Do you prepare for Mass each week or do you just show up and expect to be entertained? We are called to be active participants, not passive bystanders.

MEALS WITH A MISSION

If you would like to volunteer your time to feed the hungry and less fortunate, then Meals with a Mission is for you! Please call (201) 986-6325 or email carolwalsh@mealswithamissionni.org.



ADORER NEEDED

A permanent, reliable Adorer is needed for Mondays from 2-3pm effective January 7, 2019. If you are available to spend one hour with Jesus every Monday, please contact Rita at (201) 288-5210.

CORPUS CHRISTI YOUTH SPORTS

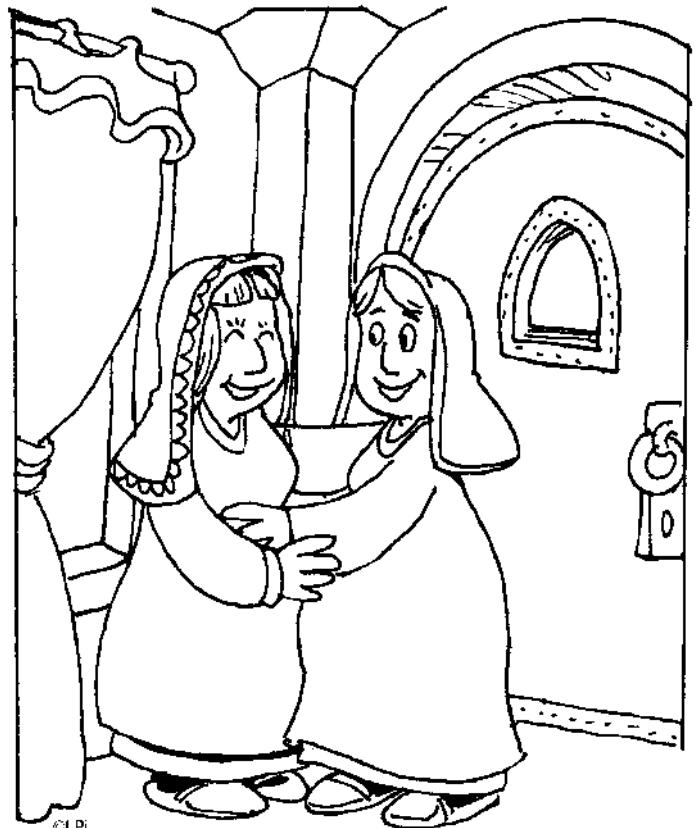
Corpus Christi's Basketball Program have two great fundraisers for you to enjoy. First, their Chick-fil-A cards are on sale...while supplies last! For only \$7.00 per card, you can enjoy a delicious meal at Chick-fil-A in Teterboro or any location. Cards are redeemable for a Chicken Sandwich Meal or 8-count Nugget Meal—valid until 9/30/20. To purchase a card or two (great last minute Stocking Stuffers), contact Caroline Crowley at (201) 694-2256 or email mrs-carolinecrowley@gmail.com.



Looking for good food and time off from cooking after Christmas? Join us at The Heights Bar & Grill on Wednesday, December 26th from 11:30am—11pm. Take out or eat in for lunch or dinner. 20% of the proceeds will go to our Basketball Program (flyer required). See a member or take one from the Church, Chapel or Parish Center. Parents, stay and join Bar Trivia that begins at 9pm!



Read the Gospel and Color



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ANTICIPATED MASS, DECEMBER 22

5:00 PM Bobby Senzon (12th Anniv)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23

8:00 AM Ann Fuhro

10:00 AM Mary Aluotto

12:00 NN Sal LoSauro

6:00 PM Vincent M. Ventriglia

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24

8:00 AM John Laylin

4:00 PM Donna Sanfillippo & Gene Flanery

4:15 PM Mary Ann & Michael Niekrewicz

10:00 PM People of the Parish

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25

8:00 AM William McKeever, Jr.

10:00 AM Jorge M. Diaz (1st Anniv)

12:00 NN Rose & Louis Romano

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26

8:00 AM Rev. Msgr. Robert Fitzpatrick

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27

6:30 AM Maria Bussanich

8:00 AM John E. Smith

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28

6:30 AM Joan Emberger

8:00 AM Jenny & Joseph Saffioti

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29

8:00 AM Michael Kennedy

ANTICIPATED MASS

5:00 PM Antonio Raffaele

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30

8:00 AM Gary Glenn Doran

10:00 AM William, Joshua & Shane Lohrmann

12:00 NN Robert Esposito

6:00 PM People of the Parish

CANDLES FOR THE WEEK

The candles to be burned on our altars this week were donated in loving memory of **Robert Esposito** from the Esposito Family.

HOSTS FOR THE WEEK

The hosts to be consecrated at all the Masses were donated in loving memory of **John E. Smith** from Rosemary Smith.

WINE FOR THE WEEK

The wine to be consecrated at all the Masses was donated in loving memory of **Jorge M. Diaz** from the Metcalfe, Calderone & Cheplic Families.



PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

Please remember the deceased members of our families, friends and community, especially Rose Marie Casale, Pedro Villalobos Fernandez, John Dooley

May the Holy Spirit sustain those who are poor and oppressed, the sick, suffering, and sorrowing of all ages, especially, Justin Duffy, Margaret Marchetta, Antonio Salcines, Albert DeBenedictis, Mary Nichols, Dennis Dzugay, Cosmelina Cammarata, Fred Baxter, Baby Adrian Victor Sanfilippo, Paul Giordano, Debbie Murphy, Gary Ryan, Christine Ryan, Dee Sullivan, Bing Savkov, Bonnie Poznar, Danielle Delfino, Patricia Kunzmann, Christine Ryan (daughter), Michael Heitmann, Christina Belej, Patricia Casey, Noreen Ryan, Joseph Cooney, Frank Coccaro, Elaine Adamkiewicz

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS...

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23

RCIA—11:15 AM/PC1stFLCR

Bball—2 PM/Gym

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24

All Facilities Closed

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25

All Facilities Closed

AA—8 PM/ECLC

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26

Adoration—11 AM to 11 PM/Adoration Chapel

Bball Tournament—Gym

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27

Adoration—11 AM to 11 PM/Adoration Chapel

Bball Tournament—Gym

Men's Cursillo—7:30 PM/PC1stFLCR

Men's Bball—9 PM/Gym

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28

Adoration—11 AM to 11 PM/Adoration Chapel

Bball Tournament—Gym

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29

Bball Tournament—Gym

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30

Bball Tournament—Gym

Youth Group

ACCTm will NOT meet this Sunday (12/23) or next Sunday, (12/30). Our next meeting will be on January 6. Merry Christmas!

CHRISTMAS DINNER PRAYER

Loving God and Father of us all, we joyfully celebrate the birth of your Son, the eternal Word who came to dwell with us and is born this day of the Virgin Mary. May the meal we share on this great feast satisfy us not only with the good food you give us, but also grace us with the fullness of your love, which you bestowed on our human nature when your Son took on our very flesh. May we come to share completely in your divine life through the coming of your Son among us. May his self-giving love be made manifest in our hearts so that the joy of our Christmas feast may extend beyond our family and home to touch the lives of others with the love that makes this day holy and makes us all children of one family in you. Amen.