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Sacraments/Services

Reconciliation ~ 15 Minutes Before Masses

Baptism ~ Parent instruction required (Recommended before birth)

Marriage ~ Contact us at least 6 months, prior to the date.

Religious Ed Classes ~ Sept. - May on Sunday at 9:00 AM

Ministry of Care ~ Bring communion, visit homes, hospitals, or nursing facilities.

PLEASE inform the office if your personal data changes
(Address, phone, status, etc.)

To register at Christ the King church,
please fill out the blue or yellow registration sheet found in the Narthex.

Office hours: Tuesday 8-4 and Wednesday 8-4

Bulletin deadline: Wednesday at noon Food Pantry hours-Mondays from 11-2

The safety of our children is the responsibility of every Christian. Anyone aware of the abuse of a person under the age of eighteen is required by law to report this to the proper state authorities: local law enforcement Sheriff: (270) 237-3210 or the Kentucky Child Abuse Hotline (toll-free: 1-877- KYSAFE1; 1-877-597-2331). To report abuse to the diocese, current or past, by anyone acting in the name of the Church, call Scott Ingram, Pastoral Assistance Coordinator (English) at 270-852-8380 or Miguel Quintanilla, Pastoral Assistance Coordinators (Spanish) at 270-880-8360. You may also visit the Office of Safe Environment (owensborodiocese.org/safe) for more information. To make a report of sexual abuse of a minor and related misconduct by bishops, go to ReportBishopAbuse.org or call 1-800-276-1562

Christ the King Catholic Church

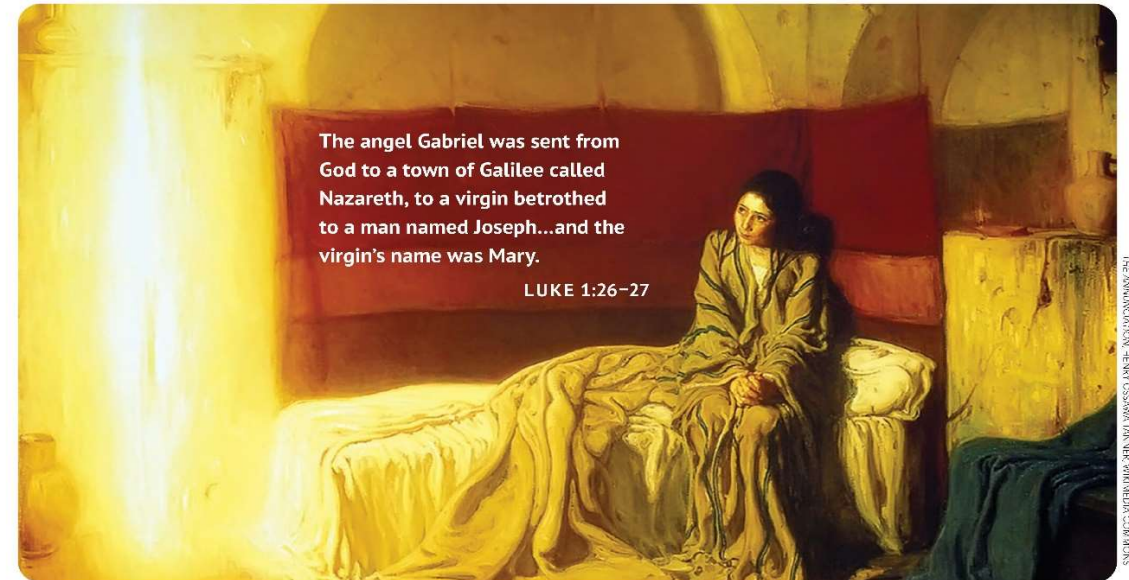
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Our Parish COMMUNITY

December 24, 2023

Fourth Sunday of Advent (B)

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 / Romans 16:25-27 / Luke 1:26-38



Wondering Why

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

The old axiom goes: if you want to make God laugh, tell God your plans. All too often the vision God has for us takes us in quite varying directions. The stories of King David and of Mary echo such realities. David, who wanted to build a temple for the Ark of the Covenant so God would not need to live in a tent, had his plans nixed, only to be reminded that it is *God* who does the building in life and not David. And Mary, who found herself confused over how she might conceive, was asked to simply trust and place her life in the hands of God. Both said “yes.”

There are always times when the unfolding path of God for us may unsettle us: the complexities of immigrants at our doorstep, the changing demographics of our cities, the need to close or merge parishes, the upheavals of our personal lives. We find ourselves asking why without receiving any answers. Each time there is no answer, consider it an invitation to trust in a power greater than ourselves.

Not all rhythms of life are necessarily caused by the hand of God, but then one can never be sure. Who is to say where and how and through whom God works? Christmas comes as a reminder that God's love and presence still unfolds in varied and new ways, always giving birth again and again to the divine made flesh in our lives. The mystery of the Incarnation points to this truth: God is present in all of life. ●

Reflect

Have you ever had your plans unsettled in a way that turned out, in the end, to be a gift from God?



Lector
Dec. 31st- Dave Gripp
Jan. 7th- Mia Jarabeck
Jan. 14th- Terri A.

Attendance
Dec. 17th
89

Time	Mass Intentions
Sunday 12/24 11:00 AM	People of the Parish
Tuesday 12/26 5:00 PM	+ Mason Neises
Wednesday 12/27 8:00 AM	Peace on Earth

July 2023- June 2024	Collection Last Week	Total Amount Collected to Last Sunday	Budget Needed to 11/08//2023
Regular Collection (including on-line)	1,083.00	31,974.25	29,836.00
Donations/Gifts	266.00	4,738.01	2,116.94
Building Fund (Including on-line)	0	6,740.00	7,762.10
Miscellaneous	5.00	3,018.03	3,528.20
Total Income Collected	1,354.00	46,470.29	43,243.24
Diocesan Collection	0	375.00	0

Save the date!
Jan. 1st celebrates Mary, Mother of God. It is not a Holy Day of obligation in 2024. Mass will still be offered at 10AM

Youth 2000 Eucharistic Retreat: March 15-17, 2024 at Brescia University. For youth ages 13-30. Registration fee \$60. Deadline to register March 4, 2024. Registration forms in Narthex. Contact Fr. Tom for more info.

Loving and Almighty God, we praise You for Your perfect timing in sending Your Son, born of woman, born under the law to redeem those under the law, and to receive adoption as Your children. (Galatians 4:4-5) In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

Remember
Christmas Eve Mass Dec. 24th 7:00 PM
-K of C is having a food drive during Advent.

Prayer List

Jan Lopez	Dave & Beth Gripp
Connie Weber	Betsy Cramer
Jackie Pauli	Aaron Keene
Peggy Hildebrandt	Bill Gripp
Donna Creasy	Doris & Bill Harrison
Nancy W.	Johnny & Emily
Leroy Jansen	Sharon G.
Helen & Jerry	Sandy Keen
Darron	Tom & Nancy
Helen	Bill Grapes
Jerry Whitney	Sarah
Jim & Ethel Sloan	Mason Neises
Evelyn Creasy	Dan Pauli
Brian Jansen	Marcie Thomas
Helen & Jerry Deal	Joe & Ralph
Clem Brown	Doc Hall
Family of Mason Neises	Keith Evans
Sheridan Gardner	Ron & Mary
Tim Hildebrandt	Jean Reynolds
A special grandson & granddaughters	All Souls in Purgatory
Members of this parish	

The Meaning of the Four Candles During Advent:

- The first candle (purple) represents hope. We place our hope in God.
- The second candle (purple) represents peace. We pray and work for peace with Jesus the Prince of Peace.
- The third candle (pink) represents joy. We are joyful because the Lord is almost here.
- The fourth candle (purple) represents love. The Lord is almost here, the love of God takes on flesh and dwells among us.

A REMINDER: that to fulfill your Sunday obligation for the 4th Sunday of Advent on Dec. 24 you must attend the Sunday 11 am Mass. Attending one Mass on Christmas Eve at 7:00pm DOES NOT fulfill both obligations.

Dear Padre,

The Bible talks about Jesus’ brothers and sisters. Is there scriptural proof that Jesus was Mary’s only child?

The Catholic Church’s position is that Mary had only one child; her son called Jesus. Yet there are at least ten scriptural references to “the brothers of Jesus” or to his “sisters” (see Matthew 13:55–56, Mark 6:3, and Luke 8:19–21).

The difficulty is that the meaning of the term “brothers” (translated from the Greek *adelphos*) isn’t restricted to the sharing of a parent. On the contrary, it may not only refer to other relatives, including cousins, but also to close relationships, such as disciples. This is not unlike how we might refer to “brothers in arms” as those who fought in a war together, or a religious order of brothers or sisters.

Recall, too, that Jesus and his disciples spoke Aramaic, and there is no equivalent for the meaning of “cousins” as we know it in that language. Instead, the word for brother or sister was used when referring to cousins. Thus, when St. Jerome (*circa* 340–420) translated the Bible from Hebrew into Church Latin, he considered “the brothers of Jesus” as cousins, not siblings. After all, it would have been the rightful responsibility of these male relatives of Jesus to take care of Mary when Jesus died. Yet Jesus entrusts his mother to the care of his beloved disciple John (John 19:26). ●



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Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
December 25 <i>Nativity of the Lord</i>	December 26 <i>St. Stephen, the First Martyr</i>	December 27 <i>St. John, Apostle and Evangelist</i>	December 28 <i>Holy Innocents, Martyrs</i>	December 29 <i>Christmas Weekday</i>	December 30 <i>Christmas Weekday</i>	December 31 <i>Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph</i>
Is 52:7–10 Heb 1:1–6 Jn 1:1–18 or 1:1–5, 9–14	Acts 6:8–10; 7:54–59 Mt 10:17–22	1 Jn 1:1–4 Jn 20:1a, 2–8	1 Jn 1:5–2:2 Mt 2:13–18	1 Jn 2:3–11 Lk 2:22–35	1 Jn 2:12–17 Lk 2:36–40	12–14 Col 3:12–21 or 3:12–17 Lk 2:22–40 or 2:22, 39–40
Do you have a question for the Padre? Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about Dear Padre .						



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Let us ask our Lady for a grace...that she kindle our enthusiasm for the ideal of holiness which is not a matter of holy cards and images, but is about living what happens each day, humbly and joyfully...with our eyes fixed on God and the neighbor we meet.

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