

Holy Apostles

Catholic Church

Bulletin

December 24, 2023

Fourth Sunday of Advent

WELCOME TO HOLY APOSTLES

We the members of Holy Apostles Catholic Church as disciples of Jesus seek to build and active and welcoming community dedicated to faith and justice. Through the Roman Catholic traditions of worship, Christian education service and prayers. We are called to worship God and be his instruments in transforming our community so that the love and mercy of God are present to all.

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BULLETIN & MAINTENANCE:



MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY
9:00 am English Mass

TUESDAY THROUGH FRIDAY
6:00 pm Spanish Vigil Mass

SATURDAY;
5:00 pm English Vigil
Mass

7:00 pm Spanish Vigil
Mass

SUNDAY / DOMINGO
9:00 am English
12:00 pm Spanish
5:00 pm Spanish

Office Hours:

Monday-Friday
9:30am - 12:00pm
1:00p - 5:00pm

Wednesday Closed

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SACRAMENTAL LIFE - VIDA SACRAMENTAL

Reconciliation:

Saturday 2:45 pm - 3:45 pm
or by appointment.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Church:

Thursdays after 9:00am
Mass until 6:00 pm.

Last Saturday of the month
from 8:00 pm. until
7:00 am Sunday.

Anointing of the Sick/ Unción de Los Enfermos:

**1st Friday of the month/
Primer Viernes 9:00a.m.**

CHARITY OFFICE HOURS

TUESDAY AND THURSDAY
12:00 PM TO 2:00 PM
we help with utilities, rent, and
food

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). ●



Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR / DearPadre.org

MONDAY

December 25
Nativity of the Lord
Is 52:7–10
Heb 1:1–6
Jn 1:1–18 or
1:1–5, 9–14

TUESDAY

December 26
St. Stephen, the First Martyr
Acts 6:8–10;
7:54–59
Mt 10:17–22

WEDNESDAY

December 27
St. John, Apostle and Evangelist
1 Jn 1:1–4
Jn 20:1a, 2–8

THURSDAY

December 28
Holy Innocents, Martyrs
1 Jn 1:5–2:2
Mt 2:13–18

FRIDAY

December 29
Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 2:3–11
Lk 2:22–35

SATURDAY

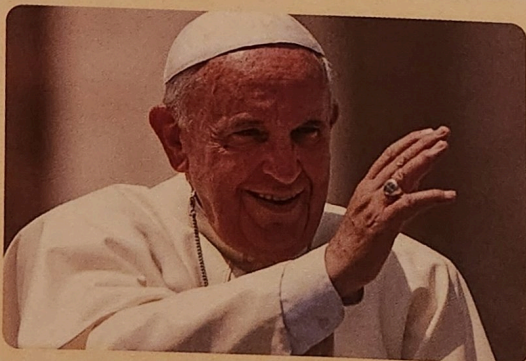
December 30
Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 2:12–17
Lk 2:36–40

SUNDAY

December 31
Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
Sir 3:2–6, 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.

ANGELUS, ROME, DECEMBER 8, 2021

*"Behold, children are
a gift of the Lord,
the fruit of the womb is
a reward."*

- Psalms 127:3



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

There's nothing like the birth of a child to bring hope to the world. Each year, when we celebrate the birth of Christ, we celebrate the birth of hope. I hope you'll join me in helping to keep the light of hope alive throughout the year by giving to the Collection for Catholic Charities on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

For more than 70 years, Catholic Charities has been reaching out in love to help those most in need. Support for pregnant moms and families with young children. Helping hands for housebound seniors and the disabled. Counseling for those like Rosa who are dealing with depression and anxiety.

As you celebrate the birth of Christ, please be generous to those in need by giving to Catholic Charities. May God bless you and your family during this season of hope.

In Christ's love,

Father Tom

Monsignor Thomas C. Champoux
Chairman of the Board and Vicar for Charities

Hope comes in small packages. So small, in fact, that baby Ophelia brings enough hope to last her mother, Rosa, a lifetime.

Just a few years ago, Rosa hit bottom. Depression and anxiety had taken over her life and hope felt beyond reach. "I was at the point where I felt I had all the right reasons to end my life. I felt like I had nothing going for me," she says.

Thankfully, Rosa found the help she needed at Catholic Charities. Therapy combined with medication was the path that led Rosa to a new life, one full of hope. Once stable, she landed a job at a local thrift store and worked her way up to store manager. She met Eddie, they married, and are now the proud parents of a beautiful baby girl. "She's my everything. I thank God every day for her," Rosa says.



The help Rosa received at Catholic Charities was not only a lifeline for herself; it gave her the knowledge and skills to raise her daughter with the tools she needs to live a stable life.

Ophelia is a happy, healthy baby, a daily reminder to Rosa to stay on the path that brought her out of darkness. "God has a plan for my life. He gave me Ophelia when I needed her most."

*“Son los hijos regalo
del Señor, el fruto del
vientre es una
recompensa.”*

—Salmo 127,3



Queridos Hermanos y Hermanas:

No hay nada como el nacimiento de un niño para dar esperanza al mundo. Todos los años, cuando celebramos el nacimiento de Cristo, celebramos el nacimiento de la esperanza. Espero que se unan a mí para ayudar a mantener viva la luz de esperanza durante el año haciendo una donación a la Colecta de Caridades Católicas en Nochebuena y el día de Navidad.

Por más de 70 años, Caridades Católicas ha extendido con amor ayuda a los más necesitados. Apoyando a las mamás embarazadas y a las familias con niños pequeños. Extendiendo las manos a personas mayores y discapacitadas confinadas en sus hogares. Asesorando a personas como Rosa que están sufriendo depresión y ansiedad.

Les pedimos por favor que al celebrar el nacimiento de Cristo, sean generosos ayudando a los necesitados con su donación a Caridades Católicas. Que Dios los bendiga a ustedes y a sus familias durante esta temporada de esperanza.

En amor de Cristo,

Father Tom

Monseñor Thomas C. Champoux
Presidente de la Junta y Vicario de Caridades

La esperanza viene en paquetes pequeños. De hecho, la pequeña Ophelia trajo suficiente esperanza a su madre, Rosa, que le durará toda la vida.

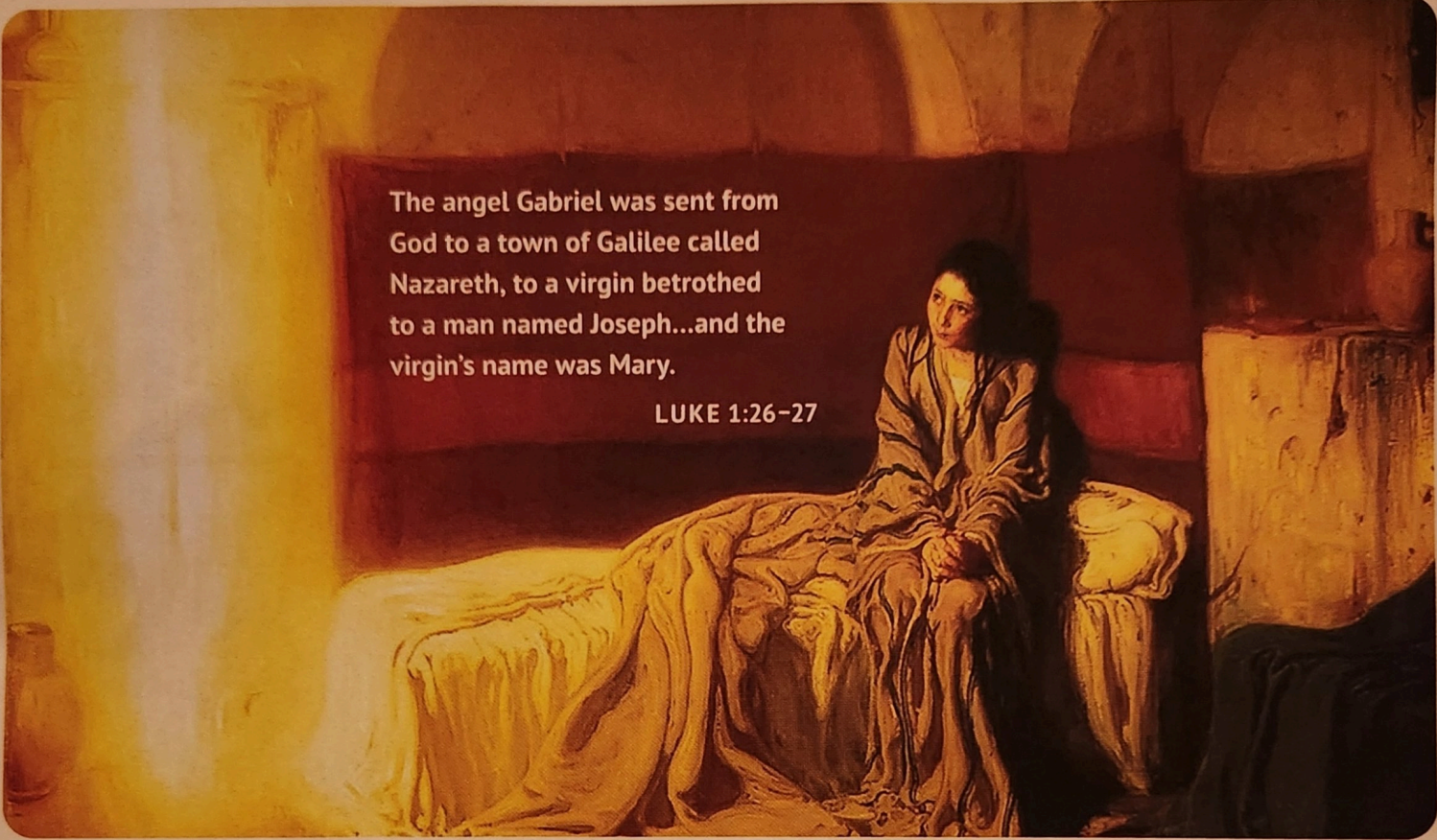
Hace pocos años, Rosa tocó fondo. La depresión y ansiedad se habían posesionado de su vida y la esperanza se sentía fuera de su alcance. “Estaba en un punto donde sentí que tenía todas las razones para terminar mi vida. Sentí que no tenía nada a mi favor,” dijo ella.

Afortunadamente, Rosa encontró la ayuda que necesitaba en Caridades Católicas. La terapia combinada con medicamentos fue el camino que guió a Rosa a una nueva vida, una vida llena de esperanza. Una vez estable, consiguió un trabajo en una tienda local de segunda mano y ascendió hasta convertirse en gerente de la tienda. Conoció a Eddie, se casaron, y ahora son los orgullosos padres de una linda niña. “Ella es mi todo. Todos los días doy gracias a Dios por ella,” dice Rosa.



La ayuda que ella recibió en Caridades Católicas no fue sólo un salvavidas para ella misma; sino que le brindó el conocimiento y las habilidades para criar a su hija con las herramientas que necesita para vivir una vida estable.

Ophelia es una bebita feliz, saludable y un recordatorio diario para que Rosa se mantenga en el camino que la sacó de la obscuridad. “Dios tiene un plan para mi vida. Me dio a Ophelia cuando más la necesitaba.”



The angel Gabriel was sent from
God to a town of Galilee called
Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed
to a man named Joseph...and the
virgin's name was Mary.

LUKE 1:26-27

THE ANNUNCIATION, HENRY OSSAWA TANNER, WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

Wondering Why

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

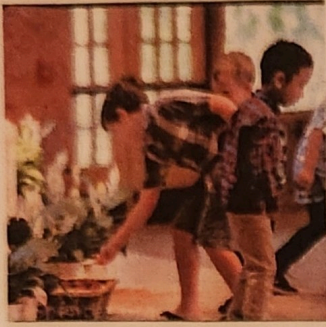
The old axiom goes: if you want to make God laugh, tell God your plans. All too often the vision God has for us takes us in quite varying directions. The stories of King David and of Mary echo such realities. David, who wanted to build a temple for the Ark of the Covenant so God would not need to live 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?



Last weekend collection

\$11,900

Thanks for Your generosity

YLI YOUNG LADIES INSTITUTE

YLI would like to thank everyone for all of your support with the cookie sale

Pray for the sick

Steve Matule
Rose Jacobus
Linda Aneston
Father Kerr
Jerry Gutzwiler

Here how we celebrate Christmas at Holy Apostles



ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

— 100%

— 70%

0%

— 30%

WE ARE GETTING CLOSER!

JOIN US IN REACHING OUR GOAL OF \$69,749!

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