Welcome to Corpus Christi!

!Bendiciones a Ti!

The Blessings of Advent?

Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 24, 2017
Reflection of the Week

“Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.”

With those words our Blessed Mother Mary places her total trust in God. We are called to do the same, and this final Sunday of Lent is the time for us to do that, if we have not previously. Mary’s response to God is the same response we need to offer the Lord. It is most appropriate that we hear this message at this time and on this day.

This took much more trust in the Lord than we might imagine. Mary agreed to receive a pregnancy that would be seen as suspect in a culture which had a potential death penalty for adultery. Spiritually speaking, there are similarities between the Lord’s work in Mary and His work in all of us. Jesus lives within each of us spiritually. He lived in Mary not only spiritually but also physically.

Jesus was made visible to the world through Mary physically, but He should be made visible to the world through us as well. Who we are and how we relate to and treat others is a sign to the world of Who Jesus is and what a Christian is and should be. Are we showing the world what it means to be His disciple? Is there a better time than this to do so?

The entertainer and comedian Bob Hope once said, “My idea of Christmas, whether old-fashioned or modern, is very simple: loving others. Come to think of it, why do we have to wait for Christmas to do that?”

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**Sunday's Readings**

**First Reading** — I will fix a place for my people. I will plant them so that they may dwell in their place without further disturbance (2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16).

**Psalms** — For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord (Psalms 89).

**Second Reading** — To the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, be glory forever and ever (Romans 16:25-27).

**Gospel** — Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word (Luke 1:26-38).

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:**
- Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27-29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]
- During the Night: Is 9:9-16; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-18 [1-3, 9-14]
- Tuesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
- Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:21a, 2-8
- Thursday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18
- Friday: 1 Jn 2:13-14; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-25
- Saturday: 1 Jn 2:17-18; Ps 97:1-10; Lk 2:36-40
- Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 124:2-5, 7cd-8; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or Hb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; 1 Jn 2:2-40 [22, 39-40]

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

**Sunday:** Fourth Sunday of Advent
**Monday:** The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
**Tuesday:** St. Stephen; Kwanzaa begins
**Wednesday:** St. John
**Thursday:** The Holy Innocents
**Friday:** Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Thomas Becket
**Saturday:** Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity

**Treasures from our Tradition**

Children of the parish are somewhat focused on Santa Claus these days, who is keeping an eye on who’s naughty and who’s nice. Santa Claus, with his heavenly patron Saint Nicholas, has been more or less in charge of gift-giving to American children for a hundred years or so. In other places, perhaps more attentive to our Christian tradition, there are different gift-bearers. In Greece, Saint Basil delivers the presents on his feast day, December 1, and makes sure everyone is sprinkled with holy water. The Baby Jesus is in charge elsewhere, called the Petit Jesus in Austria and Belgium, El Niño Jesús in Columbia, and Le Petit Jesus in France, where he shares his duties with Père Noël. In the Czech Republic almost everyone is atheist, but Ježíšek, the infant Jesus, brings gifts to one and all. In Poland the “Star Man” is said to bring the gifts, although often he turns out to be the village priest in disguise. Saint Nicholas, not his Americanized cousin, is the giver in Holland, where he wears a bishop’s miter, and in Russia, where he wears a bishop’s crown. Soviet Russia tried to dethrone Saint Nicholas and promote Grandfather Frost, but no one was much fooled by this attempt to squeeze religion out of Christ’s birth. One country has a saintly woman in charge of the gifts, Saint Lucy, honored in Sweden on December 13, when children serve their parents breakfast in bed, and others awake to news that they have been nominated for a Nobel Prize. Some children have a second round of gifts on Epiphany, when the magi assume the gift-giving duties. In general, the gifts of Christmas are simple pleasures, not great heaps of treasures. Once upon a time, a new pair of socks or an orange was enough for us. We receive, all of them are to point us to the true gift, and the true giver.

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**LECTURAS DOMINICALES**

**primera lectura** — El Señor promete a David que su casa permanecerá para siempre (2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16).

**salmo** — Cantaré eternamente las misericordias del Señor (Salmos 89 [88]).

**segunda lectura** — Pablo ora para que Dios sea glorifi-cado mediante Jesucristo (Romanos 16:25-27).

**evangelio** — El ángel Gabriel anuncia a María que ella con-cibirá al hijo de Dios (Lucas 1:26-38).

**LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA**

**Lunes:**
- Noche: Is 9:9-16; Sal 96 (95):1-3, 11-13; Tit 2:11-14; Lc 2:1-14
- Aurora: Is 62:11-12; Sal 97 (96):1, 6, 11-12; Tit 3:4-7; Lc 2:15-20

**Martes:**
- Hch 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Sal 31:3cd-9; Mt 10:17-22

**Miércoles:**
- 1 Jn 1:1-4; Sal 97 (96):1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:21a, 2-8

**Jueves:**
- 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Sal 124 (123):2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18

**Viernes:**
- 1 Jn 2:3-11; Sal 96 (95):1-3, 5b-6; Lc 2:22-35

**Sábado:**
- 1 Jn 2:12-17; Sal 96 (95):7-10; Lc 2:36-40

**Domingo:** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Sal 89 (88):2-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lc 1:26-38

**LOS SANTOS Y OTRAS CELEBRACIONES**

**Domingo:** Cuarto Domingo de Adviento
**Lunes:** La Natividad del Señor
**Martes:** San Esteban; Kwanza
**Miércoles:** San Juan apóstol
**Jueves:** Los Santos Inocentes
**Viernes:** Quinto día de la Octava de Navidad; Santo Tomás Becket
**Sábado:** Sexto día de la Octava de Navidad

**TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE**

De las muchas tradiciones latinoamericanas para celebrar el Adviento y la Navidad, las Posadas parecen ser lo mejor conocido en EE. UU. Tienen su origen en la última mitad del siglo XVII cuando las estrepitosas Misas de Aguinaldo dejaron de ser celebradas en México. Para remplazar la festividad de esas Misas, los laicos decidieron celebrar en sus casas tomando lo que habían visto dramatizado en los templos, esto es, el recorrido de José y María mientras buscaban posada en Belén. Como las “Antífonas de la O” de la liturgia oficial cristiana, estas Posadas llegaron a ser celebradas nueve noches consecutivas.

200 años después, muchos latinos continúan celebrando las Posadas en EE. UU. Recuerdo como de niño cantábamos “En el nombre del cielo” recorriendo las calles del barrio hasta llegar a la casa donde nos abrirían con cantos, tamales, galletitas y chocolate. Ese recorrido de José y María lamentablemente sigue todos los días en los pasos temerosos y cansados de tantos inmigrantes en este país. Como la Sagrada Familia, otras familias latinoamericanas continúan buscando hospedaje con la esperanza de dar a luz una nueva vida para sus hijos e hijas.

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This Week at /Esta Semana
Corpus Christi

**Mass Schedule**

**Wednesday—December 20**
9:00 am — †Brice Kness by Cecilia Kness

**Thursday—December 21**
9:00 am — †Mike Kness by Cecilia Kness

**Friday—December 22**
12:10 pm — Clara Louise Sciacca by her Grandparents

**Saturday—December 23—**
4th Sunday of Advent (vigil)
4:00 pm — †Tanya Muller by her dad

**Sunday—December 24—deciembre 24—**
4th Sunday of Advent/4º Domingo de Adviento
9:00 am — †Helen Scalibrini by Broderick Family
11:30 am — People of the Parish

**Sunday—December 24—deciembre 24—Nativity of the Lord (vigil)/Natividad de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo (vigil)**
6:00 pm — Fr Jim’s Intentions

**Monday—December 25—deciembre 25—**
Nativity of the Lord (vigil)/Natividad de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo (vigil)
10:00 am — †Helen Scalibrini by the Broderick Family
12:00 pm — People of the Parish

**Minister Schedule/ Horario de los Ministerios**

Saturday 4:00 p.m.
EM — as scheduled
Lector — as scheduled

Sunday 9:00 a.m.
EM — as scheduled
Lector — as scheduled

Sunday 11:30 a.m.
ME — Rodolfo y Evangelina Velasco
Lectór — Rodolfo Velasco

Our next Jacks Valley Elementary School Food Drive will be January 13-14.
Thank you for your donations.

**Around the Diocese**

**Diocesan Conference registration now open!**

It’s Not Too Late!
Register Now!
The annual Diocesan Conference, “Keep Your Eyes on Me/Mantén tus ojos en Me” is being held January 5 & 6, 2018 at the Nugget Casino Resort in Sparks. Any registrations received after Friday, December 15, 2017 will be assessed a $10.00 late fee. Late fee applies to onsite registrations as well.

**Around the Diocese**

**Blue Christmas Prayer Service**
A vigil of Light
Friday, December 22 at 5:30 pm
Ordination to the Presbyterate
Deacon Joe Walsh
Friday, January 19 at 6:30 pm
St Rose of Lima

The Respect Life Commission of the Diocese of Reno is cosponsoring three presentations at the annual Diocesan Conference in Sparks. Richard Doerflinger, who retired last year as the USCCB’s Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, prepared policy statements and testimony on abortion, euthanasia, and other medical-moral issues for 36 years. He has published in many journals, and his syndicated column is distributed by the National Catholic News Service. He is an Associate Scholar the Charlotte Lozier Institute and a Fellow at the University of Notre Dame’s Center for Ethics and Culture. He will present the following presentations on January 6, 2018: (1) “Assisted Suicide: The Ethics, the Law and the Dangers,” (2) “Our Rights of Conscience Under Attack,” and (3) “Shall we Manufacture of Children?” Please register at http://www.renodiocese.org/diocesanconference.

**Walk for Life West Coast**
January 27, 2018
If you’ve never attended the Walk for Life, consider doing so...it’s a great experience.
With buses leaving from various Reno churches.

**Centering Prayer Workshop**
Holy Cross Catholic Church
See the entry for more information on most of these including flyers from NAMI.

**Project Rachel**
A Post-Abortion Healing Ministry
We pray for all those affected by abortion any way and whose hearts ache. May they be blessed with the courage to seek help and experience the love and mercy of God.
Call our help line 775-324-4325
Visit www.dioceseofreno.org, click the Ministries page and find us under “Agencies”. The page gives information on Project Rachel.
Respect Life

Respect Life is praying across from the West End Abortion Clinic at 5915 Tyrone Rd in Reno twice a month. Directions: From Business US 395, turn east on Neil Rd., Turn right at Meadow Wood Ln, then turn right onto Tyrone Rd. If you are interested in praying with us, please call the office.

Next Date: January 6 at 9 a.m.

“An unexpected pregnancy can be a difficult and frightening time, and it’s important that your friend knows you are thinking of her and supporting her. … Your support might be the only support she receives. Even if we never know how, the smallest things we do can change someone’s life.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities “10 Ways to Support Her When She’s Unexpectedly Expecting,” www.bit.ly/10WaysRespectLife

“Un embarazo inesperado puede ser una época difícil y aterradora, y es importante que tu amiga sepa que piensas en ella y la apoyas. … Tu apoyo puede ser el único que reciba. Aunque no nos demos cuenta, las cosas más pequeñas pueden cambiar la vida de alguien”.
Secretariado de Actividades Pro-Vida de la USCCB “10 maneras de apoyarla cuando está esperando sin haberlo esperado”, www.goo.gl/DYzwpm

Ministries/Ministerios

Altar Servers/Acólitos
Contact Parish Office

Youth Ministry/Grupo de Jóvenes
Terrie Juchtzer-Youth Minister (The Club)
Contact Parish Office

Hands of Christ/Ministry to Sick
Las Manos de Cristo/A Los Enfermos
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Convalescent Home Coordinator
Terrie Juchtzer

Minister Scheduling/La Programación de Ministerios
Charlie Muller - 220-6242
Claudia Morales (en español)

Spanish Baptism Classes
Rodolfo y Evangelina Velasco

Pastoral Council/El Consejo Parroquial
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Knights of Columbus
Joe Pettit - Grand Knight

Adult Conversion Classes/
Los Sacramentos de los Adultos
Father Jim- Parish Office

Respect Life Committee/
El Comité de Respeto por la Vida
Lori Courtney - 885-6880

Catholic Daughters/Las Hijas Católicas
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Phil Clarke- Minister - 267-3936

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Rodolfo y Evangelina Velasco

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