

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



THIS WEEK'S MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2020

- 8:00AM George & Claire Cox
- 9:30AM Angelo Marino (*Loving Family*)
- 11:00AM Fr. Fabian Grifone (*Friends & Family*)
- 12:30PM Francis Xavier Clinton, Jr. (*Loving Family*)
 Frances Drago (*Michele Carollo*)
 Michael Fricano (*Loving Wife & Children*)
 Margaret Giampietro (*Loving Family*)
 Ernesto Jocson (*A. Jocson*)
 Frank LeFavi (*Rosalie Librizzi*)
 Anthony Robert Messina (*Loving Parents*)
- 5:00PM For The Parishioners

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2020 St. Peter Canisius

- 9:00AM Anthony Cucchiara (*Loving Family*)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2020

- 9:00AM Grieco & McCarthy Families (*Joan Grieco*)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2020 St. John of Kanty

- 9:00AM Frank T. Serpico (*Loving Family*)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2020 CHRISTMAS EVE

- 9:00AM Phyllis & Rocco Miranti (*Loving Family*)
- 2:00PM Paul Auwarter
- 3:30PM James & Joan McCosker
- 5:00PM William (Bill) Sangirardi
- 12:00AM Midnight: Jeffrey Ford

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2020 CHRISTMAS DAY

- 9:30AM Sandy Pepitone
- 11:00AM Lynn Boutureira
- 12:30PM Joseph R. Berritto & Joseph Berritto

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2020

- 9:00AM Christine Ann Salegna (*Mom & Dad*)
- 5:00PM Janis Auwarter (*Barbara Bitetto*)
 Paul Auwarter (*Cynthia Ottomanelli*)
 Arsenio DaRita (*Barbara Bitetto*)
 Vincent DeRuvo (*Barbara Bitetto*)
 Jean LeFavi (*Mike & Joann Cesario*)
 Joan McCosker (*Barbara Bitetto*)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2020

- 8:00AM In Thanksgiving for Fr. Lukasz Kubiak
 (*Rachele Sannino*)
- 9:30AM Lucy Tartaglino (*Marilyn Habermann*)
- 11:00AM Frank LeFavi (*Vita & Paul*)
- 12:30PM Danielle Arre (*Geraldine Madonia*)
 Paul Auwarter (*Rosalie Librizzi*)
 Paul Auwarter (*Jack Raia*)
 Joseph Isolano (*Lowery Family*)
 Rosario Macaluso (*Casillo Family*)
 Gaetana Madonia (*Geraldine Madonia*)
 Carmen Julia Mayorga (*Loving Family*)
- 5:00PM For The Parishioners



THE ALTAR BREAD for this week is donated in memory of **Christine Ann Salegna**, requested by Aunt Marilyn.

THE ALTAR WINE for this week is donated in thanksgiving to **Jesus & Mary**, requested by Patricia & Charles Bonanno.

THE ALTAR CANDLES & SANCTUARY CANDLE for this week are donated in memory of **Frank LeFavi**, requested by **Santa & Anamarie Catarelli**.



Louis Falletta—Sandy Pepitone



Please join us every Tuesday at 1PM in Church to pray the special prayers to

The Holy Face of Jesus

in reparation for the crimes of communists, blasphemers, the profaners of His Holy Name and of the Holy Day of Sunday.



Amado Araneta, Joe Barreca, Anthony Barresi, Stella Barresi, Mary Battista, Barbara Bitetto, Theresia Brech, Buonocore Family, Daniel Campion, Sally Capozziello, Shang Cheng, Zena Cipolla, Marge D'Auria, Patrick Delaney, Domenica DeVito, Toni Ann Diaz, Virginia DiGangi, Richard H. Dimler, Mary Divers, Colin F., Jennie Federici, Jean Fochetta, Clementine Gagliardi, Dennis Giammalvo, Tony Giampietro, John Joseph Gleeson, John Pierce Gleeson, Rosemarie & Joseph Guagenti, Gertrude Gwardjak, Christine Healy, Maria Hernandez, Marilyn Krajcik, Keri & Baby Tristan, Elaine Lazzeri, Susan Leone, James Leung, Patricia Lipari, William J. Litt, Tom Mercatante, Barbara Miller, John Myers, Angela Ottomanelli-Hubbs, Michael Palermo, Frank Palmenteri, Sebastian Panasci, Santo Pantina, Doris Pecchillo, Nino Pedone, Amelia Pepe, Josephine Profera, Vivian Puglissi, Joseph Questore, Frances Russo, John Secreti, Remington Stafford, Rubie Anna Torall, Lynn Torres, Chrissie Tremblay, Paul Tremblay, Paul John Tremblay, Sr., Sr. Joanne Walters.

PLEASE NOTE: The Intentions for the next monthly Purgatorial Society Mass will be offered on **Friday, January 29, 2021.**

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Thursday, December 24—Christmas Eve

Mass at 9:00AM
Christmas Eve Masses: 2:00PM, 3:30PM, 5:00PM
Midnight Mass

Friday, December 25—Christmas Day

9:30AM, 11:00AM & 12:30PM
No 5:00PM Mass



NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE

Thursday, December 31—New Year's Eve

Masses at 9:00AM & 5:00PM



Friday, January 1, 2021—New Year's Day

Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Holy Mother of God
9:00AM, 11:00AM & 5:00PM

The Rectory Office will be closed:

*Thursday & Friday, December 24 & 25 and
Thursday & Friday, December 31 and January 1, 2021.*

READINGS FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Reading 1

2 SM 7:1-5, 8B-12, 14A, 16

When King David was settled in his palace, and the LORD had given him rest from his enemies on every side, he said to Nathan the prophet, "Here I am living in a house of cedar, while the ark of God dwells in a tent!" Nathan answered the king, "Go, do whatever you have in mind, for the LORD is with you." But that night the LORD spoke to Nathan and said: "Go, tell my servant David, 'Thus says the LORD: Should you build me a house to dwell in?'" "It was I who took you from the pasture and from the care of the flock to be commander of my people Israel. I have been with you wherever you went, and I have destroyed all your enemies before you. And I will make you famous like the great ones of the earth. I will fix a place for my people Israel; I will plant them so that they may dwell in their place without further disturbance. Neither shall the wicked continue to afflict them as they did of old, since the time I first appointed judges over my people Israel. I will give you rest from all your enemies. The LORD also reveals to you that he will establish a house for you. And when your time comes and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your heir after you, sprung from your loins, and I will make his kingdom firm. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me. Your house and your kingdom shall endure forever before me; your throne shall stand firm forever."

Responsorial Psalm



R. *For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.*
The promises of the LORD I will sing forever;
through all generations my mouth shall proclaim your faithfulness.
For you have said, "My kindness is established forever";
in heaven you have confirmed your faithfulness. **R.**

"I have made a covenant with my chosen one,
I have sworn to David my servant:
Forever will I confirm your posterity
and establish your throne for all generations." **R.**

"He shall say of me, 'You are my father,
my God, the Rock, my savior.'
Forever I will maintain my kindness toward him,
and my covenant with him stands firm." **R.**

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READINGS FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Reading 2

ROM 16:25-27

Brothers and sisters: To him who can strengthen you, according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret for long ages but now manifested through the prophetic writings and, according to the command of the eternal God, made known to all nations to bring about the obedience of faith, to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Alleluia

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

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



Gospel

LK 1:26-38

The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, "Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you." But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. "Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." But Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?" And the angel said to her in reply, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren; for nothing will be impossible for God." Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.



Our Parish COMMUNITY

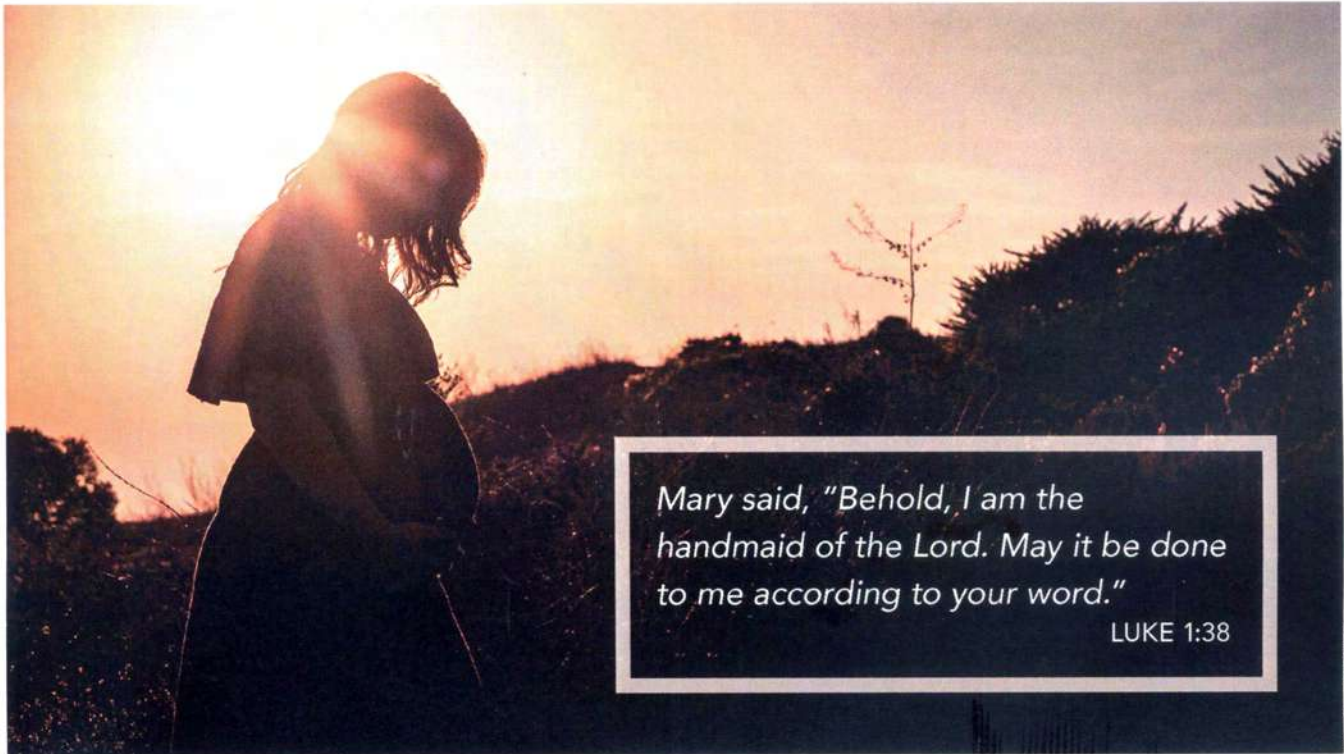
December 20, 2020

Fourth Sunday of Advent (B)

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

Rom 16:25-27

Lk 1:26-38



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LUKE 1:38

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How Can This Be?

The reading from Samuel assures us that the leader we are awaiting will be of the royal house of David. We presume this means personal power and political leadership, and recognition of this from others.

The Gospel turns us in a different direction. In it Mary asks, "How can this be?" (Luke 1:34) This question can be understood in two different ways. One means: How is it going to happen? The other suggests: You've got to be kidding! When told she will bear a child, this virgin asks: How is this going to happen? Her visitor

explains the unfolding of an unbelievable event. While stories in pagan religions described how gods took on human form, such wondrous events supposedly happened in royal families—not in the life of an unassuming girl promised to a modest carpenter. In the Incarnation, a singular historic event, Mary did not say: "You've got to be kidding!" She replied: "If that's what you want, I'm willing."

Advent readings have traced God leading the people to salvation and a new way of living, to an outline of an individual chosen by God to lead them, to the realization that this leader will be a descendant of David. However, none of this happens as we might expect. Rather, it unfolds in such an unpretentious way that many people did not even realize it was happening. Who could blame anyone for saying: You've got to be kidding! But God was not kidding.

Now we are ready for Christmas.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ★ *Advent readings show God working in mysterious ways. Where is God working in your life?*
- ★ *How prepared are you for the deeper meaning of Christmas?*