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December 24, 2023 | Fourth Sunday of Advent

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 | Rom 16:25-27 | Lk 1:26-38

Written by FAITHFUL DISCIPLE

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

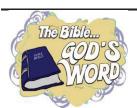
"Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you." The angel Gabriel announces this in the Gospel today, and it is a phrase with which we are all familiar thanks to our recitation of the Hail Mary prayer. Although some may be comforted by such a message and its angelic messenger, it is troubling to Mary because the angel goes on to tell her she will conceive and bear the Son of God. Thinking practically, Mary is being told the impossible will happen - who wouldn't be troubled? And yet Mary offers herself: "I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Despite her fear and trepidation, Mary went on to answer God's call and do his will. Our Blessed Mother became a great example of fortitude at that moment, as she exemplified what it means to step outside of our own uncertainty and trust God completely. Although doing God's will can be difficult at times, St. Paul reminds us in his Letter to the Romans that we can ask God for the strength to say "yes" in spite of our fears.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Up until today, December has probably been a whirlwind. Trees and lights, ornaments, parties and presents - all these things help to kick off "the most wonderful time of year" beginning soon after Thanksgiving. Come Dec. 26, however, for many, the decorations become a nuisance and Christmas trees are out on the curb for pickup. Thank goodness for our Catholic faith because for us, Christmas is just beginning! Mary didn't say "may it be done to me" only to forget about it the next day. No, in the coming months, the Blessed Mother nurtured the baby Jesus in her womb, anticipating the arrival of her firstborn and the Son of God. And on that blessed Christmas night, her work as the Mother of God was only just beginning. So, as we anticipate the arrival of the Christ Child, we are joyful that our Christmas season continues until we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord on January 8. Let us use this time to draw closer to God and make every effort in the new year to do his will.

SING Angels, announce with shouts of mirth / Christ who brings new life to earth. / Set every peak and valley humming / With the word, the Lord is coming. / People, look east and sing today: / Love, the Lord, is on the way.



IV Domenica di Avvento

Contempliamo oggi il mistero dell'incarnazione del Figlio di Dio nel seno della Vergine maria per

opera dello Spirito Santo. Ringraziamo Dio per il "sì" di Maria, ma anche per il "sì" di tutti i nostri fratelli e sorelle la cui vita di santità prolunga nella storia l'opera della salvezza.



Thank you for supporting your church. Collection for December 17th was not available at time of printing. Grazie della generosità per la vostra Chiesa. L'offertorio della domenica 17 dicembre non era disponibile.



Sanctuary Lamp Prayer for the week of December 24th is offered in memory of Aldo Roberti requested by wife and family.

La lampada del SS. Sacramento della settimana di 24 dicembre è stata offerta in memoria di Aldo Roberti richiesta da sua moglie e famiglia.



della settimana 17 dicembre non era disponibile. **Dr. Simone:** We will be collecting canned goods for the month of

Holy Angels Building Repairs Fund: Second collection for

La Seconda Raccolta per la Chiesa: Seconda raccolta

December.

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Questo mese accogliamo prodotti in scatola per la missione del Dr. Simone. Christmas Bazaar 2023: Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make it a great day and to all of you who donated your gently used items. We had a great line up of new vendors this year and the new Spin-to-Win game was a huge success! Hats off to Giuseppina Zaccaria and Maria Borreca who were in charge of the kitchen...the spaghetti and meatball dinner was delicious! Thanks to Simona

Dei-Rocini Dedda for the wonderful Bake Sale table, our HAY youth selling their Apple Cider and a special thank you Thomas Lombardi who took the initiative this year and managed to get our community to bake such artisan cookies for the cookie tray sale. Thomas was also a great Vendor recruiter and brought several new vendors to our Bazaar. All in all, we did good! The Bazaar brought in \$3,700.00 for the Church. Oh yes, let's not forget to thank Santa...Ho, ho ho!

Christmas Mass Schedule

CHRISTMAS DAY
December 25th:
12:00 a.m. Midnight Mass - Bilingual
9:30 a.m. Italian Mass

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH
December 31st:

11:30 a.m. English Mass

9:30 a.m. Italian Mass 11:30 a.m. English Mass

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

January 1st: 9:30 a.m. Italian Mass 11:30 a.m. English Mass



NATALE DEL SIGNORE

25 dicembre:

12:00 a.m. Messa di Mezzanotte - Bilingue 9:30 a.m. Messa in Italiano 11:30 a.m. Messa in Inglese

SANTA FAMIGLIA DI GESU', MARIA E GIUSEPPE

31 dicembre:

9:30 a.m. Messa in Italiano

11:30 a.m. Messa in Inglese

MARIA SANTISSIMA MADRE DI DIO

1° gennaio:

9:30 a.m. Messa in Italiano 11:30 a.m. Messa in Inglese

Mass Intentions December 25th to December 31st

Monday December 25th

Christmas

12:00 am - Midnight Mass

† Wladek Szostak (First Christmas without him) by Beloved wife, daughters and families

9:30 am - Christmas Day Mass

† Michele Longo & Tutti Famigliari Defunti Buon Natale by Moglie Anna Maria e famiglia

11:30 am - Christmas Day Mass

† Elizabeth Casey by Daughter Breda and family

Tuesday December 26th

St. Stephen

8:00 am No Mass

Wednesday December 27th

St. John the Apostle & evangelist 8:00 am

† Fiore Sozio by Leonardo and Domenica Di Franco

 \dagger Mr. & Mrs. Yok Lung Cheng by Bernadette Cheng

Gesu' Bambino (Devotion) by Nicolina Marinaccio

† Rosaria Zita in Casiero (10 years of passing) by Michelina

† Gilles Rinfret by Son Winston and family

Thursday December 28th

Holy Innocents

8:00 am

† Rosa & Stefano De Michino by Maria De Michino and children

Friday December 29th

St. Thomas Becket

8:00 am

† Mariano Quodala & all departed members of the family by Reclusado Family

Saturday December 30th

Sixth Day Octave of the Nativity of the Lord 5:00 pm

† Joseph Vy Duc Nguyen by Wife Patricia

Sunday December 31st

The Holy Family

9:30 am

† Fedele Sabatino by Carmela, Maria and Nicola Sabatino

11:30 am

† Irma Mondano by Husband and Family

A Blessed Merry Christmas to all our parishioners and visitors and a Happy New Year! We wish you many more blessings in 2024!



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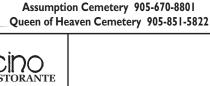
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