

## The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, December 22

### **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Masses at 6:00a/7:30/9:00/10:30/12:00n/6:00pm

Monday, December 23

### **Monday of the Fourth Week of Advent**

Tuesday, December 24

### **Tuesday of the Fourth Week of Advent -**

Mass in the Morning

6:30am & 12:00pm

### **Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord**

**Vigil Mass at 6:00pm**

**Lessons & Carols at 11:00pm**

**Midnight Mass at 12:00am**

Wednesday, December 25

**No Sacrament of Reconciliation**

### **The Nativity of the Lord**

**(Christmas**

**(Holy Day of Obligation)**

**Masses at 7:30a/9:00/10:30/12:00n**

Thursday, December 26

**Feast of St. Stephen, *The First Martyr***

**Mass at 12:00n**

**Cathedral Basilica closed after Noon Mass**

Friday, December 27

**Feast of St. John, *Apostle and evangelist***

Saturday, December 28

**Feast of the Holy Innocents, *martyrs***

**No Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Ss. Damien/Marianne Prayer Group at 12:30pm

Vigil Mass at 5:00pm

Sunday, December 29

### **The Holy Family of**

### **Jesus, Mary, and Joseph**

Masses at 6:00a/7:30/9:00/10:30/12:00n/6:00pm

## Young Adult Ministry

Young Adult Ministry (ages 18-39) meets on the first and third Sundays of the month from 12 to 2 p.m. for many activities. Text CBYAM to 84576 to sign up for updates

## Stewardship of Treasure

<b>Offertory Collection</b>	<b>Dec. 9-15</b>
Sunday Offering	\$ 7,155.44
Weekday Offering	\$ 2,626.77
Coffers	\$ 627.52
Feast & Solemnities	\$ 300.00
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 10,709.73</b>

### **Other Collection**

Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 3,989.20
Devotional Candles	\$ 1,070.00
Campaign Human Dev.	\$ 20.00
Religious Retirement	\$ 135.00
Others (Gallery, etc.)	\$ 959.00
<b>Total Summary</b>	<b>\$ 16,882.93</b>



## Living the Liturgy

- There are places in today's world where people do not feel safe. How are their lives or situations dangerous or life-threatening? Find out something about the situation and tell a group or your family what is happening in that place or group. Are there ways you might respond either by prayers or specific actions? Pray to St. Joseph for wisdom.
- Pray in quiet reflection for a few minutes each day leading to Christmas using mantra, "Come, Emmanuel, Come."

## Committed to Christ, Living in Gratitude

Thank you to all parishioners who have completed and submitted your Commitment Card to the church. As a reminder, all commitments need to be submitted to the church no later than Sunday, December 22 in order to be accounted for in the final Summary Report. Please complete and submit your card to the church even if you are unable to make a change to your current level of giving. For those registered parishioners not currently supporting the church with regular offertory gifts, please consider a monthly gift to support the needs of our parish.

## Cathedral Gallery

If you are looking for that perfect gift to give to someone this Christmas, then look no further! The Cathedral Gallery is having a Clearance Sale. All Aloha Attire of Our Lady of Peace & Saints of Hawaii are half off! From Men's aloha shirts to Ladies' Camp Shirts, half off! Ladies' Mu'umu'u, half off! Reversible Tote Bags, half off! That is 50% off these selected items. For more information, please call (808) 585-3311.

# December 22, 2019 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

## Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

*Isaiah 7:10-14 | Psalm 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6. | Romans 1:1-7 | Matthew 1:18-24*

The beginning verses of Paul's letter, only three sentences long, are packed with meaning. In these few verses, Paul says who he is, "a slave of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle" (Romans 1:1). He tells about his mission: "the grace of apostleship, to bring about the obedience of faith . . . among all the Gentiles" (Romans 1:5). Finally, he pours out God's grace and *shalom* (peace) upon his readers. Like the readers in Rome we hear the universal message of God's salvation and Paul's call to become believers.

In today's Gospel Joseph is invited to trust that God is with him. Faced with a dilemma Joseph is given an active part and sacred trust: "you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins" (Matthew 1:21). Joseph had faith and gave Mary and Jesus all the protection and safety within his ability. He acts as a believer whose faith and trust allows Emmanuel (God with us) to come into the world.

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### **Christmas Readings:**

**Vigil** - *Isaiah 62:1-5 | Psalm 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 | Acts 13:16-17, 22-25 | Matthew 1:1-25*

**Midnight** - *Isaiah 9:1-6 | Psalm 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 | Titus 2:11-14 | Luke 2:1-14*

**Dawn** - *Isaiah 62:11-12 | Psalm 97:1, 6, 11-12 | Titus 3:4-7 | Luke 2:15-20*

**Day** - *Isaiah 52:7-10 | Psalm 98:1-6 | Hebrews 1:1-6 | John 1:1-18*

### **Next Sunday's Readings: "The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph"**

*Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 | Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5. | Colossians 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 | Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23*

## **From the Desk of Fr. Pascual**

Dear Cathedral Ohana,

Greetings of peace, love, and joy!

On this Fourth Sunday of Advent, we hear the story of Joseph and his role in the mystery of the birth of Jesus. Like any other human being, Joseph, at first, experience confusion, fear and pain because of the reality he was facing, that the child in Mary's womb was not his. But when the mystery of Mary's pregnancy was explained to him, he welcomed it and obediently took his role to Mary and her Child.

Joseph, as a righteous man, embraced the responsibility of being the foster father of Jesus. In as much as it may have been difficult for him to accept it, his faith motivated him to do so. His obedience to God's will, communicated by the angel, was expressed in action. He models for all of us what it means to discern what God calls us to be and to be able to live it when called to do so.

As we come to close the Advent Season and approaching the celebration of the birth of our Savior, we certainly need to ponder our call as followers or disciples of Jesus. We probably can say that there were many occasions that our call was tested and did not live to what was expected of us. There were situations that we could hardly accept reality and gave up. Let it be this time that we look up to this righteous man as we approach the mysteries and the manifold challenges of faith and life. Our openness to the will of God enables us to direct our lives to something better and wonderful. Yes, it may bring fear and uncertainties but if we have the faith and obedience of Joseph, it will lead us to greater wonders with our lives in God.

May these remaining days of Advent be faith enriching and life invigorating.

Your friend in the Lord,  
Fr. Pascual