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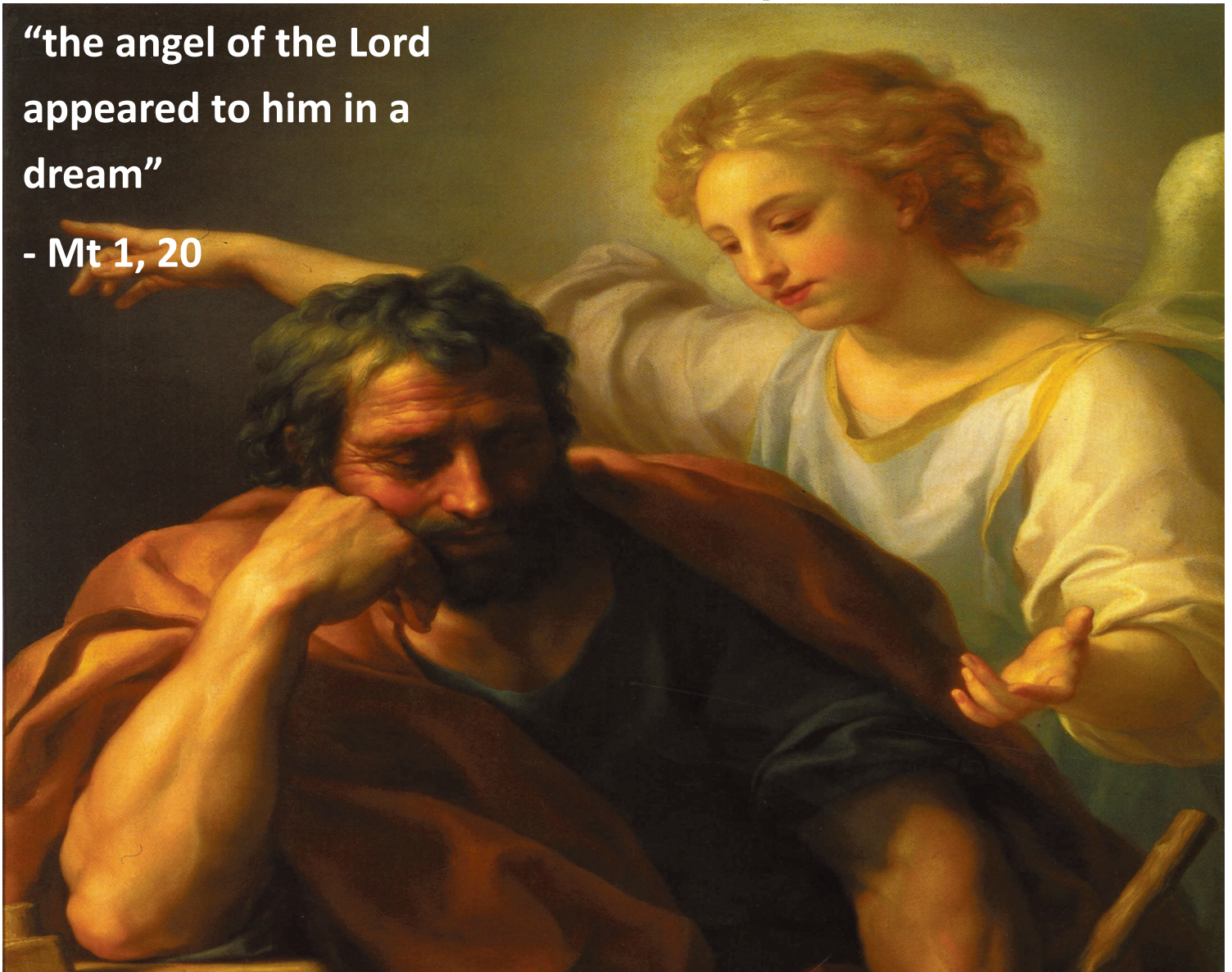
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December
18, 2016

Fourth Sunday of Advent

“the angel of the Lord
appeared to him in a
dream”

- Mt 1, 20



MASS SCHEDULES

Sunday Mass in English

Saturday 4:30 PM

Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM & 12:15 PM

Daily Mass

7 & 8:30 AM (Saturday 8:30 AM)

Reconciliation

Saturday 3-4:00 PM

Misas Dominicales en Español

Sábado 6 PM, Domingo 2 & 6 PM

Misas en Español

Miércoles 7 PM

Reconciliación

Miércoles 6-7 PM, Sábado 3-4:00 PM

United in faith and guided by the Holy Spirit



From the Pastor's Desk:

The great writer Max Lucado tells about his neighbor who was trying to teach his six-year-old son how to shoot a basketball. They were out in the backyard. The father shot a couple of times, saying, "Do it just like that, son; it's real easy."

The little boy tried very hard but he couldn't get the ball ten feet into the air. The little fellow got more and more frustrated. Finally, after hearing his father talk about how easy it was for the tenth time, the boy said, "It's easy for you up there. You don't know how hard it is from down here." You and I can never say that about God. When Jesus became man and lived among us, he walked where we walk, he suffered what we suffer, he was tempted as we are tempted. He was Emmanuel which means "God is with us."

There is a story about a small boy who went to a pet shop. "Mister," he said to the owner, "I want to buy that puppy." The owner's eyes followed the boy's finger to a little crippled puppy all by himself. "Son," replied, "that pup is worthless. We're going to have him put to sleep in the next few days." But the boy protested, "I've saved my money just to buy that one puppy. I have been looking at him in the window every day. He's the only one I want." Once again the owner explained the problem — the dog was crippled — the dog was worthless — the dog would be put to sleep. The small boy then reached down with two little hands and pulled up his trousers. The man observed two little legs enclosed in braces. "Mister," he said, "You don't know what love can do!" Jesus, Emmanuel has worn our braces and died for our sins. Now with grateful hearts let us enthrone him as Savior and Lord.

It was a few days before Christmas. A woman woke up one morning and told her husband, "I just dreamed that you gave me a pearl necklace for Christmas. What do you think this dream means?" "Oh," her husband replied, "you'll know the day after tomorrow." The next morning, she turned to her husband again and said she had the same dream, and received the same reply. On the third morning, the woman woke up and smiled at her husband, "I just dreamed again that you gave me a pearl necklace for Christmas. What do you think this dream means?" And he smiled back, "You'll know tonight." That evening, the man came home with a small package and presented it to his wife. She was delighted. She opened it gently. And when she did, she found — a book! And the book's title was *The Meaning of Dreams*. Today's Gospel tells us how Joseph had a dream and how he reacted to it. (Rev Samuel Candler).

A Jesuit, a Dominican and a Franciscan were walking along an old road, debating the greatness of their orders. Suddenly, a vision of the Holy Family appeared in front of them, with Jesus in a manger and Mary and Joseph praying over him. The Franciscan fell on his face, overcome with awe at the sight of God born in such poverty. The Dominican fell to his knees, adoring the beautiful reflection of the Trinity and the Holy Family. The Jesuit walked up to Joseph, put his arm around his shoulder, and said, "So, where ya thinking of sending the kid for school?"

Nota de nuestro pastor: El gran escritor Max Lucado habla de su

vecino que estaba intentando enseñar a su hijo de seis años a disparar una pelota de baloncesto. Estaban en el patio trasero. El padre disparó un par de veces, diciendo: "hazlo así, hijo; es verdaderamente fácil". El niño trató arduamente pero él no podía conseguir tirar la bola diez pies en el aire. El pequeño se puso cada vez más frustrado. Finalmente, después de oír a su padre hablar sobre lo fácil que era por décima vez, el muchacho dijo, "es fácil para usted allí. No sabes lo difícil que es desde aquí." Tú y yo nunca podremos decir eso sobre Dios. Cuando Jesús se hizo hombre y vivió entre nosotros, caminó donde caminamos, Él sufrió lo que sufrimos, Él fue tentado como nosotros somos tentados. Era Emmanuel, que significa "Dios con nosotros".

Hay una historia sobre un niño que fue a una tienda de mascotas. "Señor," le dijo al propietario, "Quiero comprar ese perrito." Los ojos del propietario siguieron el dedo del muchacho hacia un pequeño perrito lisiado solitario. "Hijo", respondió: "ese cachorro no tiene valor. Vamos a ponerle a dormir en los próximos días." Pero, el muchacho protestó, "he guardado mi dinero para comprar ese cachorro. He estado mirándolo en la ventana todos los días. Él es el único que yo quiero". Una vez más, el propietario explicó el problema, el perro estaba deshabilitado, el perro no tenía valor — el perro se pondría a dormir. El niño entonces se agachó con sus dos pequeñas manos y levantó su pantalón. El hombre observó dos piernitas encerradas entre dos aparatos. "Señor," dijo, "Usted no sabe lo que el amor puede hacer!" Jesús, Emmanuel ha usado nuestros aparatos y murió por nuestros pecados. Ahora con corazones agradecidos lo exaltamos a Él como Salvador y Señor.

Eran unos días antes de Navidad. Una mujer se despertó una mañana y le dijo a su marido, "yo acabo de soñar que usted me dio un collar de perlas para Navidad. ¿Qué crees que significa este sueño?" "Oh," su marido le respondió, "sabrás pasado mañana." A la mañana siguiente, ella se volvió a su marido y le dijo que había tenido el mismo sueño y recibió la misma respuesta. En la tercera mañana, la mujer se despertó y le sonrió a su marido, "acabo de soñar nuevamente que me regalaste un collar de perlas para Navidad. ¿Qué crees que significa este sueño?" Y sonrió, "Lo sabrás esta noche." Esa noche, el hombre llegó a casa con un paquete pequeño y se lo dio a su esposa. Ella estaba encantada y lo abrió suavemente. Cuando lo hizo, ella encontró — un libro! y el título del libro era *El Significado de los Sueños*. El Evangelio de hoy nos dice cómo José tuvo un sueño y cómo reaccionó a él. (Rev. Samuel Candler).

Un Jesuita, un Dominicano y un Franciscano caminaban por un camino viejo, debatiendo la grandeza de sus congregaciones. De repente, una visión de la Sagrada Familia apareció frente a ellos, con Jesús en un pesebre, María y José orando sobre él. El Franciscano cayó sobre su rostro, asombrado a la vista de Dios nacido en tal pobreza. El Dominicano cayó de rodillas, adorando la reflexión hermosa de la Trinidad y la Sagrada Familia. ¿El Jesuita se acercó a José, puso su brazo alrededor de su hombro y le dijo: "oye, a cuál escuela has pensado enviar al niño?"

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week
of December 18, 2016

Sun/Dom:

Is 7:10-14/Ps 24/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

Mon/Lunes:

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71/Lk 1:5-25

Tues/Martes:

Is 7:10-14/Ps 24/Lk 1:26-38

Wed/Mier:

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33/
Lk 1:39-45

Thurs/Juev:

1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2/Lk 1:46-56

Fri/Vier:

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25/Lk 1:57-66

Sat/Sab:

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89/
Lk 1:67-79

Next Sun/Dom:

Is 52:7-10/Ps 98/Heb 1:1-6/
Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday — Saturday Dec 18-24

Simbang Gabi *continues*

5:30 AM Mass

Followed by Breakfast in the Gym

Sunday—Friday Dec 18-23

Las Posadas *continues*

7:00PM Novena in the Hall

Christmas Masses

Saturday — Dec 24th

4:30 Mass English

6:00 Mass Spanish

11:30 Christmas Carols

Midnight Mass—English

Sunday — Dec 25th

7:30 Mass English

9:00 Mass English

10:30 Mass English

12:15 Mass English

2:00 Mass Spanish

6:00 Mass Spanish

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Saturday 10 AM-4 PM

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Sunday 9 AM-4 PM

Bilingual available 12 PM-4 PM

Rev. Joseph Antony Sebastian, SVD

Pastor

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday

10 AM to 12 PM

5 PM to 8 PM *(with appointment)*

lunes, martes, miércoles, y Viernes

10 AM a 12 PM

5 PM a 8 PM *(con cita)*

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5 PM to 8 PM *(with appointment)*

lunes, miércoles, jueves y Viernes

10:00 AM a 12:00 PM

5 PM a 8 PM *(con cita)*

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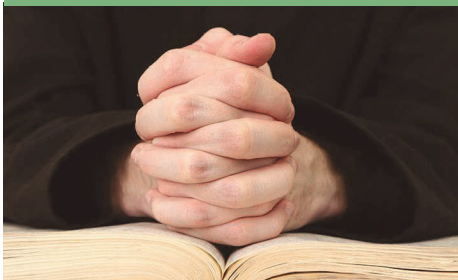
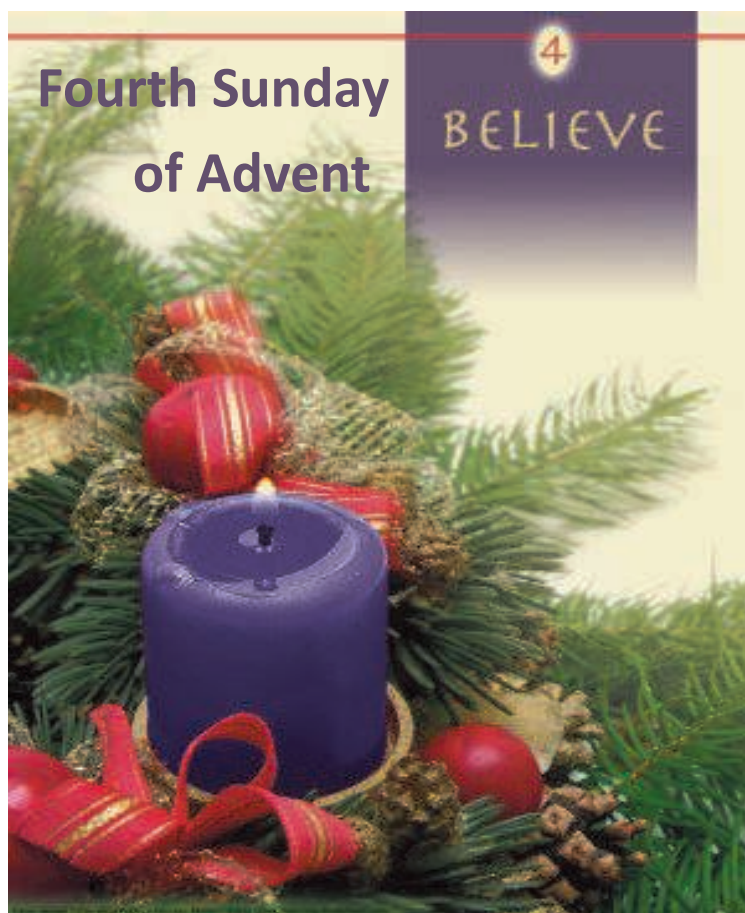
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 Diego Trujillo
 Paul Seishas
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 Laura Soffiotto

DONATIONS

St Vincent de Paul
 Food offering for next week:

Cereal

CONTRIBUTIONS CONTRIBUCIONES

COLLECTION FOR WEEK
December 11

The Plate Collection
 \$
EFT Collection
 \$
On Line Giving
 \$

TOTAL for the WEEK
 \$

Amount not available at press time

MASS INTENTIONS

December 17-24, 2016

Saturday 4:30 PM

The Community of St. Joachim

Saturday 6:00 PM

Abelardo & Maria Viveros

(27th aniversario de boda)

Antonio & Cuca Magallon

(59th aniversario de boda)

Ramon & Maria Gutierrez

(23rd aniversario de boda)

Federico Prado † (aniversario)

Eduardo Garcia Tapia † (2nd aniversario)

Ramon & Consuelo Villanueva †

Sunday 5:30 AM

Simbang Gabi Mass

Sunday 7:30 AM

Pete & Purita Wagner

(37th wedding anniversary)

Leilani Wagner (birthday)

Marie Teles †

Sunday 9:00 AM

Eliseo Camacho †

Reginald Castanares †

Vicente D. Tolentino †

Sunday 10:30 AM

Raymond Yu (thanksgiving)

Rafael Valderrama (healing)

Rosilla DeLeon Samson † (1st anniversary)

Enzo & Bernie Gutierrez †

Jocelyn Alcantara †

Ildefonso & Ruth Aquino †

Mercedes Yanga † (anniversary)

Pedro Dizon († birthday)

Sunday 12:15 PM

Chris Delos Angeles (birthday)

Sunday 2:00 PM

Isabel Rodriguez (thanksgiving)

Antonio Ochoa Ramos †

Nicolas Rodriguez †

Sunday 6:00 PM

Bernardina Pina †

Victoria Alvarez †

Monday 5:30 AM

Simbang Gabi Mass

Monday 8:30 AM

Robert Maglaya Sr. † (14th anniversary)

David & Gary Botelho †

Tuesday 5:30 AM

Simbang Gabi Mass

Tuesday 8:30 AM

Elijah James Orlina (9th birthday)

Cynthia Maglaya († birthday)

Wednesday 5:30 AM

Simbang Gabi Mass

Wednesday 8 :30 AM

Rosario & Ezequiel Lapastora †

Wednesday 7:00 PM

Jose A. Pizano Rojas (cumpleanos)

Familia Jose Pizano Rojas

(accion de gracia)

Esther Guevara († cumpleanos)

Juana Hernandez † (aniversario)

Thursday 5:30 AM

Simbang Gabi Mass

Thursday 8:30 AM

Maria Nguyet †

Friday 5:30 AM

Simbang Gabi Mass

Friday 8:30 AM

Araceli R. Millena (80th birthday)

Dale Grgurina † (1st anniversary)

Maria Nguyet †

Basil Sales †

Saturday 5:30 AM

Simbang Gabi Mass

Saturday 8:30 AM

Reynaldo C. Haway (thanksgiving)

Maria Nguyet †

Almario P. Salta †

Basil Sales †



Religious Items For Sale

This Weekend - Dec 17 & 18

At the Placita after Mass

The Sisters Clarisas Franciscans from the Diocese of Cuernavaca, Mexico, are here with us to sell Religious and handmade items. Their goal is to raise as much funds as possible for the construction of their Monastery. They are hoping that each of you can purchase one of their beautiful items. In buying with them, you are participating in the work of the Church for the Glory of God.

Las Hermanitas Clarisas Franciscanas de la Diócesis de Cuernavaca, México, se encuentran con nosotros para ofrecernos algunos artículos religiosos y trabajos manuales con el fin de obtener fondos para la construcción de su Monasterio. Esperando de parte de todos ustedes, compren dichos artículos y así participar en la gran obra de la Iglesia para la Gloria de Dios.

VATICAN CORNER Since July, 2016, a white and blue-striped RV style van marked with a Vatican City license plate and coat of arms has been running around Rome bringing free medical care to the poor. The RV was converted into a mobile medical unit and donated by the office of the Papal Almoner to a group of volunteer health professional who bring their medical care and supplies directly to the homeless in shanty towns around Rome's outskirts and to areas of abandoned buildings and near a city train station. The medical volunteers have been active since 2004 and they work together with other nonprofit groups and the Church to staff makeshift clinics in places of great need. The Vatican says the van makes it easier to bring "the closeness of the Pope and the Church" to the migrants "who live in truly inhumane conditions."



Many of the migrants have made the perilous journeys to Italy by sea and have suffered the trauma and loss of loved ones. Most that are receiving the free health care are children, women, expectant mothers and some who have been tortured in their home country. The van provides a more private setting for patients that better respects their dignity and it is outfitted with the needed medical equipment and carries supplies such as clothing for distribution. The medical volunteers have reported that they have treated over 2,000 people since they started using the van.

The first Christians took ministering to the sick, hungry and poor very seriously and their emphasis on charity led to the first organized efforts to provide food and nursing services to the ill, as well as the first hospitals. In the spirit of healing both body and soul, many of the first priests who emerged in the mid-first century, such as St. Luke the Evangelist, were also physicians. Although medical knowledge for the first 1,000 years was very poor, an early welfare system in the Middle Ages including hospitals, orphanages, centers for lepers, and hostels where pilgrims could find meals and beds developed. Monasteries and convents were not just centers for religious study; they were also the primary centers for the study and practice of medicine, and served as the main providers until about 1300. The study of medicine blossomed again in the 14th century. Pope Nicholas V sponsored the acquisition and translation of ancient medical and scientific texts from Greek into Latin, including works of Galen which formed the foundation of Western medicine, and although it would not stand up to today's scientific standards, it played a central role in medical understanding for the next 15 centuries. In the 15th and 16th Centuries, Religious orders set up hundreds of hospitals across the Mediterranean and Europe and the Vatican library grew. The Popes patronized anatomists who learned about the human body by dissecting cadavers. In the following centuries, Catholic clergy-scientists would continue to advance medical and scientific understanding, the most famous being Gregor Mendel, the father of genetics, who was an Augustinian friar. Today the Catholic Church maintains roughly 18,000 clinics, 16,000 homes for the elderly and those with special needs, and 5,500 hospitals around the world, making it the largest non-governmental provider of healthcare.

Sources: christiantimes.com, catholicherald.co, catholicnews.com, columbiasurgery.org

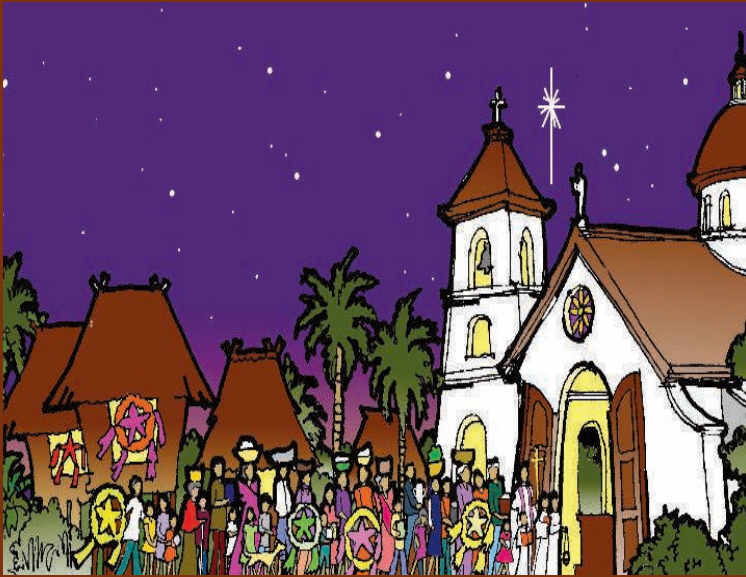
Reflection

The name Emmanuel means, "God is with us." This is a title we use for Jesus frequently during the Advent and Christmas season, but its impact should stay with us throughout the year. The Incarnation, God becoming human in the person of Jesus Christ, broke into our world in a profound manner that means that God is not only with us, God is us. The relationship offered to you and I by God is now more intimate and meaningful because of the birth of Jesus Christ.

God is truly with us and our goal is to be truly present to him at all times. To be prayerful is an important characteristic of an Everyday Steward. It means more than reciting prayers and setting aside ten minutes a day. Our goal is to experience the presence of God throughout the day in the ordinary and extraordinary moments of living. Offering all the actions and moments of the day to God as we awake, and then examining our day before we go to sleep at night, help lead us closer toward that goal.

When we begin to sense God's presence at all times, and we realize that being with God does not mean one of us has to be talking all the time, then we can truly attest to our reality in a quiet voice at any time, "Emmanuel, God is with us."

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



Simbang Gabi
December 16-24
Mass at 5:30 AM
Breakfast follows in the Gym

Las Posadas
Dec 16-23
7 PM
in the Hall



Christmas Mass Schedule

CHRISTMAS EVE—Saturday

4:30 PM Mass ~ English
6:00 PM Mass ~ Spanish
11:30 PM Christmas Carols
Midnight Mass ~ English

CHRISTMAS—Sunday

7:30 AM Mass ~ English
9:00 AM Mass ~ English
10:30 AM Mass ~ English
12:15 PM Mass ~ English
2:00 PM Mass ~ Spanish
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