

Fourth Sunday of Advent (December 23, 2018)

Reflection on Today's Readings

MEMORIES AND DREAMS

Throughout our lives, we retain the language and habits of our native region and family of origin. Should we return to our home after a long absence, we quickly revert to its familiar speech and practices. Our deep memory is reflected in old stories and words and speech patterns. This familiarity runs like an underground river and accompanies us wherever we go.

Not only do we remember, we are incorporated into and made part of a greater memory. In remembering and recollecting, we are in turn gathered up and re-collected.

Today we remember Mary, a small figure travelling the country roads to visit Elizabeth. All the great pronouncements and dreams of the prophets point to this time when the Lord's words to Mary would be gathered and fulfilled. The memories of her people are alive in her, and memories of her nourish our own living faith.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79
 Tuesday: **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]
Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]
 Wednesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
 Thursday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
 Friday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18
 Saturday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
 Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. —Luke 1:42



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Weekly Schedule

Monday, December 24 Vigil of Christmas

Noon Mass-Louis Scalise (+)
 5:00 PM Mass-English
 8:00 PM Mass-Spanish

Tuesday, December 25 The Nativity of the Lord

12:00 AM Midnight Mass
 6:30 AM Mass
 9:00 AM Mass-Kevin Fredericks (I)

Wednesday, December 26

Noon Mass-Irene Martino (+)
 5:30 PM-Citizenship Classes
 Father Ken's Class is Cancelled

Thursday, December 27

Noon Mass-Irene Martino (+)
 5:30 PM-Meditation Group
 7:00 PM-Adult Choir

Friday, December 28

Noon Mass-Latin-Raymond & Virginia Schoberle (+)

Saturday, December 29

9:00 AM Mass
 4:00 PM-Confession
 5:00 PM Mass-English-José Sic (+)

Sunday, December 30

No Faith Formation Classes
 9:00 AM Mass-English-Irene Martino (+)
 Noon Mass-Hmong
 5:00 PM Mass-Spanish-*Pro Populo*

(+) Deceased (I) Intentions

Weekly Collections

2018-2019 Fiscal Year

Weekly Amt. Needed for Budget	\$ 8,461.54
Offertory Week of 12/02/2018	\$ 12,725.50
Online Giving week of 12/02/2018	\$ 970.00
Holy Day Offertory	\$
Total Offertory for week	\$ 13,695.50
Fiscal Year (Under)/Over Budget	\$(3,733.48)

2018 Diocesan Support Appeal (DSA)

Goal: \$50,138.00

Paid \$ 47,607.82 Pledge balance \$ 4,665.68
 Amt. Paid Over Pledge Goal \$ 2,135.50 Donors 160
 To donate on line, go to:
<http://www.charlottediocese.org/donations>



MERRY CHRISTMAS

In support of Burke Hospice and Palliative Care, Diane Beall has agreed to serve as the Ambassador for our church. Diane will be a great asset in serving our Faith Family. Please call Diane at 828-390-0195 if you or your family can benefit from the services provided by Burke Hospice, including Palliative and Bereavement Services.

MASSES FOR NEW YEAR'S

Monday, Dec. 31 New Year's Eve

5:00 PM Mass-English

8:00 PM Mass-Spanish

11:30 PM Mass

Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2019 Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God (New Year's Day)

12 Noon Mass

Gifts for Epiphany, January 6, 2019

The Liturgy and Worship Commission members are asking for donations to the food pantry which will be presented at Mass on Sunday, January 6, The Feast of the Three Kings. Please bring one or as many of the following items as you choose; soup, rice, boxed mashed potatoes, rice-a-roni and or any other non-perishables. Let us share our gifts with the hungry in our community. Thank you for your generosity.

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Church Meetings

PRAYING HANDS & KNITTING GROUP

Sunday, Dec. 23 from 2-4 PM in library

DIRECTORY

Faith Formation-10:30 AM Sunday

Anglo FF Coordinator: *Gail Watson* 437-3108

Spanish FF Coordinator: *Daniel Pedro* 403-0959

Spanish Youth: *Maureen Dougher* 403-5284

Anglo Youth: *Gail Watson* 437-3108

Adult Choir-Thursday 7 PM

Organist: *Peter Hartman* 437-3108

Parish Pastoral Council-First Tuesday 7 PM

Chairman: *Steve Schoeberle*

Finance Council-Third Tuesday 5:30 PM

Chairman: *David Snell*

Anglo Liturgy and Worship Commission:

Third Monday 5:45 PM-*Maureen Dougher*

Hispanic Liturgy and Worship Commission:

Pedro Pascual

Community Ministries Commission: *Rita Gallagher*

Parish Life Commission: *Jo Elyn Hannah*

Education and Formation Commission:

Second Wednesday 5:30 PM-*Terri Martino*

Communication Commission:

Ann Marie McNeely

Building/Facilities Commission: *Alan Brown*

Evangelization/Ecumenism Commission:

Nancy Hartman

Ladies Guild-First Monday 10:30 AM

Chairperson: *Donna Davis*

Knights of Columbus-Third Monday 6:30 PM

Grand Knight: *David Tagye*

F.S.: *T. J. Robinson*

Office Hours: 9 AM-4:00 PM M-F

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