

## ***Fourth Sunday in Advent December 20, 2015***

### **La Historia y Usted:** Cuarto Domingo de Adviento

A veces no nos queda de otra que vivir entre la memoria y la esperanza. Cuando María preguntó, -¿Cómo puede ser esto?- El Ángel Gabriel recurrió a su memoria. Ciertamente María recordaba las grandes historias de milagros en las escrituras, pero Gabriel tenía otra sorpresa. -!Mira!- le dijo Gabriel. -¿Recuerdas a tu prima Isabel, anciana y sin hijos? ¿Está embarazada! ¿Ves? Y Dios quien es todopoderoso hará ahora algo aun más grande.

¿Participas?-

-Participo del todo.- contestó María. Entonces - y no te pierdas esto- *El Ángel se fue*. No hay ninguna evidencia de que el Ángel visito a María por segunda vez. No cuando era una chica embarazada y soltera a punto de dar a luz en un Belén atiborrado de gente. No cuando el profeta Simeón le dijo que una espada atravesaría su corazón. Ni siquiera, O Dios, al pie de la cruz. Ni siquiera entonces.

¿Has elegido recordar, aun en los momentos más oscuros, la cercanía de Dios a ti en el pasado? Las palabras de Isabel a María también son para ti: *Bendita tú que CREES que las promesas del Señor serán cumplidas.*

*¿De que maneras vives tú entre la memoria y la esperanza?*

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**The Story and You:** Fourth Sunday in Advent  
Sometimes we just have to live between memory and hope. When Mary asked, "How can this be?" the angel Gabriel appealed to her memory. Certainly Mary remembered the great miracle stories in the scriptures, but Gabriel had another surprise. "Look!" said Gabriel. "You know your elderly, childless cousin Elizabeth? She's pregnant! See? And God who is mighty is doing something even greater right now. Are you in?" "I'm all in," said Mary. Then—and don't miss this—*the angel left her*. There is no evidence that the angel ever visited Mary again. Not when she was an unmarried, pregnant girl about to give birth in an over-booked Bethlehem. Not when the prophet Simeon told her that a sword would pierce her heart. Not even, oh God, at the foot of the cross. Not even then.

Have you chosen to remember, even in the dreaded times, God's nearness to you in the past?

Elizabeth's words to Mary are for you too: *Blessed are you who BELIEVE that the promise of the Lord will be fulfilled.*

*In what ways do you live between memory and hope?*

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### **Please Pray for the Sick of our Parish--**

Conception Ayala, Ken Cruz, Jr, LaSelle Pino, Frank Romero, Fernando Olivas, Jacqueline Perez, James Ayala, Olivia Scott, Guadalupe Sanches, Clarita Rubio, Veronica Aragon, Mary Maes, Steve Mione, Calista Pugh, Tillie Estrada, Don Milner, Alicia Aguilar, Dana Tracy

**Community Ministry Food Bank**—would like us to collect **Canned Vegetables** for the month of December. Please leave your donations in the church vestibule.

### **Christmas schedule—**

#### **Thursday-December 24**

4:00pm—Mass with Children's Choir

9:30pm—Caroling

10:00pm—Mass

#### **Friday-December 25**

9:00am—Mass

#### **Friday – January 1, 2016**

9:00am—Mass

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#### **Readings for the week of December 13, 2015**

Sunday Mi 5: 1-4a//Heb 10: 5-10//Lk 1: 39-45

Monday Sg 2: 8-14//Lk 1: 39-45

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

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

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

Friday Is 9: 1-6//Ti 2: 11-14//Lk 2: 1-14

Saturday Acts 6: 8-10; 7: 54-59//Mt 10: 17-22

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# *Around the Parish and the Community*

## **FAITH FORMATION**

### **FAMILY FAITH FORMATION**

Just a reminder that there will be no classes for Children's Faith Formation on Sunday, December 20 or December 27. Classes will resume on Sunday, January 3, which is also a Family Faith Day.

### **SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION**

Families who have students preparing for 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation, 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist, and/or Confirmation must provide a copy of their child's baptismal certificate. Please make sure to get these to the office as soon as possible. Students will not be able to participate in the sacrament of Reconciliation until we receive this documentation!

### **WORD ON FIRE – CATHOLICISM SERIES**

Our next session in the *Catholicism* series, will be on Wednesday, January 6 at 7:00 pm.

### **CHILDREN'S BIBLES**

If you ordered a Children's Bible please make sure to pick your copy up soon. There are 8 available in English and 4 in Spanish. The cost is \$25. Please contact Laurie Lopez at the parish office for more information.

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**Saturday December 19**  
4:00pm +Josephine Aquila by family  
+Orlando Trujillo  
by George & Gloria Madrid  
+Felix Lucero by family  
**Sunday December 20**

9am +Leora Schoenberger  
by Tony Schoenberger  
People of the Parish  
**Monday December 21**  
8:30am Communion Service  
**Tuesday December 22**  
8:30am +Margaret Janiczek  
+Audrey Janiczek  
**Wednesday December 22**  
8:30am deceased members of  
the Holy Name Society  
**Thursday December 24**  
8:30am +Carolyn Egan  
by Laurie Lopez  
4:00pm +Michael Fenning  
by Jenny & Frank Martinez  
+Dino Onofrio  
**Friday December 25**  
9:00am +Claus Sternberg  
by Christel Sternberg  
**Saturday December 26**  
4pm +Orlando Trujillo  
by Gloria & George Madrid  
**Sunday December 27**  
9:00am +Margaret Huter by family  
11:30am People of the Parish

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The Year of Mercy—Pope Francis would like to encourage all Catholics to assist in bringing a brighter awareness of the Acts of Mercy, corporal and spiritual, in the year of mercy. So here is a list of those Acts or Works of Mercy:

#### *Corporal Works of Mercy*

- 1) Feed the Hungry
- 2) Give drink to the Thirsty
- 3) Clothe the Naked
- 4) Shelter the Homeless
- 5) Visit the Sick
- 6) Visit the Imprisoned
- 7) Bury the Dead

#### *Spiritual Works of Mercy*

- 1) Instruct the Ignorant
- 2) Counsel the Doubtful
- 3) Admonish Sinners
- 4) Bear Wrongs patiently
- 5) Forgive Offences willingly
- 6) Comfort the Afflicted
- 7) Pray for the Living and the Dead

Give drink to the Thirsty—Those little juice boxes? An easy way to hand off a healthy refreshment. Pick up a package of boxed drinks to drop off in the food basket.