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Fourth Sunday of Advent • December 23, 2012

Good News!

December 23, 2012

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)

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

I love short work weeks. A Monday holiday makes the rest of the week fly by even though I'm forced to cram five days of work into four.

Does the same hold true for this final week of Advent, which is just two days long? Today it's still Advent (expectation, anticipation, preparation); in 48 hours, it will be Christmas (fulfillment, completion, celebration). That's a quick turnaround.

How do we fit seven days of spiritual preparation into a few hours?

We can take a lesson from Mary, who first experienced the transition from Advent expectation to the celebration of Christmas—through her own body. Mary's preparation included a long journey "in haste" (at several months' pregnant, I couldn't do anything "in haste," so to me this is an especially impressive feat!) to see her also-pregnant cousin Elizabeth. The women's joy is palpable. Elizabeth's recognition of Mary's blessedness speaks volumes about true spiritual preparation: "Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."

Mary believed that God would do what he said he would do. She believed God keeps promises. This was the key to Mary's holiness—trusting that God would keep his word. Perhaps, in this short fourth week of Advent, instead of a spiritual cramming session, we need only undertake this basic preparation for Christmas:

Believe that God keeps his promises. God has promised that we will not be alone; God has promised that we need not be afraid; God has promised abundant life, both here on Earth and through resurrection.

God kept his promise to Mary. Do we trust God will do the same for us?

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WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturdays at 5:00 p.m.

Sundays at 7:30 and 10:00 a.m.

Holy Days at 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

WELCOME!

If you are new in the Parish, please register and introduce yourself to the Pastor. The Parishioners wish to meet and serve you! Drop by at our Coffee Social or Pancake Breakfast after the Sunday Mass, both per the Calendar online or as announced inside the bulletin. We hope you will favor our Parish with your prayers, your presence, your talents and your financial assistance according to your means!

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION):

By appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Please call the rectory (860-643-4466) to arrange for a meeting with the Pastor.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Arrangements must start more than 6 months before marriage. Necessary interviews, a pre-cana course and plenty of paperwork is required. We strongly urge you to contact us to begin the Diocesan preparation course as soon as you are engaged to get the most out of it without rush.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP:

The Sacramental Guidelines define Church Membership in terms of Sunday Mass attendance and Church support. For membership verification and sponsorship certificate, registration and regular use of the envelope system are the only way we have of verifying this for you. Please notify us if there are changes in your address, marital status, etc., so that we may update your records.

VISITATION TO THE SICK:

We are most anxious to help anyone who is not able to celebrate Mass with us in Church due to illness, handicapped or age. If you wish the Sacraments, please call 860-643-4466.

THIS WEEK
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DEC. 22 – 23, 2012
USHERS GROUP IV

SATURDAY, DEC. 22 –
4:00 P.M. Mass offered for +Doris & +Paul Gidius
request of Rich, Gail & Terri Gidius

SUNDAY, DEC. 23 –
7:30 A.M. Mass offered for +Mary, +Steve &
+David Jr. Caruso request of Charles
Brown Family

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

NO FAITH FORMATION

10:00 A.M. – Mass offered for +Marion & +Bill
Miller request of The Family

MONDAY, DEC. 24 – CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

2nd COLLECTION FOR THE POOR AND NEEDY

Pageant at the 4 P.M. Mass

4:00 P.M. Mass offered for +Joseph & +Marie
Ann Madore request of Their Daughters
& Son

Altar Servers: Ally Cianci
Lector: Jennifer Carvalho
Eucharistic Minister: Sharon & Clifford Scorso

10:00 P.M. Mass Offered for All Parishioners
Altar Servers: Nicholas VanDine & Maria Cinea
Lector: Jeffrey Monroe
Eucharistic Minister: Louis Cloutier

TUESDAY, DEC. 25 – CHRISTMAS DAY MASS

10:00 A.M. Mass offered for +Frank Kwiatkowski
request of Irene Kwiatkowski

Altar Servers: Alex Czercowy
Lector: Lynn Mancino
Eucharistic Minister: Linda Wiley

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 26 – No Mass

No Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

THURSDAY, DEC. 27 – No Mass

FRIDAY, DEC. 28 – No Mass

SATURDAY, DEC. 29 –

ROSARY BEFORE 4:00 P.M. MASS

NEXT WEEK
THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH
DEC. 29 – 30, 2012
USHERS GROUP I

SATURDAY, DEC. 29 –
4:00 P.M. Mass offered for +Ferdinand & +Alice
Francoeur request of Elaine Gaumond

Altar Servers: Maria Cinea
Lector: Georgette Pelletier
Eucharistic Minister: Linda Wiley

SUNDAY, DEC. 30 –
7:30 A.M. Mass offered for +Henry Leonard

Altar Servers: Lynn Mancino
Lector: Joel Cohan
Eucharistic Minister: Arlene Giglio

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY after Mass

NO FAITH FORMATION

10:00 A.M. – Mass offered for +Richard Hein (10th
Anniv.) request of The Family

Altar Servers: Nicholas VanDine
Lector: Evelyn O'Connor
Eucharistic Minister: Sharon Scorso

MONDAY, DEC. 31 –
**6:00 P.M. Vigil Mass for the Octave of the Nativity of the
Lord; Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**
Mass offered for +All Parishioners of St.
Maurice

Altar Servers: Nicholas VanDine & Maria Cinea
Lector: Rita Sheetz
Eucharistic Minister: Annedda Stiller

TUESDAY, JAN. 1 –
**10:00 A.M. Mass for the Octave of the Nativity of the
Lord; Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**
Mass offered for +All Parishioners of St.
Maurice

Altar Servers: Alex Czercowy
Lector: Paul Brown
Eucharistic Minister: Maureen Mozzer

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 2 –
9:00 A.M. Mass offered for Arthur Chamberlain
request of Theresa Ciscon

No Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

THURSDAY, JAN. 3 – No Mass

FRIDAY, JAN. 4 – No Mass

SATURDAY, JAN. 5 –

ROSARY BEFORE 4:00 P.M. MASS

East Catholic High School

On Saturday, January 12, 2013 there will be a make-up
entrance exam for all the 8th grade students who missed the
December one.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 23, 2012

Last week's Offertory – December 16 – \$2,978
Last year's Offertory – December 18 – \$3,214

"You, Bethlehem-Ephrathah, too small to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel." (Micah 5:1)

We may think that the gifts we have to offer may be too small or too inconsequential to give to God. Today we are reminded that God brought forth His greatest gift to mankind, His own son, through the humble town of Bethlehem. He can also accomplish great things through us if we generously offer our gifts to Him.

BIRTHRIGHT

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Friendship counselors (training provided), clerical and clothing workers and Church fund raising helpers are needed. Birthright's guiding principle: "It is the RIGHT of every pregnant woman to give BIRTH and the RIGHT of every child to be BORN. Birthright is an emergency pregnancy service offering free pregnancy tests, friendship counseling, and practical support to women in crisis pregnancies. Our office is located in East Hartford and served 424 women in 2010. Please join us and be blessed with the opportunity to help a mother and her child. Call 860-290-8800.

BIRTHRIGHT NEEDS gently worn MATERNITY and BABY CLOTHING and BOOKS on pregnancy and baby and child care. BIRTHRIGHT is an emergency pregnancy service staffed by volunteers dedicated to offering the alternative to abortion. Birthright offers free pregnancy tests, friendship counseling, and caring and practical support. Our office is located in East Hartford.

Call 860-290-8800 to arrange for drop off.

TOYS FOR KIDS:

For families attending Mass on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day, please encourage your child or children to bring a NEW UNWRAPPED toy to place under our parish Christmas tree in the sanctuary. Although we expect children to drop off toys during the Christmas Masses, adults can certainly contribute a gift. These toys will be transported to a parish in Hartford, where the Hispanic community will celebrate Three King's Day on January 6th. If you have any questions, please call Cliff Scorso at 860-646.1423. Thank you.

HELPING THE POOR IN CUSCO, PERU

If you are interested in helping the poor in Cusco, Peru, such as children in orphanages, children in clinics or hospitals, children abandoned on streets, or children in schools, or to construct new orphanages, etc., from June 30, July 9, 2013, please contact Fr. Michael Sequeira, a retired priest in the Diocese of Norwich, CT: punchamar@snet.net or call 860-304-4588. Cost and Conditions apply. This is the 7th group going to Cusco. Act now

MARRIAGE PREPARATION CLASSES

"God's Plan for a Joy-filled Marriage" offered by the Office of Family Life. To register for the 4 session class please call 860-889-8346 ext.283.

Date: Saturdays, Jan. 26, & Feb. 2, 9, 16, 2013

Time: 9:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Location: St. Joseph Church Hall, 11 Baltic Rd., Occum

Cost: \$50.00 per couple

Readings for the Week of December 23, 2012

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

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

Tuesday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

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

Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20

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

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

Thursday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Friday: 1 Jn 1:5--2:2/Mt 2:13-18

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35

Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

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Plan your family the safe, scientific, accurate and loving way. Natural Family Planning (NFP) is easily learned, 99% effective for conceiving or responsibly postponing a baby and used for fertility problems. **No dangerous chemicals, devices, synthetic hormones and the side-effects of contraception and birth control to you** when NFP is used. **TRUST~** God does have the best plan for your marriage! **NFP class for married or engaged couples** is 3- part monthly. A class begins on Jan. 19th at Our Lady of Lourdes in Gales Ferry, call the Schantz's at 860-464-1184. A class begins on Jan. 21st at St. John's in Old Saybrook, call the Collisons at 860-399-8265. **Class or Home Study:** www.egli.org. **NFP questions?** Family Life Office at 860-889-8346 ext. 283.

PRO-LIFE MASS

Location change for the monthly Pro-Life Mass on Saturday, January 5th ~ 8:30a.m. Mass will be celebrated at SS. Peter & Paul Church in Norwich during Cathedral renovations. Following the Mass the Rosary will be prayed both at SS. Peter & Paul Church and at the Planned Parenthood. There will *not* be a brunch after the Rosary for January. Join us with your presence as we work together to bring about a culture of life.

Defending Our Religious Liberty #43

Dec. 23, 2012

Our Catholic faith always turns first and foremost to the poor and most vulnerable, and this year you have once again shown how truly charitable you are. Contributions to this year's Annual Catholic Appeal have reached over the \$3 million mark. Your stewardship has been tremendous and we are most appreciative of your sacrifice. The 2012 Annual Catholic Appeal will end on December 31st. For those who might still wish to give, visit www.norwichdiocesedevelopment.org to donate online, or call 860-886-1928. May God bless you and your family this Christmas season, and may He continue to guide us in our efforts to defend our religious freedom.

If you haven't expressed your opposition to the federal healthcare mandate, please contact the White House at: www.whitehouse.gov/contact or call: 202-456-1111 or 202-456-1414.

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