

St. Leo the Great Catholic Church

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Fourth Sunday of *Advent*

December 19, 2021

Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit,
cried out in a loud voice and said,
“Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb.”

Luke 1:41-42

OFFICE HOURS
HORAS DE OFICINA
Monday-Thursday
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. & 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Friday
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Saturday Closed
MASS SCHEDULE
HORARIO DE MISA
Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m. (En Español)
12:00 p.m. & 2:30 p.m.
Monday-Thursday 6:30 a.m.
Friday 12:00 p.m.
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Sacramento de la Reconciliación
Saturday 3:45 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.
ADORATION / ADORACION
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Exposición del bendito sacramento
Temporarily Closed
PASTOR
Rev. Frank Macias
DEACONS / DIÁCANOS
Bob Caldwell, Gerard Gonzalez,
Robert Ibarra, J. Mark Luther
PARISH ADMINISTRATION PERSONNEL
PERSONAL DE ADMINISTRACIÓN
PARROQUIAL

Bookkeeper	Michael Morin
Administrative Assistant	Teresa Sanchez
Hall Coordinator	Chrystie Schultz
Sacramental Certificates	Gina Ybarra
Communications Specialist	Kayla De La Peña

St. Vincent De Paul (210) 533-7334

Baptisms

Parents must bring a legal state birth certificate into the church office and register. Padrinos / Sponsors must be a baptized Catholic and have received the sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation. If married, must be married in the Catholic faith.

Weddings

Please call our office to make an appointment with our pastor at least 6 months in advance.

Mass Intentions

Sat., December 18 5:00 p.m. Readings: Mi 5:1-4a Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 Heb 10:5-10 / Lk 1:39-45	Charlie Bernhard (d) Hazel Bernhard (d) Sister Camen Najera (d)	Tomasa E. Flores (d'b'day) Lawrence Anthony Dentinger (d'b'day)
Sunday, December 19	Fourth Sunday of Advent	Second Collection: St. Vincent de Paul
8:00 a.m. Readings: Mi 5:1-4a Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 Heb 10:5-10 / Lk 1:39-45	Lydia Pacheco (d) Nelia Perez (d) Maria Luisa Fernandez (d) Anita Diaz (d) Cista Hernandez (d)	Agustin Mora (d) Susie Sierra (d) Paula Z. Aldama (d) Prudencio Aldama, Jr. (d) Guadalupe Society
10:00 a.m. Readings: Mi 5:1-4a Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 Heb 10:5-10 / Lk 1:39-45	Elidia Arellano (d'b'day) Margarita Medellin (d) Eloy Murillo (d) Jorge Luis Martinez (d) Sister Camen Najera (d)	Hermelinda Martinez (d'anniv) Maria de Rosario Martinez (d) Gloria Martinez (d) Marisa Ramos Martinez (d)
12:00 p.m. Readings: Mi 5:1-4a Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 Heb 10:5-10 / Lk 1:39-45	Abraham Garcia (b'day) Adrian Leal (b'day) Cindy Flores (d) Pedro Flores (d)	Moises Perez (d) Teresa Fernandez (d) Oralia Benavides (d) Rosuara Guillen (d'anniv)
2:30 p.m. Readings: Mi 5:1-4a Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 Heb 10:5-10 / Lk 1:39-45	Elidia Arellano (d'b'day) Martin Torres (d'anniv) Virginia Lambaria (d) Ethan Jackson (d)	Rafael Suniga (d) Rudy Villa (d) Rafael Lambaria (d)
Mon., December 20 6:30 a.m. Readings: Is 7:10-14 / Lk 1:26-38		
Tue., December 21 6:30 a.m. Readings: Sg 2:8-14 / Lk 1:39-45		
Wed., December 22 6:30 a.m. Readings: 1 Sm 1:24-28 / Lk 1:46-56	Aaron Espinoza (b'day)	Eusebio Segovia (d'anniv)
Thu., December 23 6:30 a.m. Readings: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 Lk 1:57-66	George Sanchez (d) Brijida Sanchez (d) Irene Rabago (d'b'day)	Roger H. Peña (d) Minnie G. Peña (d) Steven Pena (d)
Fri., December 24 5:00 p.m. Readings: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 Lk 1:67-79	Susan Guerra (d) Daniel Dominguez (d) Santiago Dominguez (d)	Anastacio Cervantes (d) Zulema Gurrola (d)

Fourth Sunday of Advent - Scripture Insights

As the Church's celebration of Christ's coming in history draws near, our Scriptures once again speak in the voice of a prophet, who speaks God's Word. The prophet and his message are especially appropriate in relation to Luke, whose account of the Good News we read this liturgical year.

Luke, a Greek, wrote for a Gentile Christian community from the nations, a group the Old Testament commonly assumed to lie outside the realm of God's saving activity. This Gentile evangelist therefore presents Christ as Savior for all people, especially those normally viewed and treated as marginalized or outcast, including the poor and the sick, women, sinners, and Gentiles.

It is appropriate, then, that the first reading comes from Micah, described as one of the minor prophets. Micah looks forward to a future king who will be true to the Israelite ideal of leadership: one who rules like God, in the power of God. Further, Micah envisions this true Shepherd's work as bringing peace to all, reaching "to the ends of the earth" (5:3). Strangely, this great ruler's origin will lie in a tiny town and insignificant clan. Micah, well aware that Israelite tradition considered Bethlehem the home of King David, offers a theme common in the Old Testament: God can, and often does, use the smallest, even the most despised, to fulfill the divine plan for salvation.

Luke presents a similar motif: his two major figures are women, who enjoyed little power or status in the patriarchal culture of the first century. Even more unlikely, a young woman pregnant by far-from-normal means meets an old woman pregnant in a similarly "impossible" fashion (Lk 1:37). Yet both rejoice in God's Spirit at work in them for the salvation of all.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Thursday, December 23, 2021

Office closes at 12 p.m.

Friday, December 24, 2021

Christmas Eve

5 p.m. Vigil Mass

No 12 p.m. Mass

Office Closed

Saturday, December 25, 2021

Christmas Day

9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Mass

Office closed (12/27/2021)

Friday, December 31, 2021

New Year's Eve

5 p.m. Vigil Mass

No 12 p.m. Mass, No Midnight Mass

Office Closed

Saturday, January 1, 2022

New Year's Day

9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Mass

Sanctuary Light

dedicated in memory of
Olivia Morgan Gutierrez

Catholic Daughters Court St. Francis of Assisi #1887

Christmas Raffle

Tickets \$1.00

Drawing to be held December 19, 2021



in the St. Leo's Parking Lot

Need not be present to win

Prizes:

1st \$100.00 Lottery Scratch Tickets

2nd Hamilton Beach Kettle

3rd Christmas Cane Wreath

4th Pearl Set

5th Sauce pans and \$75.00 HEB Gift Card

6th Christmas Card Holder

7th Macy's \$50.00 Gift Card



Limited quantities of "Workbook for
Lectors, Gospel Readers, and
Proclaimers of the Word, 2022,"
are available for purchase in the
parish office for \$14. English and
Spanish editions available.

Personal Missalettes

*Unidos en Cristo/United in
Christ* Missalettes are
available in our parish
office for a donation of \$5.

St. Leo's **The Gabriel Project** ministry
is in need of the following items:

- ♦ Toddler Bed
- ♦ High Chair
- ♦ Gently used boy's & girls clothes (2T, 3T, 4T,)

If you'd like to donate these items, Please call Virginia
Losoya @ (210) 722-2984



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