



December 24, 2023

Fourth Sunday of Advent

“I baptize with water, but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie.” (Jn 1:23)

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4th Sunday of Advent

Life is troubling. Who among us has not struggled with anxiety and difficulties, sometimes massive ones? I certainly have, as have many of my loved ones. If we do, does this mean that we don't trust the Lord or just need to toughen up?

I don't think so. How encouraging for us anxious and troubled souls to hear Luke describe the Blessed Mother Mary in these words, “But she was greatly troubled at what was said.” An archangel has visited her. An inconceivable promise has been made to her. Her life has become wildly unpredictable, perhaps more so than any person before or since. The first point for us: the Lord is with her precisely when she is troubled. Her anxiousness and God's presence are not mutually exclusive. Christianity is not about a trance-like robotic indifference. It's about the presence of divine love. Even in — especially in — troubled circumstances.

Our troubled soul can become our greatest treasure. What seems so troubling at first to Mary becomes the best possible thing, Jesus, the Savior and Lord, is now her son. All the difficulties and troubles remain, and yet her movement into the fullness of God is accelerated. What is troubling you right now? This scripture invites us now, this week, to hear the Lord's messenger say to us what he said to Mary, “Do not be afraid! You have found favor with God.”

Prayers of Protection for Our Men and Woman in the Service In continued prayerful support of our men and women in the military, please call the rectory with name, rank, and branch of service and location (if allowed) of your loved ones who are serving our country.

- Christopher Bruzzone, SPC, Army Combat Medic**
- 1LT Daniel Realini, US Army**
- Eric M. Warren, US Air Force**
- Major Deron T Warren, DO, US Air Force, MC**
- Tom Harold Purple, US Army**
- Adam J Helmers, US Navy**
- Gregory M Grogan, PO1, USCG-R**
- Michael Obregon, CPL, USMC**
- Luigi Lorenzo, 2nd Lieutenant US Airforce**
- Enrico Enriquez US Army**
- Jacob Arnold, Sergeant, US Army**
- Ben Soto, US Airforce**
- Ken Soto, US Air National Guard**
- James Raphael R. Cepriano, US Navy**
- John Lorenzo R. Cepriano, US Navy**
- Dominic Galarza, US Army**
- Michael Laemmlein, US Navy**
- Matthew A. Martinez, 1st Lieutenant US Army**
- Katie Kramer, Staff Sergeant, Nebraska National Guard**



St. Dunstan Parish Prayer

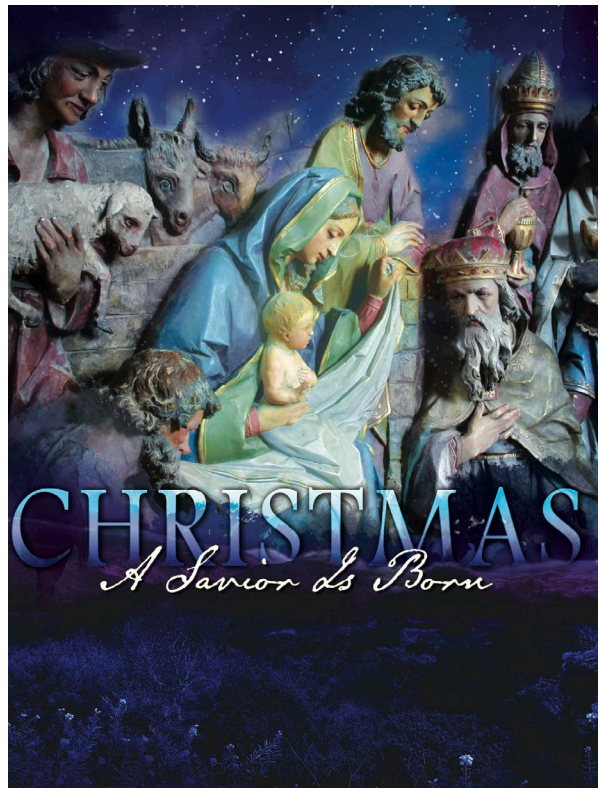
God, our Father, we are all your children. Jesus, our Brother, you taught us to love. Holy Spirit, by Your Light, may our parish family grow. St. Dunstan, pray for us.

FAMILY MASS!

One Sunday each month through May, St. Dunstan School grades K through 8 will take a turn hosting the monthly Sunday Family Mass at 10 am. A reception will be held in the parish center immediately after the Mass. We welcome everyone to the Family Mass.

10 AM FAMILY MASS SCHEDULE & HOSTING CLASS

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| + Sunday, January 21, 2024 | 4th Grade |
| + Sunday, February 11, 2024 | 3rd Grade |
| + Sunday, March 10, 2024 | 2nd Grade |
| + Sunday, April 14, 2024 | 1st Grade |
| + Sunday, May 19, 2024 | Kindergarten |



Christmas Celebrations at St. Dunstan Church
Christmas Eve Masses: 4:30 pm with Pageant & 9 pm
Christmas Day Masses: 7 am, 10 am & 11:30 am

From our St. Dunstan Parish family to yours, Merry Christmas, and blessings for the New Year. May Christ's peace and hope be with your family now and in the days ahead.



December 24- 30, 2023

- Sunday** 7:00 am For Parish
10:00 am Wilfredo & Myrna Viray & Family (liv/dec)
11:30 am Ursula & Greg Mendoza
- Monday** 7:00 am For Our Parishioners
10:00 am
11:30 am
- Tuesday** 6:30 am Gualberto & Natividad Santos (dec) & Family
8:00 am Claro Soberano
5:10 pm The Aubright Family
- Wednesday** 6:30 am Jolene Lariosa
8:00 am Robert Bodeman
5:10 pm Jesus Estrada
- Thursday** 6:30 am Ernestina Donesa
8:00 am Frank De Leone & Anthony Alioto
5:10 pm The Gulli Family (liv/dec)
- Friday** 6:30 am Angeline Ojeda
8:00 am Cesar Santos & Adelaida Santos-Mansor
5:10 pm Joanne Poulin
- Saturday** 8:00 am Quigg-Franco Family (dec)
5:00 pm Paul Tsih

We Pray for the Deceased Members of our Parish Family
Helen Hom

Thank you to our Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers For Serving at this Weekend's Masses.

- 12/23 Saturday**
5:00 PM **I Tam**, G Tantillo, E Dani, E Lumanlan, P Sundberg
- 12/24 Sunday**
7:00 AM **I Chan**, V Rapues, R Tanjuakio
10:00 AM **T Dizon**, A Academia, Z Aguas-Guevarra, K Atkinson, A Doctolero
11:30 AM **J Lazaro**, G Simpao, L Simpao, C Caimotto, J Roxas

Many thanks to our ushers and greeters at this weekend's mass. If you're interested in helping, please contact Ann at the rectory.

Archdiocesan Annual Appeal
Thank you to all our parishioners who contributed to this year's Archdiocesan Annual Appeal.
We are so happy and grateful to announce that we have reached our goal! Our assessment of \$112,000 has been paid in full to the Archdiocese of San Francisco.
With sincere appreciation, we thank you for your support.



Weekend Collection:
December 16-17: TBA
Online Giving Dec 16-17: TBA

Christmas Flowers Collection:
\$2,551.00
Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Collection: \$2,914.00

Thank you for ALL your support !

December 2023 Second Collections
December 3 : Christmas Flowers for the Church
December 10: Retirement Fund for the Religious
December 17: Parish Maintenance & Development Fund

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent; Christmas Eve
- Monday: The Nativity of the Lord
- Tuesday: St. Stephen, First Martyr
- Wednesday: St. John, Apostle and Evangelist
- Thursday: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
- Friday: St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr
- Sunday: The Holy Family; New Year's Eve

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK
God's plans are not always what we imagined. Sometimes they make us hesitate. Be like Mary. Say "Yes, Lord" — and God will show you that His imagination is better than yours.

Prayer for Week 4 of Lighting the Advent Wreath Candles
Dear Lord, Visit our homes!
Visit our families! Bring your goodness and light to every broken heart we've met on this journey of life.
Your presence brings healing and rebirth.
Come, Lord Jesus! Amen.

We pray for the sick members of our parish family and for those who care for them:

Susan Silvera-Dunn, Nafal Jweinat, Emily Marshall, Mary Spiteri, Annie O'Sullivan, Wilma & Heather Aragon, Vonnie Spencer, Maria Teresa Rosario, Kathy Montiel, Ida Marinaro, Letty Santa Cruz, Mike Phipps, Karen Neal, Joel Rivera, Diane Vanoncini, Eric B. Garcia, Peggy Winkenbach, Jr, Barbara Cappel, Irene Aubright, Christine Monahan, Paul Leung, Arthur Starrh, Margaret Armstrong, Valentino Regal, Christine Regal, Matilda An, Carolina Cedia Orantes, Lori Coustier, Carole Weldon, Rosa Mallare, Doug Wright, Joan Walsh, Cheryl Spray, Conchita Chao, Lucrecia Merida, Joshua Liu, Andrew de los Reyes, Marchita Obregon, Carmel Richard, Frank Richard, Fiona Selig, Geronimo De Los Reyes, Fernando S. De Los Reyes, Cruz David Lagomarsino, Dave Marquez, Denise Fricano, Terry Marquez, Dominic Cannuli, Rosemarie Regal, Yolanda Viteri, Flordeliz Sanchez Ledesma, Luke Skall, Ed Phipps, Willie Manalang, Consuelo Robel, Gary Wilson, Baby Leon Regal, Michael Regal, Sharon Alejo, Rolando Lopez, Olivia and Grace Hallermann, Meaghan Douglas, Cynthia Aclaro, Antonio Borlat, Dawn Rossi, Kathy Wilson, Rolando Lopez, Fr. Brendan Hally, Claro Zulueta, Marcelina Gatchalian, Harry Aubright, Barbara Vas, Charlie Silva, Imelda Arceo, Samuel Williams, Baby Winston Regal, Carlos Yegros Ocanipos, Dorice Mallia, Gladys Tordaro, Sylan Joanne Newsom, Alicia Abell, Ralph Sternick, Virginia Victoria Rivera