



# CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY

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## PRAY & WORSHIP WITH US

### Sunday Masses

Vigil Mass (Saturday) | 4:30pm  
Sunday | 8:00am, 10:00am  
& 12:00pm

### Daily Mass

Monday thru Saturday | 8:30am

### Confession

Saturday | 3:00pm - 4:00pm  
Other | By Appointment

### Eucharistic Adoration

Friday | 9:00am - 12:00pm  
Saturday | 3:00 pm - 4:00pm

### Daily Devotions

9:00am after Mass

Mon - Sat | Holy Rosary

Mon | Holy Spirit

Tues | Saint Joseph

Wed | Mother of Perpetual Help

Thur | St. Therese of Lisieux

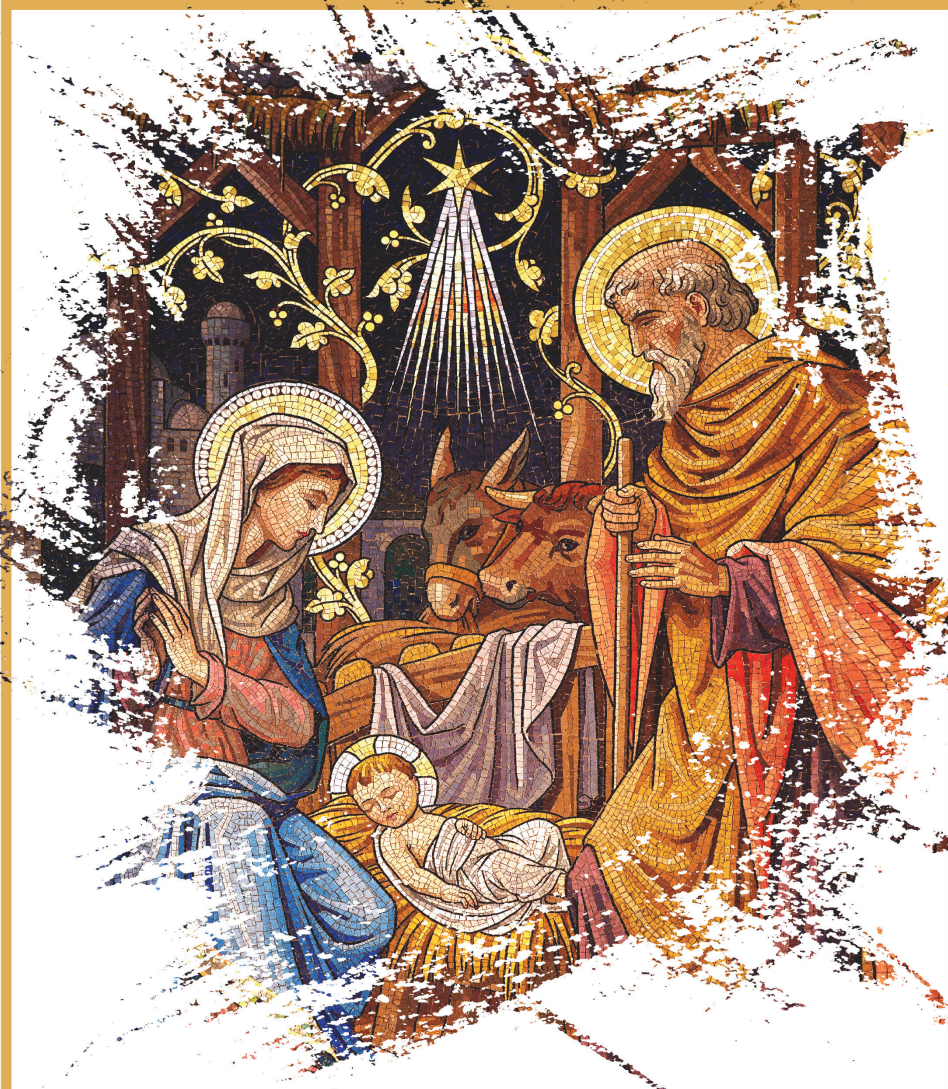
Fri | Sacred Heart of Jesus

Sat | Our Lady of Assumption

### SACRAMENTS

Call the office for Baptism, Marriage  
and Faith Formation Classes

Fourth Sunday of Advent  
December 24, 2023



"FOR TODAY IN THE CITY OF DAVID A SAVIOR HAS BEEN  
BORN FOR YOU WHO IS CHRIST AND LORD." — LK 2:11

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.  
Blessed the people who know the joyful shout

- Psalm 89 16-17

# SUNDAY GOSPEL Reflection

Fourth Sunday of Advent - Year B

## Gospel - Luke 1: 26-38

In the Gospel of Luke we encounter Mary, a young woman whose response to God's call exemplifies total openness and trust. Amidst the oppression and suffering of her people, Mary's heart must have echoed the cry of "Adonai!" – a longing for divine intervention. When presented with the angel's message, unlike many who would seek to rationalize or dismiss such a daunting revelation, Mary embraces it with a profound "Fiat!" Her willingness to become an instrument of God's plan, despite the uncertainties and potential hardships, is a testament to her extraordinary faith.

As we journey through Advent, Mary's example beckons us to listen for God's voice in our daily lives, to trust in His timing, and to be ready to respond with our own "Let it be." Just as she embraced her role in God's salvific plan, we too are invited to trust that our prayers are heard and that, in God's time, they will be answered. Let us then approach God with a heart willing to accept and participate in His divine plan, embodying the spirit of Advent in our willingness to listen, trust, and respond.

- How do I respond to unexpected or challenging calls from God in my life? Can I find parallels with Mary's "Fiat" in my own experiences?
- In what ways can I cultivate a deeper trust in God's plan, especially in times of uncertainty or hardship?
- What does it mean to me to have a heart willing to listen, trust, and respond to God's call? How can I develop these qualities during Advent and beyond?

(Source: <https://young-catholics.com/3074/4th-sunday-of-advent-year-b/>)

## THANK YOU

**Sunday Collection, December 17, 2023**

**\$7,237.00**

**Soecial Anonymos Donation**

**\$5,000.00**

**Simbang Gabi**

**\$5,377.00**

Sign up for **ON-LINE GIVING** through **VANCO**.



## MASS Intentions

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23

8:30am Teresa Rocha+

4:30pm Martha Perez (Health)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

8:00am George Hastings (Healing)

Mary Pacini (Healing)

10:00am Rodrigo M Laureta+

Siervo Barrios+

12:00pm Mina Riccio+

Cesar & Lourdes Carrillo

(23rd Wedding Anniversary)

Christmas Eve

4:30pm Corozon Mendoza+

Elido Munoz (Health)

8:00pm Christopher Hernandez Mendoza

(health)

Rosa DeLima (Health)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

8:00am Angela Gracias+

10:00am Ann & Robert Herrick+

12:00pm Lucille & Douglas Daniels+

Jose & Belen Mendoza+

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26

8:30am Marina StaMaria+

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27

8:30am Elida Munoz (Health)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28

8:30am Divine Mercy Group

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29

8:30am Fr. Thomas Zeyen, SJ+

Fr. Albano Oliveira+

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

8:30am Godfrey Fernandes+

4:30pm People of Assumption Parish

### Please Pray for Healing

**Julie Richardson, Dennis Kuzmicky,  
Baby Shiovonne Mullins, Juan Garcia,  
and Virginia Riveria**

## MASS INTENTIONS & PRAYERS REQUESTS

Let your Assumption Community offer prayers for your special intentions for a family member, a friend, a deceased love one or a special occasion.

Email [info@assumptionsanleandro.org](mailto:info@assumptionsanleandro.org) or visit the Rectory Office. Forms are available at the back of the Church.

# UPCOMING FAMILY EVENTS

## **Christmas Eve December 24**

Children's Pageant Mass 4:30pm

Evening Mass 8:00pm

## **The Birth of Our Lord**

### **Christmas Day December 25**

Masses at 8:00am, 10:00am, and 12:00pm

## **The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph December 31**

Masses at 8:00am, 10:00am, and 12:00pm

## **First Friday Devotions - January 5**

Be a part of our First Friday Devotions at 5:30pm for Eucharistic Adoration, Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Divine Mercy Chaplet followed by Mass at 6:30pm.

## **Anointing of the Sick January**

**6/7** Every first Saturday and Sunday of the month after all Masses Fr. John and Fr. Julius administer the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. The Anointing of the Sick is not just a sacrament for those who are at the point of death but also for those suffering from physical, mental, or spiritual sickness.

If you are homebound or scheduled to go to the hospital for surgery or extended care, please contact the Parish Office.

## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

### **COUNCIL 8217 - January 6**

Support our KofC "O Come, Let Us Adore Him" fundraising raffle. The drawing will be held on the Feast of the Epiphany. Tickets are available for ten dollars apiece.

## **Assumption University for Seniors January 10**

Classes begin at 11:30am in rectory. Join the Assumption University Fun, Fellowship Lunch, and Learn Series. Enjoy the delightful company of fellow parishioners who are 55 & Older. No need to RSVP.

## **CYO Sponsored Mass Jan. 14 at 10:00am**

## **Faith Formation:**

### **Confirmation Preparation**

#### **January 7 at 11:00am in the small hall**

While teens in our community attend various high school, Assumption's Confirmation program provides a place for them to come together and to learn, to share, and to build a faith community.

## **Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults**

### **January 9 at 7:00pm**

RCIA session in the Rectory in Saint John Paul ii Room.

RCIA is for those interested in becoming Catholic or completing their sacraments of initiation

## **Elementary - Fifth Grade**

### **January 14 at 11:15am in the Ministry Center**

Our programs combine religious education, participation in weekly liturgies, faith families, & preparation for sacraments.

## **Parent Sessions**

### **January 14 at 11:15am in the small hall**

These classes are for parents whose children will be receiving First Holy Communion & First Reconciliation this spring.

## **Children's Liturgy of the Word - January 14**

On Sundays at the 10am Family Mass, (except for holidays) before the Scripture readings begin, children ages 4-12 are called forward, and sent with a blessing to the rectory for a Gospel lesson. They hear the same Scriptures that are proclaimed at Mass, but explained on a level that younger children can understand. The children return to their family in church after the Creed, as the Offertory and Liturgy of the Eucharist begins.

## **Assumption Youth Social Action Team**

**January 14 at 11:15** following 10:00am Family Mass  
AYSAT is an excellent group of our Assumption Community middle & freshman high schoolers (Grades 6-9)

## **Brown Bag Outreach for the Month of January**

This month our brown bag outreach (works of mercy) is for new socks and gently worn coats which will be donated to our local shelters and encampments.





Dear Assumption Family and Friends,  
As I sit down to write you this Christmas letter, my heart overflows with gratitude and joy for the incredible journey of faith we've shared throughout the year. O how blessed I am indeed to be a part of such a vibrant and loving parish community! I thank God for such a wonderful gift this Christmas. Truly, Christmas brings with it a sense of wonder, hope, and the sweet reminder of God's immense love for us all.

In the midst of the hustle and bustle, the shopping lists, and the holiday preparations, I encourage each of you to take a moment to pause and reflect on the true essence of Christmas. It's not just about the twinkling lights, festive decorations, or the delightful aroma of seasonal treats—it's about the profound miracle of Jesus' birth, the ultimate gift of love that God bestowed upon us.

Christmas is a beautiful reminder that God's love is not distant or abstract; it's personal, intimate, and transformative. The birth of Jesus in a humble manger in Bethlehem speaks volumes about God's choice to enter into our human experience, embracing the vulnerability of infancy to be with us, to understand us, and ultimately to save us.

As your priest, I have witnessed the incredible faith, resilience, and compassion that define our parish community. Each one of you plays a vital role in making our parish a place of warmth, acceptance, and spiritual growth. Our shared journey of faith is a testament to the power of community, and Christmas is the perfect time to celebrate the bonds that unite us.

In the spirit of the season, let us also remember those among us who may be experiencing challenges, loneliness, or sorrow. Christmas invites us to reach out to them with love and kindness.

Consider extending a helping hand, offering a word of encouragement, or simply being present for those who may need it most. In doing so, we become bearers of the true Christmas spirit.

Finally, together with Fr. Julius and your parish staff, I want to express my deepest gratitude for the privilege of serving you. Our parish is a family, and I am continually inspired by your faith, generosity, and commitment to living out the Gospel. As we celebrate the birth of our Savior, may the love of Christ fill your hearts, may His peace dwell in your homes, and may the New Year bring abundant blessings to you and your loved ones.

Please pray for us and your Church. We wish you a Christmas filled with wonder, joy, and the transformative love of Jesus Christ. **-Fr. John Carillo**

Christmas is a celebration of God's presence. As we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ, I am filled with gratitude and joy to share this sacred time with you all. Christmas is a time when we are reminded of the immense love that God has for every one of us. The birth of our Lord is a concrete manifestation of Christ's selfless and sacrificial love by becoming man to walk with us and to offer his very life for our salvation.

During this Christmas season and through the years, may our hearts be filled with gratitude for the gift of Jesus. Let us remember that the true meaning of Christmas lies in the love we share. Let us value the presence of our family and loved ones, cherish every moment and hold them closely to our hearts.

I pray that Emmanuel will always be present in everyone's heart and the heart of every home. Merry Christmas to you all!  
**-Father Julius**

I wish you all a very Blessed Christmas and a very Happy New Year! I am so thankful to be able to work with such fine cantors at the weekend Masses. I thank Gordon Hom, our adult cantor, and all of our student cantors, Carly, Greg, and Aidan. It is such a joy and thrill for me to accompany you, the assembly, at each weekend Mass. The more you sing, and the louder you sing, the more energy and life we all receive, me included! You all sing the chants so prayerfully and powerfully, which makes the Mass truly a very joyous celebration. Each week, I choose texts that are related to the readings, and I always couple the texts with melodies you know, or hopefully would know. I am always looking for melodies and texts that I can introduce to you, for the God's Spirit is still alive through poets and hymn writers living today. I thank the Assumption school children for their gift to me. They have really transformed me into being a better pastoral musician. Their singing at the school Masses is incredible. I am in awe when I hear the whole school in sung prayer. Some younger grades are learning how to sing 2-part music, while the older grades are continuing to sing in 2-parts. Wow! I am so proud of all of our students. Please check YouTube for our Advent/Christmas concert which the students just performed. "God of wonder, we move through life so fast that we often miss the signs of your presence among us. Give us the patience to pause, to look up, to be awed and open and willing to walk wherever you lead." (Mary Poust) - **Bill Vaughan**

Hope, peace, joy and love — these are the gifts of Advent and Christmas. This advent season we did not need to look far for we had an abundance of these blessings right here at our church's doorstep: our Advent by Candlelight, our Christmas Tree Blessing & Lighting and Christmas Caroling, Our Lady of Guadalupe Novenas and Feast Day Celebrations, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Gingerbread House Social, Saint Nick's Boutique, St. Vincent de Paul Food and Toy Drives for over 100 of our neighbors' families, Giving Tree Gifts for 'Building Futures' 80 Families, School Christmas Concert, First Grade Christmas Pageant, Simbang Gabi Masses and receptions, unveiling this year's Nativity scenes, our Assumption University Mele Kalikimaka, Breakfast with Santa, and the list goes on...

I am filled with warmth and gratitude for the cherished community that we are fortunate to be a part of. In the spirit of love, faith, and unity, I extend heartfelt greetings to each one of you and your families.

Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year! -**Kelly**

Wishing everyone a joyful and blessed Christmas from Assumption School. We have celebrated in so many ways in preparation for the coming of Jesus as well as the joy of being a school. First we continued our service learning as socially responsible citizens by raising over \$9,000 for Davis Street Preschool and Building Futures during our St. Nick's Boutique. We celebrated lifelong learning during our Sue Prince Science Fair where scientific questions about how to eat a hot pepper, music for studying, and glowing flowers were explored. We were effective communicators as students prepare for our Annual Oratorical Fest in February during Catholic Schools Week. And we are Active Christians celebrating through song and scripture the story of the Nativity as told by our first graders. We have had so many opportunities to celebrate our community, faith, and learning during the month of December and it has truly kept us active and engaged. Now our school is closed to celebrate with our families and friends until January 8. We are so grateful for the support and love of our greater Assumption Parish community and hope that this Christmas season brings joy and happiness. May 2024 bring Jesus' hope and renewal to us all. We hope you will spread the word that we are accepting applications for our 2024/2025 year excited to serve our community by providing a Catholic, quality, and caring education.

- **Lana Rocheford, Principal**

Christmas is a time for being with family and friends to celebrate the coming of the Christ Child. May this Christmas season bring you and your family many blessings and joys.

Merry Christmas,

-**Martha**

May Peace and Love be your gifts at Christmas and your blessings all year! Enjoy this sacred time with your family and friends. Thank you for all that you do for our Assumption community. Looking forward to a fruitful 2024 for all of us.

-**Mary S**

