

Dec 24-30, 2017



"Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word."

Lk 1:38

- Sat. Dec. 23- 5:00 PM - Irene Bartels**
- Sun. Dec. 24- Sacred Heart - 7:30 AM - Altar Servers by the Buchholz Family**
- Sun. Dec 24 - Holy Family - 10:30 AM— For The People**
- Sun. Dec 24 - Holy Family—12:30- Spanish— Melissa Zambrano by Fco Zambrano**
- Sun. Dec 24 - 7:00 PM - Janice Green & Extended Family by Her Family**
- Mon. Dec. 25 -10:30 AM - †Patrick Dwyer by Carl & Sarah Dwyer**
- Mon. Dec. 25 - 12:30 PM - Spanish - Braulio y Eleuteria Rivas Zambrano by Maria Zambrano**
- Tues. Dec 26 - 7:30 AM - Rene Buchholz by Family**
- Wed. Dec 27 - 7:30 AM— Communion Service**
- Thur. Dec 28 - 7:30 AM - †MaryAnn Buchholz by Daniel & Nicholas Green**
- Fri. Dec 29- 7:30 AM - †Florence Mitchell by Carl & Sarah Dwyer**
- Sat. Dec 30- 5:00 PM - Melissa Zambrano by Franisco Zambrano**

**Readings for the Week of December 24, 2017**

- Sunday:** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16/Rom 16:25-27/ Lk 1:26-38
- Vigil:** Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/ Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
- Monday:** Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
- Tuesday:** Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22
- Wed:** 1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1, 2-8
- Thursday:** 1 Jn 1:5-2:2/Mt 2:13-18
- Friday:** 1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35
- Saturday:** 1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40

**Prayers of the Faithful Requests**

If you would like to have the name of a sick person added to the Prayers of the Faithful at Mass, please email your request to [sacredheart@rtebb.net](mailto:sacredheart@rtebb.net) subject **Prayers of the Faithful**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

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Does the proclamation of the Gospel message fill you with joy and hope? When the Lord comes to redeem his people he fills us with his Holy Spirit, the source of our joy and hope in the promises of God. When God made a covenant with David as King over Israel he made a promise to David and to his descendants that David's dynasty would endure forever through the coming of the Messiah King (2 S 7:16). This King would establish an everlasting kingdom of peace and security for his people. We often think of peace as the absence of trouble. The peace which the Messiah brings cancels the debt of sin and restores our broken relationship with God our heavenly Father.

The new era of salvation begins with the conception and birth of Jesus. We see the fulfillment of God's unfolding plan of redemption in the events leading up to the Incarnation, the birth of the Messiah King. The new era of salvation begins with the miraculous conception of Jesus in the womb of Mary. This child to be born is conceived by the gracious action of the Holy Spirit upon Mary, who finds favor with God (Lk 1:28). This child will be "great" and "Son of the Most High" and "King," and his name shall be called "Jesus" (Lk 1:31-32), which means "the Lord saves." "He will save his people from their sins" (Mt 1:21). The angel repeats to Mary, the daughter of the house of David, the promise made to King David: "The Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there will be no end" (2 S 7:12-16, Is 9:6-7, Lk 1:32-33).

Mary is a true hearer of the Word of God. How does Mary respond to the word of God delivered by the angel Gabriel? She knows she is hearing something beyond human capability. It will surely take a miracle which surpasses all that God has done previously. Her question, "how shall this be, since I have no husband" is not prompted by doubt or skepticism, but by wonderment! She is a true hearer of the Word and she immediately responds with faith and trust. Mary's prompt response of "yes" to the divine message is a model of faith for all believers. Mary believed God's promises even when they seemed impossible. She was full of grace because she trusted that what God said was true and would be fulfilled. She was willing and eager to do God's will, even if it seemed difficult or costly. Mary is the "mother of God" because God becomes incarnate when he takes on flesh in her womb. When we pray the Nicene Creed we state our confession of faith in this great mystery: "For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit, he became incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and was made man".

God gives us the grace to say "yes" to his will and to his transforming work in our lives. What is the key that unlocks the power and grace of God's kingdom in our personal lives? Faith and obedience for sure! God gives us grace and he expects us to respond with the same willing obedience and heartfelt trust as Mary did. When God commands he also

**Christmas Mass Schedule**



Dec. 24th - Christmas Carols 6:00 PM Sacred Heart  
Dec. 24th - Christmas Eve 7:00 PM Sacred Heart

Dec. 25th - Christmas Day 8:00 AM Sacred Heart  
Dec. 25th - Christmas Day 10:30 AM Holy Family  
Dec. 25th - Christmas Day 12:30 PM Holy Family - Spanish

**Holy Family Feast Day**

Next Sunday, December 30th is the Feast of the Holy Family. To celebrate this feast, please join us after the 10:30 Mass in the Hall. Everyone is asked to bring a holiday dish to share that represents their heritage. We look forward to learning and sharing family and heritage traditions that make up our diverse community. Come join in the fun.



**Searching for the Oldest Married Couple**

The search is on! The Eighth Annual Longest Married Couple Project in the U.S as well as each of the 50 states and territories is underway. If you know a couple with a long marriage, please nominate them for this honor. This annual search is sponsored by Worldwide Marriage Encounter. More information can be found at [wwme.org](http://wwme.org).



**New for Expectant Parents**

NEW Exciting program for expectant parents, CATHOLIC BABY UNIVERSITY. Designed for expectant parents, this outreach program integrates childbirth education with a crash course in Catholicism to help prepare your hearts and homes for the baby. Co-created by the Archdiocese of Denver and Rose Medical Center, CBU is a series of six classes for a holistic mind, body, and spirit preparation. **First session - January 22 - February 22, 2018.** For more information, contact Mary McGeehan at 303-715-3107 or [mary.mcgeehan@archden.org](mailto:mary.mcgeehan@archden.org) or [CatholicBabyU.org](http://CatholicBabyU.org)



**Marriage Encounter**

"The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; . . ." Let your spirits be augmented by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) weekend with your spouse. The next weekends are: March 2-4, 2018 - Denver April 20-22, 2018 - Dillon; July 13-15, 2018 - Northern Colorado; November 2-4, 2018 - Dillon for more information, please visit [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org). Brenda & Gary Granger: 303.604.6202

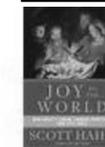


**Monthly Meetings**

Holy Family P C Meeting TBD  
Sacred Heart PC Meeting TBD  
Finance Council Meeting TBD



For unto us a child is born!



Please pick up your copy of Scott Hahn's book Joy to the World in the back of church. This is a Christmas gift you each family from the parish. Please take only one copy per family. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

**Sacred Heart Adoration and Mass**

There will be Adoration and Confessions and Mass at Sacred Heart on Thursday December 28th at 4:30 PM.



**Aladdin Assisted Living**



There will be Mass at the Aladdin on Thursday, December 28th at 10:00 AM.

**January Celebrate Life March**

The Celebrate Life March is a celebration of Life at every age and every stage. We will have a rally on the west steps of the Capitol building on Saturday, January 13th at 1PM and the March around Civic Center park will begin at 2PM.



Location: West Steps of the Colorado State Capitol Contact Alexa Forster (720) 799-9299 or [afoster@ccdenver.org](mailto:afoster@ccdenver.org)

**Love Your Marriage Retreat**



There are several dates for the Love Your Marriage Retreat. These are 1/2 day enrichment retreats designed to give couples and opportunity to invest in their marriage and strengthen their relationship with each other. Childcare is available.

St Frances Cabrini Church - January 27, 2018  
Immaculate Heart of Mary - February 10, 2018  
Our Lady of Loreto - March 3, 2018  
For more information go to [www.archden.org/loveyourmarriage](http://www.archden.org/loveyourmarriage)

**Offertory Envelopes for 2018**

Offertory Envelopes for 2018 are in the back of church. Please pick up your box as you leave church.



**Weekly Offertory**

Parish 12//17 Our Lady of Guadalupe  
Sacred Heart \$ 1,058.00  
Holy Family \$ 1,134.00 \$ 145.00

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