

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON CATHOLIC CHURCH

2050 Palisades Avenue, Los Osos, CA 93402

www.seasparishlo.org

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 12-22-2019

DECEMBER 2019 Pope's Intention: THE FUTURE OF THE VERY YOUNG

That every country determine to take the necessary measures to make the future of the very young, especially those who suffer, a priority.

WELCOME! BIENVENIDOS!

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 5:30 p.m. (ENGLISH)

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. (ENGLISH)

1:00 p.m. (SPANISH)

Weekday Masses / La Misa Enteré Semana

8:30 a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday (ENGLISH)

7:00 p.m. Misa todos los Viernes (SPANISH)

8:30 a.m. 1st Saturday Mass (ENGLISH)

Communion Services

8:30 a.m. Monday, Thursday (ENGLISH)

Adoration / Adoración

9:00 a.m. Wednesday (ENGLISH)

Divine Mercy, Adoration, Benediction

6:30 p.m. cada Viernes (SPANISH)

y La Coronilla de la Divina Misericordia

Sacrament of Reconciliation / Reconciliación

4:30 p.m. Every Saturday / Cada Sábado or by appointments

1st Fri. Anointing of the Sick / Unción de los Enfermos

9:00 a.m. (ENGLISH)

7:30 p.m. (SPANISH)

Parish Services see page 2

OFFICE INFO:

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Open: Tues. & Fri. 9 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

24/7 Anointing of the Sick

or Last Rites: (805) 235-8803

Appointment with Pastor: Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri.



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"For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

"Ella ha concebido por obra del Espíritu Santo. Dará a luz un hijo y tú le pondrás el nombre de Jesús, porque él salvará a su pueblo de sus pecados."

Mt 1: 20-21

PRAYER OF SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON

O Father, the first rule of our dear Savior's life was to do Your Will. Let His Will of the present moment be the first rule of our daily life & work, with no other desire but for its most full and complete accomplishment. Help us to follow it faithfully, so that doing what You wish we will be pleasing to You. Amen.

ORACIÓN DE SANTA ELIZABETH ANN SETON

Oh Padre, la primera regla de la vida de nuestro querido Salvador fue hacer tu voluntad. Dejar que tu Voluntad en el momento presente sea la primera regla de nuestra vida cotidiana y nuestro trabajo, sin ninguna otra voluntad sino hacer tu voluntad plena y completa. Ayúdanos a seguir con fidelidad, para que haciendo lo que deseas seamos más agradables a Ti. Amén.

VISION-MISSION STATEMENT

We are an **all-welcoming Christ-centered** community celebrating our deeply rooted **Catholic traditions**, respectful & appreciative of our **multicultural diversity**, journeying together to share **family values** and **commitment to service**.

DECLARACIÓN DE NUESTRA VISION y MISIÓN

Somos una comunidad **totalmente acogedora y centrada en Cristo** que celebrando nuestras **tradiciones Católicas** profundamente arraigadas, respetamos y apreciamos nuestra **diversidad multicultural**, caminamos juntos para compartir los **valores de la familia y el compromiso al servicio**.

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ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON PARISH SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

MASSES, ADORATION	See pages 1 & 4
CONFESSION	Every Saturday, 4:30 pm to 5:00 pm. Or call parish office for appointment.
INFANT BAPTISM (newborn to 6 y/o)	Visit pastor 3 months before intended date. Emergency baptism (for recipient in danger of death: parent/s call pastor asap [805] 235-8803).
7 y/o & above, ADULT BAPTISM, FIRST HOLY COMMUNION, CONFIRMATION	(English) Call Heather at office for appointment. (Spanish) Call Javier at office for appointment. For English & Spanish Adult Catechesis, please contact Heather or Javier at parish office.
KIDS' FIRST HOLY COMMUNION	Enrollment on June & July only. Fees increase after. Classes begin October. (A two-year program, starts Gr. 1.) First Holy Communion on 2nd year, Feast of Corpus Christi.
TEENS' CONFIRMATION	Enrollment on June & July only. Fees increase after. Classes begin October. (A two-year program, starts Gr. 9.) Confirmation on 2nd year, on or after Solemnity of Pentecost.
QUINCEAÑERA	Visit pastor 6 months before intended date; Must be enrolled in Confirmation Program; Attend Quinceañera Class.
PRESENTACIÓN	Every 7 pm Spanish Friday Mass, or by appointment
WEDDING	Visit pastor 6 months before intended date;
ANNULMENT	Call parish for appointment with pastor.
ANOIDING OF THE SICK	Every First Friday after Mass; days before surgery, when seriously ill, contact 1(805) 235-8803.
LAST RITES	24/7 Contact asap 1(805) 235-8803.
FUNERAL	Call parish office asap.
BLESSING of NEW VEHICLE, RELIGIOUS ITEMS	Inform priest presider after Weekday & Sunday Masses
BLESSING of NEW HOUSE, NEW SHOP	Call parish office for appointment
VISIT CHURCH for PERSONAL PRAYER & ADORATION	Immediately after the 8:30 am weekday liturgies; Or drop by parish office every Tuesday & Friday, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm so that staff can open the church for you.
SPIRITUAL COUNSELING	Call parish office for appointment
MINOR EXORCISM (Deliverance Prayer) NOT solemn exorcism	Call parish office for appointment

ANNOUNCEMENT #11: ALL VOLUNTEERS

VIRTUS: OUR DIOCESAN SAFE ENVIRONMENT PROGRAM

All parish ministers and volunteers must complete the VIRTUS training.
www.virtusonline.org

Yes, it is also in Spanish! ¡Sí, también está en español!

If you are new (or old) to the parish and would like to volunteer, please contact Fr. Joey or the office. New volunteers need to fill out some forms and go through our safe environment program. Thanks!

FOOD HANDLING SAFETY CERTIFICATION

The food handling safety certification program will be announced after the New Year begins.

For those parish volunteers working in food service who are certified California Food Handlers, please bring a copy of your valid/current certificate to the office. Thanks!

The primary music ministers are the faithful who attend the Mass. Musicians & cantors serve the faithful so that all can actively participate. I encourage everyone, let us sing & praise God together! Fr. Joey

MUSIC FOR DEC 21 & 22, 2019 ENGLISH MASSES

Please listen to Cantor's announcement for any changes

	SONG TITLE	SONG NUMBER
GATHERING SONG	ALLELUIA, HURRY THE LORD IS NEAR	231
OFFERTORY	WAITING IN SILENCE	222
COMMUNION	SUPPER OF THE LORD	513
MEDITATION (READINGS RELATED)	HAIL MARY, GENTLE WOMAN	372
SENDING FORTH	SEE HOW THE VIRGIN WAITS	—

TAX LETTERS

It is almost tax season. If you'd like to receive an end of the year tax letter, please call or email the office. Thank you to everyone who signed up to receive a letter already.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE THANKS

Thank you to those who organized, decorated, set-up, hosted days, and cleaned the church during the Our Lady of Guadalupe novenas and feast day. Blessings to all of you!

ADVENT & SIMBANG GABI THANKS

Many thanks to those who have provided Advent decorations.

Thank you to all Simbang Gabi sponsors & those who organized it; those who have given poinsettias & donations to the church, and those who have helped keep the church tidy. Many blessings to all of you!

WEEKLY MASS ENVELOPES

Thank you to everyone who has asked about our mass envelopes this last week. They have been ordered. Due to a misfortune at the company, there has been a slight delay in our receiving them. God willing we will have them on the weekend of Dec 28/29th to distribute those who use them at our parish.

OFFICE CLOSED

The office will be closed December 24th, 25th, 26th for the holiday.

CA CENSUS 2020



You matter! The 2020 census will decide how the governments spends your tax dollars. Make sure you're counted!

¡Usted Cuenta! El Censo 2020 determinará la manera que el gobierno decida gastar el dinero de sus impuestos. ¡Asegúrese de ser contado!

CHEST OF HOPE

Please bring your Chests of Hope next weekend, Dec. 28 & 29. They may be placed on the altar before mass unless otherwise directed. Thank you for your continued support of our parish. May God bless you.

PREGNANCY & PARENTING SUPPORT OF SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY

Thank you to everyone who took tags and bought gifts. Every tag was taken and the tables overflowed with gifts for the tiniest members of SLO country to ensure they will stay warm this winter. Pregnancy & Parenting Support of San Luis Obispo County (formerly ALPHA) thanks you for your generous donations. May God bless you.

ANNUAL RESPECT LIFE MASS LA MISA ANUAL DEL RESPETO A LA VIDA

The annual Respect Life Mass celebrated by Bishop Daniel E. Garcia will take place on Tuesday, January 21 st, 2020 at 7:00 PM at Madonna Del Sasso Pro-Cathedral in Salinas. Bishop Garcia invites all parishioners in the Monterey Diocese to come and attend this annual mass.

La Misa Anual Del Respeto A La Vida será celebrada por el Obispo Daniel E. Garcia el día Martes 21 de Enero, 2020 a las 7:00 PM, en la Catedral Pro Madonna Del Sasso en Salinas. El Obispo Garcia invita a todos los feligreses de la Diócesis de Monterey a participar en esta misa anual.

DIVINE MERCY SILENT RETREAT

There is a silent retreat focusing on The Divine Mercy and Angels at Soquel, CA, open to men and women. Please see the back bulletin boards for more information. Thanks!

MONASTERY OF THE RISEN CHRIST CHRISTMAS FRUITCAKES

The Monastery of the Risen Christ is currently selling their annual Christmas Fruitcakes. Please refer to the posters hanging near the main entrance of the church.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

St. Vincent de Paul of the Old Mission is seeking financial help for their ministry in helping the working poor and the homeless. Contributions may be sent directly to St. Vincent de Paul at Mission San Luis Obispo de Tolosa, 751 Palm Street, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Tues., Dec 24: 5:30 p.m. Children's Mass (English)
Tues., Dec 24: 9:00 p.m. Community Singing Christmas Carols
Tues., Dec 24: 10:00 p.m. Midnight Mass (English)

Wed., Dec 25: 9:00 a.m. Spanish Mass
Wed., Dec 25: 10:30 a.m. English Mass

NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS SCHEDULE

Tues., Dec 31: 9:00 p.m. English Mass
Tues., Dec 31: 10:30 p.m. Spanish Mass

NO MASSES on January 1st.

MAGNIFICAT

Magnificat invites all women to attend its quarterly Prayer Breakfast. Dr. Cynthia Hunt, a wife, mother, and physician, will share the humbling "transfiguration" Our Lord has been working in her soul. Come and hear this multi-talented woman's inspirational story.

Date: Sat., January 11, 9:30am-12:30 pm

Place: Santa Maria Inn

Cost: \$25

Reservations: Dolly Van Horn (805-0420 or 934-1857)

DEC14 & 15 WEEKEND. DONATION REPORT

Thank you for your generous support of our parish. Below reflects last week's financial contributions.

Saturday, 5:30 pm English Mass	\$ 214 .00
Sunday, 9:00 am English Mass	\$ 836 .00
Sunday, 1:00 pm Spanish Mass	\$ 224 .00
Saturday, 5:30 pm English Mass Red Env.	\$ 300 .00
Sunday, 9:00 am English Mass Red Env.	\$ 223 .00
Sunday, 1:00 pm Spanish Mass Red Env.	\$ 50 .00
Thursday, 6:00 pm Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass	\$ 620 .00
Sunday, 5:30 pm Simbang Gabi Mass #1	\$ 174 .00
Monday, 5:30 pm Simbang Gabi Mass #2	\$ 220 .00
Second Collection Religious Retirement	\$30.00
Total Weekend Income	\$ 2,861 .00

DECEMBER 2019 SCHEDULE OF LITURGICAL MINISTERS

			ENGLISH				SPANISH			
DATE	DAY	TIME	1ST READER	2ND READER	COMMENTATOR	ENGLISH Extraordinary EMs	SPANISH Extraordinary EMs SUNDAY, 1:00 PM	SPANISH FIRST LECTOR SUNDAY 1:00 PM	SPANISH SECOND LECTOR SUNDAY 1:00 PM	SPANISH MASS GENERAL INTRODUCTION & ANNOUNCEMENT SUNDAY, 1:00 PM
Dec 7	Sat	5:30 pm	Jonniepat	Elaine	Heather	(see Sacristy)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Dec 8	Sun	9:00 am	Ann	Julia M.	Tim	Cris, Josie, Albert	Mario, Blanca, Edna Gregoria, Javier	Soledad	Lupita	Adriana
Dec 14	Sat	5:30 pm	Elaine	Heather		(see Sacristy)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Dec 15	Sun	9:00 am	Rosemary	Time	Ann	Cris, Josie, Albert	Lupe, Pedro, Juan, Soledad, Amelia	Daniela	Alfredo	Adriana
Dec 21	Sat	5:30 pm	Melodianne	Heather	Jonniepat	(see Sacristy)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Dec 22	Sun	9:00 am	Ann	Julia M.	Rosemary	Cris, Josie, Albert	Ivet, Ino, Fidel, Lorenzo, Lupita	Adriana	Claudia	Adriana
Dec 24	Tues	5:30 pm	Child	Child	Jonniepat	(see Sacristy)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Dec 24	Tues	10:00 pm	Ann	Tim	Jonniepat		n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Dec 25	Wed	10:30 am	Tim	Jonniepat	Heather	(see Sacristy)	(9:00 am SP Mass)	Guadalupe C.	Margo	Adriana
Dec 28	Sat	5:30 pm	Elaine	Heather	Jonniepat		n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Dec 29	Sun	9:00 am	Tim	Julia M.	Ann	Cris, Josie, Albert	Mago, Isidro, Luis, Maria, Adela	Roberto	Amelia	Adriana
Dec 31	Tues	9:00 pm	Tim	Juliet	Jonniepat		(10:30 pm SP Mass)			

SCHEDULE OF MASSES, READINGS & INTENTIONS

DATE	TIME	INTENTIONS	READINGS
Saturday, Vigil Fourth Sunday of Advent 21 December 2019	10:00am Baptism of Abigail Martinon 4:30 to 5:00pm Confession 5:30 pm English Mass or Simbang Gabi #7of9	5:30pm: †William Schanberger (2 of 2) (& Simbang Gabi sponsors)	Is 7: 10-14 Ps 24: 1-6 Rom 1: 1-7 Mt 1:18-24
Fourth Sunday of Advent 22 December 2019	9:00am English Mass 1:00pm Spanish Mass 5:30pm Simbang Gabi #8of9 (Dec. 23 Readings)	9:00am: Judick Agapay 1:00pm: 5:30pm: (sponsors)	Is 7: 10-14 Ps 24: 1-6 Rom 1: 1-7 Mt 1:18-24
Monday 4th Week of Advent 23 December 2019	8:30am English Mass 5:30pm Simbang Gabi #9of9 (Dec. 24 AM Readings)	8:30am: Lillith Morgan Pedigo 5:30pm: (sponsors)	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 Ps 25: 4bc-5ab, 8-10, 14 Lk 1:57-66
Tuesday 4th Week of Advent & Vigil Nativity of the Lord 24 December 2019	8:30am English Mass 5:30pm English Christmas Children's Mass 10:00pm English Christmas Midnight Mass	8:30am: 5:30pm: Judick Agapay & all children 10:00pm †Rosemarie Cawagas	2 Sam 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 Ps 89: 2-5, 27, 29 <u>Lk 1:67-79</u> Is 9: 1-6 Ps 96: 1-3, 11-13 Ti 2:11-14 Lk 2: 1-14
Wednesday Nativity of the Lord 25 December 2019	9:00am Spanish Christmas Mass & Baptism of Jorge Degante Juarez 10:30am English Christmas Mass	9:00am: 10:30am: Judick Agapay	Is 9: 1-6 Ps 96: 1-3, 11-13 Ti 2:11-14 Lk 2: 1-14
Thursday 2nd Day of the Octave of Christmas 26 December 2019	<i>Saint Stephen, The First Martyr</i> 8:30am Communion Service	8:30am: Communion Service	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 Ps 31:3cd-4, 68ab, 16bc-17 Mt 10: 17-22
Friday 3rd Day of the Octave of Christmas 27 December 2019	<i>Saint John, Apostle, Evangelist</i> 8:30am English Mass 5:00 pm SP Divine Mercy, Adoration, Benediction 5:30pm Spanish Mass	8:30am: Fely Platou 5:30pm:	1 Jn 1:1-4 Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Saturday, Vigil The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph 28 December 2019	10:00am Funeral Mass of Alfred Castaneda 4:30 to 5:00pm Confession 5:30 pm English Mass	 5:30pm: Norma Landry	Sir3:2-6, 12-14 Ps 128: 1-5 Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
Sunday The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph 29 December 2019	9:00am English Mass 1:00pm Spanish Mass	9:00am: †Joseph Carlson 1:00pm:	Is 35:1-6a, 10 Ps 146: 6-10 Jas 5:7-10 Mt 11:2-11

LET US PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING / OREMOS POR

* Timothy Ketcherside	* Aurea Cruz	* Rodney & Helen Maciel	* Donna Nichols	* Dolores Doyle
* John LeNoue	* Nathan Berry	* Susi Reich	* Colleen Clark	* Russell Wells
* Peter Hewitt	* Robert Ruiz	* Sidney & Dorsey Dunton	* Leonora Eublera	* Jacque Lohmeier
* Jere Bresnan	* June Vivianne	* Elisa Fajardo	* Daniel Quintana	* John Miller
* Fely Platou	* Sylvia Radford	* Irene Castaneda	* Mark Woehrl	* Barbara Pinedo
* Mary Cavagnaro	* Eleanor Brown	* Mary de Angelo	* The Rivers Family	* Pancho Pinedo
* Bonifacio Garcia	* Sarah & Josh Matthews	* Jessica Ketcherside	* Daniel Nunez	* Ann Harris
* Michael Culbertson	* Michael Vella	* Fr. Derek Hughes	* Nola, Nick, Louis, Dolores, Estrella, Jaelynn Soto	* Sheila Pouraghabagher
* Steven Greenville	* Lila Martinez	* Joe O'Brien	* Brian Pedigo and family	* Ernestine Beevers
* Rafael & Margarita Garcia	* Darleen Krouse	* Dolores R. Buena	* Hugo Conti	* Loren Ketcherside
* Frances Meehan	* Carolyn Lemos	* Rosemarie Greenville	* Shawn Clarke	* Brian Hampton
* Emily Sumner	* Toshi Meehan	* Aaron Kondziola	* Regina Helm	
* David Wright	* Robert Green Sr.	* Maggie Quinn	* Guido Palermo	

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD. LET YOUR PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM.

†Helen Penwell	†Fernando Marcos	†Arcadio Tambo	†Carol Ann Burns	†Mary Jo Semonsen	†Remy Lejeune
†Charles Penwell	†Cecilia Marcos	†Cleta Tambo	†Andy Boy de la Cruz, Jr.	†Kevin Lynch	†Anthony Sperlazzo
†Harold Platou	†William Schanberger	†Dionisio Acain	†Fr. Harry Freiermuth	†John Greenville	†Cecilia Delnes
†Larry Mischel	†Umartha Smith	†Aurelia Acain	†Crescendiana Gaila	†Norman Charette	†Doris Stanley
†Dwight Mobley	†Eusebio Galo	†Dick O'Melveny	†Ismael Ibat Tomboc	†John de Angelo	†Aric Clarke
†Gerfrude Stimson	†Melinda Rose	†Jim Stewart	†Maria Carmen Zaragoza	†Pat Klenck	†Clifford Newgard
†John D. Walsh	†Julia Ortiz	†Jaime Repollo	†Ruth Casper	†Beverly Jean Rocha	†Regina Newgard
†Elizabeth Martinez	†Gullemmo dela Cruz	†Paulina Y. Andres	†Fr. Ray Roh	†Adelaida Gabatin	†Gregory Newgard
†Ofelia Labra	†Serafin Sepulveda	†Gabriel Osorio	†Joyce O'Brien	†Guadalupe Haugh	†Marciano Ingan
†Severio Repollo	†Hermila Arguello	†Dennis A. O'Brien	†Mariano Rustria	†Julia Kestle	†Candido D. Buena Jr.
†Justo Yasay	†Anatalia Ortiz	†Michael Brito	†Robert Townsend	†Bishop Richard Garcia	†Jaime Manuel
†Joe Greene	†Ulolita dela Cruz	†Venustiana Rodriguez	†Sherman Lemos	†William K. Lander	†Medallana Patague
†Cristina Patterson	†Mason & Simon Brito	†Selestino Salgado	†Otilia Cruz	†Kathleen Patricia Crawford	†Margaret Lucero
†Elippo Mazzulla	†Pat Wright	†Mary Prendergast	†Wenceslao Garcia	†Shirley Matthews	†Tiburcio Castillo
†Elena Aurelio	†Joseph Cavagnaro	†Melecia Garcia	†Erich Reich	†David Bresnan	†Martin Hernandez
†Homero Paredes	†Manuel John Reis.	†Felicitas Castillo	†Mike Wright	†Lydia Caloca Green	†Edwin Quintana
†Ermina Manjel	†Lawrence Uthe	†Antonio Medrano	†Fr. Lawrence Betzoff	†Myrna Oliveros	†Alfred Castaneda
†Deacon Jim Cooper	†Margaret Uthe	†Tambo	†Nicky Miller	†Mina Cantona	
†Emma Nienan	†Joe Fraga	†William (Bill) Kemble	†General Mason	†Adela Patague	
†Rodrigo Martinez	†Msgr Joseph Stieger	†Diana Nishiura	†Mary Friedman		
†Reyna Gomez	†Fr. Ken Brown	†Grace Tevis	†Shirley Rustria		
†Lourdes Lepisto	†Fr. Michael Bell	†Jerica Elaine Harris	†Gerry Weltman		
†James Emely	†Lyn Ketcherside	†Paul Landry	†Evelyn Pellaton		
†Simonne Townsend	†Robert Beevers	†Casamira Asuncion	†Chuck Ice		

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Be with us

Emmanuel,
soon we will celebrate your birth,
the day God came crying and laughing,
a child in our midst.
On this day we celebrate that you are with us,
you have always been with us,
and you want all people to be with you.
Help us entrust our lives to you, to belong
to you alone.

Be with us as we answer your call to be
humble and holy.
Keep us as your brothers and sisters,
as children of your Father,
no matter how often we step away from you.
Stay always by our side
so that we will be with you forever in
your kingdom.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, December 22, 2019

Fulfillment



Today's Readings: Isaiah 7:10–14; Psalm 24:1–2, 3–4, 5–6 (7c, 10b); Romans 1:1–7; Matthew 1:18–24. When King Ahaz and the people of southern Israel were under attack, the king sought help from a foreign power. The prophet Isaiah told him to trust in God instead. Isaiah even offered proof of God's protection, but the king refused it. Ahaz probably suspected that if he trusted in God, his life would change in a way he would not like.

Like King Ahaz, Joseph found himself in what looked like an impossible situation. Even if he discreetly divorced Mary, everyone would find out why. Unlike King Ahaz, however, when Joseph is given the chance to entrust himself to God's plan, he takes it. He bravely brings his betrothed into his home. By doing so, Joseph fulfills two prophecies.

He receives the sign promised to an ancient king, and he incorporates the unborn child of the virgin into his family line, the line of King David.

Although Ahaz failed to trust in his Lord, God vowed to remain with his people. God's enduring presence takes a startling turn in the house of Joseph, for the child is more than a son of David; he is also, as St. Paul writes, "Son of God in power." The child is Emmanuel, God living in the midst of his people as one of his people.

Yet this child belongs not only to Jews, but to everyone. And everyone belongs to him. In Jesus, God fulfills his plan of salvation. In Jesus, God calls us to entrust ourselves to him, to become holy, and to belong to him forever.

CHRISTMAS 2019 MASS SCHEDULE

DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT
December 24	Tuesday	5:30 pm	Children's Mass (English)
December 24	Tuesday	9:00 pm	Community Singing of Christmas Carols
December 24	Tuesday	10:00 pm	Midnight Mass (English)
December 25	Wednesday	9:00 am	Spanish Mass
December 25	Wednesday	10:30 am	English Mass

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD NEW YEAR'S EVE 2019 MASS SCHEDULE

DATE	DAY	TIME	EVENT
December 31	Tuesday	9:00 pm	English Mass
December 31	Tuesday	10:30 pm	Spanish Mass