

# GOOD NEWS!

DECEMBER 20, 2020 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 / Rom 16:25-27 / Lk 1:26-38

The reading from Samuel assures us that the leader we are awaiting will be of the royal house of David. We presume this means personal power and political leadership, and recognition of this from others.

The Gospel turns us in a different direction. In it Mary asks, "How can this be?" (Luke 1:34) This question can be understood in two different ways. One means: How is it going to happen? The other suggests: You've got to be kidding! When told she will bear a child, this virgin asks: How is this going to happen? Her visitor explains the unfolding of an unbelievable event. While stories in pagan religions described how gods took on human form, such wondrous events supposedly happened in royal families—not in the life of an unassuming girl promised to a modest carpenter. In the Incarnation, a singular historic event, Mary did not say: "You've got to be kidding!" She replied: "If that's what you want, I'm willing."

Advent readings have traced God leading the people to salvation and a new way of living, to an outline of an individual chosen by God to lead them, to the realization that this leader will be a descendant of David. However, none of this happens as we might expect. Rather, it unfolds in such an unpretentious way that many people did not even realize it was happening. Who could blame anyone for saying: You've got to be kidding! But God was not kidding.

Now we are ready for Christmas.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

# Dear Padre

***Does God call me, like God called Mary? Can the angel Gabriel speak to me as he did to Mary?***

Perhaps God has already spoken to you! In the great calls in Scripture, God doesn't seem to care about age. God doesn't care about gender, race, talents, poverty or wealth, strengths or weaknesses.

God calls each of us because we are God's daughters and sons. God's call is personal (to you and no other!), and this call is to always be Christian and serve the Lord. Most often the call won't be dramatic, like it was for Moses. More likely, your call will be quiet and personal. Remember what God said: "Be still, and know that I am God!" (Psalm 46:11).

In these hectic days before Christmas, find a peaceful place and quiet time. Be still and say to God, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening" (1 Samuel 3:9). In this place, God will reveal your call to you, a call that was present long before your birth. God has already spoken to us in our life's vocation. We are planted in friendships, relationships, marriages, jobs, families, a community, and a nation. In each place, we listen to hear what God is calling forth from us. Then, like Mary, we say yes! We reach into our most generous spirit and proclaim "yes" to even the most difficult, mundane, or boring aspects of our vocation.

—Fr. Paul J. Coury, CSSR

## Scripture Readings for the week of Dec. 21 – 28

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a Lk 1:39-45	1 Sm 1:24-28 Lk 1:46-56	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 Lk 1:57-66	Is 62:1-5 Acts 13:16-17, 22-25 Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25	Is 62:11-12 Ti 3:4-7 Lk 2:15-20	Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59 Mt 10:17-22	Gn 15:1-6, 21:1-3 Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40



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OF THE LORD**  
ST. CATHERINE, OSSINEKE  
ST. GABRIEL, BLACK RIVER

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT — 20 DECEMBER 2020

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The last few days of Advent, from the 17<sup>th</sup> of December until Christmas Eve, are special liturgical days for the immediate preparation for the feast of Christmas. The Alleluia verse at Mass and the Antiphon at Evening Prayer each day has special significance. They tell the story of salvation. An antiphon, by the way, is a short verse sung during prayer – the same way we sing the Responsorial Psalm. These antiphons are called “O Antiphons” because each one begins with the vocative exclamation “O”.

**17 December:** O Wisdom, coming forth from the mouth of the Most High, reaching from one end to the other, mightily and sweetly ordering all things: Come and teach us the way of prudence.

**18 December:** O Adonai, and leader of the House of Israel, who appeared to Moses in the fire of the burning bush and gave him the law on Sinai: Come and redeem us with an outstretched arm.

**19 December:** O Root of Jesse, standing as a sign among the peoples; before you kings will shut their mouths, to you the nations will make their prayer: Come and deliver us, and delay no longer.

**20 December:** O Key of David and scepter of the House of Israel; you open and no one can shut; you shut and no one can open: Come and lead the prisoners from the prison house, those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.

**21 December:** O Morning Star, splendor of light eternal and sun of righteousness: Come and enlighten those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.

**22 December:** O King of the nations, and their desire, the cornerstone making both one: Come and save the human race, which you fashioned from clay.

**23 December:** O Emmanuel, our king and our lawgiver, the hope of the nations and their Savior: Come and save us, O Lord our God.

Perhaps we could pray these antiphons each night before dinner as a family as we enter more deeply into the mystery of the coming celebration of the Lord's Nativity.

God bless,



**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISHES**

SEE ONLINE CALENDAR FOR FULL DETAILS

Sunday, December 20, Fourth Sunday of Advent  
 4:30 pm Mass, (Saturday) St. Raphael  
*Parishioners of St. Anne, St. Catherine, St. Gabriel & St. Raphael*  
 6:30 pm Mass, (Saturday) St. Catherine  
*Donald Zielinski*  
 9:00 am Mass, St. Catherine  
*John & Mary Zubalik*  
 11:00 am Mass, St. Anne  
*Sy, Lorraine, & Nancy Goebel*

Monday, December 21,  
 9:00 am Mass, St. Anne  
*Jeanette Bosco*

Tuesday, December 22,  
 9:00 am Mass, St. Anne  
*All travelers*  
 9:30-10:30 am, Adoration & Confession at St. Anne

Wednesday, December 23,  
 9:00 am Mass, St. Gabriel  
*Jean Rauch*  
 5:00 pm Adoration & Confession at St. Catherine

Thursday, December 24, Christmas Eve  
 4:00 pm Mass, St. Anne  
*Parishioners of St. Anne, St. Catherine, St. Gabriel & St. Raphael*  
 8:00 pm Mass, St. Catherine  
*Parishioners of St. Anne, St. Catherine, St. Gabriel & St. Raphael*

Friday, December 25, The Nativity of the Lord  
 9:00 am Mass, St. Gabriel  
*Parishioners of St. Anne, St. Catherine, St. Gabriel & St. Raphael*  
 11:00 am Mass, St. Raphael  
*Parishioners of St. Anne, St. Catherine, St. Gabriel & St. Raphael*

Saturday, December 26,  
 3:30 pm Confession, St. Raphael

Sunday, December 27, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph  
 4:30 pm Mass, (Saturday) St. Raphael  
*World Peace*  
 6:30 pm Mass, (Saturday) St. Catherine  
*James Crevier*  
 9:00 am Mass, St. Catherine  
*John Dumont*  
 11:00 am Mass, St. Anne  
*Parishioners of St. Anne, St. Catherine, St. Gabriel & St. Raphael*

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP**



“As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace” (1 Pt 4:10).  
 Thanks you for all the sacrifices you make as we all labor in God’s vineyard to bring the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to our neighbors. 10% of everything received is donated to support charities near and far.

	St. Anne	St. Catherine	St. Gabriel	St. Raphael
Needed each week	\$2,144.23	\$2,593.95	\$555.10	\$740.38
Needed year-to-date	\$53,605.75	\$59,660.85	\$12,767.30	\$18,509.50
Actual year-to-date	\$51,355.68	\$56,995.28	\$11,988.17	\$17,954.22
December 13	\$942.00	\$322.00	\$100.00	\$472.00
Other Collections:	\$1,517.00	\$1,000.00	\$55.00	\$115.00

**Pray for Our Priests & Religious**

Sunday—Rev. Anthony Cureton  
 Monday—Rev. Robbie Deka  
 Tuesday— Vocations to the Priesthood and all Religious  
 Wednesday— Rev. Norman Dickson, SJ  
 Thursday—Rev. James Doherty  
 Friday—Rev. Charles Donajkowski  
 Saturday—All Seminarians

**Prayer Tags:** St. Catherine and St. Anne parishioners, take a random tag off the tree and pray for the parishioner on the back of the card. St. Raphael parishioners, look for your name on the front of the tag and pray for the parishioner on the back of the tag.

**Formed.org**

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How to sign up:

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- Type in the zip code 49766 (you must use 49766).
- Select the Parishes of the Resurrection
- Type in your Name and Email address.
- Click the “sign up” button

You can also sign up for daily video reflections and readings for Advent. Go to [www.formed.org/advent](http://www.formed.org/advent) to sign up.

**Christmas Mass Schedule**

Christmas Eve, December 24:  
 4:00 pm—St. Anne, Harrisville  
 8:00 pm—St. Catherine, Ossineke  
 Christmas Day, December 25:  
 9:00 am—St. Gabriel, Black River  
 11:00 am—St. Raphael, Mikado

**The Parish offices will be closed Thursday, Dec 24th until Monday, Jan. 4th. If you have an emergency contact Fr. Tyler Bischoff at 471-2556.**

Christmas Wafers are available at the entrance of all 4 parishes’ .

**Our Sick:** May God shower his love and care upon you, comfort you and encourage you, heal you in body, soul, and spirit and bring you to peace. May we grow in trust in God, accepting his will, putting everything into his hands: Mary Anderson, Mike Moggie, Florence Mishler, Michael Killewald, David Molitor, Kelly Kruttlin, Terry Rizzotto, Dustin Swider, Diane Bolda, Richard & Donna LaBonte, Chuck Gauthier, Carol Bandlow, Jerry Killewald, Rick Villabolos, Gen & Barb Spring, Jackie Schrade, Janice Kurt, Irene Shiemke, Ron Harmon, David Simanskey, Christen Buckler, Thelma Schultz, Walter Roman, David Fortier, Christopher Marciniak, Dick White, Sam Rizzotto, Al LaBrecque, Peter Bosca, Bernard Pintar, Nancy Hauss, Dan Kaczmarek, James Banner, Irene Sedoskey, Edwin Paulson, Anna Michel, Paul Forsythe, Gerald Dingledein, Thomas Walter, Greg Robinson, Mary Jane Fliehman, Joan Cleveland, Al Sharp, Gloria Kozak, Jim Rigato, George Killewald, Theda & Frank Waldecker, Rick Carstens