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**Thank you,**

**Msgr. Stan Carson**

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 20, 2020

**Our Lady of Fatima Parish**

**2010 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue**

**[www.ourladyoffatimaaltoona.org](http://www.ourladyoffatimaaltoona.org)**

**Rectory Office Hours:**

**Tuesdays and Thursdays**

**11:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.**

**Parish Office: 814-942-0371**

**or call the Cathedral Office at 944-4603.**

**Our Lady of Fatima Parish**

**Rev. Msgr. Stanley B. Carson, Administrator**

**Parish Secretary**

**Paula Hall**

**Director of Music Ministry**

**Kathy McFee**

***Eucharist for the home bound - weekly:  
Patty Flanagan 942-0371 for arrangements.***

**Our Lady of Fatima Church is open  
Sunday through Saturday: 7:30 AM - 5PM  
for visits before the Blessed Sacrament.**

**Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals will be  
held at Our Lady of Fatima.**

**Preparation for Baptism, and Weddings will be  
held at the Cathedral. 944-4603**

**Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick  
Parishioners wishing to receive the sacrament of healing may call the Cathedral Parish Office to make arrangements. 814-944-4603**

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH IS A RESULT OF  
THE MERGER BETWEEN THE ROMAN CATHOLIC  
CHURCHES OF SS. PETER & PAUL AND ST. LEO  
THE GREAT IN 1995.**

**Cathedral Church Office: 814-944-4603**

**One Cathedral Square**

**Most Reverend Mark L. Bartchak, Bishop**

**Rev. Msgr. Stanley B. Carson, Administrator**

**PH: 814-944-4603**

**Rev. Father Dennis M. Kurdziel, Parochial Vicar**

**Christian Initiation Team: 944-4603**

**Catholics returning Home: 944-4603**

**Mail Ministry to Elderly, Homebound, Seriously Sick  
and Grieving - 944-4603**

**HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

**Web: [www.holytrinitycatholic.school](http://www.holytrinitycatholic.school)**

**Altoona Campus (Pre-K thru Grade 4) - 381-7011**

**Hollidaysburg Campus (Pre-K thru Grade 4) - 695-6112**

**Middle School Campus (Grades 5 thru 8) - 942-7835**

**Directors of Religious Education:**

**Chris Laraia – Pre-K thru 8 - 312-7317**

**Jean Koury – 9 thru 12 – 949-2777**

**Religious Education Office: Sundays – 943-7424**

**Director of Music Ministry**

**Leslie C. Thayer, MM, CAGO**

**Music Ministry Office - 944-2044**

**E-Mail: [ltthayer@dioceseaj.org](mailto:ltthayer@dioceseaj.org)**

**Reconciliation @ Cathedral: 7:00 PM Wednesday**

**12:30 PM Saturday**

**Religious Education @ Cathedral: Pre-K through 11**

**Sacramental Formation @ Cathedral: First Reconciliation  
First Communion  
Confirmation**

**Sacramental Formation @ the Cathedral: Baptismal Prep  
Marriage Prep  
Christian Initiation**

**Hospital Visitation: Call the Cathedral: 944-4603**

**Cathedral Eucharist:**

**Sunday: 5:00 PM (Vigil) Holy Days: 5:30 PM (Vigil) Weekdays: 6:45 AM**

**8:00 AM**

**8:00 AM**

**12:00 Noon**

**10:00 AM**

**12:00 Noon**

**12:00 Noon**

**5:30 PM**

**Saturday: 8:00 AM**

**5:00 PM**

**12:00 Noon**

**THE FATIMA TOWERS**

December 20, 2020  
**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT-10:30 AM**  
**OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS**  
*Today's Intention - Paul Rose (Rose Family)*

**Christmas Day - Friday, December 25, 10:30 AM**  
*Members and Friends of Our Lady of Fatima Parish*  
**Feast of the Holy Family-Sunday, December 27, 10:30 AM**  
*Kerr Creations Family and Business, (In Thanksgiving OLOF)*

### **Cathedral Mass Intentions**

#### **December 20, Fourth Sunday of Advent**

8:00 AM +Fred Fedeli (Rosemarie Fedeli)  
10:00 AM +Richard Yahner (Wife)  
Noon PM +Gina Laird (Pat Rhoa)  
5:00 PM Pro Popolo/For the People

#### **December 21, Monday, St. Peter Canisius, Priest**

6:45 AM +Jeanie Farabaugh (Geishauser Family)  
12:00 PM +Barb Beech (Debbie Ball)

#### **December 22, Tuesday, Weekday**

6:45 AM +Yolanda Bumann (Sherry Wells)  
12:00 PM +Mildred Brady, Anniv. (Joe & Dee Shellenberger)

#### **December 23, Wednesday, St. John Kanty, Priest**

6:45 AM +Danyll Rouguex (Mom & Dad)  
12:00 PM +Frank Goss, Anniv. (Wife & Family)

#### **December 24, Thursday Weekday**

8:00 AM +Barry S. Bidelspacht, Birth. (Ferrell Family)  
12:00 PM No Mass

#### **Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord**

3:00 PM - Health Care Professionals & First Responders  
5:00 PM - Our Children & Teenagers

#### **December 25, Friday, The Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord**

12:00 AM/Midnight - People of the Parish  
8:00 AM - Parishioners & Benefactors  
12:00 PM - People of the Parish

#### **December 26, Saturday, St. Stephen. Martyr**

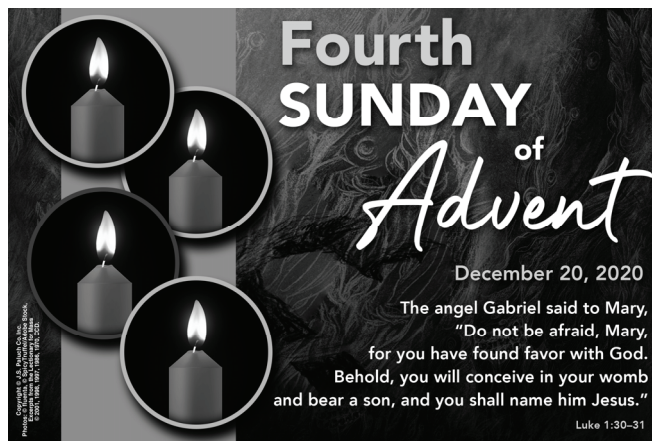
8:00 AM +Carrie Detwiler (Mom & Dad)  
12:00 PM +Don & Dorothy Hanekamp (Mr. & Mrs Dave Hanekamp)

#### **Vigil: The Feast of the Holy Family**

5:00 PM +Orlando DeCriscio (Family)

#### **December 27, The Feast of the Holy Family**

8:00 AM +Jean Bradley (Patricia Rhoa)  
10:00 AM +Fran Moses (Tony and AnnaRose Eckenrode)  
12:00 PM +Martha Maurer (Larry & Lori Wills)  
5:00 PM Pro Popolo/For the People



### **TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading** — I will fix a place for my people. (2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16). **Psalm** — For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 89).

**Second Reading** — To the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, be glory forever and ever (Romans 16:25-27). **Gospel** — Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word (Luke 1:26-38). The English translation of the Psalm Responses from the *Lectionary for Mass* © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday:** Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

**Tuesday:** 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

**Wednesday:** Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66

**Thursday:** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79

**Friday:** **Vigil:** Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25] **Night:** Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14 **Dawn:** Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20 **Day:** Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

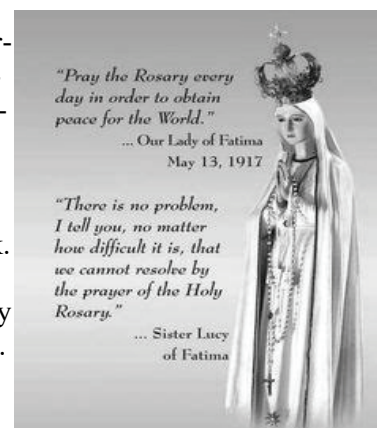
**Saturday:** Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22

**Sunday:** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 105:1-6, 8-9; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or Hb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]

### **Thank You**

Your prayers, volunteerism, and financial support are deeply appreciated. Due to an early bulletin deadline, last week's contributions will be listed next week.

Your generosity at Christmas is particularly important to our parish. Thank you.



## A CLASSIC IMAGE

When we think of today's Gospel, the image of this meeting between the Angel Gabriel and Mary by Fra Angelico (1440–1445) likely comes to mind. In this fresco, Gabriel and Mary are outside sitting among the columns, and Gabriel, with his big wings and hands crossed, gazes upon Mary and gestures towards her. She is well dressed in a traditional blue garment, and though her face shows shock, her folded hands model submission and humility. This work of art is so beautifully executed that we can miss some of its finer details. Similarly, because the Gospel scene is so familiar, we can forget to take in its small details. A few years ago, this author found a children's book called "The Nativity" illustrated by Julie Vivas. Because her drawings were so fresh and charming and simple, she invited new perspective on the story.

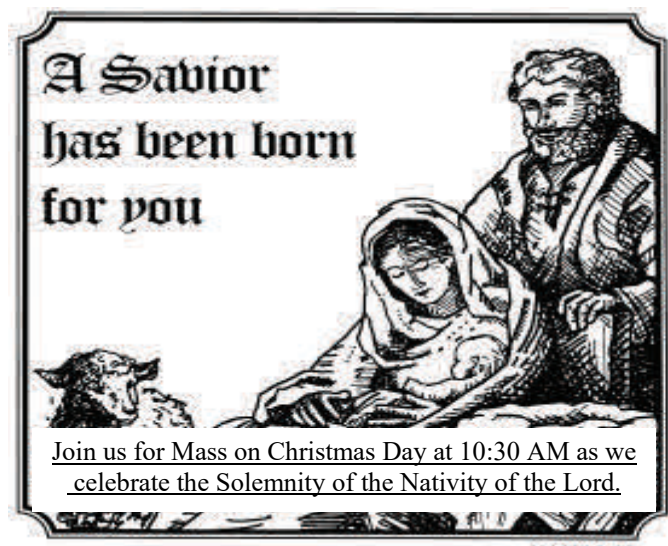
Luke says that Mary "was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be." She asks, "How can this be?" These questions don't fit with how Fra Angelico positioned Gabriel and Mary. In the Vivas illustrations, the Angel Gabriel sits down with battered wings and a balding head and has a cup of coffee with Mary as the two of them try to figure it out together. The text is the same, but the message conveyed is different. There is a different degree of comfort and familiarity to these illustrations.

This "having a cup of coffee" is something we need to learn to do with the scriptures and with our lives. After this event, pregnant Mary traveled into the hill country to be with Elizabeth; an older, wiser, mentor—a mother figure. She spent three months there reflecting and preparing for the birth of her child. In this final week of Advent, take a few moments to find a Gabriel/Mary or an Elizabeth/Mary moment and read the Christmas readings again to see what you might have overlooked, and to find a new way for Christ to dwell in you.

Today's Readings: 2 Sm 7:1–5, 8b–12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2–3, 4–5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25–27; Lk 1:26–38

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### THE ETERNAL GOD

King David wished that the ark of God might have a more permanent home. David may have envisioned something like the cedar palace where he resided. God had in mind something more: a throne where David's descendants would rule for ever, a kingdom where Jews and Gentiles alike would be welcome.

Mary's prayerful nature led to an even more disturbing message. She would conceive and bear a Son though she was not yet married. "How can this come about?" Mary wondered. "The Holy Spirit will come upon you," she was told (Luke 1:35).

Mary's acceptance of this difficult challenge ushered in this, the final age of God's reign. What was once a secret known only by chosen people like King David and his descendants must now be made clear to all so that, as Saint Paul wrote to the Romans, we can be brought to the "obedience of faith" "according to the command of the eternal God" (Romans 16:26).

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### CHRISTMAS IN THE HEART

Christmas! 'Tis the season for kindling the fire of hospitality in the hall, the genial fire of charity in the heart.

—Washington Irving

### CONTINUAL CHRISTMAS

A good conscience is a continual Christmas.

—Benjamin Franklin

### NOT TOO MUCH

If you have too much to do, with God's help you will find time to do it all.

—St. Peter Canisius



### SAVE AROUND COUPON BOOKLETS

The 2021 *Save Around* coupon booklets are now available for \$20.00. The parish receives a profit of \$5.00 per booklet. See Paul Masic following Mass.