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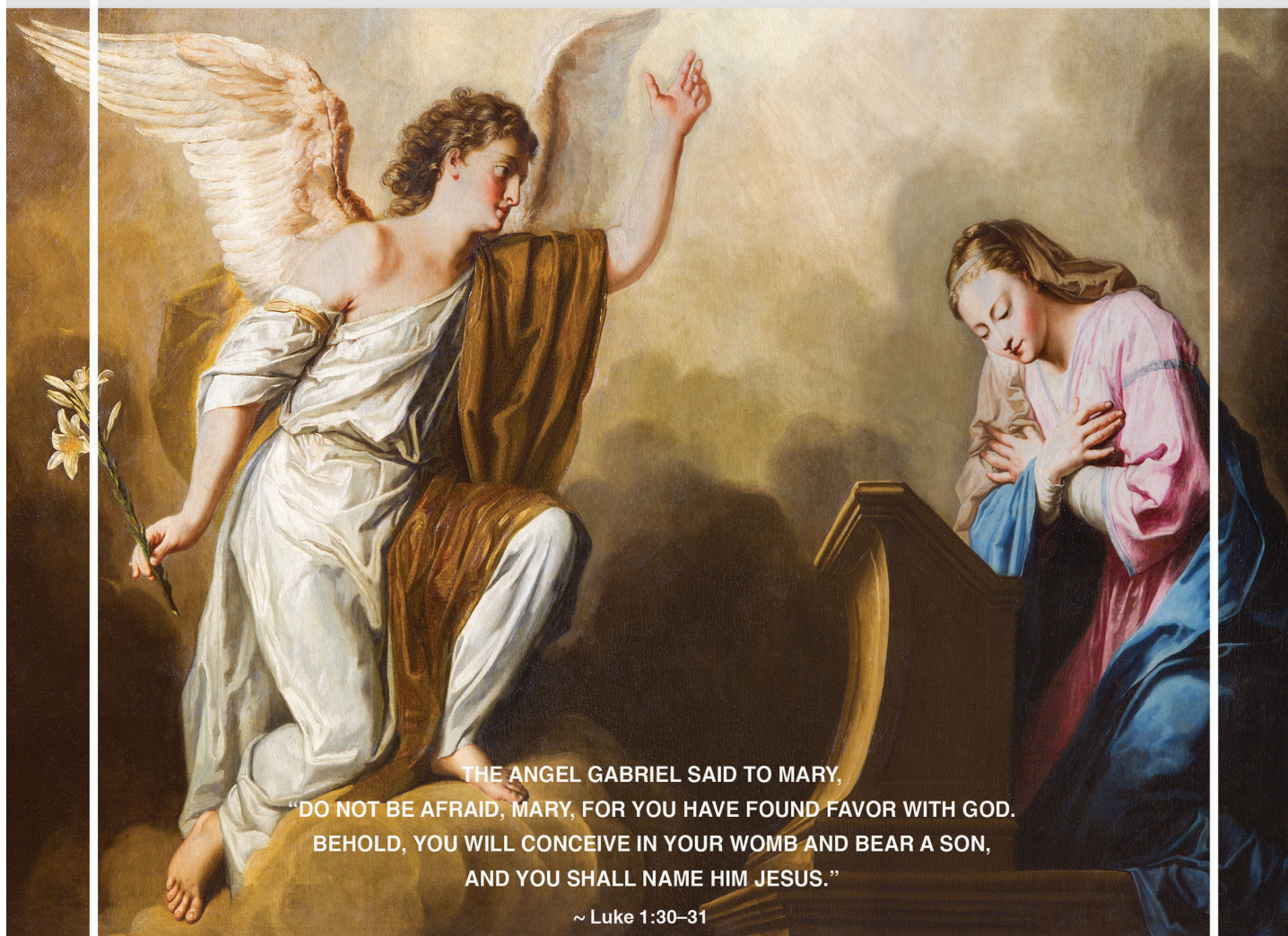
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ADVENT

DECEMBER 20, 2020 | FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



THE ANGEL GABRIEL SAID TO MARY,
"DO NOT BE AFRAID, MARY, FOR YOU HAVE FOUND FAVOR WITH GOD.
BEHOLD, YOU WILL CONCEIVE IN YOUR WOMB AND BEAR A SON,
AND YOU SHALL NAME HIM JESUS."

~ Luke 1:30-31

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Pharmacy Outreach: ext. 125

December 20, 2020 ~ Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mass and Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:00 pm Confessions; 5:00 pm Mass

Sunday: 8:00 am Mass, 10:00 am Mass, 2:00 pm Mass (en Español), 5:00 pm Mass

Weekdays:

Monday - 7 am Mass

Tuesday - 9 am Mass for those in a vulnerable category

Wednesday - 5:00 pm Adoration and Confessions, 6:30 pm Mass

Thursday - 8:05 am (Mass for school children, teachers and staff only)

Friday - 7 am Mass



Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 19, 2020

5:00 – Int's of Edward Cluen Eileen & Dave Mazary

Sunday, December 20, 2020

8:00 – Deceased Members of the Wilhelm Family

10:00 – Lope Pile Mercy Pile

2:00 – The People of the Parish

5:00 – Int's of Joyce Kiser

Mon – (9am) Arnold Kraus Carolyn LeBel

Tues – (9am) Johnny Almirante The Almirante Family

Wed – (9am) Paul Coon Maureen Coon

Thursday, December 24 – Christmas Eve

4:00 (in Church) – Joe Martello Olga Martello

4:00 (in School) – Int's of Paul & Mary Wilcox Joyce Kiser

6:00 – Patrick Glaude Ruth Ann Newton

8:00 – Mansour & Antoinette El Rif The Asmar Family

10:00 – Rosemary Monroe The Monroe Family

Friday, December 25 – Christmas Day

10:00 – Linda Ellis Jack & Ann Svelan

Saturday, December 26, 2020

5:00 – Lope Pile Mercy Pile

Sunday, December 27, 2020

8:00 – Toto Bossman Family

10:00 – The Marchlik-Waksmundski Families John Marchlik

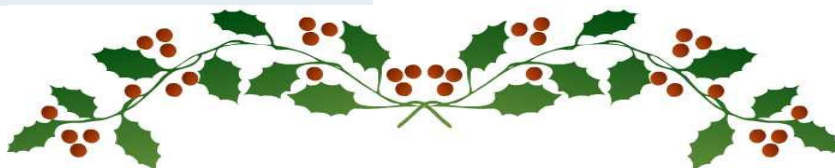
2:00 – The People of the Parish

5:00 – John Yancey Bob & Loretta Obradovic

Please note: Many Masses were canceled earlier in the year. The intentions for those Masses were rescheduled to later dates at either public or private Masses. All intentions were or will be prayed for at a Mass.

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Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church



Fourth Sunday of Advent December 20, 2020

The child to be born will be called holy,
the Son of God.

—Luke 1:35



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This Christmas Season, remember your loved ones by sponsoring a poinsettia used to decorate our Church. Please bring your check or cash donation of \$15 to the Parish Office along with a note telling us who the plant is in memory of.

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**Donations must be received
by Wednesday, December 23rd.**

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24

4:00 p.m.	Mass in Church (English)
4:00 p.m.	Mass in School Gym
6:00 p.m.	Mass in Church (English)
8:00 p.m.	Misa en Español
10:00 p.m.	Mass in Church (English)

Christmas Day, Friday, December 25

10:00 a.m. Mass in Church (English)

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

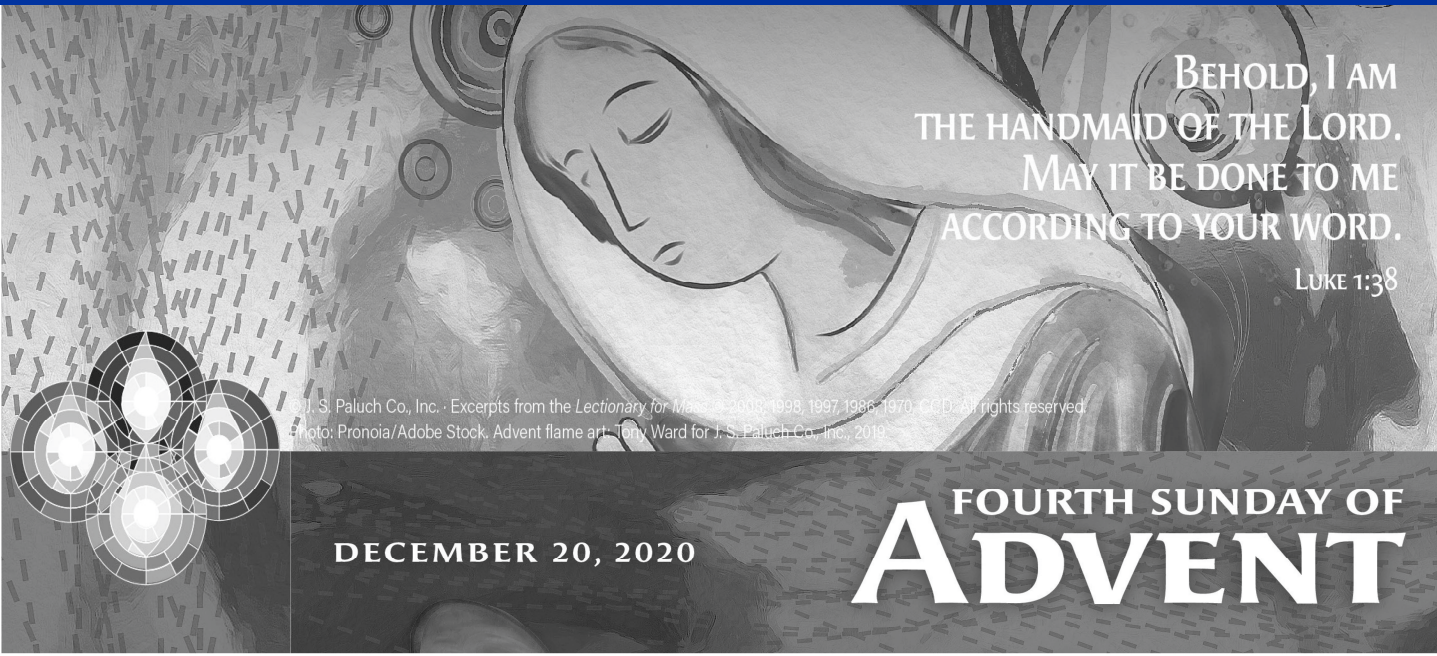
Holy Day of Obligation

January 1st 10:00 am Mass in Church (English)

After Christmas Office

Parish Offices will be closed Christmas Eve through Monday, December 28 and Thursday, December 31 through January 3. Offices will reopen on Monday, January 4.

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BEHOLD, I AM
THE HANDMAID OF THE LORD.
MAY IT BE DONE TO ME
ACCORDING TO YOUR WORD.

LUKE 1:38

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF
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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.

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

"Where does God dwell?" is a question on the minds of many as we continue to adjust to the pandemic. David wanted to build an ornate dwelling for the Ark of the Covenant, but God said, "No, that's not what I had in mind!" The reading from Romans teaches us that God is present in the Word, and in Luke's Gospel passage today, Jesus is residing in the womb of Mary. We know that Jesus is present in the assembly gathered, the *Koinonia*, as well as within the Eucharistic species. But no matter how one experiences the presence of Jesus, these days are challenging. In many places, only limited numbers continue to be allowed in church, while others are only able to worship via live stream. None of the pat answers to where God dwells really fit. We need to try and answer this with new eyes and ears and heart.

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Come, Lord Jesus!**

*"one who has hope lives differently"
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PORT Breakfast To Go Bag Needs: granola or protein bars, fruit cups, small packages of raisins or fruit snacks, little muffin packs, single serve chicken or tuna (flip top can or pouch), juice pouches

PORT Winter Shelter: OLMC is preparing and serving dinners for PORT Winter Shelter on December 30th. We will have a team leader and menu already planned. This will involve social distancing, a small team, and extremely limited contact with the guests we will serve. In many cases you will have no contact with those we serve. Please contact Tina twandersee@olmc.org to assist or visit olmc website to sign up. We need you, please step out in faith if you are able.

Thank you so very much for your continued support!

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A CLASSIC IMAGE

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Youth & Young Adult Ministries

For information on middle school, high school or young adult faith formation, please contact Ken White kwhite@olmc.org.

Children's Faith Formation

Please see the parish-wide email for registration or contact Christy Barton cbarton@olmc.org.

Commemorative Book

The Diocese of Richmond has created a beautiful commemorative book, *Shine Like Stars*, which highlights our two-hundred-year history with text, pictures, and profiles of our nearly 150 parishes. As we celebrate our 200th anniversary - a milestone that only six other dioceses in our country have reached, you are invited to purchase a copy from our Parish Office for \$40. It will be a keepsake for you to enjoy for many years. Contact Eileen at 595-0385 or emazary@olmc.org to purchase one of these commemorative books.



Initiation Programs and Adult Formation

Becoming Catholic

The RCIA process is one of conversion and spiritual formation for individuals interested in living the Christian life in the Catholic tradition. It is a time of prayer, reflection, study, faith sharing, discernment and participation in the life of the parish. This process is for those who have never been baptized, those who were baptized in another faith tradition, or those who were baptized Catholic and seek full initiation.

RCIA Sponsors

Parish sponsors accompany those in the RCIA process of conversation and faith formation as companions on the journey. Sponsors support those in RCIA with prayers and their own witness to the Christian way of life. Serving as a sponsor fulfills the necessary ministry envisioned by the RCIA process, but it is also an incredibly enriching experience.

Adult Confirmation

Are you an active practicing Catholic adult who “missed” participating in the Sacrament of Confirmation? We invite you to enter the process of preparation at the parish.

Small Groups: Faith and Fellowship

Life is all about relationships. Small groups deepen our relationships with Christ and one another. The New Year is a great time to consider trying a small group! These small groups are a place to grow spiritually, find support and encouragement, face challenges together and share fellowship.

There are no teachers in small groups. Trained parishioners facilitate conversations. The groups will discuss life and faith, reflect on God's Word together, seek God together and pray for and with one another

If you have not participated in the past, give it a try this season! Groups are forming for men, women and young adults.

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Misas en Español: Domingos - 2:00 PM

Confesiones: Sábados, 3 PM, Miércoles, 5 PM



Cuando pensamos en el Evangelio de hoy, probablemente podemos imaginar la pintura de esta reunión entre el ángel Gabriel y María que hizo Fra Angelico (1440-1445). En ese fresco, Gabriel y María están afuera y sentados en medio de las columnas, y Gabriel, con sus grandes alas y manos cruzadas, contemplando a María y haciendo gestos hacia ella. Ella está bien vestida en un ropaje tradicional de color azul y aunque su rostro muestra conmoción, sus manos cruzadas modelan sumisión y humildad. Esta obra de arte está tan bellamente ejecutada que podemos desapercibir algunos de sus más finos detalles. Del mismo modo, porque la escena del Evangelio es tan familiar, podemos olvidarnos de los pequeños detalles. Hace unos años, este autor encontró un libro para niños titulado “La Navidad” que fue ilustrado por Julie Vivas. Debido a que sus dibujos eran tan frescos, encantadores y simples, convidaba una perspectiva nueva en la historia.

VOLVER A MIRAR

Lucas dice que María “estaba muy preocupada por lo que se le dijo y se preguntaba que tipo de saludo podría ser ese”.

Cuarto Domingo de Adviento

UNA IMAGEN CLÁSICA

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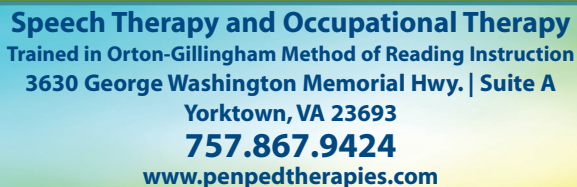
Ella preguntó: “¿cómo puede ser esto posible?” Estas preguntas no concuerdan como Fra Angelico puso a Gabriel y María. En las ilustraciones de Vivas, el ángel Gabriel sentado con las alas maltratadas, cabeza calva, está tomando una taza de café con María mientras los dos juntos tratan de resolverlo. El texto es el mismo, pero el mensaje transmitido es diferente. Hay un grado diferente de comodidad y familiaridad en estas ilustraciones.

Este “tomando café” es algo que tenemos que aprender a hacer con las escrituras y con nuestras vidas. Después de este evento, María embarazada viajó a las colinas para estar con Isabel, una mentora sabia y anciana, la figura de una madre. Ella pasó tres meses ahí reflexionando y preparándose para el nacimiento de su hijo. En esta última semana de Adviento, dedica unos momentos para encontrar un momento Gabriel y María o momento Elizabeth y María y lee las lecturas de Navidad de nuevo para ver lo que podrías haber pasado por alto, y para encontrar una nueva forma de que Cristo habite en ti.

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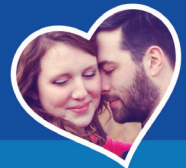


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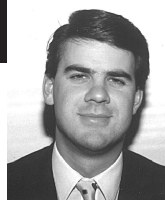
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