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December 24, 2023 Fourth Sunday of Advent

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# Catholic Parish



"The Annunciation" Detail c. 1525 Joos van Cleve

There are many terrific opportunities within our family of faith, to Love, Grow & Serve. Please see our lists of Activities, Organizations, & Events, inside this bulletin!

#### Daily Mass Weekdays at

8:00 AM

Vigil on Saturday 5:30 PM

Sunday Mass 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM

First Saturdays 8:00 AM

#### Reconciliation

Fridays following the 8:00 AM Mass, Saturday, 4-5 PM, or By Appointment

#### Benediction/ **Exposition**

Fridays following 8:00 AM Mass

#### **Divine Mercy** Devotion

Fridays following 8:00 AM Mass



### Parish Office

Phone 619-445-3620 <u>FAX</u> 619-445-3621

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office@ourladyoflight.church Website ourladyoflight.church

Office Hours The office is temporarily closed for any scheduled hours

#### **Our Pastor**

Reverend Enrique Fuentes 619-445-3620 Phone Emergency 619-445-4972 frfuentes@ourladvoflight.church

#### Baptism & Marriage Contact Father Rick

R.C.I.A.

Contact Father Rick CYM Classes

Contact Father Rick

The mission of Our Lady of Light Church, is to provide an amicable environment of Catholic worship. education, evangelization and service, to all of God's people. Together we strive to be instruments of God's love, peace, and joy, following the example of Our Lady of Light.



Sunday, December 24th Christmas Vigil Mass 5:30 PM

Monday, December 25th Christmas Day Mass 9AM

Two wonderful opportunities to celebrate Christmas with family, friends and fellow parishioners.

## Please!

#### Remember in your prayers

Liz Sjoguist, Annette Musco. Paul Colwell, Jan Nasland, Pat Schumacher, Betty Ward, Fr. Rick, Mike Delvac, LeAnn, Jamie Lenore, Dorothy Lenore, Teri Morgan, Noah Anderson, Carmen Holt. Lisa Coda-Jones. Patti Treantafilos, Bill Puntar, Brandon & Lauren Casey and their twin daughters, all with cancer, David Abel and Steven Schwab.

Pray for the repose of these souls For all those who have gone before us.

## Mass Intentions for This Week

Saturday, December 23 Vigil Mass Christmas Novena 5:30 PM Monica Williams Birthday Blessings Sunday, December 24 Fourth Sunday of Advent Christmas Novena 8:00 AM Ernie Briese, RIP Cross Blessing after 8 AM Mass 10:00 AM Ben Aguirre, RIP Christmas Vigil Mass 5:30 PM Parishioners & Benefactors Monday, December 25 The Nativity of the Lord **Christmas Day** Edith Bianchi, RIP 9:00 AM Tuesday, December 26 St. Stephen, the First Martyr Gus & Carrie, Spiritual Healing 8:00 AM Wednesday, December 27St. John, Apostle & Evangelist For Our Parish Family 8:00 AM Thursday, December 28 The Holy Innocents, Martyrs 8:00 AM For all those Traveling Friday, December 29 St. Thomas Becket Bishop and Martvr

## Organizations & Contact Info

8:00 AM

For a Blessed New Year

Altar & Rosary Society	Meetings; 2nd Thursday of each Month		
Charlene Phelps	9933char@gmail.com	619-659-0488	
Prayer Circle		040 445 0000	
Pat Hansen	hansenpat@msn.com_	619-445-3822	
Mass Intentions & Bullet	<u>in</u>		
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Mark Duda	mark@ourladyoflight.church_	619-722-4300	

#### Parish Office Hours

Please note that the Parish Office is temporarily closed for scheduled hours. If you have an emergency and need a priest, please call Fr. Rick at 619-445-4972. Otherwise you may leave a message at 619-445-3620 or contact us by email at office@ourladyoflight.church. You may continue to use the mail slot up in the Parish Hall to the right of the main double doors, under the OFFICE sign.

# A Message LLL from Father Rick

It is almost Christmas. We have seen almost all business and commerce establishments. Christians and Non-Christians alike, are riding along to the tide of the occasion. Everyone wants to take advantage of the season. Not everybody, though, is happy that there is Christ in "Christmas." So they want to call it "Holidays." I am hoping that no matter how some people choose to call this marvelous event of our human history, they would still believe in the spirit of the season. It is the spirit of true giving and lasting forgiveness. The birth of the Son of God, Jesus, should reclaim in each of us the spirit of true love and authentic repentance. Celebrating the day of birth of Jesus is all about faith. hope, and love. Faith, because we believe in a God who fulfills his promise even though it takes a long time in human terms. We believe in a God who journeys with humanity from conception to natural death. We believe in a God who embraces everyone, blesses every child, and forgives rather than condemns. It is all about hope, because good deeds do not go unrewarded either here in life or in the next. Most of all. Christmas is all about a God who is love. God loves us without counting the cost.

Merry Christmas Everyone and may our New Year 2024 be truly peaceful and blessed.

#### **Parish Offerings** December 17

Plate Collections		352
Envelope Tithes		1,084
Donations (Restricted)		185
Coffee & Donuts		8
Flowers		120
Building Fund (Restricted)		0
Total		1,749
Average Weekly		

**Operating Expenses** \$ 3,215

Please note that the Building Funds cannot be used towards Operating Expenses.

# The Latest Topics!

#### \*Cross Blessing

Construction is completed! There will be a blessing of the new Cross that sits atop our Church cupola this Sunday, December 24 following the 8 AM Mass (weather permitting).

#### \*Roof Construction Update

The work on our new Church roof and Cross is complete. Special thanks to James O'Keefe/BuildMasters Contracting and DK Nasland for a project well done.

#### \*CYM/CCD Christmas Break

The CYM/CCD classes will resume on Sunday, January 7.

#### \*Save the Date

Be a witness for Life! San Diego Walk for Life, January 13, 2024, 8:30 AM- Noon at Waterfront Park, 1600 Pacific Avenue in San Diego. More details to follow as the date gets closer.

#### \*Coffee and Donuts

The hospitality crew is taking a break the weekends of December 24 and December 31

#### \*Catholic Chat

Catholic Chat takes a break this month and will start up again in January. The first official meeting will take place up in the Parish Hall on Sunday, January 28 following the 10 AM Mass. Please contact Pat Hansen or Fr. Rick for more information.

#### \*Lectors Needed

We are in need of lectors here at Our Lady of Light Parish. In the past couple of years we have had lectors move away or just find that they are no longer able to serve. If you have ever considered what you can do to give back to your parish this might be just the ministry for you. Please give this some thought and pray about how you can help. Contact Robin Shull for more information.

#### \*Volunteer in the New Year

The New Year is just around the corner and time to think about those things in our life that we may or may not want to change. Being a Parish that relies heavily on volunteers, now is the time to think about how you might be able to give of your time to our little Parish in the mountains. God bless all of you who give of your time and have a Blessed Christmas and New Year.



# Mary's Corner

"A man is no true Christian if he has no devotion to the Mother of Jesus Christ."

Saint John Eudes