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## Kiln



**December 24, 2023**  
**Forth Sunday of Advent**

**Masses**



**Saturday Vigil:** 4:00pm  
**Sunday:** 8am, 10:30am  
**Weekday Mass:** 8:00am (Chapel)  
 (Monday-Friday, Rosary after)  
**First Tuesday:** Anointing of the Sick  
 (of the Month) Novena of Our Lady of Perpetual Help  
 (after 8am Mass)  
**Fridays:** Devotion To Sacred Heart (Before Benediction)

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
**Saturday:** 3:00 - 3:45 pm  
 (Before Sunday Masses and by Appointment)

**Adoration**  
**Tuesday:** 8:30am - 6:00pm  
**Friday:** 8:30am - 9:30am

**Office Hours**  
**Mon-Friday:** 8:30am - 12:30pm  
**Wednesday:** 8:30am - 12:00pm

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**TODAY'S READING'S**

**Reading 1-2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16**

When King David was settled in his palace, and the LORD had given him rest from his enemies on every side, he said to Nathan the prophet, "Here I am living in a house of cedar, while the ark of God dwells in a tent!" Nathan answered the king, "Go, do whatever you have in mind, for the LORD is with you." But that night the LORD spoke to Nathan and said: "Go, tell my servant David, "Thus says the LORD: Should you build me a house to dwell in?" "It was I who took you from the pasture and from the care of the flock to be commander of my people Israel. I have been with you wherever you went, and I have destroyed all your enemies before you. And I will make you famous like the great ones of the earth. I will fix a place for my people Israel; I will plant them so that they may dwell in their place without further disturbance. Neither shall the wicked continue to afflict them as they did of old, since the time I first appointed judges over my people Israel. I will give you rest from all your enemies. The LORD also reveals to you that he will establish a house for you. And when your time comes and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your heir after you, sprung from your loins, and I will make his kingdom firm. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me. Your house and your kingdom shall endure forever before me; your throne shall stand firm forever."

**Responsorial Psalm**

**R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**

The promises of the LORD I will sing forever; through all generations my mouth shall proclaim your faithfulness. For you have said, "My kindness is established forever"; in heaven you have confirmed your faithfulness.

**R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**

"I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to David my servant: Forever will I confirm your posterity and establish your throne for all generations."

**R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**

"He shall say of me, 'You are my father, my God, the Rock, my savior.' Forever I will maintain my kindness toward him, and my covenant with him stands firm."

**R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**

**Reading 2—Rom 16:25-27**

Brothers and sisters: To him who can strengthen you, according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret for long ages but now manifested through the prophetic writings and, according to the command of the eternal God, made known to all nations to bring about the obedience of faith, to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ be glory forever and ever. Amen.

**Gospel—Lk 1:26-38**

The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you." But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angel said to her, "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. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." But Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?" And the angel said to her in reply, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren; for nothing will be impossible for God." Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

**Reflections:**

What is announced to Mary in today's Gospel is the revelation of all that the prophets had spoken. It is, as Paul declares in today's Epistle, the mystery kept secret since before the foundation of the world (see Ephesians 1:9; 3:3-9). Mary is the virgin prophesied to bear a son of the house of David (see Isaiah 7:13-14). And nearly every word the angel speaks to her today evokes and echoes the long history of salvation recorded in the Bible. Mary is hailed as the "daughter Jerusalem," called to rejoice that her king, the Lord God, has come into her midst as a mighty savior (see Zephaniah 3:14-17). The One whom Mary is to bear will be Son of "the Most High"—an ancient divine title first used to describe the God of the priest-king Melchizedek, who brought out bread and wine to bless Abraham at the dawn of salvation history (see Genesis 14:18-19). He will fulfill the covenant God makes with His chosen one, David, in today's First Reading. As we sing in today's Psalm, He will reign forever as highest of the kings of the earth, and He will call God "my Father." As Daniel saw the Most High grant everlasting dominion to the Son of Man (see Daniel 4:34-35; 7:14), His kingdom will have no end. He is to rule over the house of Jacob—the title God used in making His covenant with Israel at Sinai (see Exodus 19:3) and again used in promising that all nations would worship the God of Jacob (see Isaiah 2:1-5). Jesus has been made known, Paul says today, to bring all nations to the obedience of faith. We are called with Mary today to marvel at all that the Lord has done throughout the ages for our salvation. And we, too, must respond to this annunciation with humble obedience—that His will be done, that our lives be lived according to His word.

What does the 4th Sunday of Advent represent? On the fourth week of Advent, we light the final purple candle to mark the final week of prayer and penance as we wait for the birth of our Savior. This final candle, the "Angel's Candle," symbolizes peace. It reminds us of the message of the angels: "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."

Christmas Eve is also the Fourth Sunday of Advent this year. This means the faithful must attend two Masses to meet their Sunday and Christmas Day obligations. In a "relatively rare" situation, which last occurred in 2017, Christmas Day this year falls on a Monday.

There will be no CCD classes on Dec. 17th or the 24th 31st due to the Christmas vacation. Per the dioceses, Jan. 1st is not a holy day of obligation. Therefore there will be no CCD classes. Classes will resume on Jan. 7, 2024. Mass participation is still required during the CCD breaks.


In Memory of  
 Ida Ruth "Ruthie"  
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 December 16, 2023



**Christmas Schedule**  
 Regular mass times on the  
 Weekend of Dec. 23 and 24th.  
 Saturday 4pm, Sunday 8 & 10:30.  
**Christmas mass times:**  
 Christmas Eve **4pm**  
 Christmas Morning **8am**

**The parish office will be  
 closed Friday, December  
 22nd and reopen on  
 Wednesday December 27th.**


There will be no adoration  
 this Tuesday, Dec. 26th.

 **Church Cleaning**  
 Team 2 this week

**Merry Christmas!**

***MASS INTENTIONS***

Saturday	December 23	4pm- Julie White +
Sunday	December 24	8:00am- Parishioners of Annunciation
		10:30am- Parishioner of Annunciation
		4:00pm- Karen Koenenn+
Monday	December 25	8:00am-Agnel & Aline Moran+ And all family living & deceased.
Tuesday	December 26	8:00am- Irma Depreo Ladner+ Bobby Ladner
Wednesday	December 27	8:00amSr.Priscilla CohenOSB+
Thursday	December 28	8:00am- Dave Neal
Friday	December 29	8:00am- Jean Lee +

 **Coffee shop will be Closed  
 Sunday, December 24th  
 and December 31st.**

**Financial News**

Insurance	\$64,983.79
Diocesan Support	\$14,414.44
School Supplement	\$17,165.63
Salaries, Utilities, & Other Expenses	\$137,482.04
Total Yearly Financial Obligations	\$234,045.90
Amount needed each Week	\$4,500.89
Last Sunday Collection	\$3,160.00
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