

SAINT PAUL'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

WORD OF GOD FOR A SUNDAY:

As we near the end of our Advent journey, our hearts are filled today with hope and expectation at the coming of Emmanuel, the king of glory. As we prepare ourselves to celebrate these most sacred mysteries, let us ask the Lord to pardon our sins and transgressions.

THE READINGS:

Isaiah 7:10-14

The virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel.

Romans 1:1-7

Through Christ Jesus, we have received the grace of apostleship.



Matthew 1:18-24

When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him.

Offertory Collection

December 12, 2004

\$1063.00

Religious Retirement

\$ 335.00

Lectors for next weekend's Masses are: 9 a.m. – Susan Walker, 9 a.m. – Jacob Schmitt.

The **Sanctuary Candle** is lit from December 11th – December 25th in memory of Frances & Michael Beldyk by Jean & Jim Byers.

Eternal rest grant to Marie Jackson, mother of Fr. James Jackson, Nanette LaBarge, mother of Fr. Chris LaBarge, and all the souls of the faithful departed.



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday,	December 18,	5:00 PM (rip) Willard Smith by David Smith
Sunday,	December 19,	9:00 AM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE (living & deceased)
Monday,	December 20,	NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
Tuesday,	December 21,	NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
Wednesday,	December 22,	NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
Thursday,	December 23,	NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
Friday,	December 24,	5:00 PM (rip) Richard & Rose Meli by Louise Meli 7:00 PM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE (living & deceased)
Saturday,	December 25,	9:00 AM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE (living & deceased)
Sunday,	December 26,	9:00 AM MASS FOR THE PEOPLE (living & deceased)

The next **available dates** for **Mass Intentions** are February 9, 10, and 13, 2005. **Mass stipends** are **\$10**.

Catholic Forum – Tune in to Catholic Forum each Sunday morning at 10:05 on AM 1150 WDEL or www.wdel.com. Next Sunday, December 26th, tune in to hear the annual Christmas program featuring Bishop Saltarelli's annual Christmas message to the people of the Diocese of Wilmington. Catholic Forum is a production of the Diocese of Wilmington's Office of Communications.

Christmas and New Year's Mass Schedule (Holydays of Obligation)

Saturday of this week is a **Holyday of Obligation – The Birth of Our Lord & Savior, Jesus Christ**. Masses for the holyday will be celebrated on Friday, Christmas Eve at 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. and on Saturday, Christmas Day, at 9:00 a.m. There will be **NO** 5:00 p.m. Saturday Evening Mass on Christmas Night. Sunday Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m.

The holyday of the **Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God** will be celebrated on Saturday, Jan. 1st at 9:00 a.m. New Year's Eve Mass on Friday will be celebrated at 5:00 p.m. There will be **NO** 5:00 p.m. Saturday Evening Mass on New Year's Day. Sunday Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m.

My Dear Parishioners,

As once again we celebrate with joy the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, I would like to wish you and yours a Christmas filled with love and happiness. May the Love, Hope, and Peace which the Lord gives fill your life this Christmas and throughout the New Year. My prayer for you as I celebrate the three Masses of Christmas is that the Christ Child born this day fill your hearts with love and that He may abide with you always.

A blessed and Holy Christmas,
Fr. Philip L. Siry
Pastor

