



*Fourth Sunday of*  
***Advent***

December 23, 2018

Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit,  
cried out in a loud voice and said,  
“Blessed are you among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of your womb.”

Luke 1:41-42

**St. Cyril of Jerusalem**

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### From the Desk of Father Mac

As we begin this very short Fourth Week of Advent, today's readings give us much to reflect on about Jesus - God's gift to all of us. The prophet Micah tells the Israelites that a ruler will come from Bethlehem, *whose origin is from of old*, and he will *stand firm and shepherd his flock*, God's people. The Letter to the Hebrews reminds us that Jesus did not come to offer God *holocausts and sin offerings*, but obedience to his Father's will. In the Gospel, Elizabeth, formerly barren, is with child and greets as Lord the unborn child that her young kinswoman is carrying.

Jesus far exceeds our imagination in both power and humility. We are assured throughout the readings about the greatness of Jesus: he is to be the ruler of Israel for all time, with greatness and majesty. Elizabeth recognizes him for who he is: Son of God, the blessed fruit of Mary's womb.

Yet, even as we recognize the greatness of Jesus, we know how humbly and quietly he came into the world - born in a tiny village that was *too small to be among the clans of Judah* - and born to a young virgin peasant girl from an unknown town, Nazareth. He came in humble obedience to God, and lived his entire life following God's will - even to the point of rejection and of suffering terribly on a cross. As we learn in the Letter to the Hebrews, through Jesus' offering of himself and his complete obedience to God's will, he consecrated a people for God, *once for all*.

As people consecrated to God through Jesus, we can continue in our lives the work our Savior began when he was born in a manger. The readings remind us that God was able to work through a very small town, a humble young virgin, an older woman who was presumed to be sterile, and a tiny baby. This great God - who created a vast universe virtually out of nothing - can also do much in our lives, through our limited resources, time and talents.

So, as we celebrate in just a couple of days the gift that God gave us through the Incarnation of his Son, let us also pray that we can be gifts to one another and to those whom God has sent us to serve. Let us pray for obedient hearts, that we might always strive to know God's will in our lives and to follow that will. Let us pray that, like Elizabeth, we might be enlightened by the Holy Spirit to see God's work in unexpected places and people.

And let us pray that, like Mary, we can give birth to Jesus in our world today - that through us, Jesus might be the Shepherd of the troubled souls whom we encounter in our daily lives. May we at all times, throughout our lives, allow Jesus to do the will of God through us, in whatever big or small way he chooses.

On behalf of the clergy and staff of Saint Cyril's I wish you and your family a blessed and happy Christmas!

*Fr. Mac*

YOURS IN CHRIST,  
REV. EBEN MACDONALD, PASTOR



**HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS** The Parish Office will close at 1pm on December 24th in observance of Christmas. We will reopen at 9 am on December 26th. The following week, the office will be open regular business hours on Monday, December 31st. We will be closed on Tuesday, January 1st, in observance of the New Year's holiday. We will reopen at 9am on Wednesday, January 2nd.

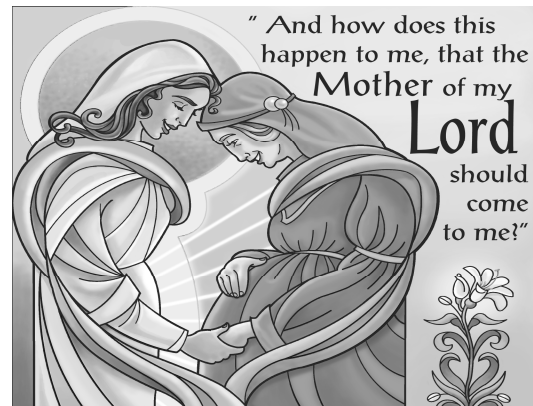


**MAYONNAISE SUNDAY** is today! Envelopes are available at the doors of the church for your donations. The good people at the Catholic Worker Hospitality Kitchen thank you for your generous contributions. It is because of your faithful support that they are able to provide nutritious meals to the hungry people on the streets of our city.

**MEND** stands for **Meet Each Need with Dignity**. As you know, the homeless situation in the San Fernando Valley is increasing greatly. Many individuals and families who are homeless go unnoticed because they are sleeping in their cars or crowded with multiple families in one home or garage. Many of these families have children who will not be getting gifts this Christmas. **Please consider volunteering with MEND Poverty this Christmas to help serve homeless families.** MEND helps feed and clothe families in need, currently they are looking for volunteers to set-up and sort toys. Donations of food, clothing, warm coats and blankets are always appreciated.

For more information please call (818) 686-7342 or email [volunteering@mendpoverty.org](mailto:volunteering@mendpoverty.org).

**WALK FOR LIFE | 01.19.19** Join Archbishop Gomez and tens of thousands in downtown Los Angeles for the fifth annual **ONELIFE LA**, an event celebrating the beauty and dignity of every human life from conception to natural death. On **Saturday, January 19, 2019** beginning at 12:00 noon at La Placita/Olvera St., we will walk to LA Historic Park for a family friendly day of inspiring speakers, live music, entertainment, food trucks, and exhibits from community organizations serving those in need. The **Requiem Mass for the Unborn at the Cathedral will follow at 5pm**. Order prayer cards, postcards and posters, to promote ONELIFE LA in your parish and school at [OneLifeLA.org](http://OneLifeLA.org).



**SAFEGUARDING THE CHILDREN  
KEEP AN EYE ON THOSE CHRISTMAS CANDLES**



Twelve percent of home fires caused by candles will occur in December – the combination of increased candle use and flammable decorations isn't a good one, especially if candles aren't used safely. Never leave candles burning in a room you are not in, or while you're sleeping. Clear the area before lighting a candle, making sure that the flame will be contained, that there's nothing flammable nearby, and that the candle is safely out of reach for children. If you have plans for a fire in your fireplace, check your chimney to make sure it's clean. For more tips, contact us.

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**FULLY RELY ON GOD (FROGS)** is our 'little church' program for ages 4-7, which meets during the 10 am Mass. **There will be no FROGS on December 23rd or 30th.** Please watch the bulletin for dates in the new year.

*If your child enjoys FROGS, why not become a volunteer?* No experience is necessary, all lessons and materials are provided and you always teach as part of a team. Parents of children in Saint Cyril's School can earn their service hours! If you would like more information, please contact the Parish Office.



**CANDLELIGHT ROSARY AND PRAYER GROUP**  
We will not meet on December 24th or December 31st. We will resume our regular schedule on Monday, January 7th 2019. For more information, please call the Parish office.



- SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22ND**
- 4:00 pm - Helen Cardelucci Duncan, *RIP*
- SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23RD**
- 8:00 am - Paulie Burriesci, *RIP*
- 10:00 am - People of the Parish, *SPEC. INT.*
- 12:00 pm - Victims of clergy abuse, *SPEC. INT.*
- MONDAY, DECEMBER 24TH**
- 7:30 am - Vincent Cirrincione, *SPEC. INT.*
- 4:00 pm - People of the Parish, *SPEC. INT.*
- Midnight - Members of Saint Cyril's Choir, *SPEC. INT.*
- TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25TH**
- 8:00 am - Nelson & Christopher Bowman, *RIP*
- 10:00 am - Piccinonno family-departed, *RIP*
- 12:00 pm - Marie Francis Saffian, *RIP*
- WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26TH**
- 7:30 am - Patrick Desbrow, *RIP*
- THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27TH**
- 7:30 am - Dorothy Montanio, *SPEC. INT.*
- FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28TH**
- 7:30 pm - People of the Parish, *SPEC. INT.*
- SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29TH**
- 7:30 am - Stanley Porembski, *RIP*

**ST CYRIL OF JERUSALEM PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

*"For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy." (LUKE 1:44)*

When you hear the scripture readings and Gospel reading each Sunday, do you "leap for joy?" If not, don't blame the lecturer or priest, rather look inside yourself. Do you prepare for Mass each week or do you just show up and expect to be entertained? We are called through **Stewardship** to be active participants, not passive by-standers.

**Thank you for your faithful support  
of our parish.**



**PLEASE JOIN US IN THE GROTTO FOR COFFEE AND DONUTS AFTER THE 8 AND 10 AM MASSES THIS WEEKEND. COME MAKE NEW FRIENDS!**

**CALLED TO RENEW CAMPAIGN UPDATE**

**AS OF DECEMBER 16TH, 2018**

**TOTAL= 166 GIFTS**

PARISH GOAL      \$ 1,000,000      100% OF GOAL

AMOUNT PLEDGED    \$ 1,128,760      113 % OF GOAL

**THANKS TO ALL OUR GENEROUS PARISHIONERS WHO PARTICIPATED IN OUR CALLED TO RENEW CAMPAIGN.**

**IF YOU HAVE NOT YET PARTICIPATED IN THE CAMPAIGN, IT'S NOT TOO LATE! YOU CAN PICK UP A PLEDGE CARD AT THE ENDS OF THE PEWS, OR DROP BY THE PARISH OFFICE AND WE WILL ASSIST YOU. EVERY DOLLAR WE RAISE WILL STAY RIGHT HERE AT SAINT CYRIL'S !**

*Pray For*



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|---------------------|--------------------|
| Frank Ivancie       | Bob Farina         |
| Regina Hagan        | Sheldon Payne      |
| Anne Galli          | Jose Ramirez       |
| Tio Galli           | Christopher Browne |
| Mickey Pappas       | Antonio Almonte    |
| Barbara Bick        | Dolores Genova     |
| Mary Shartzter      | DeNardis           |
| Sandra Osorio       | Maria Rooney       |
| Dorothy Montanio    | Dan Stoppie        |
| Shelia Hartman      | Dolores Cardelucci |
| Fr. Verne Boutilier | Ali Rich           |
|                     | Giovanna Cortese   |
|                     | Mary Rubino        |

# Saint Cyril of Jerusalem Church

## SUNDAY & WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturdays	4:00 PM
Sundays	8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM
Vigil of Holy Days	7:00 PM
Holy Days	7:30 AM, 12:00 PM, 7:00 PM
Weekdays (MON-SAT)	7:30 AM

## SACRAMENT OF PENANCE/RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 8:00-8:30 AM & 3:00-4:00 PM

## MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS

Tuesday: 8:00 AM

## HOLY ROSARY

Daily after the 7:30 AM Mass

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

2nd Sunday of each Month at 2:00 PM

## WEDDINGS

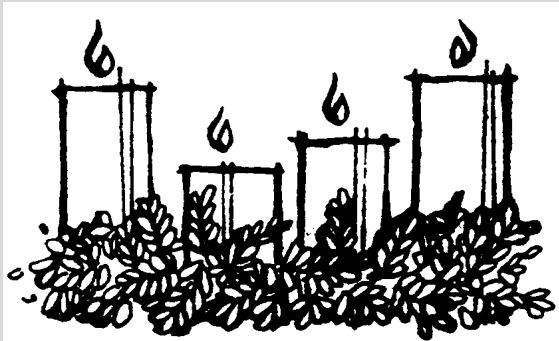
*Must contact the priest at least 6 months in advance*

## BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL

Open Monday–Friday: 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

1st Friday of each Month after the 7:30 AM Mass



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# *Celebrate the Birth Of Our Savior, Jesus Christ*

## ***Monday, December 24th***

7:30 a.m. ~ Daily Mass for 4th Monday in Advent

4:00 p.m. ~ Christmas Eve Mass ~ contemporary music

11:30pm ~ Carols sung by St. Cyril's Choir

12:00 a.m. ~ Midnight Mass ~

*MISSA BREVIS IN C* by W.A. Mozart, St. Cyril's choir, soloists & orchestra

## ***Tuesday December 25:***

8:00 a.m. ~ Christmas Mass

10:00 a.m. ~ Christmas Mass~  
contemporary music

12:00 p.m. ~ Christmas Mass~

*MISSA BREVIS IN C*, by W.A. Mozart, St Cyril choir, soloists & orchestra

## ***Wed., Thurs., Fri., December 26, 27, & 28:***

7:30 a.m. Daily Mass

## ***Saturday December 29:***

7:30 a.m. ~ Daily Mass

8:00 - 8:30 a.m. ~ Confessions

3:00 - 4:00 p.m. ~ Confessions

4:00 p.m. ~ Mass for the Feast of the Holy Family

## ***Sunday December 30:***

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

8:00 a.m. ~ Mass

10:00 a.m. ~ Mass

12:00 p.m. ~ Mass

## ***Monday December 31:***

7:30 a.m. ~ Daily Mass

## ***Tuesday January 1:***

### ***Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God***

7:30 a.m. ~ Daily Mass

(not a holy day of obligation)