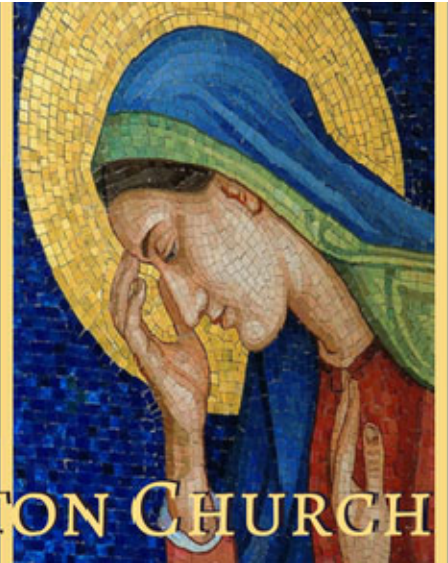


DECEMBER 24, 2017

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

*"May it be done to me  
according to your  
word."*

SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON CHURCH



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#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27-29;  
Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]  
During the Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13;  
Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14  
Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12;  
Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20  
Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6;  
Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]  
Tuesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59;  
Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22  
Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8  
Thursday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18  
Friday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35  
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40  
Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Ps 128:  
1-5 or Ps 105:1-6, 8-9; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or  
Hb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Saturday 4 p.m.

**WEDDING:** Must be registered in parish and make an initial appointment with the Pastor at least six (6) months in advance of the wedding date.

**BAPTISM:** Call the office to make an appointment (210) 698-1941. Our Baptism classes will be held on Jan. 4, Feb. 1, Mar. 1, at 6:30 p.m. in Seton Hall.

**RCIA:** Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults  
Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith or considering becoming a Catholic? Are you an adult Catholic wanting to prepare for Eucharist and Confirmation? Classes will be held every Sunday at 9:00 a.m. Please call Sr. Frances Briseño for more information at 210-698-1941.

#### **PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

We ask God to bless all those who are ill and have asked us to pray for them. To have the Ministers of Care pray for your loved one email [anna@seaschurch.com](mailto:anna@seaschurch.com) or call the parish office at 210-698-1941.



**Office Hours: Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (210) 698-1941 Pastoral Center Fax: (210) 698-1983**  
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**Mass Intentions & Schedule**

**Christmas Masses**

8:00 am **Monday December 25,2017**  
 Presider: Fr. John Kinney

9:30 am Presider :Fr. Conor

11:00 am (Spanish) Presider: Fr. George  
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8:00 am **Tuesday December 26,2017**  
 Mariano Nevarez  
 Presider: Fr. George

8:00 am **Wednesday December 27, 2017**  
 In Thanksgiving Dominique E. Jimenez  
 Presider: Fr. Conor

8:00 am **Thursday December 28,2017**  
 Mark David Mulgrew (d)  
 Presider: Fr. Lambert

8:00 am **Friday December 29, 2017**  
 Hector Garza (d)  
 Presider: Fr. Conor

5:00 pm **Saturday December 30, 2017**  
 Douglas De Silva (d)  
 Presider: Fr. Conor

8:00 am **Sunday December 31, 2017**  
 Susan Oliver (d)  
 Presider: Fr. George

9:00 am Teresa Giustino (d)  
 Presider: Fr. George

11:00 am Abello Family  
 Presider: Fr. Conor

12:30 am Alfonso Herrero (d)  
 Presider: Fr. Conor

7:00 pm Bob & Jeannine Engberg  
 58th Wedding Annivesary  
 James & Tara Castro 21st Wedding  
 Anniversary  
 Presider: Fr. Conor

**Weekly Offertory Collection**

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Dec. 25 Second Collection for Assumption Seminary

**Parish Office Hours**  
**December 26 –29**

Our parish offices will be open from 8:30 am to 12:00 pm Tuesday through Friday, December 26 - 29, 2017. We will resume normal business hours on January 2, 2018. 8:30 am - 5:00 pm. Have a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year!

**Weekly Schedule**

**Merry Christmas**

**Monday December 25, 2017**

**Have a Merry Christmas**

**Tuesday December 26, 2017**

9:00 am CDA Rosary Making (*Seton Hall*)  
 6:00 pm NO Good Shepherd (*Marron Center*)  
 6:30 pm NO FF Elem (*Marron Center*)  
 7:00 pm Young Adults Ministry (*Seton Hall*)

**Wednesday December 27, 2017**

5:00 pm NO Spanish Good Shepherd (*Marron Ctr*)  
 6:30 pm NO EDGE (*Marron Center*)

**Thursday December 28, 2017**

5:30 am NO TMIY  
 9:00 am NO Catholicism (*Seton Hall*)  
 4:00 pm NO Good Shepherd (*Marron Center*)  
 4:30 pm CDA Officers Prep Mtg (*Seton Hall*)  
 6:00 pm K of C Officers Mtg (*Seton Hall*)  
 6:30 pm Confessions (*Church*)

**Friday December 29, 2017**

**Saturday December 30, 2017**

**Sunday, December 31, 2017**

9:00 am NO RCIA (*Seton Hall*)  
 9:00 am NO Faith Formation Elem (*Marron Center*)  
 9:00 am NO Good Shepherd (*Marron Center*)  
 10:30am NO Faith Formation Elem (*Marron Center*)  
 10:45am NO Good Shepherd (*Marron Center*)  
 5:30 pm NO Life Teen/ High School (*Marron Ctr.*)

**Day Added For Portrait Sessions!**

We added one more day for family pictures, Saturday January 6, 2018 from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm. You may register online through the link at [seaschurch.com](http://seaschurch.com) or call the office.

**Remember Our Heroes**

Robert Castillo, Peter Greenburg, Roy Vaughn, Matt Pryor, Miguel T. Sotello and Ron Wyble, deployed to Iraq. Bruce Balvin, Luis A. Ramos, Zac Gerner, Jordan Bittner and Anthony Delgado, Jr., Matthew Wilkinson deployed to Afghanistan and Christopher Le Comte in Germany, Zachary Williams in Ethiopia and Mack Peter in Colombia. Austin Reyes in S. Korea.

**For individual support (illness or emotional need), please call the SEAS Pastoral Center at 698-1941.**

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### Fourth Sunday of Advent

This Sunday we read the story of the angel Gabriel's announcement to Mary about the birth of Jesus. This story is found only in Luke's Gospel. On this fourth Sunday of Advent, the liturgy shifts our attention from John the Baptist to Mary, the mother of Jesus. Both John and Mary serve as important figures for our reflection during the season of Advent; they both played instrumental roles in preparing the way for Jesus. Last week we reflected on John the Baptist's announcement that the Savior was among us, although not yet recognized. This week we reflect upon Mary's example of faith and obedience to God, traits which permitted her to receive the angel's message that God's Son would be born as a human person, as one of us.

The story of the Annunciation calls to our attention God's wondrous action in human history. God chose a human person to give birth to his Son so that all humanity would know God's salvation. Mary, already full of God's grace, was able to cooperate in this great plan for our salvation. Thus Jesus was born as one of us, fully human and also fully divine. This is the mystery we prepare to celebrate at Christmas, the mystery of the Incarnation. In the model of Mary, we pray that we will be people of faith who recognize God's saving plan for us and are able respond with obedience."

### Thank You!

The Saint Vincent de Paul ministry thanks everyone who helped make the St Vincent de Paul Thanksgiving and Christmas/Giving Tree distributions VERY special.

Through the hard work and generosity of the parish, we provided Thanksgiving and Christmas meals for 2300 souls in 409 families, and 596 children and elderly received Christmas gifts from the Giving Tree.

May you and your families enjoy a Blessed Christmas and a fruitful 2018.

# Christmas Schedule

## Celebration of the Eucharist Christmas Eve

December 24 Mass Times

3 pm (*Children's Mass*), 6 pm and 9 pm

## Celebration of the Eucharist Christmas Day

December 25 Mass Times

8 am, 9:30 am and 11am (*Spanish Mass*)

## New Years Day Mass

January 1 • Solemnity of Mary Mother of God • 9 am

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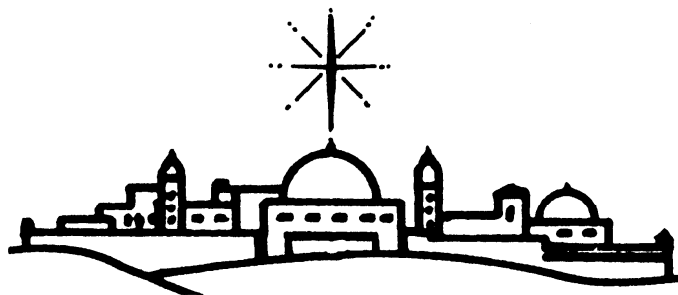
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