

L.J.C. et M.I.

Beloved parishioners of Holy Angels,
Queridísimos fieles de Santos Angeles,

From the little town of Bethlehem comes the great ruler of God's people, Israel - our Lord, our Savior, our God, whom we follow to eternal life.

This Sunday is Mary's Sunday, she who conceived and gave birth to the one who saves us from our sins, and raises us up from the dead.

Mary's visit to Elizabeth is her visit to all of us in this final preparation for the birth of her Son in our hearts and in our life as Christians, (as well as for the second coming of her Son, at our death, or at the end of time). The blessing of Elizabeth in receiving the Mother of her Lord and the Messiah himself in the womb of Mary is the blessing upon all of us gathered on the West Side of Buffalo.

Elizabeth cues us in to respond to the presence of the Lord, just like her unborn baby in her womb leapt for joy at the presence of his cousin, Jesus. May our final preparations for the coming of Jesus include a salute to Mary, the blessed, chosen one, and to her Son.

Mary and Elizabeth, two women of faith, embracing each other and embracing the significance of the **One who was to come** among them, Christ the Lord. May we do the same!

Saludamos este domingo, el cuarto del Adviento, de una manera especial a nuestra Santísima Madre María. ¡Es su domingo! Ella viene a nuestro encuentro, llevándonos la presencia del Salvador Jesús, concebido y engendrado humana y corporalmente en su vientre. ¡Que maravilloso tal acontecimiento en María! ¡Gracias a la fe de esta jovencita, que nos permitió recibir al Salvador tan grande!

Isabel alaba a María precisamente por su fe: "Dichosa tú que has creído" las antiguas profecías y la Palabra de Dios anunciado a tí por el Arcángel Gabriel. Es verdad que la salvación del Niño de Belén es para todos, pero no es menos verdad que sólo la recibirán los humildes y los sencillos, los que seamos capaces de responder con fe a la Palabra, como María.

Al finalizar el Adviento, deberíamos despertarnos en la fe. **Jesús viene** a nuestra comunidad aquí en Santos Angeles, para perdonarnos los pecados cometidos, para unirnos como su pueblo, a pesar de las diferencias culturales, económicas, y en los temperamentos que llevamos en nosotros mismos y para hacernos nuevas creaturas. Que se haga en nosotros según su voluntad esta Navidad.



Elizabeth, help us meet Mary, our Savior's mother, with the joy in your heart when she came to visit you!

Los niños no nacidos todavía salten de gozo en los vientres de sus madres. Gozémonos con ellos.

WORSHIP THIS CHRISTMAS

CHRISTMAS EVE-24 DECEMBER-THURSDAY

4:00 pm - FAMILY MASS, bilingual

11:30 - Christmas carols

12:00 am midnight - Christmas Liturgy

10:30 am - Christmas Morning Mass - FRIDAY

Horario navideño

La Noche Buena, 24 de diciembre

4:00 PM - Misa familiar, bilingual

11:30 PM - coro

12:00 AM Medianoche, Misa

Día de Navidad,

el viernes, 25 de diciembre, **10:30 AM - Misa**

Christmas Greetings

Today, Sunday, Dec. 20, Confessions in preparation for the celebration of Christmas, 3:00 - 4:30 PM, here in Church!

Hoy, domingo, confesiones en preparación para la celebración de la Navidad, de las 3:00 a 4:30 de la tarde, aquí en el Templo.

¡Invitados a confesarse!

God Knows Parenting is a Wild Ride! If you ever wished for practical tools, resources, skill-building techniques, and lots more, one of these FREE parenting packets is designed just for you. Parenting Packet I addresses the basic tough tasks of raising children in today's world. Parenting Packet II is for those separated or divorced focusing on positive ways to co-parent well in order to help children of all ages who are profoundly affected by their parents' divorce deal with the pain and upheaval in their lives. Parenting Packet III: Death and grief are inescapable; if you feel ill prepared to discuss death with a child, you are not alone. This packet offers useful tools from preschool through teens. For your free packet, please call your Office of Family Life Ministries at 847-2210 or email familylife@buffalodiocese.org.

WASHINGTON—"The Senate vote to table the Nelson-Hatch-Casey amendment is a grave mistake and a serious blow to genuine health care reform," said Cardinal Francis George, President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. "The Senate is ignoring the promise made by President Obama and the will of the American people in failing to incorporate longstanding prohibitions on federal funding for abortion and plans that include abortion."

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION FOR ADULTS

If you are baptized and have received the Eucharist, (First Communion), but have not yet been confirmed, there will be a preparation during February and March, 2010, for adults, here in the parish with Sister Ann Marie. Call her or one of the priests at the Rectory for more information and to sign up for the group catechesis. 885-3767

Offertory Collection - \$ 2,721.50 - colecta domical
 Retirement Religious \$997.86-Religiosos(as jubilados)
 Christmas Flowers - \$610.00 - flores navideñas
 The Religious thank you for your support.
Los religiosos dan gracias por su aportación.

BINGO - every Monday, at 25 Review Place, Amvets Post #13
7:30 PM
 Los lunes, 25 Review Place, AMVETS Post #13

MORNING PRAYER -- LITURGY OF THE HOURS
 IN OUR CHAPEL

MONDAY-SATURDAYS @ 8:00 am

EVENING PRAYER -- LITURGY OF THE HOURS
 MONDAY - FRIDAYS @ 5:15 pm

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT -
 MONDAY - FRIDAY @3:00 pm,
 (with chaplet of Divine Mercy)

and Confessions available when a priest is present.

ADORATION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT
 SATURDAY @ 5:00 pm

You are welcome to join us in prayer!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF:

December 20- December 27

Sunday: Mi 5: 1-4a Heb 10: 5-10 Lk 1: 39-45

Monday: Sg 2: 8-14 Zep 3: 14-18a

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1: 24-28 Lk 1: 46-56

Wednesday: Mal 3: 1-4 Lk 1: 57-66

Thursday: Lk 1: 67-79 Mt 1: 1-25

Friday: Lk 2: 1-14 Ti 3: 4-7 Heb 1: 1-6

Saturday: Acts 6: 8-10 Mt 10: 17-22

Sunday: Sir 3: 2-7 Col 3: 12-21 Lk 2: 41-52

**HOLY ANGELS CHURCH
 MEMBERSHIP FORM**

Check One:

- New Registration
- Change of Address
- Name Change
- Moving Out of Parish
- Change of Information

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Phone _____

**Please drop form into the offertory
 Basket or mail to the rectory.**

**Mass Intentions
 for the Week**

December 20- December 27

Sunday, 9:00 Esther Treanor Werick
10:30 Michael & Margaret Marinaccio &
 Antonia Armenia
12:00 **Por todos los fieles de Santos Angeles**
For all the faithful of Holy Angels

Monday, 8:30 DM of Chambers, Hager & Murphy
 Families
7:00 PM Richard Wachowicz

Tuesday, 8:30 Angeline Cretacci

Wednesday, 8:30 Elvera Lobue & Galasso Family

Thursday, 8:30 Clara Travale
4:00 PM [Christmas Eve] Vigil Mass
Midnight - For all of us, Por todos nosotros

Friday, The Nativity of the Lord - La Natividad
10:30 AM For all the Parishioners
Por todos los parroquianos.

Saturday, 8:30 Sarro Gullo
4:00 PM Antoinette Polizzi

Sunday, 9:00 Charlotte & Joseph Kopera
10:30 Gary Papa
12:00 Por todos los miembros de Parroquia



St. Stephen, Deacon
 Protomartyr - December 26

San Esteban, Protomártir
 26 de diciembre

In preparation now is our financial report for the last fiscal year. We appreciate sacrifices made for the mission of Jesus, for the payment of bills to run the buildings with heat, light, for salaries of our employees. We appreciate your support of all our fundraising efforts throughout the year. We appreciate special donations when possible to meet our weekly and annual expenses. And we appreciate the money which the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate contribute to the support of Holy Angels Parish and its ministries.

Food Pantry-Next week- Sugar
 Despensa de Comida-Próxima semana- Azucar

Marriage - the Vocation reflecting the covenant between Christ and the Church.
 If you are contemplating marriage at Holy Angels next spring, summer or fall, now is the time to contact the Church and begin your preparations. Call Fr. Jim or Fr. Dwight at the Rectory: 885-3767
Matrimonios- Comiencen las preparaciones. Llamen al P Jaime a la casa parroquial 885-3767.