

# Fourth Sunday of Advent

**December 20, 2020**

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

Psalms 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29

Romans 16:25-27

Luke 1:26-38

**“Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.”**



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Dominican Spirituality  
Igniting the Faith for the  
Salvation of Souls**

## Mass Intentions

Sun	12/20	7:00 a.m. (D) Fr. Finbarr John Hayes, OP 9:00 a.m. (D) Mary Ellen Lafferty 11:00 a.m. (H) Jonas Reyes Gonzalez 1:00 p.m. (T) People of the Parish 5:00 p.m. (T) Riego Family
Mon	12/21	6:45 a.m. (D) Juan Espinosa, Jr. 8:15 a.m. (B) Susan Mary Lobo
Tues	12/22	6:45 a.m. (B) Heidi Tolentino 8:15 a.m. (D) William Woods
Wed	12/23	6:45 a.m. (B) Lootsee Lustan 8:15 a.m. (D) Ruth McElhaney



Sat	12/26	8:15 a.m. (D) Leovigilda Callao 5:00 p.m. (A) Wilfredo & Myrna Bernabe
Sun	12/27	7:00 a.m. (T) Tess Oteyza 9:00 a.m. (D) Barbara Piepho 11:00 a.m. (H) Jonas Reyes Gonzalez 1:00 p.m. (T) People of the Parish 5:00 p.m. (D) Paul Mullane

Legend: (D) Deceased (H) Health

(A) Anniversary (B) Birthday (T) Thanksgiving

**Mass & Flower Intentions available**

Contact Alisa [aaquino@stdombenicia.org](mailto:aaquino@stdombenicia.org)

**Altar Flowers in Memory of  
Fr. Finbarr John Hayes, O.P.**



## **Christmas Eve (Vigil) Masses Thursday, December 24, 2020**

2:00 p.m. Public Outdoor (see guidelines)  
4:00 p.m. Public Outdoor (see guidelines)  
7:00 p.m. Live-stream\* (English/Spanish)

### **Midnight Mass**

12:00 a.m. Live-stream\*

## **Christmas Day Masses Friday, December 25, 2020**

7:00 a.m. Live-stream\*  
9:00 a.m. Live-stream\*  
11:00 a.m. Public Outdoor (see guidelines)

### **Public Outdoor Mass**

**Sunday:** 11:00 a.m.

In the small parking lot

### **\*Live-Stream Masses**

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**Saturday (Vigil):** 5:00 p.m.

**Sunday:** 7:00, 9:00 a.m.,  
& 1:00 p.m. (English/Spanish)

**Monday-Saturday:** 8:15 a.m.

\*All of our live-stream Masses will be immediately followed by distribution of Holy Communion in front of the church.



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## Pastor's Corner

Back to the Beginning

Today's Gospel presents the Annunciation to us. We celebrated this feast exactly nine months ago. In a sense, now with the birth of Jesus so close at hand, we look back to the moment when it all began. If you remember from last year, Br. Athanasius shared with us that it is well within the realm of possibility that Jesus' birth really was around the end December, and so the Annunciation was at the end of March. This Gospel passage recounts both God's invitation to be Mother of God, or in Greek, the *Theotokos*, or God-Bearer, and Mary's consent, or acceptance of that invitation. It is really quite remarkable to reflect on the fact that God's entire plan for salvation hinges on a single human being, albeit one without sin.

There are a number of things I love about the scene. First and foremost is that Mary is not afraid until **after** the angel speaks. In every other apparition in both the Old and New Testaments, the person to whom the angel appears is frightened by the angel's presence, even before it speaks. Mary, being "full of grace," that is without sin, is not frightened by the appearance of the divine messenger. To me this is an image of heaven: when a person is completely cleansed of sin, he or she is perfectly comfortable in the presence of the divine, even here on Earth, like our first parents were before the fall. How much more will it be the case in heaven!

Another thing that gets my attention is that the Blessed Mother, unlike many others and especially St. Peter, reflects and ponders before making a response. In our modern world, so many of us are like Peter and blurt out the first thing that comes to mind, rather than taking a moment. In our day, part of the dark side of social media is that once an ill-advised statement is out there, there is no taking it back, ever. More people need to ask themselves: Is what I'm thinking of saying true? Is it useful? Can this person hear it from me? A wise saying states that we have two ears and one mouth: they should be used in that proportion.

Finally, I have always loved Mary's *Fiat*: "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." It is a beautiful expression of her faith and trust in God. Like all the patriarchs, prophets, and so many others, she had no idea what the implications of her "yes" to God would be. And like all of her Jewish forbears, the implications were huge: her "yes" began God's crowning act of salvation history!

This Christmas will be unlike any other any of us have ever experienced. The good news is that salvation history (just read the Bible, for starters) is full of examples of God acting in unexpected ways, at unexpected times, and through unexpected people. The Annunciation is one in a long line of such examples. And my point is this: God can, and does, and will act in ways we are not expecting in these days. Let us take a moment (or many!) to reflect. Let us turn our spiritual senses both inward and outward to look, really look, to see God's fingerprints, the traces of God's action, both near and far. Let us open our ears, our minds, and our hearts to experience the wonder the Lord has in store for us. Come, Lord Jesus!

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## Christmas Outdoor Mass Guidelines

### Small Parking Lot

Seating will begin 30-minutes prior to Mass

- ~ **Two Entrances:** J Street side (through the side gate) or large parking lot (between school & parish hall)
- ~ **Arrive early** to avoid being late for Mass.
- ~ **Masks are mandatory** at all times while on premises.
- ~ **BYOC:** Bring Your Own Chairs. A few chairs will be available for those with mobility issues.
- ~ **When you arrive:**
  - **Contact Tracing**– We are required to collect your name and number in the event someone becomes ill so we can contact you.
  - **Sanitizer**– Please sanitize on your way in.
  - **Donations**– A basket will be at the entrance no collection will be taken during Mass.
  - **Physical Distancing**– Please remain 6 feet apart from those not in your household. **NO GATHERING** at anytime.
  - **Seating**– To seat everyone at safe distance, ushers will be escorting you to the first available seat. Please do not move from that spot, or request a different spot.
  - **No Bathrooms**– Sorry; bathrooms are not available.
  - **Bring**– You may wish to bring extra items according to weather conditions such as coats, hats, sunglasses, gloves, scarves, and blankets.

Please check our website for any last minute changes.  
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## Advent Confession Times

Get your halo polished in time for Christmas!  
Please follow the signs in the vestibule.

**Monday, Wednesday, and Friday: 9:15-10:15 a.m.**

**Tuesday and Thursday: 6:30-7:30 p.m.**

**Saturday: 3:30-4:30 p.m.**

Parish Financial Report 7/1/2020-11/30/2020			
	YTD <u>Actual</u>	YTD <u>Budget</u>	+ / - <u>Budget</u>
<b>Sunday Offertory</b>	\$ 359,372	\$ 416,667	\$ (57,295)
<b>Second Collections:</b>			
<i>Building Improvement</i>	\$ 15,299	\$ 20,833	\$ (5,534)
<i>Faith Formation</i>	\$ 3,403	\$ 4,583	\$ (1,180)
<i>SDS Tuition Assistance</i>	\$ 3,829		
<i>St. Vincent de Paul</i>	\$ 28,200		
<b>Total Operating Income</b>	\$ 414,562	\$ 515,206	\$ (100,644)
<b>Operating Expenses</b>	\$ 446,875	\$ 531,495	\$ (84,620)
<b>Net Income/Loss</b>	\$ (32,313)	\$ (16,289)	\$ (16,024)



**WatchStDom.com**  
Saturday, watch for our release of our wreath lighting with Br. John Peter and the Carlon Family.



## Dinner Boxes & Giving Tree

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

Due to COVID restrictions this year, we regret that we are not able to involve your families more directly in preparing dinner boxes or giving children's gifts for the coming holidays. We know that these programs are a holiday tradition for many of you.

St. Vincent dePaul will still be reaching out to local families with help for holiday dinners and children's gifts. If your family would like to make a monetary donation to support the 2020 effort of SVdP you may do so in a number of ways:

1. From the Parish web page click **ONLINE GIVING**. This will take you to [www.myowngiving.com](http://www.myowngiving.com).
  - ♦ If you are enrolled at [www.myowngiving.com](http://www.myowngiving.com), log in and make a donation to SVdP.
  - ♦ If you are not enrolled at [www.myowngiving.com](http://www.myowngiving.com), you can make a donation via QuickGive.
    - >>click>>QUICKGIVE>>CONTINUE TO QUICKGIVE>>.
    - Complete the information on the form. Under GIFT INFORMATION, FUND >>click and scroll down>> to SVdP
2. PayPal: Send money to [svdp@stdombenicia.org](mailto:svdp@stdombenicia.org). Note that you are NOT "paying for an item or service," so you should "send to a friend." This will avoid processing fees for SVdP.
3. Checks made out to SVdP can be mailed or dropped off at the parish office.

Thank You and Blessings,  
St. Vincent dePaul

*Come, Adore with Him!*

## Adoration Hours Available

[adoration@stdombenicia.org](mailto:adoration@stdombenicia.org)

**Tuesday 6 a.m.-5th Week (Four times a year)**  
**Thursday 8 a.m. Weekly**  
**Thursday 4 p.m. 3rd, 5th Weeks**  
**Friday 11 a.m. Weekly**  
**Friday 6 p.m.-2nd, 4th, 5th Weeks**  
**Saturday 10 a.m. - 3rd, 4th, 5th Weeks**  
**Monday 7 a.m Weekly starting January 2021**

## Grief Support

Holidays are an especially difficult time. You are not alone. We are here for you.

During COVID our regular group sessions can't meet but our Grief Ministry team is available for one on one grief support via telephone. COVID, fires, and grief; it's a lot. We're here to listen.

Please contact **Patti Erickson** at [consolation@stdombenicia.org](mailto:consolation@stdombenicia.org) or leave a phone message at 707.745.3502.

**"Blessed are those who mourn: they shall be comforted."**  
(MT 5:4)

## Dominican Saint of the Week



### December 20 - St. Dominic of Silos, priest

Born in Canas, La Rioja, to a family of peasants, he worked as a Shepherd before becoming a Benedictine monk at the monasteries of San Millan de la Cogilla. He was ordained a priest and soon became master of novices then the prior, before being driven out with two of his fellow monks by King Garcia Sanchez III of Navarra, for opposing his intentions to annex the monastery lands. Under the protection of King Ferdinand I of Leon, in 1014 they found refuge in the town of Silos at the Benedictine Abbey of Saint Sebastian, occupied by only 6 monks. Wealthy patrons endowed the monastery, and Dominic raised funds to ransom Christians taken as prisoners by the Moors. By the time of his death on December 20th 1073, the monastery numbered 40 monks, and it was renamed in his honor. The reason that a Benedictine monk is honored by the Dominican order is due to the fact that the mother of the better known Saint Dominic of Guzman, the Blessed Joan of Aza, is said to have prayed at his Shrine before she was able to conceive the son she named for him. As we know that son would grow up to establish the Order of Preachers. Dominic's special patronage thus became connected with pregnancy, and until the establishment of the second Spanish Republic in 1931, his abbatial crozier was used to bless the queens of Spain, and was placed by their beds when they were in labor. St. Dominic of Silos is patron saint of prisoners, pregnant women, and shepherds. Saint Dominic of Silo pray for us.

### December 22 - Anniversary of the Approval of the Order.

The Order of Preachers was given approval this day in 1216 by Pope Honorius III. It is a very interesting document and can be found on line in its entirety at the blog of the Dominican student brothers at Blackfriars, Oxford. This is the last paragraph of the document, note this may be the reason for the longevity of the Order. If, therefore, in the future any ecclesiastical or secular person whosoever, having knowledge of this our document, shall rashly attempt to contravene it, and if, after a second or third admonition, he refuses to correct his faults by fitting satisfaction, let him forfeit the dignity of his power and honor; and let him know that he shall stand guilty of the perpetrated evil before God's judgement and shall be denied the most sacred Body and Blood of our God and Lord, Our Savior Jesus Christ, and shall, at the last judgment, be delivered to strict vengeance. Nevertheless, may all those who uphold the rights of said place have the peace of Our Lord Jesus Christ, received the fruit of good action here on Earth, and, before the Just Judge, received the rewards of Eternal peace. Amen, amen, amen.

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# ST. DOMINIC'S TEEN MINISTRIES

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## YR I & YR II Confirmation

We look forward to seeing all confirmation families on January 11<sup>th</sup> when we come together in the new year for Adoration. Please look for details in your upcoming January email/newsletter.

## The Fourth Week of Advent

**Justice Challenge:** In this Sunday's Gospel, we hear the angel Gabriel inviting Mary to become the mother of the Messiah. At first Mary was troubled when she heard this. The angel shared with Mary the story of Elizabeth being with child even though she was beyond the age of child-bearing. The angel states, "...for nothing will be impossible for God." Your challenge this week is to bring the Good News of Jesus and his message of possibilities to someone who has been weighed down by darkness or despair. As a family, choose one person—or one family—who needs you to remind them that with God, nothing is impossible. How can you help "liberate" this person or family from whatever is keeping them from living a free and full life?

## Youth Ministry Update

Thank you to all the families who assisted with the *Knots 4 Love*, *Cards for Caring*, and the *Epiphany Kit* assembly service projects during the month of December. Your good works are appreciated by many people! Thank you for the gift of your time and talent.

**On behalf of the Confirmation Team, Merry Christmas to all the youth of our Parish.  
May your hearts be filled with the peace of Christ during this Christmas season and throughout the New Year.**

## Rosary for the Sick

Wednesdays  
at 7:30 pm

WITH DEACON SHAWN

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**Please pray for the recovery of the sick listed in our Book of Intentions and the following:**



Damon Curtis  
Ed Stone  
Michelle Wade  
Carl Viesti  
Lucita Rios  
Emilio Ermio  
Lisa Santini  
Daniel Foley  
Sheila Garvey

Al & Anne Caruso  
Donna W.  
Peggy Burton  
Stan Gabel  
Joanne Flanagan  
Alma Johnson  
Bessie Sharp  
Jane Gasper

**Please remember** the following recently deceased (and their families) in your prayers:  
Robert Dubois, Tita Merino, Don McConlogue, Carmelita Diaz, Maria Caballero, Carlos Caballero, Jr., Patricia McShane, Michael Quiambao, Paul Canumay, Ruth McElhaney, Lucille Vitalie, Daniel C. Leary, Michael Francone, Veronica Arkin, Antonio Valdellon, Bill Mahoney, Mark Parish

*\*sick or remembrances will be listed for a period of 3 months*

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Temporarily Closed ~Please Email Us

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**Parochial Vicar**

**Student Brother**

**Business Manager**

**Communications**

**Parish Secretary**

**Music Director**

**Teen Ministry**

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# Sunday Worship Aid

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

**A reading from the second Book of Samuel:**

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."

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

**Psalms 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29**

***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.

"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."

"He shall say of me, 'You are my father, my God, my rock, my savior.' Forever

I will maintain my kindness toward him, and my covenant with him stands firm."

**Romans 16:25-27**

**A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans:**

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.  
The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Luke 1:26-38**

**+ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke:**

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.  
The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

**Profession of Faith**

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**Prayer for the Sick during the Pandemic**

O God, our refuge in trials, our strength in sickness, our comfort in sorrow, spare your people, we pray, and hear our prayers for all who are sick: Grant them, we implore you, your merciful help, so that, with their health restored, they may give you thanks in the midst of the Church.

Your Only-Begotten Son took on our human nature and bore our infirmities; protect and strengthen also we pray, nurses, doctors, first responders, and all others on the front line of this pandemic, who put themselves in harm's way to serve the needs of others.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

Our Lady of Guadalupe  
St. Joseph  
St. Patrick  
Holy Father St. Dominic

Pray for us!  
Pray for us!  
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## **2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16**

### **Lectura del segundo libro de Samuel:**

Tan pronto como el rey David se instaló en su palacio y el Señor le concedió descansar de todos los enemigos que lo rodeaban, el rey dijo al profeta Natán: "¿Te has dado cuenta de que yo vivo en una mansión de cedro, mientras el arca de Dios sigue alojada en una tienda de campaña?" Natán le respondió: "Anda y haz todo lo que te dicte el corazón, porque el Señor está contigo". Aquella misma noche habló el Señor a Natán y le dijo: "Ve y dile a mi siervo David que el Señor le manda decir esto: '¿Piensas que vas a ser tú el que me construya una casa para que yo habite en ella? Yo te saqué de los apriscos y de andar tras las ovejas, para que fueras el jefe de mi pueblo, Israel. Yo estaré contigo en todo lo que emprendas, acabaré con tus enemigos y te haré tan famoso como los hombres más famosos de la tierra. Le asignaré un lugar a mi pueblo, Israel; lo plantaré allí para que habite en su propia tierra. Vivirá tranquilo y sus enemigos ya no lo oprimirán más, como lo han venido haciendo desde los tiempos en que establecí jueces para gobernar a mi pueblo, Israel. Y a ti, David, te haré descansar de todos tus enemigos. Además, yo, el Señor, te hago saber que te daré una dinastía; y cuando tus días se hayan cumplido y descanses para siempre con tus padres, engrandeceré a tu hijo, sangre de tu sangre, y consolidaré su reino. Yo seré para él un padre y él será para mí un hijo. Tu casa y tu reino permanecerán para siempre ante mí y tu trono será estable eternamente' ". Palabra de Dios.

**Te alabamos, Señor.**

## **Salmo 88:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29**

### **Cantare eternamente las misericordias del Señor.**

Cantare eternamente las misericordias del Señor, anunciare tu fidelidad por todas las edades. Porque dije: "Tu misericordia es un edificio eterno, mas que el cielo has afianzado tu fidelidad.

Sellé una alianza con mi elegido, jurando a David, mi siervo: "Te fundaré un linaje perpetuo, edificaré tu trono para todas las edades.

El me invocará: "Tu eres mi padre, mi Dios, mi Roca salvadora". Le mantendré eternamente mi favor y mi alianza con el será estable.

## **Romanos 16:25-27**

### **Lectura de la carta del apóstol san Pablo a los Romanos:**

Hermanos y hermanas: A aquel que puede darles fuerzas para cumplir el Evangelio que yo he proclamado, predicando a Cristo, conforme a la revelación del misterio, mantenido en secreto durante siglos, y que ahora, en cumplimiento del designio eterno de Dios, ha quedado manifestado por las Sagradas Escrituras, para atraer a todas las naciones a la obediencia de la fe, al Dios único, infinitamente sabio, démosle gloria, por Jesucristo, para siempre. Amén. Palabra de Dios.

**Te alabamos, Señor.**

## **Lucas 1:26-38**

### **+ Lectura del santo Evangelio según san Lucas"**

En aquel tiempo, el ángel Gabriel fue enviado por Dios a una ciudad de Galilea, llamada Nazaret, a una virgen desposada con un varón de la estirpe de David, llamado José. La virgen se llamaba María. Entró el ángel a donde ella estaba y le dijo: "Alégrate, llena de gracia, el Señor está contigo". Al oír estas palabras, ella se preocupó mucho y se preguntaba qué querría decir semejante saludo. El ángel le dijo: "No temas, María, porque has hallado gracia ante Dios. Vas a concebir y a dar a luz un hijo y le pondrás por nombre Jesús. El será grande y será llamado Hijo del Altísimo; el Señor Dios le dará el trono de David, su padre, y él reinará sobre la casa de Jacob por los siglos y su reinado no tendrá fin". María le dijo entonces al ángel: "¿Cómo podrá ser esto, puesto que yo permanezco virgen?" El ángel le contestó: "El Espíritu Santo descenderá sobre ti y el poder del Altísimo te cubrirá con su sombra. Por eso, el Santo, que va a nacer de ti, será llamado Hijo de Dios. Ahí tienes a tu parienta Isabel, que a pesar de su vejez, ha concebido un hijo y ya va en el sexto mes la que llamaban estéril, porque no hay nada imposible para Dios". María contestó: "Yo soy la esclava del Señor; cúmplase en mí lo que me has dicho". Y el ángel se retiró de su presencia.

Palabra del Señor.

**Gloria a ti, Señor Jesús.**

## **Profesión de Fe**

Creo en un solo Dios, Padre todopoderoso, Creador del cielo y de la tierra, de todo lo visible y lo invisible.

Creo en un solo Señor, Jesucristo,

Hijo único de Dios, nacido del Padre antes de todos los siglos: Dios de Dios, Luz de Luz, Dios verdadero de Dios verdadero, engendrado, no creado, de la misma naturaleza del Padre, por quien todo fue hecho; que por nosotros, los hombres y por nuestra salvación bajó del cielo, y por obra del Espíritu Santo se encarnó de María, la Virgen, y se hizo hombre; y por nuestra causa fue crucificado en tiempos de Poncio Pilato, padeció y fue sepultado, y resucitó al tercer día, según las Escrituras, y subió al cielo, y está sentado a la derecha del Padre; y de nuevo vendrá con gloria para juzgar a vivos y muertos, y su reino no tendrá fin.

Creo en el Espíritu Santo, Señor y dador de vida, que procede del Padre y del Hijo, que con el Padre y el Hijo recibe una misma adoración y gloria, y que habló por los profetas.

Creo en la Iglesia, que es una, santa, católica y apostólica. Confieso que hay un solo bautismo para el perdón de los pecados. Espero la resurrección de los muertos y la vida del mundo futuro.

**Amén.**

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O Dios, refugio nuestro en dificultades, nuestra fortaleza en la enfermedad, nuestro consuelo en la congoja, protege a tu pueblo, te lo pedimos, y escucha nuestras oraciones por todos los que están enfermos: Concédeles, te imploramos, tu misericordiosa ayuda, para que, con su salud restaurada, ellos puedan darte gracias en tu Iglesia.

Tu Hijo Unigénito tomó nuestra naturaleza humana y cargó con nuestras debilidades; protege y fortalece, también te lo rogamos, a enfermeros, doctores, a aquellos respondiendo en primeros auxilios, y a los que están en la primera línea de esta pandemia, quienes se ponen en peligro al servir a otros en sus necesidades,.

Por nuestro Señor Jesucristo, tu Hijo, quien vive y reina contigo en la unidad del Espíritu Santo, un Dios, por los siglos de los siglos.

Santa Virgen de Guadalupe

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