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Sunday, December 22, 2019—Fourth Sunday of Advent

Merry Christmas!

Tuesday, December 24 Christmas Eve
4:00 p.m. Guardian Angels*
4:00 p.m. St. Nicholas

Wednesday, December 25 Christmas Day
8:00 a.m. Guardian Angels
9:15 a.m. St. Nicholas
10:30 a.m. Guardian Angels*
Noon in Spanish Guardian Angels*

*Incense will be used at these Masses.

Guardian Angels Mass Times

Weekdays:

Tuesday: 5:30 p.m.
 Wednesday: 8:00 a.m.
 10:00 a.m. (With G.A. School)
 Thursday: 8:00 a.m.
 Friday: 9:30 a.m. (at Auburn Manor)

Weekends:

Saturday: 5:30 p.m.
 Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.
 Noon (Spanish)

Reconciliation:

Saturday: 6:30-6:50 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration:

Thursday: 8:30-9:30 a.m.

Guardian Angels Parish & School Staff

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GA Lay Leadership Positions

Pending, Trustee
 Pending Trustee
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St. Nicholas Mass Times

Weekdays:

Friday: 6:00 p.m.

Weekends:

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.
 Sunday: 9:15 a.m.

Reconciliation:

Saturday: 3:30-3:50 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration:

Friday: 6:30-7:15 p.m.

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Mass Intentions: Mass intentions may be for the living and/or the departed, with a † designating in the bulletin a deceased person. There is a \$10 suggested donation per Mass intention. Permission from the sick person or his/her family must be granted before a name's inclusion in these prayers. To schedule a Mass intention, call Jean in the Parish Office.

Baptism: Sacramental preparation is required for all parents. Godparents and Grandparents are also encouraged to attend. Baptismal prep sessions are given every other month and Baptism Masses are held once a month. Call Jean in the Parish Office to schedule a child for Baptism and the parents for baptismal prep.

Penance: Saturdays at Guardian Angels or by appointment.

Matrimony: Pre-registration required at least one year in advance; marriage preparation course is required. Initial contact: 952-227-4000, or e-mail: info@GAchaska.org.

Anointing: If you wish to receive an anointing please call the Parish Office: (952) 227-4000.

Communion for the Homebound: When we come together to pray at our Eucharistic liturgy, we do not forget the members of our community who are unable to be with us because of ill health. We remember them in our prayers, and we wish to include them in our Holy Communion. Members of our community bring the Blessed Sacrament to them to comfort them and to unite us in the Eucharist. We are not always aware of those who have this need. Please call the Parish Office to let us know if you or a member of your family would like to have Holy Communion brought to them. That way we can schedule a time for our ministers to visit and bring the Sacrament.

Hospital, Nursing Home, Homebound Visits: Churches are no longer notified by hospitals or nursing homes when a parishioner is admitted unless the family has requested it. If you or a family member are homebound, hospitalized or in a nursing home and would like a visit from a member of the ministry staff, please call Jean in the Parish Office.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — You will be given this sign: The virgin shall conceive and bear a son (Isaiah 7:10-14).

Psalm — Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory (Psalm 24).

Second Reading — God has called us to belong to Jesus Christ (Romans 1:1-7).

Gospel — The son born of Mary shall be called Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins (Matthew 1:18-24).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66

Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79

Wednesday: 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]
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]

Thursday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22

Friday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Saturday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-5; Col 3:12-21 [12-17]; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Merry Christmas!

A very merry Christmas too all parishioners of St. Nicholas and Guardian Angels! What a joy it is to celebrate Christ's birth together as a parish family! When we gather as a people to celebrate Christmas, we not only remember the birth of our Lord 2000+ years ago, but we celebrate his presence with us today! The same Jesus born in Bethlehem, is present at every Mass in his most precious Body and Blood! The gift which he, himself, gave to us! That is truly amazing when we reflect upon it. Thank you, Jesus for coming into our world, our hearts, our lives with your saving grace! Thank you for the gift of the Eucharist in which you are so powerfully present to us today! Merry Christmas!
Fr. Deziel



Guardian Angels "Leap of Faith" Gala on Leap Year's Day!

Mark your calendar now for the **Leap of Faith Gala** that will be happening on **Leap Year's Day, Saturday, February 29th** in the evening. It's easy to remember the date because it is Leap Year's Day! The gala is the biggest fundraiser for our Guardian Angels school. Last year we raised \$54,000 and this year we're hoping, to do even better!

Back by popular demand, the **White Sidewalls Band** will perform. They were a huge hit last year with their back to the 50's sound, fun dancing, and changing attire throughout the night. The meal will be catered by **Winchester and Rye** from Victoria. They prepared a wonderful dinner last year and we're looking forward to it again this year!

We're also blessed to have the **THREE AMIGOS** joining us! That's right! Three of our former pastors, **Fr. Paul Jarvis, Fr. Doug Ebert, and Fr. Fernando Ortega** have all arranged their schedules to be with us. It promises to be a fun time for all! Tickets for the gala go on sale in January. Come one, come all! Let's make this the best gala ever!



Guardian Angels Parish Calendar

Monday, Dec. 23

Parish Office Hours: 8:30a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve

Parish Office Closed

4 p.m. Mass (in English)

Wednesday, Dec. 25 - Christmas Day

Parish Office Closed

8 a.m. Mass (in English)

10:30 a.m. Mass (in English)

Noon Mass (in Spanish)

Thursday, Dec. 26

Parish Office Closed

8 a.m. Mass † Lori Lano

8:30 a.m. Adoration, Church

7:15 p.m. Hispanic Prayer Group, Church

Friday, Dec. 27

Parish Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

9:30 a.m. Mass (at Auburn Manor) † Urban Fritz

Saturday, Dec. 28

5:30 p.m. Mass † Clara & Marvin Pylka

6:30 p.m. - 6:50 p.m. Confessions, Church

Sunday, Dec. 29

8 a.m. Mass † Don & Andy Jacques

10:30 a.m. Mass † Ray Heiland

12 p.m. Mass in Spanish

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Thursday, Dec. 26

Parish Office Closed

Friday, Dec. 27

6 p.m. Mass † Vincent Jerander & family

Saturday, Dec. 28

4 p.m. Mass † Barney Riesgraf

Sunday, Dec. 29

9:15 a.m. Mass † Char Turek

Deacon Clayton Forner Returns Home for Christmas!

This Christmas we are so happy that Deacon Clayton Forner, our Guardian Angels parish seminarian in Rome, will be home. He was ordained a deacon on October 3 in Rome. Deacon Forner will be at the Christmas Eve 4 PM Mass at Guardian Angels serving at the altar and preaching his first homily to us. That will be a perfect time to offer your support to him, and to wish him all the best as he heads into the home stretch to be ordained a priest. He will be ordained to the priesthood on Saturday May 30th at the Cathedral in St. Paul at 10 AM. Please mark your calendar now and plan to attend this joyous occasion. Father Forner will then celebrate his first Mass at Guardian Angels on Sunday, May 31 at 10:30 AM. So much to praise God for! So much joy Christ brings to a world in darkness! God Bless you Deacon Forner, we are all praying for you!

St Nicholas Prayer Garden Raffle!

Friends of St. Nicholas will draw some lucky raffle winners on Tuesday, December 31 at 5:30 pm in the Welcome Center. The cost of the tickets are \$10 each. Top prizes include \$500, \$250, and an image of the prayer garden printed on glass. Prayer Garden Board Members will be available after Mass this weekend and again on December 28 and 29. Please purchase a ticket or two to show your support for the Prayer Garden. If you prefer to make a tax deductible contribution, envelopes are available in the box outside the Welcome Center. If you have questions or need more information you may call 952-913-4964, email FOSNinfo@gmail.com or visit Friends of St. Nicholas online at stnicholasprayergarden.org.



GOSPEL CORNER

December 22, 2019

Matthew 1:18-24

Mary and Joseph learn that Mary is pregnant before they are married. Joseph dreams of an angel who assures him that the Holy Spirit has given Mary their Son, who will grow to do great things. Joseph is consoled and prepares to marry Mary.

In Church: Count the number of angels that decorate your church, home, or Christmas décor. Invite your children to share what they know about angels in the Christmas story. Encourage your family to keep looking for angels as you prepare to celebrate Jesus' coming at Christmas.

FAMILY PRAYER: God, you help us make choices that bring us closer to you. Help us to follow your guidance. Amen.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: When has God helped you make a choice when you needed help?

Life Question (adults & teens): What life choices are you glad that you slept on and weighed prayerfully?

Gospel Question (adults & teens): How do you know when God is inviting you to gamble your comfort for a greater good?

Visit www.usccb.org/bible/readings to read this Sunday's Scripture.



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Liturgical Minister Schedule - Dec 28/29

If you are interested in being a Liturgical Minister for either parish, please call Jean at (952) 227-4000

	Saturday Dec. 28 4:00 p.m. - SN	Saturday Dec. 28 5:30 p.m. - GA	Sunday Dec 29 8:00 a.m. - GA	Sunday Dec 29 9:15 a.m. - SN	Sunday Dec 29 10:30 a.m.- GA
Eucharistic Ministers	James Hammers Cassie Merhar Cathy Pass	Dcn John Cleveland Cathy Cress Richard Dolski Clayton Forner Volunteer Needed	Dcn John Cleveland Clayton Forner Lois Hidding Sue Johnson Tom LaTour	Amy Roble Steve Roble	Dcn John Cleveland Clayton Forner Laurie Forner Jenny Richelsen Volunteer Needed
Sacristan	Chuck Mahowald	Richard Dolski	Mary McDonald		Dcn John Cleveland
Lector	Mark Sanda	Gary Klingelutz	Steve Ritz	Candis Wickenhauser	Michael Richelsen
Server-Candle Server-Candle Server-Cross/Incense Server-Cross/Incense	Chuck Mahowald Volunteer Needed	Emma Stacken Volunteer Needed Maria Aberle Sally Alerle	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed Taylor Laube Sydney Osterdyk	Vivian Minzel Lizzie Roble	Chloe Kendall Emily Schrupp Michael Richelsen, Jr. Alex Schrupp
Ushers/Greeters:	Sara Meyer Volunteer Needed	Barb Gestach Brad Gestach Volunteers Needed	Paul Breeggemann Greg Thomes Volunteers Needed	Skip Low Jim Poppler	Courtney Kongevick Mike Kongevick Patricia Lemm Lee Mortensen
Homebound			Fran Schulte & Kathy Carlson		
Donut Hosts			No Hospitality		No Hospitality

Liturgical Minister Schedule - Christmas Masses and Holy Mary, Mother of God

	Tuesday Dec. 24 4 p.m. - GA Christmas Eve	Tuesday Dec. 24 4 p.m.—SN Christmas Eve	Wednesday Dec. 25 8 a.m. - GA Christmas Day	Wednesday Dec. 25 9:15 a.m. - SN Christmas Day	Wednesday Dec. 25 10:30 a.m. - GA Christmas Day	Tuesday Dec. 31 4 p.m. - GA Mary, Mother of God Vigil Mass	Wednesday Jan. 1 8 a.m. - SN Holy Mary, Moth- er of God	Wednesday Jan. 1 10 a.m. - GA Holy Mary, Moth- er of God
Eucharistic Ministers	Greg Boe Dcn John Cleveland Clayton Fomer Bill Van Hecke 6 additional Volunteers Needed	Kate Harmon 2 additional Volunteers Needed	Dcn John Cleveland Clayton Fomer Louis Vannett Sophia Vannett Volunteer Needed	Cathy Pass 2 additional Volunteers Needed	Dcn John Cleveland Clayton Fomer 4 additional Volunteers Needed	Dcn John Cleveland Richard Dolski Clayton Fomer	Volunteers Needed	Brigid Altman Dcn John Cleveland Clayton Fomer
Sacristan	Bill Van Hecke	Chuck Mahowald	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Richard Dolski	Chuck Mahowald	Dcn John Cleveland
Lector	Debbie Boe	Volunteer Needed	Sue Johnson	Cathy Pass	Randy Kerber	Steven Rasmussen	Volunteer Needed	Tom Altman
Server-Candle	Audrey Smyth	Vivian Minzel	Gianna Vannett	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Chuck Mahowald	Volunteer Needed
Server-Candle	Emily Schrupp	Abby Harmon	Joey Vannett	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Server-Cross/Incense	Volunteer Needed		Volunteer Needed		Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Server-Cross/Incense	Volunteer Needed		Volunteer Needed		Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Ushers/Greeters:	Alexander Kennedy Volunteers Needed	Sarah Meyer Volunteer Needed	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed	Volunteers Needed	Jim Poppler Mary Poppler	Volunteers Needed
Homebound			Volunteers Needed					



Greetings from Guardian Angels Catholic School!

Merry Christmas from Guardian Angels School!

The students, staff and teachers all want to wish you and your family a blessed Christmas! During the third week of Advent our Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd graders performed the Nativity story during our Advent prayer service. There is nothing sweeter than seeing little ones act out Mary & Joseph's journey to Bethlehem. It is during moments like these you see God's love and joy radiate from their precious faces.



The students, teachers and staff hope and pray that this Christmas you feel God's love and presence. We all appreciate the prayers and support from the Guardian Angels parishioners. Together we are strengthening God's light and love in the youth of our faith community.

"At this Christmas when Christ comes, will he find a warm heart? Mark this season by loving and serving others with God's love and concern." ~ Mother Teresa

Merry Christmas! - Sue Lovegreen, Principal



In Christ We Live Forever
Please remember in your prayers...

**Charles Robert Arbuckle
and
Domenica "Mim" Louise Oprosko**

Whose funerals were recently at Guardian Angels. We extend our sincere sympathy to their families, friends and loved ones, and pray for their soul's eternal peace.

GA Pave the Way Debt Update (Dec. 15)	
Owed to Catholic Finance Corp	\$393,651.76
Owed to Archdiocese	<u> \$0.00</u>
Total Debt	\$393,651.76
Decrease from Dec. 1	\$18,111.46



Calling all Guardian Angels Alumni!

Please send us your updated contact information to keep you updated on all our fun events and more at Guardian Angels!

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<https://school.gachaska.org/alumni/>

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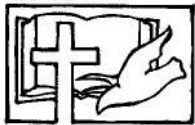
ACERCA DEL EVANGELIO

22 De Diciembre De 2019
Matthew 1:18-24

María y José se enteraron de que María estaba embarazada antes de haberse casado. José sueña con un ángel que le dice que el Espíritu Santo le ha dado su hijo a María, quien crecerá y hará cosas grandes. José recibe consuelo y se prepara para casarse con María.

En la Iglesia: Cuenta el número de ángeles que adornan tu iglesia, casa o decoraciones navideñas. Recuerda las historias sobre los ángeles en la historia de la Navidad. Anima a tu familia a buscar ángeles esta semana mientras se preparan para la venida de Jesús en la Navidad.

FORMACIÓN EN LA FE



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ORACIÓN EN FAMILIA: Señor, ayúdanos a tomar decisiones que nos acerquen más a ti. Ayúdanos a seguir tus caminos. Amén.

PREGUNTA DE LA SEMANA: ¿Cuándo te ha ayudado Dios a tomar una decisión?

PREGUNTA DE LA VIDA (adultos y adolescencias): ¿Qué decisiones importantes en la vida has tomado después de reflexionar sobre ellas en oración?

Pregunta del evangelio (adultos y adolescencias): ¿Cómo sabes cuando Dios te está invitando a arriesgar tu comodidad para obtener algo mejor?

Aviso Importante:

Se les comunica que las intenciones de Misa de difuntos, aniversarios, cumpleaños u otras festividades ya no serán presentadas durante la misa de los domingos. Estas intenciones serán celebradas durante las misas que se llevan a cabo de lunes a sábado. Favor de comunicar sus intenciones con la oficina Parroquial.

Confesiones

El Padre Mario estará ofreciendo confesiones todos los domingos antes de misa en el confesionario.

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — La señal es que la virgen estará embarazada y dará a luz un hijo varón (Isaías 7:10-14).

Salmo — Va a entrar el Señor: él es el Rey de la Gloria (Salmo 24 [23]).

Segunda lectura — Jesús, descendiente de David biológicamente, fue establecido el Hijo de Dios en poder (Romanos 1:1-7).

Evangelio — María quedó embarazada por obra del Espíritu Santo (Mateo 1:18-24).

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LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Sal 25 (24):4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lc 1:57-66

Martes: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Sal 89 (88):2-5, 27, 29; Lc 1:67-79

Miércoles: **Vigilia:** Is 62:1-5; Sal 89 (88):4-5, 16-17, 27,

29; Hch 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]

Noche: Is 9:1-6; Sal 96 (95):1-3, 11-13; Tit 2:11-14; Lc 2:1-14

Aurora: Is 62:11-12; Sal 97 (96):1, 6, 11-12; Tit 3:4-7; Lc 2:15-20

Día: Is 52:7-10; Sal 98 (97):1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

Jueves: Hch 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Sal 31 (30):3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22

Viernes: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Sal 97 (96):1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Sábado: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Sal 124 (123):2-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18

Domingo: Eclo 3:2-6, 12-14; Sal 128 (127):1-5; Col 3:12-21 [12-17]; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Formación de Fe Clase de Primera Comunión

Seguimos repasando nuestras lecciones y aprendiendo como hablar con Dios. Aprendimos quien es Jesús y que también fue un niño como nosotros. El domingo pasado empezamos la 1ra lección de 6 para prepararnos ha recibir el Sacramento de Reconciliación. ¡¡¡Tenemos mucho por que aprender!!!

¡¡NO HABRA CLASES EL DOMINGO 29 DE DICIEMBRE POR VACACIONES DE NAVIDAD!!