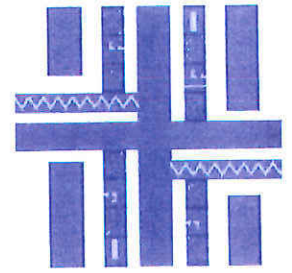


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Mary Ellen Morgan

Liturgy

Wednesday - Thursday : 8:00 AM (Mass)

Monday: 8:00 AM (Prayer Service)

Friday: 8:00 AM (Communion Service)

Rosary: Monday - Friday: 7:30 AM

Saturday Mass - 4:00 PM

Sunday Masses - 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM (closed 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM)

Sacraments

Baptism - Contact Margaret Roncalli

Marriage - Contact pastor 6 months in advance

Reconciliation

3:30 PM - 4:00 Saturday

PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE

For communion/visits to the sick & homebound; mass intentions, prayer request & funerals

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Principal: Dara Northcroft



Peace
&
Harmony

Mission & Vision

Through African American traditions, we are moved
by the Spirit to serve.

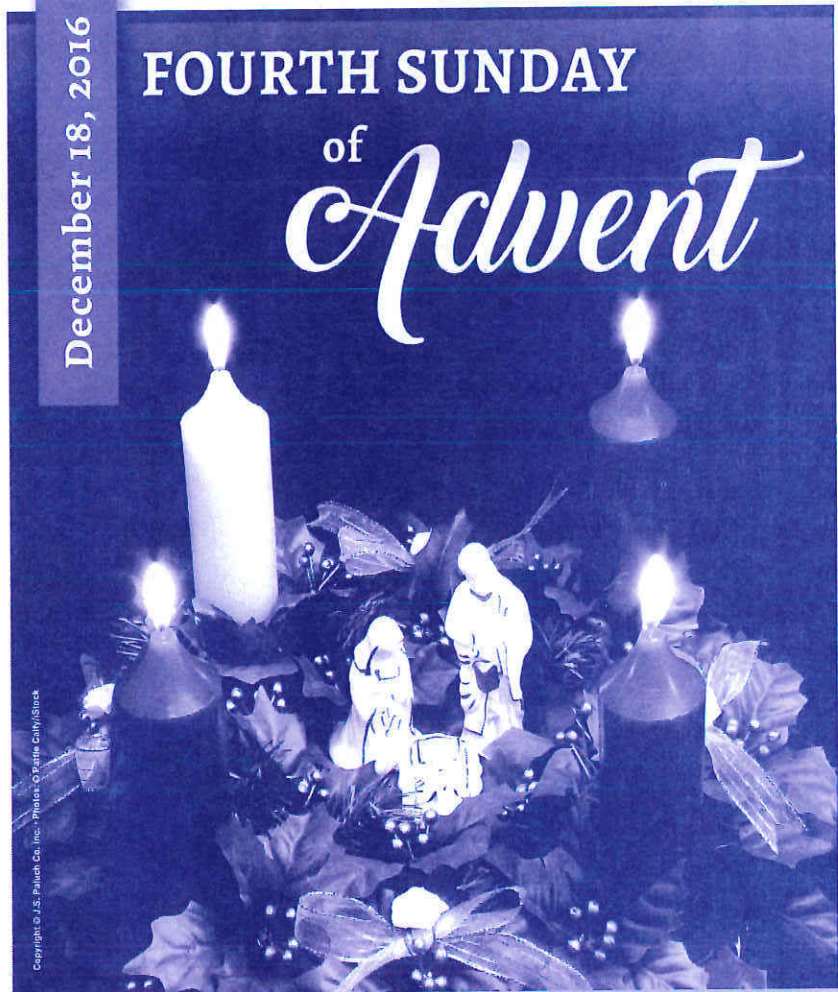
WE KNOW WHO & WHOSE WE ARE!

“WE SEE YOU”

December 18, 2016

FOURTH SUNDAY

of Advent



Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means “God is with us.”

Matthew 1:23



Please **turn off** Cell Phones before
entering Church. Thank you!

SUMMONED BY GOD

As Christmas draws near, Advent's scriptures lure us into a world of dreams, signs, wonders, and the miracle of the virgin birth. Too often we allow the great stories of our faith, the ones that are most familiar, simply to wash over us. Today's Gospel account of the events leading up to the birth of the Lord reads like a present-day soap opera. Yet Joseph's courage, even in the midst of what must have been an incredibly confusing time, provides a model for us. Each week, we are summoned by God to embrace the way of goodness and truth through the proclamation of God's holy word. Like Joseph, we are called to do as the Lord commands us. As we stand at the threshold of Christmas, let us have the courage to be open to whatever it is that the Lord will require of us as we celebrate the miracle of Bethlehem.

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**The Uninvited Guest This Holiday Season
"GRIEF"**

You and your family are welcome to join us. All are welcome regardless of religious faith. Invite your neighbors and friends. **No registration is required.**

This is the last workshop for the holiday season

Dec. 25, 2016; 1:00PM - 3:00PM

St. John Vianney Parish, Mullen Commons

1650 Ygnacio Valley Road, Walnut Creek, CA 94598

For more informa on call (925) 939-8149

Facilitated by Fr. Pdraig Greene

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Living Our Mission



**SAINTS AND SPECIAL
OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Advent

Tuesday: St. Peter Canisius;
Winter Solstice

Thursday: St. John of Kanty

Friday: The Vigil of Christmas

Saturday: The Nativity of the
Lord (Christmas)



ATTENTION PARISHIONERS

Dec. 24, 2016 - Children Christmas Mass (4:00 pm)

Dec. 24, 2016 - Christmas Vigil

Dec. 25, 2016 - CHRISTMAS

Dec. 30, 2016 - Feast of the Holy Family

Dec. 31, 2016 - Memorial Crosses Service

Jan. 01, 2017 - NEW YEAR'S DAY

Jan. 09, 2017 - Baptism of Our Lord

Jan. 14, 2017 - Chili Bowl Bingo

Jan. 21, 2017 - Primacy of the Gospels

Bulletins / Announcements

Please remember to submit all information for the Bulletin and/or Sunday Announcements no later than Tuesdays before 4:00 pm.

Thank you.

Community Listening Session: Sponsored by UCSF, Alameda County Public Health

A Barbershop Conversation about Health, Wealth, and Power.

Dec. 31st 10am - 4pm:

Legends Barbershop: 2606 MacArthur Blvd. Oakland

Free Food, Haircuts and Health Screening.

We welcome all who come to celebrate with us. If you would like to register or if you need to update your information, please complete this registration form and place it in the collection basket, return to office or send us an email. Be Blessed!

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Day _____ Eve _____

City _____ Zip _____

E-mail Address _____

- New Parishioner
- Change of Information
- Moving: Remove from list
- Please Call me - best time _____
- I would like to serve as _____