



Parish of St Edward the Confessor



If you are new
to the Parish
or are visiting,
Welcome!

We are glad

you have come to share Eucharist with us today. Please leave your details in the New Parishioners book on the table near the church entrance so that Fr. Marce and a member of our Parish Pastoral Council can formally welcome you. Thank you.

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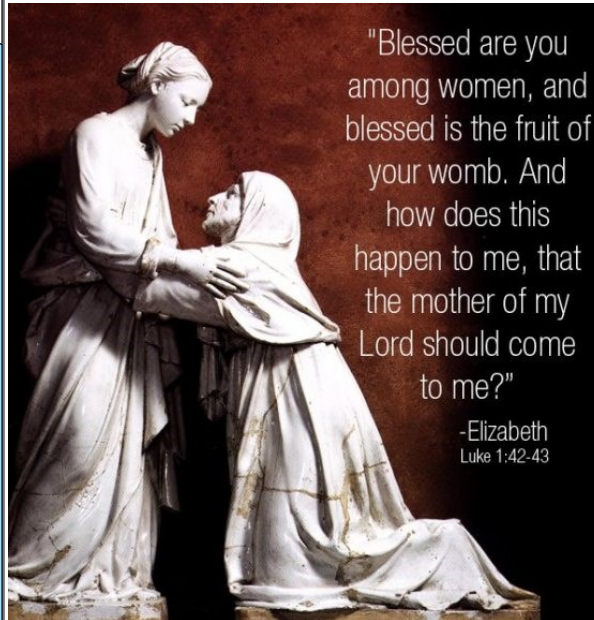
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4th Sunday of Advent Sunday (Year B)

19th - 20th December 2015

THE SACRED MYSTERY

by Fr. Marce Singson



There is a certain mystery or even sacredness about a woman who is carrying a child in her womb. What an amazing thing to reflect on—that a new, tiny human being is living within her body. Life is a sacred gift from God. How mysterious it is that this sacred gift grows and develops within the dark secrecy of the womb. Only a woman who has borne a child can appreciate this marvel. Only she can experience the increasing sense of eager longing for the birth of the child.

Today's gospel centres on two expectant mothers: Mary (when she was around 16 years old) and her cousin Elizabeth (when she was more than 80 years old). When Mary learned that her elderly cousin had conceived, she felt it was her duty to visit the older woman and offer her service. And when Mary arrived, Elizabeth greeted her with these words: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb," words that have come to form part of the Hail Mary. Elizabeth's greeting is not surprising. She herself had an exquisite appreciation of motherhood. She was barren for so many years. Then in her old age by the special power of God she conceived John the Baptist.

Elizabeth had an even greater sense of sacredness and mystery when she realised how God's special power had been at work in her life. And so when she saw Mary, all of her own awareness, her own appreciation, overflowed in her exuberant greeting. If every new life is sacred, how much more sacred was the life Mary was carrying in her womb. If God's power had been at work in Elizabeth's conceiving of John the Baptist, how much greater was God's power at work at Mary's conceiving of Jesus?

In just few days, we will celebrate the birth of Jesus. We will try to renew all our spirit of awe and wonder at the mysterious sacredness of the birth of Christ. His birth, in all of its magnificent reality is beyond our ability to comprehend. It is something we simply cannot grasp. And because of this, our hearts should be filled not only with wonder and awe, but also with praise. On Christmas day we will sing, "Glory to God in the highest..." Yes, God is worthy of our praise and glory. What a magnificent thing he has done in sending His Son into our world to be our Saviour!

For privacy reasons names of sick or recently deceased in these column can only accepted if requested by the sick or their family members

WE REMEMBER

In our prayers all who have died recently,
Anthony Michael Hannaby ,John Lines, Maisie Crimean, Barabara Jeffries, Dennis Martin, Pepito Leander, Mike Caroll, Antonio Ferrer, Snr, Ray Manalac, Sheridan Veronica Joan, Juliet Teodosio, Jackie Duncan, Knisler Lloyd, Leslie Oliver, Agnes Hawley, Charles Hawley, Bernado Soriano, Celso Soriano, Procopio Soriano Snr & Jnr, Matias, Ordoyo, Juan Somodio, Manueza Ordoyo, Jose Ordoyo, Eladio Ordoyo, Jhona Ordoyo, Michael Ordoyo, and those whose anniversaries are in this month, Gertrude Berhardt



PLEASE PRAY

For all our sick parishioners and family members:

Jason Blackwood, Wilfred Sibayan, Domingo Sibayan, Alfredo Cortez, Eugenio Sagun, Luzviminda Basilio, Igor Hatlow, Susan Thomas, Elaine Rodrigues, Mila Samson, Armando Samson, Gautam Katre, Nancy Soriano, Salvador Reymar Soriano, Barbara Howard, Scott Bearon, Elaine Liddon, Margie Ausling, Carolyn Winter, Edna Buagas, Vincent Sarahena, Benedicta Alvarez, Michael Abraham, Jeff Jones, Carmel Andrews, Donald Ross, Victor Yerre, Zacarias Beltram, Benedicta Alvarez, Zacarias Manuel, Christopher Hamilton, Tom McCormack, Kevin Healy, Michael Abraham, Ekuoti Tupi, Cecilia Tia, Ava Gomes, Joy Moy, Maria Tautua, Franco Milaudi, Kate Muller, Maria de Jesus, Rachael Osyipiv, Romeo Lopez, Benjoe Estubo, Shirley Roberts, Pat Mey, Elizabeth Toh, Bruce Walker, Eliza Yunzal, Virgilio Lopez, Fernando Lopez, John Lines, Brendon Vine, Rita Torio, Rani Kreknbech, Henie Sagun, Eugene Sagun, Joseph Hatch, William Hatch, Roberto Lopez Jr. Paula Tauta, Lily Marques, Marie Claire, Mel Raileigh, James Carsen, Carmilita Lopez, Joan Hickey, Sinead McClaulan, Ed Concepcion, Desiree Soliano, Alice & Mike Blackmore, Carmel Andrews, Thelma Nichoson, Alice & Keiran Blackmore, Michael Reyes, Joe Kindermann, Ken Robson, Paulo Roble, Jay Dotta, Elario De Jesu, Cath Fatcher Cynthia Abanil, Adelaide Mackenzie, Corazon Darby, Allan Kingston, Mary McNeil, Val Temple, Tyrone Lamb, Evelyn Legge, Ann Carroll, Peter Chow, Harry Phillips, Margaret Phillips, Maria Fernandez, Glenda Fowler, Gary Trevena, Eileen Lamarque, Don Newcombe.

BAPTISM

We welcome into our Christian community:

Those baptised during this week. Please pray for these Family as we welcome them into our Faith Community.



Ricky Grant Heath

Baptism 7 days a week. Please phone the Parish Office for information regarding Baptism.

COMMUNION OF THE SICK



Next date for Communion to the Sick is 4th January. Please phone the office if you would like to be added to our Communion list.

MASS TIMES

Sunday, 20th December 2015
4th Sunday of Advent

.. Mass: 8.30 am
.. Mass: 6 pm

Monday, 21st December 2015

.. Rosary 7.00 am
.. Mass: 7.30 am

Tuesday, 22nd December 2015

.. Mass: 7.00 pm
.. Adoration

Wednesday, 23rd December 2015

.. Rosary 7.00 am
.. Mass: 7.30 am

Thursday, 24th December 2015

No morning Mass
.. Christmas Vigil Mass: 7.00 pm
Midnight Mass: 12.00 am

Friday, 25th December 2015

Nativity of the Lord
(Christmas day)
Mass: 8.30 am

Saturday, 26th December 2015

St Stephen, the First Martyr
.. No Mass
.. Reconciliation 5.30 pm
.. Mass: 6 pm

Sunday, 27th December 2015

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
.. Mass: 8.30 am
.. Mass: 6 pm

READINGS

1st Reading
Psalm

Micah 5: 1-4
Psalm 79: 2-3, 15-16, 18-19
Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

2nd Reading
Gospel Reading

Hebrews 10: 5-10
Luke 1: 39-44

1st Reading
Psalm
Gospel Reading

Song of Songs 2: 8-14
Psalm 32: 2-3, 11-12, 20-21
Luke 1: 39-454

1st Reading
Psalm
Gospel Reading

1 Samuel 1: 1-24-28
1 Samuel 2: 1, 4-8
Luke 1: 46-56

1st Reading
Psalm
Gospel Reading

Malachi 3: 1-4, 23-24
Psalm 24: 4-5, 8-9, 10, 14
Luke 1: 57-66

1st Reading
Psalm
Gospel Reading

2 Samuel 7: 1-5, 8-12, 14, 16
Psalm 88: 2-5, 27. 29
Luke 1: 67-79

1st Reading
Psalm
2nd Reading
Gospel Reading

Isaiah 62: 1-5
Psalm 88: 4-5, 16-17, 27, 29
Acts 13: 16-17, 22-25
Matthew 1: 1-25

1st Reading
Psalm
Gospel Reading

Acts 6: 8-10; 7: 54-59
Psalm 30: 3-4, 6-8, 16-17
Matthew 10: 17-22

1st Reading
Psalm
2nd Reading
Gospel Reading

1 Samuel 1: 20-22, 24-28
Psalm 83: 2-3, 5-6, 9-10
1 John 3: 1-2, 21-24
Luke 2: 41-52



We are now on Facebook:



Connect with the Daisy Hill Vinnies Conference and

know what we are up to and how you can help. Stay connected, stay up to date.

<https://www.facebook.com/DaisyhillVinnies>

We are on Christmas Break and will resume Good works from 18th January, 2016...

We thank you all for your kind and generous support. We wish you all many blessings and joys for the Christmas season and refreshing time with friends and family.



Man in Jesus?

Why do Christians address Jesus as Lord?

"You call me Teacher and Lord; and you are right, for so I am" (Jn 13:13). The early Christians spoke as a matter of course about Jesus as "Lord", knowing that in the Old Testament this title was reserved as a form of addressing God. Through many signs Jesus had shown them that he had divine power over nature, demons, sin, and death. The divine origin of Jesus' mission was revealed in his Resurrection from the dead. Thomas confessed, "My Lord and my God!" (Jn 20:28). For us this means that since Jesus is "the Lord", a Christian may not bend his knee to any other power.

Why did God become man in Jesus?

"For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven" (Nicene Creed).

In Jesus Christ, God reconciled the world to himself and redeemed mankind from the imprisonment of sin. "God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son" (Jn 3:16). In Jesus, God took on our mortal human flesh (Incarnation), shared our earthly lot, our sufferings, and our death, and became one like us in all things but sin. (YOUCAT questions 75-76)

Question: - True God AND True Man?

What does it mean to say that Jesus Christ is at the same time true God and true man?

In Jesus, God really became one of us and thus our brother; nevertheless, he did not cease to be God at the same time and thus our Lord. The Council of Chalcedon in the year 451 taught that the divinity and the humanity in the one person Jesus Christ are united together "without division or confusion".

The Church grappled for a long time with the problem of how to express the relation between the divinity and humanity in Jesus Christ. Divinity

and humanity are not in competition with each other, which would make Jesus only partially God and only partially man. Nor is it true that the divine and human in Jesus are confused. God took on a human body in Jesus; this was no mere appearance (*Docetism*), but he really became man. Nor are there two different persons in Christ, one human and one divine (*Nestorianism*). Nor is it true, finally, that in Jesus Christ the human nature was completely absorbed into the divine nature (*Monophysitism*). Contrary to all these heresies, the Church has adhered to the belief that Jesus Christ is at the same time true God and true man in one Person. The famous formula, "without division or confusion" (Council of Chalcedon) does not attempt to explain something that is too sublime for human understanding, but rather draws the boundaries, so to speak, of the faith. It indicates the "line" along which the mystery of the person of Jesus Christ can be investigated. (YOUCAT question 77)

Question: - Is Jesus a Mystery? // Did He Have a Soul, Mind, and Body like Us?

Why can we grasp Jesus only as a "mystery"?

Jesus extends into God; therefore we cannot understand him if we exclude the invisible divine reality.

The visible side of Jesus points to the invisible. We see in the life of Jesus numerous realities that are powerfully present but that we can understand only as a mystery. Examples of such mysteries are the divine Sonship, the Incarnation, the Passion, and the Resurrection of Christ.

Did Jesus have a soul, a mind, and a body just as we do?

Yes. Jesus "worked with human hands, he thought with a human mind. He acted with a human will, and with a human heart he loved" (Second Vatican Council, GS 22, 2).

The humanity of Jesus is complete and includes also the fact that Jesus possessed a soul and developed psychologically and spiritually. In this soul dwelled his human identity and his special self-consciousness. Jesus knew about his unity with his heavenly Father in the Holy Spirit, by whom he allowed himself to be guided in every situation of his life. (YOUCAT questions 78-79)

.Material as published in: Catechism in a year/ <https://uno.flocknote.com/list>

A Short Story: A Christmas Mistake



Each December, I vowed to make Christmas a calm and peaceful experience. I had cut back on nonessential obligations - extensive card writing, endless baking, decorating, and even overspending. Yet still, I found myself exhausted, unable to appreciate the precious family moments, and of course, the true meaning of Christmas. My son, Nicholas, was in kindergarten that year. It was an exciting season for a six year old. For weeks, he'd been memorizing songs for his school's "Winter Pageant." I didn't have the

heart to tell him I'd be working the night of the production. Unwilling to miss his shining moment, I spoke with his teacher. She assured me there'd be a dress rehearsal the morning of the presentation. All parents unable to attend that evening were welcome to come then. Fortunately, Nicholas seemed happy with the compromise.

So, the morning of the dress rehearsal, I filed in ten minutes early, found a spot on the cafeteria floor and sat down. Around the room, I saw several other parents quietly scampering to their seats. As I waited, the students were led into the room. Each class, accompanied by their teacher, sat cross-legged on the floor. Then, each group, one by one, rose to perform their song. Because the public school system had long stopped referring to the holiday as "Christmas," I didn't expect anything other than fun, commercial entertainment - songs of reindeer, Santa Claus, snowflakes and good cheer. So, when my son's class rose to sing, "Christmas Love," I was slightly taken aback by its bold title.

Nicholas was aglow, as were all of his classmates, adorned in fuzzy mittens, red sweaters, and bright snowcaps upon their heads. Those in the front row - center stage - held up large letters, one by one, to spell out the title of the song. As the class would sing "C is for Christmas," a child would hold up the letter C. Then, "H is for Happy," and on and on, until each child holding up his portion had presented the complete message, "Christmas Love."


The performance was going smoothly, until suddenly, we noticed her; a small, quiet, girl in the front row holding the letter "M" upside down - totally unaware her letter "M" appeared as a "W". The audience of 1st through 6th graders snickered at this little one's mistake. But she had no idea they were laughing at her, so she stood tall, proudly holding her "W". Although many teachers tried to shush the children, the laughter continued until the last letter was raised, and we all saw it together.

A hush came over the audience and eyes began to widen. In that instant, we understood - the reason we were there, why we celebrated the holiday in the first place, why even in the chaos, there was a purpose for our festivities. For when the last letter was held high, the message read loud and clear:

***"CHRIST WAS LOVE "
And, I believe, He still is.***

<http://christmas.spike-jamie.com/inspirational.html>


Church Ministers' Rosters for next weekend 26th - 27th December 2015			
	Saturday 6.00pm	Sunday 8.30am	Sunday 6.00pm
Holy Mass Coordinators	Jim & Fay	Denise Love	Ruel Nate
Parish Choirs	CFC Choir	El Shaddai Choir	Glenn & Bambi
Overhead Projectionist	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
Proclaimers of the Word: 1	Fiona Alahendra	Tim Trainor	Dilu McCaffery
Proclaimers of the Word: 2	Camille Sonido	Karizza de Jesus	Jesmine Medina
Communion Ministers	Neville Peres	Rose George	Corrie Wall
	Katherine Chuan	Jamie Cruz	Miriam Silva
	Nenette Chuan	Brian Ridder	Ason Median
		Cheryl McCaffery	
		Rachel Porio	
Altar Servers	Paul Reddy	Kc Sebial	Isabelle McCaffery
	Candice Wessling	Natalia Mirago	Elijah Alitin



We want postage stamps from your Christmas greeting cards...

The Salesian Missions use the old stamps that are passed on to them to raise funds and this goes towards Salesian Education and relief work in developing nations.

Yes, the Post man does not have to stop by often...but on that rare occasion he does...and on that envelope...if there is a stamp, can you please pass this on to us...instead of throwing it in the bin!!! A small gesture, lending a big helping hand.




We have placed a collection box for stamps in the Parish office.


Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year from Daisy Hill and Southside Family Day Care



Our Office will be closed from Thursday 24th December and will re-open on Monday 4th January




Parish Office hours during the Christmas season



The Parish office will close for Christmas at 12.30 pm on 24th December and open again at 9.00 am on the 29th December.

Similarly, Office will close at 12.30 pm on 31st December open at 9.00 am on the 4th January 2016 for the New Year.

We wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.




Parish of St Edward the Confessor
Christmas Season Mass timings

Thursday, December 24
 Carols 6.45 PM
 Christmas Vigil: 7 PM


Christmas Midnight Mass : 12 AM
 Carols from 11.30 pm

Friday, December 25,
 Christmas Day: 8.30 am

Friday, January 1, 2016
 New Year's day Mass, 8.30 am



St Eddies Men's Group



*Merry Christmas
 and
 Happy New Year
 We are on a Christmas Break
 Wishing all parishioners a caring
 and spiritual Christmas*

St Edward's Seniors Group


Thank you to the Seniors for a great year this year.

* I had an enjoyable time with you all.

* I wish you all a happy and holy Christmas and may God bless you and keep you over this special time.

* **We will meet again for mass and morning tea on Tuesday 9th February, 2016.**

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