



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 18, 2005

THE CHILD TO BE BORN WILL BE CALLED HOLY, THE SON OF GOD.

—Luke 1:35

Dear Parishioners,

In our parish, Christmas is a special time of year when we turn our attention away from whatever problems confront us to the joyful brightness of the light of Christ. We seem to remember that we really are one people united in Christ.

On behalf of Fr. Jerry, Fr. Jack, and Fr. Jim, I invite you to join us in our celebration of Christ, the Light of the World. I thank you for your support in every way throughout the past year, and I wish you the warmth and joy of this bright Christmas season.

Sincerely,

Rev. Guillermo Rodriguez

Administrator

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Saturday, December 24 Vigil Masses

5:30 p.m. (English)

9:00 p.m. (Spanish)

Sunday, December 25

7:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. (English)

8:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. (Spanish)

There will be no confessions on Saturday, December 24th or Saturday, December 31st.

*Come,
Lord Jesus*



CHRISTMAS IS ONLY ONE WEEK AWAY!

And that means we are accepting your donations of red, white or pink poinsettias to help decorate our church. Please bring them to the Rectory **BEFORE THIS COMING FRIDAY**. There are also flower offering envelopes available in the pews today. Thank you for helping to make our church beautiful for our celebration of the Incarnation of Jesus Christ.

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

*Carolyn Aldapa, Charlie Welty, Gary Call,
Jo Mary Thomason*

THANK YOU...AGAIN!

What can we say, you did it again! You reached out and helped a stranger in need. Because of your good will, we raised over \$350.00 at our Advent suppers to give to those in need at Christmas.

The Peace and Justice organization thanks St. Matthew parishioners for your very generous support. We would also like to thank Comunidad for the delicious food fest they provided on Dec. 5th. And where would we be without the generosity of Dave Kennedy's time in coordinating this event and his chef-like ability in cooking the lasagna! Thank you, thank you!!!

YOUR GENEROSITY IS APPRECIATED

Comunidad will be outside the church today giving you a final opportunity to contribute toward Christmas Charity. Money collected will be given to St. Matthew's St. Vincent de Paul Society in order to assist those in need in our community.

CALENDARS ARE AVAILABLE TODAY

You may take one or several calendars home with you as you leave the church today. The calendars are complimentary of All Souls Mortuary.

HAVE YOU REMEMBERED YOUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL OR TRUST?

For further information, please contact H. Richard Closson, Director, Trust and Estate Programs 213.637.7472 / HRClosson@la-archdiocese.org.

JOIN US TO PRAY THE ROSARY on Saturday mornings at 8:30a.m. in the church.

END OF THE YEAR STATEMENTS

The parish office will send end-of-the-year contribution statements to parishioners who request one. You may contact us in several ways:

Phone: 562.439.0931 x 0

Email: stmatt@stmatthewlb.org

Drop a note to us via the contribution basket.

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

First Reading: Isaiah 52:7-10

Second Reading: Hebrews 1:1-6

Gospel: John 1:1-18

PRAY FOR OUR DEAD

Edgar Lanuza, Shuzo Okamoto