

Fourth Sunday of Advent, Year B & Merry Christmas
December 24, 2023

***NOTRE DAME DE LOURDES
CATHOLIC CHURCH
LLC SERIES #207***

***Church Location: 210 N Carbon
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WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

If you would like to learn about
Notre Dame de Lourdes Church,
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435-637-1846

Or visit our website:

www.notredameprice.com

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We are glad you're here!

Notre Dame de Lourdes is a Catholic parish
in Price, Utah. We are a parish of more than
400 families, continuing to grow every day.
At Notre Dame, we are an amazing Catholic
community focused on prayer, family,
evangelization, and stewardship.

**THANK YOU FOR JOINING US FOR
THIS WEEKEND!**

Please observe silence in the Church &
Chapel.

Please put your cell phones in silent mode.
Please do not chew gum in the church.

SACRAMENTS

CONFESSIONS: After the 5:30 p.m. Mass on Saturdays, Tuesday to Friday after Daily Mass and the 2nd and 4th Saturdays from 11 am to 12 pm.

BAPTISM: Preparation classes are held the third Sunday of the month. Please contact Mike and Della Gurule at 637-9025. For the Baptism celebration, please contact Father Dass.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA): Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Please contact Toni Bettino at the Parish Office.

MARRIAGE: Couples planning to marry must contact Father Dass at the Parish Office at least 6 months before their expected wedding date, so there will be adequate time for required preparation programs.

THE SICK OR HOMEBOUND: Please notify the Parish Office at 637-1846 of any member of the family (with their permission) who is unable to attend Mass, so that the Eucharist may be brought to the home. If the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is required, please call the office. In an emergency, please call the Rectory, 435-636-8124 at any time.

MASS TIMES

Daily Masses: Tuesday-Friday 8 a.m. at Hope Centre, Regina Caeli Chapel

SATURDAY/SABADO

4 p.m. Good Shepherd

5:30 p.m. N.D. Church

SUNDAY/DOMINGO

8 a.m. N.D. Church

9:30 a.m. San Rafael Mission

11 a.m., N.D. Church

5 p.m. St. Michael's in G. R.

CONFESSIONS AT N.D.

Tuesday to Friday from 8:30 am and 12-1 pm

Every Saturday After Vigil Mass

2nd & 4th Saturday from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

First Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. at N.D.

2nd and 4th Saturday: 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. at N.D.

2nd Sunday: 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. at Huntington

1st Saturday: 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. at East Carbon

PRAYERS FOR: Everyone in our community and throughout the world. Family Alamillo, Crystal Alvarado, Anonymous individuals, Judy Ardohain, Meleah Arriola Andrea E. Bernabey, Gale Barnes, Lena Bueno, Yerald Bustillos, Rogelio Bustillos, The Caceres Family, Gustavo Caceres, Joyce Cammans, Jeff Carlon, Bill Carson, David Cartwright, Alicia L. Castro, Judy Marinoni Cobb, Bernice Chavez, Robert Colunga, James & Anna Cordova, Bert Collins, Johnny D'Ambrosio, Gary Denhalter, Margaret Ellis, Henry Etzel, Tony Falsone, Jr., Thelma Flores, Marian Garcia, Navarro Garcia, William H. Garcia, Tonya Gianini, Judy Halverson, Danon Scott Henrie, Hector R. Hernandez, Lourdes Hernandez, Rodolfo Hernandez, Roy Hofer, Candy and Johnny Jacquez, Cassady Jaramillo, Catherine Judd, Luann Koch, Jose Miguel Landeros, Family of Tapia Lemus, Martin Leon, Familia de Manzo Leon, Ricardo de Loera, Paul Leturgez, Gilberto Madrid, Matthew Markakis, Grayson Manley, Jack & Mag Marinac, Margi Martinez, Sr. Frances Meyer, D.C., Dr. Daniel Monahan, Pam Montoya, Yvonne Oliver, Jana Olsen, Levi Olson, Frank Ori, Jr., Frank Ori, Sr. Rudy Ortiz, Alma Osuna y Familia, Jesus Osuna, Pedro Osuna, Eligie Padilla, Kaylene Pearson, Dick Perea, Andrew Perla, Rita Reoch, Dorothy Rivera, Tiffany Robinson, Darlene Romero, Clara Rutherford, Anita Salazar, Florentino Sanchez, Jim Sanchez, Hank Sandoval, Sylvia Schick, Franki Lupo Schmidt, Jamie Sicilia, Cordy Shiner, Melanie Simon, Magali & Daniel Smith, Mariella Sorensen, Naomi Taberna, Judy & Juan Tapia, Family of Tellez, Jim Thompson, Saige Travis, Mark Tuttle, Jim & Ramona Valdez, Viola Valdez, Alex & Robert Valles, Arlene Vuksinick, Mia W., Clint Warren, Brianna Welch and Robyn White. *If you or someone you know is seriously ill, cannot get out, and are not able to attend Mass, and have given their permission to have their name placed on the prayer list, please call the office, and give us their name. I will add them to our prayer list.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bingo is on the first and third Fridays of the month, at 6:00 p.m. in the church basement. Bingo is not held during Lent.
Prayer Group every 1st. and 3rd. Tuesdays, 5:45 -6:45 p.m., in the Church Basement.

The Sewing Group meets every Tuesday, from 12 noon – 3 p.m., in the Hall - Please come and enjoy quilting together.
Knights of Columbus: John Flores, Grand Knight: Meet the second Saturday of each month, at 9 a.m., in the Church Basement.

Boy Scouts, Mark Mackiewicz, Scoutmaster - 637-5416

Misa en español, cada jueves a las 6 p.m., Notre Dame Misa en español segundo martes, a las 6:00 p.m., San Rafael Misión.

Every Second Sunday, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 8:30 – 9:30 a.m., at **San Rafael Mission.**

The Catholic Youth Club (ages 13-21) meets every 3rd Sunday from noon to 1 p.m., at the Center. RCIA is on Sunday morning beginning at 9 a.m. in the Center. Contact Toni at 435-820-0097.

The New Women's Group meet on the 2nd and 4th Wed. of the month in the Church Basement at 6PM. Every woman is invited to attend.

Coffee and Donuts will be served after the 8 a.m. and the 11 a.m. Masses on Sundays.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT continues on the First Friday of each month. Adoration will begin after the 8 a.m. Mass, in the Chapel, and ends at 12 noon. At 12 noon, the priest will give a special blessing, on the Second and Fourth Saturday, in the chapel from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. and Every Third Thursday, in the Church from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

THE DIOCESE OF SALT LAKE CITY is committed to protecting children and young people. If you are aware of abuse or have been abused by clerics, Church volunteers, or Church employees, contact the Division of Child and Family Services at 855-323-3237. For pastoral assistance, please contact the Diocesan Pastoral Center at 888-414-8641.

WE ARE IN NEED of more Volunteers to work in the Kitchen and to help deliver for the food Outreach Group on Fridays. If you are interested or want more information, Please contact Terry at 435-650-7437.

THE ENVELOPE BOXES ARE READY TO BE PICKED UP DOWNSTAIRS: Please don't forget to pick up your envelope boxes downstairs. The calendars haven't come in yet. As soon as they do, they will be added downstairs. THIS WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN THE BULLETIN WHEN THEY ARRIVE. They should be here by the end of December.

"Perhaps one of your friends has become pregnant unexpectedly. As someone who has been there, I encourage you to support your friend in her new journey of being a mother." Learn how at respectlife.org/support-her.: USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities ; "10 Ways to Support Her When She's Unexpectedly Expecting".

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE: *4th Sunday of Advent: "Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!" – Luke 1:28*
After Jesus, we look to Mary as an ideal steward. Her entire life was lived in obedience to God's call. Mary teaches us to live with joy for all we have been given. Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, Mary reflects the light of Christ. Like Mary, we are called to reflect Christ's light to the world through our gratitude and generosity.

Readings: Dec. 124 : 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14c-16, Psalm 89:2-5, 26, 28, Romans 16:25-27, Luke 1:26-38

Please pray for the Special Intention of Pope Francis to receive plenary indulgences: Dec. For persons with disabilities: We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the center of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.

Ministers Schedule: Dec. 24 & 25 , 2023 (Christmas Mass)

	5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Lector:		Alayne Carrillo	Della & Mike Gurule
E. M.:	Madalene Williams	Rosario Cano	
Alter Server:	Brayden & Manny	Rey Cano & Zander	

Ministers Schedule: Dec. 30 &31, 2023

	5:30 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Lector:	Alayne Carrillo	Jeffrey Vasquez	Kathy D' Ambrosio
E. M.:	Catherine Kane	Ruby Vasquez	Madalene Williams
Alter Server:	Zander Carrillo	Micah Flores	Rey Cano

Mass Intentions for the week of Dec. 24-31, 2023

Saturday	G.S. 4 p.m.	+Albert Oppocher & Albert Oppocher, Jr. (by Peggy & Family)
	N.D. 5:30 p.m.	+Kathy Colosimo (by George & Su Compagni)
	S.R.M. 6:00 p.m.	+Arch Allred (by Juanita Richard)
Sunday	N.D. 8:00 a.m.	For the People
	S.R.M. 5:00 p.m.	+Deceased Members of S.R.M. (by Kathi Kearney)
	N.D. 5:00 p.m.	+Judy Peczuh (by Paula Seely)
	G.S. 7:00 p.m.	+Donald, Regina & Patrick Hope
	N.D. 11:00 p.m.	+Mark Carrillo (by Carol Henrie)
Monday	N.D. 11:00 a.m.	For the People
Tuesday	N.D. 8:00 a.m.	+Alan Davido (by George & Sue)
Wednesday	N.D. 8:00 a.m.	+Leon Pilling (by Leslie Smoak)
	G.S. 9:15 a.m.	No Mass
Thursday	N.D. 8:00 a.m.	+Kathy Colosimo (by John & Leslie Tallerico)
	N.D. 6:00 p.m.	+
Friday	N.D. 8:00 a.m.	+Joe & Mary Falsone Colosimo (by Margaret & Kathy Colosimo)
Saturday	G.S. 4:00 p.m.	+James Eaquinto (by Rosalyn & Randy Gunderson)
	N.D. 5:30 p.m.	+Tony J. Counsil (by Judy Beacco)
Sunday	N.D. 8:00 a.m.	Livestreaming: For the People
	S.R.M. 9:30 a.m.	+Archie Allred (by Joni, Jeenifer, Charlie and Jolynn)
	N.D. 11:00 a.m.	+Pauline & Philip Vea (by Gayle & Barbara Blackburn)
	S.M. 5:00 p.m.	+Deceased of the Valles Family (by the Family)

**Calendars of 2024 are available in the Basement of the Church.
Please Take.**

Homily for the 4th Sunday of Advent Year B, 2023 – Pope Francis

On this Fourth and final Sunday of Advent, the Gospel proposes to us once again the account of the Annunciation. “Rejoice” says the angel to Mary, “you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus” (Lk 1:28, 31). It seems to be an announcement of pure joy, destined to make the Virgin happy. Who among the women of that time, did not dream of becoming the mother of the Messiah? But along with joy, those words foretell a great trial to Mary. Why? Because at that time she was “betrothed” (v. 27).

In such cases, the Law of Moses stated that there should be no relations or cohabitation. Therefore, by having a son, Mary would have transgressed the Law, and the punishment for women was terrible: stoning (cf. Dt 22:20-21). Certainly, the divine message would have filled Mary’s heart with light and strength; nevertheless, she found herself faced with a crucial decision: to say “yes” to God, risking everything, even her life, or to decline the invitation and continue along her ordinary journey.

What does she do? She responds thus: “Let it be to me according to your word” (Lk 1:38). “*Let it be*” (“*Fiat*”). But in the language in which the Gospel is written, it is not simply “let it be”. The verbal expression indicates a strong desire; it indicates the will that something happen. In other words, Mary does not say: “If it has to happen, let it happen..., if it cannot be otherwise...”. It is not resignation. She does not express a weak and submissive acceptance, but rather she expresses a strong desire, a sincere desire. She is not passive, she is active. She does not defer to God, she cleaves to God. She is a woman in love prepared to serve her Lord completely and immediately. She could have asked for a little time to think it over, or even for more explanations about what would happen; perhaps she could have set some conditions.... Instead, she does not take her time, she does not keep God waiting, she does not delay.

How often — let us think of ourselves now — how often our life is made up of postponements, even the spiritual life! For example, I know it is good for me to pray, but today I do not have time ... “tomorrow, tomorrow, tomorrow, tomorrow”. We postpone things: I will do it tomorrow. I know it is important to help someone — yes, I must do it: I will do it tomorrow. It is the same chain of tomorrows ... postponing things. Today, on the threshold of Christmas, Mary invites us not to postpone, to say “yes”: “Do I have to pray? — Yes” — and I pray. “Do I have to help others? — Yes”. “How shall I do it?” — I do it. Without putting it off. Every “yes” costs something; every “yes” has its cost, but it still costs less than what that courageous “yes” cost her, that prompt “yes”, that “*let it be to me according to your word*”, which brought us salvation.

What, then is the “yes” we can say? Instead of complaining in these difficult times about what the pandemic prevents us from doing, let us do something for someone who has less: not the umpteenth gift for ourselves and our friends, but for a person in need whom no one thinks of! And another piece of advice: in order for Jesus to be born in us, let us prepare our hearts, let us go to pray, let us not let ourselves be swept up by consumerism. “Ah, I have to buy presents, I must do this and that”. That frenzy of doing things, more and more. It is Jesus that is important. Consumerism is not found in the manger in Bethlehem: there is reality, poverty, love. Let us prepare our hearts to be like Mary’s: free of evil, welcoming, ready to receive God.

“*Let it be to me according to your word*”. This is the Virgin’s last word on this last Sunday of Advent, and it is the invitation to take a genuine step towards Christmas. For if the birth of Jesus does not touch our lives — mine, yours, everyone’s — if it does not touch our lives, it slips past us in vain. May Our Lady help us to say it with our lives, with our approach to these last days, to prepare ourselves well for Christmas.

Homily for Christmas– Pope Francis

Tonight, the great prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled: “***For to us a child is born, to us a son is given***” (Is 9:6).

To us a son is given. We often hear it said that the greatest joy in life is the birth of a child. It is something extraordinary and it changes everything. It brings an excitement that makes us think nothing of weariness, discomfort and sleepless nights, for it fills us with a great, incomparable happiness. That is what Christmas is: the birth of Jesus is the “newness” that enables us to be reborn each year and to find, in him, the strength needed to face every trial. Why? Because his birth is for us – for me, for you, for all of us, for everyone. “*For*” is a word that appears again and again on this holy night: “*For us* a child is born”, Isaiah prophesied. “*For us* is born this day a Saviour”, we repeated in the Psalm. Jesus “gave himself *for us*” (Tit 2:14), Saint Paul tells us, and in the Gospel the angel proclaims: “*For to you* is born this day a Saviour” (Lk 2:11). ***For me, for you.***

Yet what do those words – *for us* – really mean? They mean that the Son of God, the one who is holy by nature, came to make us, as God’s children, holy by grace. Yes, God came into the world as a child to make us children of God. What a magnificent gift! This day, God amazes us and says to each of us: “You are amazing”. Dear sister, dear brother, never be discouraged. *Are you tempted to feel you were a mistake?* God tells you, “No, you are *my* child!” Do you have a feeling of failure or inadequacy, the fear that you will never emerge from the dark tunnel of trial? God says to you, “Have courage, I am with you”. He does this not in words, but by making himself a child with you and for you. In this way, he reminds you that the starting point of all rebirth is the recognition that we are children of God. This is the starting point for any rebirth. This is the undying heart of our hope, the incandescent core that gives warmth and meaning to our life. Underlying all our strengths and weaknesses, stronger than all our past hurts and failures, or our fears and concerns about the future, there is this great truth: we are beloved sons and daughters. God’s love for us does not, and never will, depend upon us. It is *completely free love*. Tonight cannot be explained in any other way: it is purely grace. Everything is grace. The gift is *completely free*, unearned by any of us, pure grace. Tonight, Saint Paul tells us, “the grace of God has appeared” (*Tit* 2:11). Nothing is more precious than this.

To us a son is given. The Father did not give us a thing, an object; he gave his own only-begotten Son, who is all his joy. Yet if we look at our ingratitude towards God and our injustice towards so many of our brothers and sisters, a doubt can arise. Was the Lord right in giving us so much? Is he right still to trust us? Does he not overestimate us? Of course, he overestimates us, and he does this because he is madly in love with us. He cannot help but love us. That is the way he is, so different from ourselves. God always loves us with a greater love than we have for ourselves. This is his secret for entering our hearts. God knows that the only way to save us, to heal us from within, is by loving us: there is no other way. He knows that we become better only by accepting his *unfailing love*, an unchanging love that changes us. Only the love of Jesus can transform our life, heal our deepest hurts and set us free from the vicious circles of disappointment, anger and constant complaint.

To us a son is given. In the lowly manger of a darkened stable, the Son of God is truly present. But this raises yet another question. Why was he born at night, without decent accommodation, in poverty and rejection, when he deserved to be born as the greatest of kings in the finest of palaces? Why? To make us understand the immensity of his love for our human condition: even to touching the depths of our poverty with his *concrete love*. The Son of God was born an outcast, in order to tell us that every outcast is a child of God. He came into the world as each child comes into the world, weak and vulnerable, so that we can learn to accept our weaknesses with tender love. And to discover something important: as he did in Bethlehem, so too with us, God loves to work wonders through our poverty. He placed the whole of our salvation in the manger of a stable. He is unafraid of our poverty, so let us allow his mercy to transform it completely!

This is what it means to say that a son is born *for us*. Yet we hear that word “*for*” in another place, too. The angel proclaims to the shepherds: “This will be a sign *for you*: a baby lying in a manger” (*Lk* 2:12). That sign, the Child in the manger, is also a sign for us, to guide us through life. In Bethlehem, a name that means “House of Bread”, God lies in a manger, as if to remind us that, in order to live, we need him, like the bread we eat. We need to be filled with his *free, unfailing and concrete* love. How often instead, in our hunger for entertainment, success and worldly pleasures, do we nourish life with food that does not satisfy and leaves us empty within! The Lord, through the prophet Isaiah, complained that, while the ox and the donkey know their master’s crib, we, his people, do not know him, the source of our life (cf. *Is* 1:2-3). It is true: in our endless desire for possessions, we run after any number of *mangers* filled with ephemeral things, and forget the manger of Bethlehem. That manger, poor in everything yet rich in love, teaches that true nourishment in life comes from letting ourselves be loved by God and loving others in turn. Jesus gives us the example. He, the Word of God, becomes an infant; he does not say a word, but offers life. We, on the other hand, are full of words, but often have *so little to say* about *goodness*.

To us a son is given. Jesus, you are the Child who makes me a child. You love me as I am, not as I imagine myself to be; this I know! In embracing you, the Child of the manger, I once more embrace my life. In welcoming you, the Bread of life, I too desire to give my life. You, my Saviour, teach me to serve. You who did not leave me alone, help me to comfort your brothers and sisters, for you know that, from this night forward, all are my brothers and sisters.