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For helpful information and guidance regarding Infant Baptism, please go to our website www.stbrunochurch.org. We are pleased to assist your family with this first and important Sacrament. If you have questions after reviewing the website, please email Baptism@stbrunochurch.org.



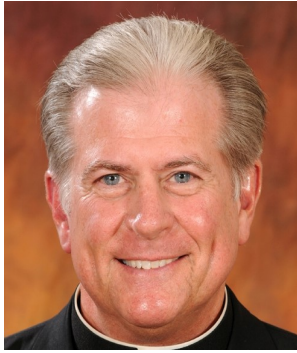
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Gospel Reflections 4th Sunday of Advent December 21st 2025

Mary is in trouble...

The Gospel affirms she is seriously close to losing her life. She knows it ...and Joseph does too.

Archaeologists affirm that in the ancient world *the most important thing of all was the public honor and prosperity of your family*. You ensured your family would have both ...by passing on your family assets to your own children.

However, you also had to ensure that everyone knew the origin of every child. No one wanted to pass on the family farm to someone else's kid! That would be a fatal family dishonor.

The penalty for any woman with a child of uncertain origin could be death. That is how important this issue was. As Mary is approaching the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem, *Mary is facing death*, which would have brought everything, and your salvation, to a halt! She is in serious trouble!

The Angel Gabriel made it clear to Mary how her child would conceive, and the Angel in today's Gospel assured Joseph that all was well, but no one in their hometown of Nazareth, or their relatives in Bethlehem had this knowledge. For all they knew, this was a child of unknown origin, the worst shame for any family at that time.

This is where the honorable character of Joseph came to the rescue. Most likely, and the Church allows this possibility, Joseph might have been married before, had several children, but became a widower. Now he is an older and much respected person in Nazareth. It was his honorable character that enabled him to hold off harm to Mary. He found the courage to do so because of the Angel's message.

That message also reveals that both the actions of God and your own character count! The Christmas events that we too often take for granted only happened by the actions of *both* the Holy Spirit and honorable people like Joseph and Mary.

Christmas will happen in your life today with that same cooperation. God will do His part, and you must do yours.

Advent is a thoughtful time every year to reflect on your own character and openness to the Holy Spirit acting within you. Where can you show that courage and openness to the Holy Spirit now?

Your behavior just might make a new Christmas birth of Jesus happen in your life today!



God bless!

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ST. BRUNO NEWS

WAYS TO GIVE

I hope you will join me in making this important resource for our St. Bruno families happen!

In our Catholic faith, money is the power to make something good happen. That means helping St. Bruno parishioners meet Our Lord in every sacrament, parish event, or new building project, so your gifts are always and only for that purpose. Here are ways you can help build your new Hall for All. Our Archdiocesan professionals are also ready to help with assistance in Estate Planning and Real Estate gifts for St. Bruno. Our Non-Profit Tax Number is 95-1957493. Your gifts can also be made over a five year period.

DIRECT CASH GIFTS:

You may make your five year pledge by check, credit card, or authorize your bank to make direct deposits to our *St. Bruno Church Hall for All*. Checks can be dropped at the office, or in the *Hall for All* envelopes in the Sunday collection.

STOCKS, BONDS, IRA, & ANNUITY GIFTS:

You may also direct these special gifts to *St. Bruno Church Hall For All*. Your financial advisor can also direct your IRA and various Annuity gifts to support this important project for our parish and school families.

REAL ESTATE PROPERTIES:

These are gifts of a home or other properties that you would like to donate. Our Archdiocesan Office will assist you with these gifts for our *St. Bruno Church Hall for All*. Contact Michael Davitt at mtdavitt@la-archdiocese.org to establish your gift.

ESTATE PLANNING:

These are gifts donated according to your wishes about how your estate will be dispersed, such as in a Charitable Remainder Trust. Our Archdiocesan Office will assist you with these gifts for our *St. Bruno Church Hall for All*. Contact Karen Dunphy at kdunphy@la-archdiocese.org for your gift.

Your donations, by law, can only be used for the purpose for which you give them. They are sacred gifts for the mission of St. Bruno Church and School. For a fuller understanding of how parish and Archdiocesan finances work, please see my article at stbrunochurch.org, and click on *Fr. Dave's Articles*.

Please always feel free to contact me with any questions.

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Want to hear a homily you missed? Check out the recordings at stbrunochurch.org/homilies.

Have you remembered the HALL in your Will or Trust?



To set up your gift, please contact Karen Dunphy at 213-637-7510 or Kdunphy@la-archdiocese.org

Town Hall Q & A

Fr. Dave will be present after every Sunday noon Mass in the Church for a general Town Hall Q & A session on any question you might have on any topic.

Weekly Giving

Sunday Collection	12/14	\$17,029
Weekly Online Giving		10,209
Total Contributions		\$27,238

Thank you for your generosity!

ST. BRUNO EVENTS

Christmas Schedule



CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

Wednesday, December 24, 2025

4:00 PM - in the Church

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6:30 PM - in the Church

Midnight - in the Church

Musical Prelude begins at 11:30 PM

- Parish Center closed at noon •

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

Thursday, December 25, 2025

8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM

NO EVENING MASS ON CHRISTMAS DAY

- Parish Center closed on December 25th and Friday, December 26th •

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Wednesday, December 31, 2025

No Evening Mass

- Parish Center closed at noon •

2026 NEW YEAR'S DAY, SOLEMNITY OF MARY

Thursday Mass 9:00 AM

- Parish Center closed on January 1st and 2nd •



Church Decorating Help Needed

Christmas is here and your decorating help will be deeply appreciated on:

December 24th, 9 - 11 AM

Please call Barbara Penland-Maun at 562-652-2867 to help.



Poinsettias

Please help us decorate our sanctuary by bringing a poinsettia or two.

Poinsettias can be dropped off at the Parish Center.



Bible Study: Unlocking The Sunday Mass Readings

Would you like to better understand the Sunday Readings and discover how they connect to your life? Join us as we dive into Scripture and grow in faith together.

Thursdays, 7:00-8:40PM

January 8th- February 12th

To join or learn more, contact Blaise Mikkelson at mikkelsonb@yahoo.com

Bereavement Support Group

Journeying Through Grief Bereavement Support Group will host a 6 week program for those grieving the death of a loved one. We will meet on Thursdays January 8 - February 12, 2026 from 6:30 - 8:00 PM. Please RSVP by January 4, 2026 to Cathy Narvaez at 562-631-8844 or bereavement.ministry@yahoo.com.

Catholic Men's Fellowship

Speaker Meeting: Our next meeting will be Saturday, January 3rd after the 8:00 AM Mass until 10:30 AM. All men are welcome.

Discussion Meeting: Wednesday, January 14th from 7:00-8:30 PM in the Parish Center.

For further information, call Dave Zofrea at 562-221-2544.



Eagle's Wings

Eagle's Wings is a support group for those experiencing a life-changing illness. Our conversations take place in a friendly and confidential atmosphere. We meet every Thursday from 10:00 - 11:30 AM in the Parish Center. For more information, please contact Monica Radel at 562-631-6708.

Bethlehem Christian Families (The Holy Land) This Weekend

The Bethlehem Christian Families are here to sell their hand carved religious articles made of olive wood. The sale of these precious articles supports their Church Mission which is to maintain the roots and the existence of the Christian Families who are struggling to remain in Bethlehem.



We invite you to a Rosary Rally on **Saturday, January 10th** at **12 PM** (duration about 1 hour). It will be located in La Habra, on the northwest corner of Imperial Hwy. and Beach Blvd. All are welcome!

Bulletin Sponsors January - July 2026

New sponsorship opportunities for the next advertisement cycle begin in January. Support your parish community and the publishing of the bulletin while helping your business altogether. If you are interested, for more details and further information please contact Acro Printing at 562-945-9638.



Safeguard the Children DID YOU KNOW?

Check Christmas presents for button batteries and other hazards

Many parents will be spending the next few days assembling (and reassembling) their children's gifts, and it's important to be on the lookout for potential hazards, including button batteries and small parts. A couple of safety tips include following age guidance and other safety information on toy packaging; getting safety gear, including helmets, for scooters and other riding toys; and keeping small balls and toys with small parts away from children younger than age 3. For more information, visit <https://www.cpsc.gov/Safety-Education/Safety-Education-Centers/Holiday-Safety>.

For these we pray:

Hector Alatorre, Evaristo Alonzo, Leticia Baeza, Michael Bernwanger, Deborah Burrola, Becky Cleary, Ron Corabio, Ciera Dean, Bryana Erazo, SC Foy, Silvia Gonzalez, Joe Heredia, Carmen and Fernando Jacobo, Gerry Cleary Knowles, Darryl Merlino, Anna Mestaz, Mario Mestaz, Veronica Mestaz, Terry Narvaez, Irma Del Rio Navarro, Christina Peterson, Roger Pritchard, Anthony Rangel, Clark Robins, Art Rodriguez, Gloria Rosas, Marilyn Schirmer, DeAnn Soto, Sharon Wells, Martin Wheeler, Mike Zucarro, Steve Zuccaro, Cindy Zwinggi, and un-born babies.



MASSSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY • December 22, 2025

6:30 am — Louise Arce, R.I.P.
Priscilla Bryan, R.I.P.

TUESDAY • December 23, 2025

8:00 am — Michael Dandurand, R.I.P.
Dolores Coumparoules, R.I.P.
Betty Horne, R.I.P.

WEDNESDAY • December 24, 2025

6:30 am — Mary Gordo, R.I.P.
Rey Daclison, R.I.P.
4:00 pm — Intention of Mary Quinn
4:00 pm — Evan Ennis & Donna Terry, R.I.P.
6:30 pm — Joseph & Scott Slate, R.I.P.
12:00 am — Martin Patrick Cleary, R.I.P.

THURSDAY • December 25, 2025

8:00 am — Intention of Liam Moreno
10:00 am — Fr. Jim Bradley, R.I.P.
12:00 pm — Garrett Hayward, R.I.P.

FRIDAY • December 26, 2025

6:30 am — Mary Michiluk, R.I.P.
Dalisy Samson, R.I.P.

SATURDAY • December 27, 2025

8:00 am — Gilda M. Padilla, R.I.P.
Intention of Lupe Wehr
5:30 pm — Antonio Balandra, R.I.P.

SUNDAY • December 28, 2025

7:30 am — Intention of Patrick Hart
9:00 am — Mass for the people of St. Bruno Parish
10:30 am — Richie Sanchez, R.I.P.
12:00 pm — Angela Morales, R.I.P.
5:30 pm — Albert Corral, Jr., R.I.P.