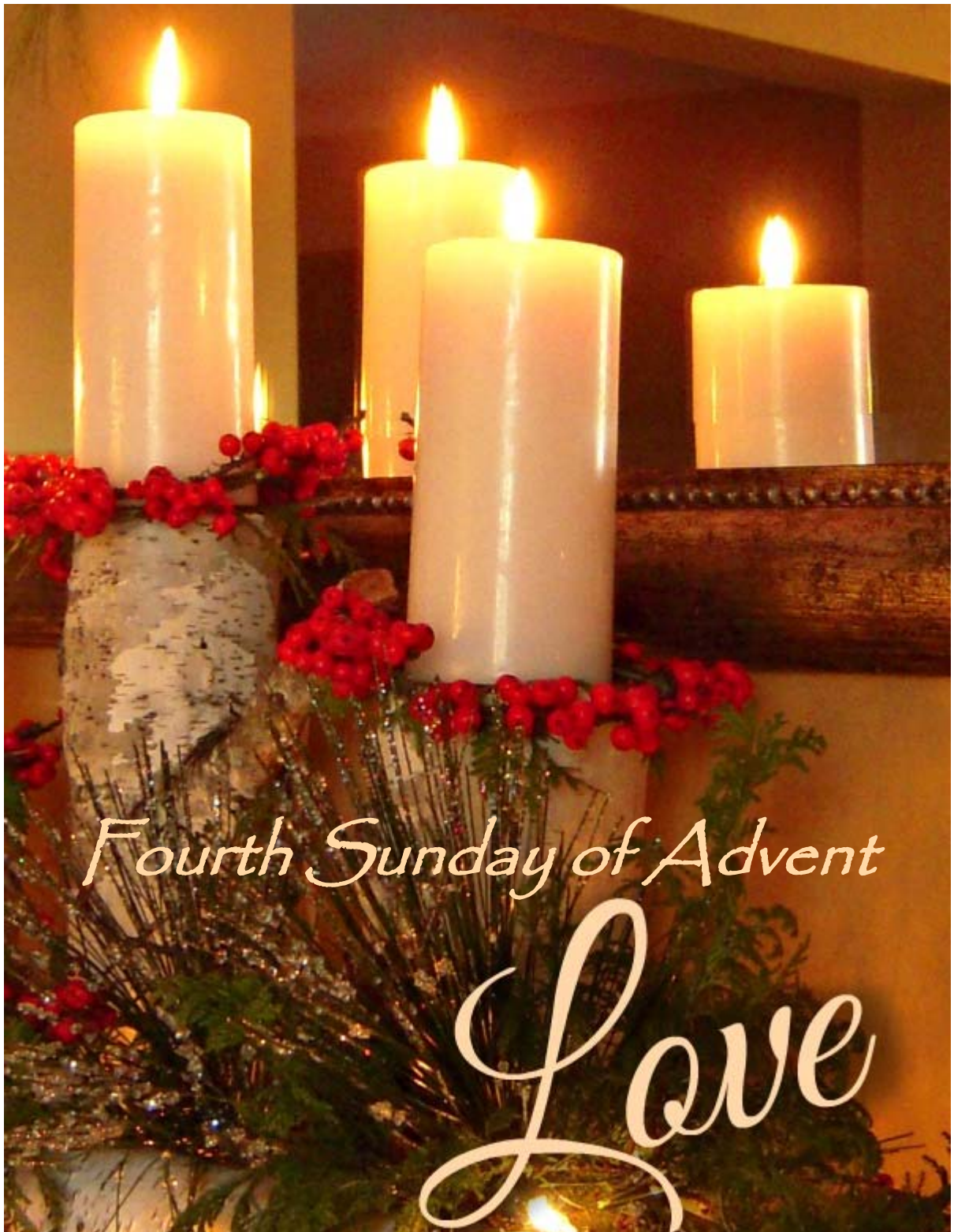




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# Our Lady Queen of the Apostles



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## Parish Directory

100 Crestwood Blvd. S., Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411

**Office Hours:** Monday to Friday 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM  
Closed daily from 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM for lunch  
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## Permanent Deacons

Deacon Rodney Brimlow  
Deacon Bob Laquerre

## Parish Staff

|                                  |                  |
|----------------------------------|------------------|
| Business Manager/<br>Stewardship | Jim Duemig       |
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| Bookkeeper                       | Chris Winters    |
| Administrative Assistant         | Sharyn Garcia    |
| Receptionist/Office Assistant    | Arlene Laquerre  |
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| Parish Maintenance               | Tom Schmidt      |
|                                  | Ryan Winters     |
|                                  | Nick DeLapi      |
| Youth Music Director             | Thomas J. Marino |
| Parish Catechetical Leaders      | Barb Grinder     |
|                                  | Kim Grinder      |

## Mass, Confession and Adoration Schedule

|                     |  |
|---------------------|--|
| Saturday Vigil      | 4:30 PM  |
|                     | 6:00 PM (Spanish)  |
| Sunday              | 8:00 AM, 9:45 AM, 11:30 AM                                       |
|                     | 6:00 PM  |
| Weekday Masses      | 8:00 AM (Monday-Saturday)  |
| Friday              | 12 Noon (September-May)  |
| Holy Days           | 8:00 AM, 12 Noon, 7:30 PM  |
| Saturday Confession | 2:30 - 3:30 PM   |
| Adoration           | Monday through Friday<br>7 AM - 7 PM and<br>Saturday 7 AM - 4 PM |

**NOTE:** Adoration is closed when the office is closed.

## Masses Intentions

### SATURDAY

4:30 PM

6:00 PM

### SUNDAY

8:00 AM

9:45 AM

11:30 AM

6:00 PM

### MONDAY

8:00 AM

4:00 PM

6:00 PM

Midnight

### TUESDAY

8:00 AM

9:45 AM

11:30 AM

1:00 PM

### WEDNESDAY

8:00 AM

### THURSDAY

8:00 AM

### FRIDAY

8:00 AM

Noon

### SATURDAY

8:00 AM

4:30 PM

6:00 PM

### SUNDAY

8:00 AM

9:45 AM

11:30 AM

6:00 PM

### DECEMBER 22

+ Tommy Cangelosi  
by Mom and Dad  
+ Margarita Valentin y  
Eugenio Perez  
by Grace Torres y familia

### DECEMBER 23

+ Johnny Matyka  
by Rich and Mary  
+ Jan Crook  
by Betty Lantiere & friends  
at Baywinds  
+ For Our Parishioners  
+ Conrad Lemke  
by the Winters Family

### DECEMBER 24 - Christmas Eve

+ GloriaLee Mog  
by her loving brother  
+ Walter Neto  
by wife and family  
+ Barry Bravo  
by his family  
+ Robert & Natalie Knapp  
by their daughters

### DECEMBER 25 - Christmas

+ Novena  
+ Michel Yves Chancy  
by Georgette Millen  
+ Ismaela Yglesias  
by Alexandra & Jose Calas  
+ Gregorio & Silvia Sobrino  
by Familia Sobrino

### DECEMBER 26

Novena

### DECEMBER 27

Novena

### DECEMBER 28

Novena

Multiple Intentions

### DECEMBER 29

Novena

+ Wayne Baumgardner  
by Theresa Baumgardner  
+ Ornelo Villegas  
by Johnny Villegas y familia

### DECEMBER 30

Novena

+ Arduina Pugliese  
by Derril & Christine Dehne  
+ Amedeo Di Marco  
by Nick & Mary Alessandria  
+ For Our Parishioners

## Readings for the Week

|          |   |
|----------|---|
| Dec. 24: | 2 Sm. 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Lk. 1:67-79        |
| Dec. 25: | Is. 52:7-10; Heb. 1:1-6; Jn. 1:1-18             |
| Dec. 26: | Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Mt. 10:17-22              |
| Dec. 27: | 1 Jn. 1:1-4; Jn. 20:1a, 2-8                     |
| Dec. 28: | 1 Jn. 1:5-2:2; Mt. 2:13-18                      |
| Dec. 29: | 1 Jn. 2:3-11; Lk. 2:22-35                       |
| Dec. 30: | Sir. 3:2-6, 12-14; Col. 3:12-21;<br>Lk. 2:41-52 |

## Parish Events Calendar

### December 23 - 4th Sunday of Advent

K of C Christmas Card sale in pavilion after  
Masses

### December 24 - Christmas Eve

Office is closed

### December 25 - Christmas Day

Office is closed

### December 26

Office is closed

6:00 Band Practice in Choir Loft at 7:00

### December 27

Divine Mercy Prayer Group in Cry Room at 8:30

### December 28

Friday

### December 29

Saturday

### December 30

Youth Group in Celebration Hall at 7:00

### December 31 - New Years Eve

Office is closed

### January 1 - New Years Day

Office is closed

## Sacramental Information

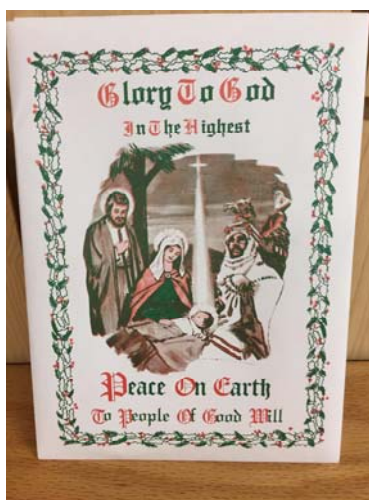
**Baptisms:** Congratulations on the decision to baptize your child in the Catholic Faith! We are here to help you with the process. Please call or stop by the parish office and we will be happy to get you started. Travel plans for out of town guests should not be made until a date for the baptism is confirmed by the parish staff. A meeting with a priest *may* be required. We look forward to hearing from you.

**Marriages:** Please come by the parish office to start your marriage paperwork. Please allow six months to complete the paperwork. A wedding date cannot be set until a priest has been consulted.

**Sick and Homebound:** We are blessed to have a group of volunteers in our parish who are happy to bring Holy Communion to the sick, the hospitalized and the homebound. Please call the parish office to make arrangements. If you or your loved one would like for a priest to visit with the Sacrament of Anointing, please do not hesitate to call us.

## Gift Shop

The parish office will be closed on  
**December 24-26** in celebration of  
Christmas, and on **December 31 and**  
**January 1** in observance of  
the New Year.



Don't  
forget to  
buy your  
Oplatki!



# *Christmas Schedule 2018*

## *Christmas Vigil Masses*

**Monday, December 24**

4:00 (Children's Liturgy with the Youth Choir)

6:00 (Contemporary Music)

## *Christmas Day Masses*

**Tuesday, December 25**

Midnight Mass (Adult Choir) carols begin at 11:30

8:00, 9:45 and 11:30 (Adult Choir)

Spanish Mass at 1:00

## *Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God*

*(Holy Day of Obligation)*

**Monday, December 31**

Vigil Mass at 4:30

**Tuesday, January 1**

8:00 and 12:00 Noon



# Deacon's Corner

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## *Become the Manger of Christ*

In Churches, homes, and even some civic places throughout the world, we see the beautiful, quaint, and charming manger scenes on display. Most certainly, things weren't as pretty, neat, and clean at the time of Jesus' birth. The uncertainties, difficulties, and stresses of it all must have been monumental, yet the Holy Family also shows us peace, perseverance, trust, faith, and hope. The beauty of the manger scene is also one where God is seen in the normal, the every-day places and events of life, among the cattle and sheep, in the city and suburb, in the stable and under the stars. Ordinary people, working people were witnesses, like the inn keeper and shepherds, and so were the exalted, the wealthy, the wise, and the angelic.

In fact, ALL OF CREATION was and is witness to the birth of its Savior, the Son of God, humbled in flesh and born as one of us. All of humanity and all of creation is "good" because the God who *is* Goodness itself sanctified it, touched it, and speaks it into being. This is why we are able to physically and spiritually see the very presence of God himself in creation, in *His* creation, in our world, and in each other. At the celebration of Christmas, we rejoice in the birth of him called "Emmanuel," the name which means "God with us," for he truly is and always will be.

The real gift of Christmas is Jesus. We cannot receive a gift when our arms are filled with all sorts of needless things, and we cannot receive the gift of our Savior when our hearts and lives are filled with all sorts of unnecessary clutter. So much in our lives block and hinder our ability to receive God and his grace. Let's empty ourselves. Let's look upon the simplicity of the nativity scene and reflect on its humility and ordinariness, so that our hearts can be transformed into the manger, the empty feeding trough, where Jesus was laid.

St. Paul reminds us that Jesus came into the world and was born to be the Sacrificial Offering for eternity. No more animal holocausts and offerings on altars to cover sins would suffice, but the Infant Jesus, the unblemished Lamb of God, would offer himself once, in an Eternal Sacrifice, his Passion, for the salvation of the world. His Blessed Mother placed her precious child in a feeding trough on that Most Holy Night. It was an act of maternal love, but, according to God's will, it was a gesture which foretold the greatest act of love in all of salvation history, that of her son Jesus giving himself, both Body and Blood, "real food" and "real drink," in the Eternal Sacrifice "through which we have been consecrated." (HEB 10:10)

Being prepared for our Lord Jesus Christ, emptied of sin, attachments, and all that keeps us from God's grace, we will be emboldened by the Holy Spirit to loudly proclaim for all the world: Rejoice and be glad! Our King has been born. Our Savior has come to set us free. Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. May all praise, honor, and glory be to God, our Heavenly Father, for ever and ever!

*Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his Resurrection; through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*Deacon Rodney*



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## ***PALM BEACH LAPS 4 LIFE***

January 12, 2019, 9:00am – 1:00pm

Cardinal Newman High School  
512 Spencer Drive, West Palm Beach, FL 33409

“Laps 4 Life” is a fundraiser event to provide an ultrasound machine pro-life local pregnancy care center. These ultrasound machines provide abortion-vulnerable pregnant women a new way of viewing the life within them. As a result, thousands of mothers have decided to have their babies instead of choosing abortion.

Donate or join a team online today  
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Questions? Contact Jose L. Calas (561-793-3751)

## ***The Health and Wellness Ministry Presents***

### ***Protect yourself from the Flu***

Flu is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses that infect the nose, throat, and sometimes the lungs. It can cause mild to severe illness, and at times can lead to death. The best way to prevent flu is by getting a flu vaccine each year. Flu activity is starting to increase. Peak season is now to February.

CDC recommends that **every person over 6 months of age receive an annual flu vaccine**. Check with your health care provider or local health department or visit [www.flu.gov](http://www.flu.gov).

The flu vaccine does not make you sick. Be in a state of good health when you receive your vaccination. It takes about 14 days to build full immunity.

Flu vaccine has **many benefits** and is the best way to reduce your risk of flu and its potentially serious consequences.

Protect your family and yourself by getting the flu vaccine.

## **To our PREP students:**

**Merry  
Christmas  
and  
Happy  
New  
Year**

## **January PREP classes:**

**Sundays  
1/13 and 1/20**

**Wednesdays  
1/16 and 1/23**

## *Bible Study*

Bible study will begin again in January.  
Stay tuned for more information!



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### *Prayer for Advent Week 4, Love*

Dear Jesus, may the light of your love  
always shine in our hearts. As Christmas  
draws closer, we marvel at  
your great love for us. Let  
your love transform every  
aspect of our lives and touch  
everyone we encounter. Our  
hearts are open to you ,  
Jesus. Amen.



## **Protection of Children and Young People**

The Catholic Diocese of Palm Beach is committed to the safety and protection of all children and vulnerable adults in its care. All employees and volunteers are background screened and educated in the prevention of abuse. Victims of abuse by Church personnel are encouraged to contact law enforcement. Victims may also contact the diocesan victim assistance coordinator Lorraine Sabatella, 561-801-0999, to begin necessary emotional, psychological and spiritual healing. For more information on diocesan policies and procedures for reporting abuse as well as to view the "USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People," visit [www.diocesepb.org](http://www.diocesepb.org) and click on Offices/ Safe Environments



*Save The Date*

Most Reverend Gerald M. Barbarito, Bishop of Palm Beach, will preside at the celebration of our 35th Annual Anniversary Mass for Married Couples on Saturday, February 16, 2019, at 10:30AM, at St. Jude Church in Boca Raton. Cake, coffee and punch will be served in the parish hall after the Mass.

All couples who will be celebrating 25, 40, or 50 or more years of marriage in the calendar year 2019 are invited to participate.

To attend, please contact your own parish office and register your names as soon as possible – but no later than Monday, February 4, 2019. We ask that all participating couples arrive at St. Jude Church by 10:00AM -- thirty minutes prior to the start of the Mass, so you can receive your personalized certificate.



# *The History Of The Twelve Days Of Christmas*

The song, "The Twelve Days of Christmas" is an English Christmas carol. From 1558 until 1829, Roman Catholics in England were not permitted to practice their faith openly. Someone during that era wrote this carol as a catechism song for young Catholics. It has two levels of meaning: the surface meaning plus a hidden meaning known only to members of the Church. Each element in the carol has a code word for a religious reality which the children could remember.

The "True Love" one hears in the song is not a smitten boy or girlfriend but Jesus Christ, because truly Love was born on Christmas Day. The partridge in the pear tree also represents Him because that bird is willing to sacrifice its life if necessary to protect its young by feigning injury to draw away predators.

**December 25th** - The "**partridge in a pear tree**" was Jesus Christ who died on a tree as a gift from God.

**December 26th** - The "**two turtle doves**" were the Old and New Testaments - another gift from God.

**December 27th** - The "**three French hens**" were faith, hope and love - the three gifts of the Spirit that abide .

**December 28th** - The "**four calling birds**" were the four Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John which sing the song of salvation through Jesus Christ.

**December 29th** - The "**five golden rings**" represent the first five books of the Old Testament, which describes man's fall into sin and the great love of God in sending a Savior.

**December 30th** - The "**six geese a-laying**" stood for the six days of creation.

**December 31st** - The "**seven swans a swimming**" were the "seven gifts of the Holy Spirit" - Prophecy, Serving, Teaching, Exhortation, Contribution, Leadership and Mercy.

**January 1st** - The "**eight maids a-milking**" were the eight beatitudes.

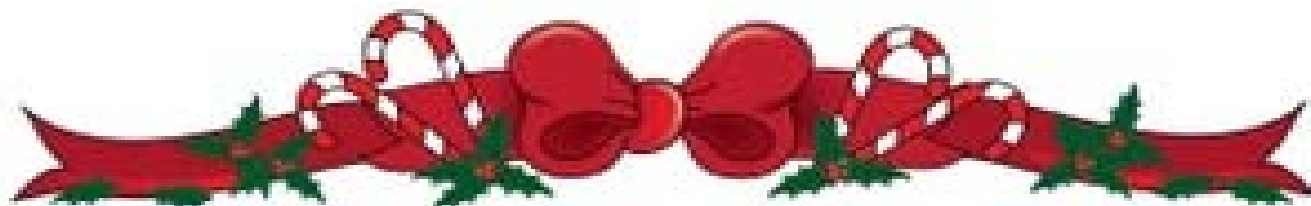
**January 2nd** - The "**nine ladies dancing**" were nine fruits of the Holy Spirit. - Charity, Joy, Peace, Patience (Forbearance), Goodness (Kindness), Mildness, Fidelity, Modesty, Self Control (Chastity).

**January 3rd** - The "**ten lords a-leaping**" were the Ten Commandments.

**January 4th** - The "**eleven pipers piping**" were the eleven faithful Apostles.

**January 5th** - The "**twelve drummers drumming**" were the twelve points of belief of the Apostles' Creed.

So, the next time you hear "**The 12 Days of Christmas**", consider how this otherwise non-religious sounding song had its origins in the Christian faith.



## Ministerio Hispano

### **IV Domingo de Adviento: Amar imitando a María**

El saludo de Isabel a su prima, María, nos presenta a la Virgen como una mujer afortunada. Pero ¿por qué? ¿Acaso la suerte de María estaba en ser la futura reina madre de un poderoso imperio mundano y tener acceso, por ello, a todo tipo de lujos? ¿Quizá se debía sentir afortunada por convertirse en la más poderosa o famosa? Su suerte, aquello por lo que la felicitó su prima, estaba en su vientre y era su hijo, Jesús. Estaba también en su decisión de hacer la voluntad de Dios, de poner al Señor en el primer lugar de la vida. ¿Cuántos ricos había en Israel en aquella época? ¿Cuántos poderosos en el Imperio romano? ¿Cuántas mujeres importantes? Pues bien, ninguno de ellos hace sombra a María en la historia, cuyo nombre sigue siendo el más utilizado por las mujeres de todo el mundo y cuya figura sigue atrayendo a millones de personas hacia sus santuarios, hacia las casi infinitas capillas donde se la venera de una parte a otra del planeta. Y todo por una cosa: porque hizo del amor la elección de su vida. Por eso, imitemos a María y optemos por el amor. Digámonos a nosotros mismos que somos afortunados cuando amamos y no cuando utilizamos a los demás. Digámonos y convezcámonos de que hay más gozo en dar que en recibir, sin que nos importe que el mundo no nos entienda. Sólo así prepararemos debidamente la ya inmediata Navidad. Sólo así, entregados al amor, podremos acoger en nuestro corazón al que es la fuente de todo amor: Cristo.

### **Cuarto Domingo de Adviento ( 29 de diciembre)**

**Primera lectura: 1 de Samuel 1: 20-22, 24-28**

**Segunda lectura: 1 de Juan 3 : 1-2, 21-24**

**Evangelio: Lucas 2:41-52**

### **Oración de Navidad**

En la oscuridad de una noche sin estrellas,  
la noche vacía de sentido tú, Verbo de la Vida,  
como relámpago en la tempestad del olvido,  
has entrado en el límite de la duda, al abrigo de los con-  
fines de la precariedad, para esconder la luz.  
Palabras hechas de silencio y de cotidianidad  
tus palabras humanas, precursoras de los secretos del  
Altísimo: como anzuelos lanzados en las aguas de la  
muerte para encontrar al hombre, sumergido en su ansio-  
sa locura,  
y retenerlo preso, por el atrayente resplandor del perdón.  
A Ti, Océano de Paz y sombra de la eterna Gloria, te doy  
gracias:  
Mar en calma para mi orilla que espera la ola, ¡que yo te  
busque! Y la amistad de los hermanos me proteja cuando  
la tarde descienda sobre mi deseo de ti. Amén.

**Feliz  
Navidad**

