

BULLETIN ADVENT 04 A DECEMBER 18, 2016

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holy Rosary will be decorating for Christmas after the 4th Advent mass. Please stay after to help out if you can! We have someone to cut down and set up the tree.

I have asked one of our teens to be our guest shepherd at the Christmas Mass. She has accepted. So, we will be interviewing a real life shepherd from the time of Jesus during the Mass!

Christmas Mass, Thursday, Dec. 22, 11:30 AM, Clarks Point

Christmas Mass, Christmas Eve, Saint Theresa, 4PM

Christmas Mass, Christmas Day, Holy Rosary, 10AM



I flew to Clarks Point for the Immaculate Conception Holy Day Mass. We had a great mass. We met in the Clark's Community Center. We had several different religions attend, i.e. Moravian, Russian Orthodox, Catholic. After Mass I flew to King Salmon and parked my airplane at the Tibbets hanger so I could plug in. It was windy and below zero. I flew back to Dillingham Sunday after the Saint Theresa Mass. It was a gorgeous day!!

HOMILY: Names

NAMES ARE IMPORTANT

The gospel talks about names. Names are very important in our world. There are nick names, Hyphenated sir names, maiden names, middle names, and alias names. There are name that sound the same but are spelled differently, like Teresa and Theresa. Parents name their children after movie stars, grandparents, and Presidents.

NAME TRENDS

Generations have trends for naming children. In the 1950's the most common name was James, my name, Scott, was number 36. In the United States the most common female names are Mary, Linda, and Elizabeth. The most common male names are James, John, and Robert, Scott is Number 32.

NAMES CAN CHANGE

We can get our names legally changed. Our names might change when we get married. Many names are changed to Acronyms, such as RCIA, meaning Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults.

GOD CREATD US SPECIAL

Genesis tells us that God created you and me in his own image and likeness. We are not merely another species of God's creation, like lions, insects, or fish. We are created special so each of us has a name.

BIBLICAL NAMES

My favorite names are the biblical names. Here is the process one might go through when giving a child biblical name.

PROCESS FOR FINDING BIBLICAL NAME

First, find a biblical character you like, for example my middle name Joseph. Second, figure out the general qualities and characteristics of that particular biblical figure and what his or her name means. Joseph means to increase or add another son. He is steadfast, true, a man of work, a man who protects his family, and a man who obeys God. Once you give your child that name, you desire and pray that he or she will come to possess those characteristics.

IPAD NAMES BOOK

I have a book of 10,000 names on my I-Pad Mini. Every name that you can think of is listed in this book and it also says what the name means. I picked some names out of the Bible to see what they meant.

MEANING OF SOME NAMES

David means beloved; Ruth means companion; Philip means a lover of horses; Peter means rock; Martha is another way of saying lady; Malachi was named to mean my messenger; Sarah means princess; Elizabeth means oath of God or I am God's daughter.

An angel of God came and spoke to Joseph, and told him that Mary, the woman he loved, was going to have a baby boy? The angel also told Joseph that God wanted Joseph and Mary to name their baby Jesus.

MEANING OF THE NAME JESUS

The name Jesus means "to save God's people from their sins." That's what Jesus did. That is why the name of Jesus is so important and why God did not name him Pat or Henry or Bill or any other name. God wanted people to know Jesus and also to know what Jesus was going to do. Now you know why names are so very important and why Jesus' name is the most important of all. When I ponder the name Jesus, I feel hope for eternal life (489 Words).

READINGS

Reading 1 Is 7:10-14

The LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying:
Ask for a sign from the LORD, your God;
let it be deep as the netherworld, or high as the sky!
But Ahaz answered,

“I will not ask! I will not tempt the LORD!”

Then Isaiah said:

Listen, O house of David!

Is it not enough for you to weary people,
must you also weary my God?

Therefore the Lord himself will give you this sign:
the virgin shall conceive, and bear a son,
and shall name him Emmanuel.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6

R. (7c and 10b) Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.

The LORD's are the earth and its fullness;
the world and those who dwell in it.

For he founded it upon the seas
and established it upon the rivers.

R. Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.

Who can ascend the mountain of the LORD?
or who may stand in his holy place?

One whose hands are sinless, whose heart is clean,
who desires not what is vain.

R. Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.

He shall receive a blessing from the LORD,
a reward from God his savior.

Such is the race that seeks for him,
that seeks the face of the God of Jacob.

R. Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.

Reading 2 Rom 1:1-7

Paul, a slave of Christ Jesus,

called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God,
which he promised previously through his prophets in the holy Scriptures,
the gospel about his Son, descended from David according to the flesh,

but established as Son of God in power
according to the Spirit of holiness

through resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him we have received the grace of apostleship,
to bring about the obedience of faith,

for the sake of his name, among all the Gentiles,

among whom are you also, who are called to belong to Jesus Christ;
to all the beloved of God in Rome, called to be holy.
Grace to you and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Mt 1:18-24

This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about.
When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph,
but before they lived together,
she was found with child through the Holy Spirit.
Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man,
yet unwilling to expose her to shame,
decided to divorce her quietly.
Such was his intention when, behold,
the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said,
“Joseph, son of David,
do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home.
For it is through the Holy Spirit
that this child has been conceived in her.
She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus,
because he will save his people from their sins.”
All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet:
Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel,
which means “God is with us.”
When Joseph awoke,
he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him
and took his wife into his home.

INTERCESSIONS

Celebrant

Let us turn to the Lord in trust and pray to him for our needs.

Lector

For the Church: that she may be a witness to the Lord's endless love for all his creatures, even for those who have betrayed his trust, we pray to the Lord.

For the families in the Saint Paul Mission: that we may prepare for Christmas so that it will be a joyful feast, despite all the commercial pressures, we pray to the Lord.

For all those damaged by poverty and violence and the break-up of family life: that God may give them hope and healing, we pray to the Lord.

In Silence let us now add our own intentions for our community and for the world.....We pray to the Lord.

Celebrant

Lord our God, we ask you to give us trusting hearts and to hear all these prayers. We ask this through Christ our Lord.