

CONNECTING MEOTA December 20th, 2023

This newsletter is meant to inspire, engage, and encourage everyone in the Meota Parish to seek God and reach out to one another throughout the week.

Our next church service will be

SUNDAY CHRISTMAS EVE
Sunday MORNING Dec 24 is ONE SERVICE
at Christ Church 10:30 am

Check out the posters below for Christmas Eve services



Meota Christmas Service 2023
Join us for the holidays!

Lessons & Carols (Sunday Dec. 17th)
Single Service @ St. George's 10:30am

Christmas Eve (Sunday Dec. 24th)
Single Service @ Christ Church 10:30am
St. George's 4:00pm
St. James 6:30pm
Christ Church 9:00pm

Christmas Day (Monday Dec. 25th)
Single Service @ St. George's 10:30am

New Year's Eve (Sunday Dec. 31st)
Single Service @ Christ Church 10:30am



CHRISTMAS EVE IS A SUNDAY

Sunday morning service will be a SINGLE SERVICE

10:30 am **CHRIST CHURCH** not St George's, that was an error. It's at Christ Church.

Christmas Eve services:

4:00 pm St. George's Diamond Valley

6:30 pm St. James Priddis

9:00 pm Christ Church

Just a reminder, that at every Christmas Eve service, each household will receive a special gift for their tree from Ven. Alan, Kim and their family. I have attended Christmas Eve services over the years and have quite growing collection. Thank you, Getty family !!

Invite a friend for songs, candles and Christmas peace!

CHRISTMAS MORNING Monday DECEMBER 25

Single Service at St. George's Diamond Valley 10:30 am



**COME PREPARE YOUR HEART FOR ADVENT
JOIN US ONLINE FOR THE GENTLE EVENING SERVICE OF COMPLINE
DEC 7, 14, 21 & 28 , 7 PM**

**CHECK YOUR EMAIL FOR THE ZOOM LINK FROM MEOTA PARISH
Or request the link by emailing meotaparish@gmail.com**

A promotional graphic for an evening service. It features a lit candle in the center, surrounded by Christmas decorations like holly leaves, berries, and snow. The background is dark with bokeh light effects.

Join us for Evening Compline
Online through Zoom
Thursday's in December
(7th, 14th, 21st and 28th) @ 7pm
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SUNDAY DECEMBER 31ST

NEW YEAR'S EVE

ONE SERVICE 10:30 AM CHRIST CHURCH



Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 24, 2023 Christianity.com

On the last Sunday of Advent, a fourth candle on the Advent Wreath is lit. Traditionally, this purple candle has been called the Candle of Love and represents the peace that Christ's birth brings to earth. All four of the candles around the Advent Wreath are now burning, each at a different height. Only one candle remains: the center, white Christ Candle that is lit on Christmas Eve, representing the pure Lamb of God who has come to take away the sins of the world.

Fourth Sunday of Advent Prayer

The Advent season is a journey through the biblical story that shows us how “all the promises of God find their Yes in [Christ]” ([2 Corinthians 2:20](#)). Advent points us to Jesus, just like all Scripture. At his first coming, which we celebrate at Christmas, Jesus showed us his [humility](#), his love for us, and his heart of grace toward sinners and sufferers. At his second coming, which we look forward to in Advent, he will complete what he started at his birth, bringing a final end to suffering, sin, and death, restoring his creation, and setting up a new kingdom of righteousness and peace. God keeps his promises.

"Dear God, you have given us the greatest gift ever - the ultimate sacrifice of love - your son Jesus Christ. Father we thank you for your unconditional love that offers us grace in the midst of our sin. Help us to show the same love to those around us. Let us be conduits of kindness and forgiveness. Fill us with your Holy Spirit who guides us as we wait for the return of your Son. Thank you for loving us so, Amen."




Fourth Sunday of Advent

“He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father...”
- Luke 1:32

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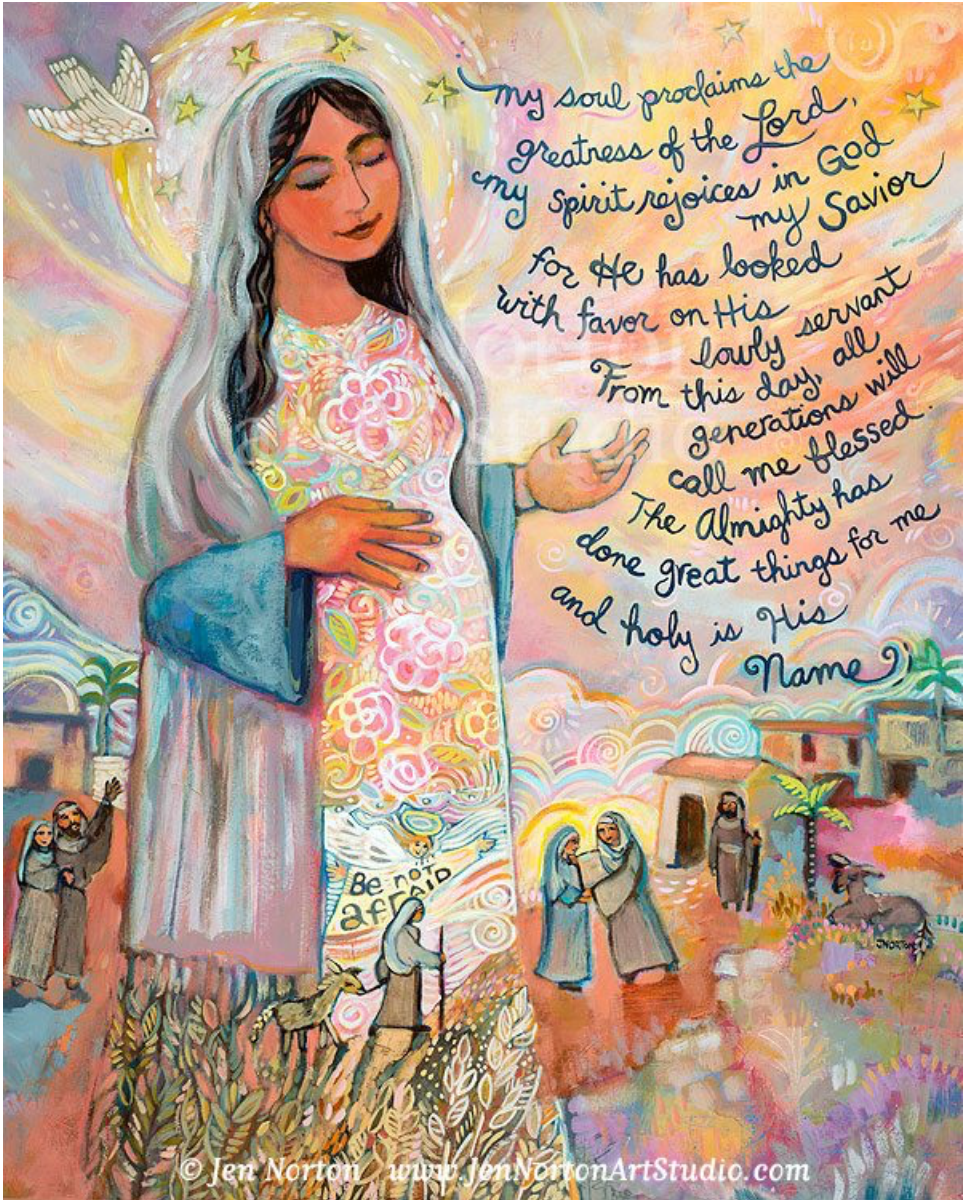
Fourth Sunday of Advent (Violet or Blue)

Sunday, December 24th, 2023

Readings

2 SAMUEL 7:1-11, 16; CANTICLE 18 (LUKE 1:47-55) OR PSALM 89:1-4, 19-26;
ROMANS 16:25-27; LUKE 1:26-38

Luke 1: 47-55. THE MAGNIFICAT



Gospel

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO LUKE

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

LUKE 1:26-38



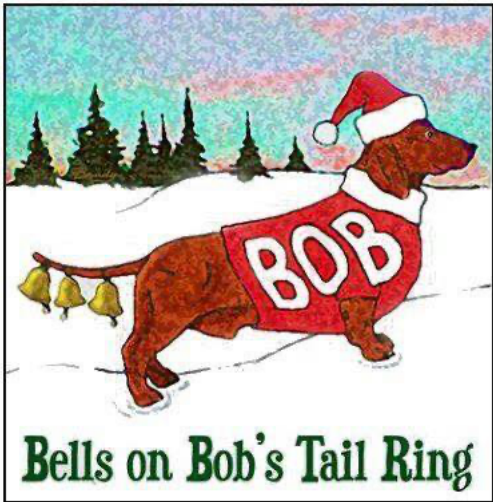


Joy to the world!

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Christmas Star Family Good Tidings
 Great Joy Manger Noel Silent Night

FUNNY BONES



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"Then the three wise men came to baby-sit Jesus so Mary and Joseph could finish Christmas shopping."





Pa- rum- pa- pa- pum!

GIVE THANKS THIS CHRISTMAS AND SHARE HIS LOVE

Prayer For Christmas Eve

Dear Lord, Thank you for allowing us the privilege to share in this holiday season with our family, friends and close loved ones. We honor you as our "Counselor," "Mighty God," "Everlasting Father," and "Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:6) As Your children, we ask for a fresh filling, and a new awareness of Who You are and who we are because of You. You are no longer the babe in a manger, but our Savior who came to walk among us and you now intercede on our behalf (Romans 8:26-39). We celebrate you this Christmas Eve. Thank you for everything you've given us and helped us through this year. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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ALLELUIA!