



The only thing that counts is faith working through love. (Galatians 5:6)

**FOURTH SUNDAY of ADVENT
21ST DECEMBER 2025**



GAUDIUM - JOY

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Pope Leo XIV on Monday thanked Costa Rican artist Paula Sáenz Soto for donating a pro-life Nativity scene to the Vatican, named “Gaudium” (“Joy”), which features a pregnant Virgin Mary.

“I thank the Costa Rican artist who, along with the message of peace of Christmas, also wanted to make an appeal for protecting life from conception,” the pope said during the audience he granted Dec. 15 to the delegations that prepared this year’s Christmas tree and Nativity scenes that will adorn the Vatican during the Christmas season.

In his address, the Holy Father Pope Leo alluded to its composition, mentioning the

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Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil 6.30pm

Sunday..... 9.15am

..... 11.00am

Healing Mass 7.00pm

Spanish Mass:

Saturday 4.00pm

Weekday Masses:

Monday to Saturday 9.15am

Wednesday 7.00pm

Reconciliation:

Tuesday 9.45am - 10.15am

Saturday 9.45am - 10.15am

Novena to Our Lady:

Saturday 9.00am

Wednesday 7.00pm

Baptisms: Second Sunday**Divine Kids Bible Class:**

Sunday 10.15am

Parish Prayer Group:

Tuesday 7.00pm-8.00pm

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28,000 colourful ribbons that symbolize lives saved thanks to the support provided by Catholic organizations to pregnant women in vulnerable situations.

“The scene depicts a life saved from abortion thanks to prayer and the support provided by Catholic organizations to many mothers in difficult circumstances,” Pope Leo XIV noted.

The decorations in St. Peter’s Square — which were unveiled Monday afternoon — have an Italian touch. The chosen tree comes from Val d’Ultimo, one of the most picturesque and lesser-known valleys of South Tyrol in Italy.

Meanwhile, the Nativity scene in St. Peter’s Square comes from the Diocese of Nocera Inferiore-Sarno, one of the oldest in Italy: Its origins date back to the third century, when Nuceria Alfaterna — the ancient Roman city in the Sarno Valley — already had an organized Christian community.

“I thank you for this artistic work that incorporates characteristic elements of your territory,” the pope said, noting that this traditional Nativity scene includes a reproduction of the sixth-century baptistery of St. Mary Major Basilica, one of the best-preserved in the country.

The pope emphasized that this work will be a reminder for pilgrims from all over the world that “God draws near to humanity, entering into our history in the vulnerability of a child.”

“In the poverty of the cave in Bethlehem, we contemplate a mystery of humility and love,” the pope reflected. He also highlighted the figure of the Virgin Mary “as a model of adoring silence,” who treasures in her heart all that she has experienced, while the shepherds glorify God and share what they have seen and heard. In this regard, he emphasized the “need to seek moments of silence and

CHILD SAFETY

Holy Family Parish is committed to upholding the wellbeing, safety and dignity of each child and young person and ensuring that they are able to grow and develop in a caring and supportive environment in our Church.

READINGS

SUNDAY

Is 7:10-14, 10

Ps 23:1-6

Rom 1:1-7

Mt 1:18-24

MONDAY

1Sam 1:24-28

1Sam 2:1,4-8

Lk 1:46-56

TUESDAY

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24

Ps 24:4-5,8-9,10,14

Lk 1:57-66

WEDNESDAY

2Sam 7:1-5, 8-

12,14,16

Ps 88:2-5,27,29

Lk 1:67-79

THURSDAY

The NATIVITY of the
LORD

Is 97:1-6

Heb 1:1-6

Jn 1:1-18

FRIDAY

St Stephen, the first
martyr

Judges 13:2-7, 24-25

Ps 70:3-6, 16-17

Lk 1:5-25

SATURDAY

St John, apostle, evangelist

1Jn 1:1-4

Ps 96:1-2,5-6,11-12

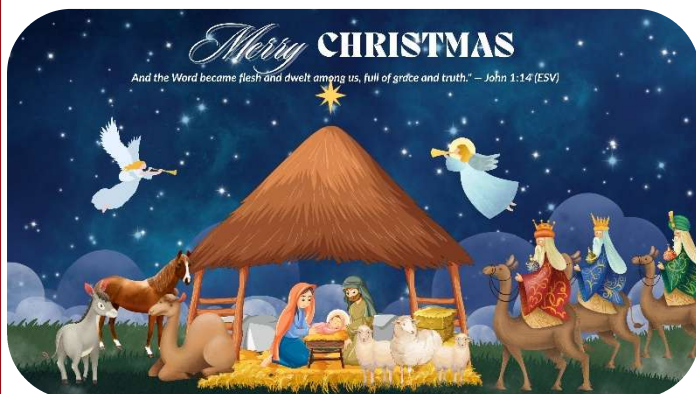
Jn 20:2-8

prayer in our lives.”

Regarding the Christmas tree, the pontiff said the large fir tree “is a sign of life and a reminder of the hope that does not fade even in the cold of winter.”

The lights that adorn it, he added, symbolize “Christ, the light of the world,” who comes to “dispel the darkness and guide our path.” In addition to the large fir tree, the forests of South Tyrol have also donated other smaller trees to the Vatican, intended for offices, public spaces, and various areas of Vatican City.

This story was first published by ACI Prensa, CNA's Spanish-language news partner. It has been translated and adapted by CNA.



WITH US

Christmas is about companionship, God's
companionship with us – *Emmanuel!*

***“The Word became Flesh, and dwelt among us,
full of Grace and Truth.”***

(John 1:14)

Enjoying the companionship of God who fills us
with Grace and Truth...

&

Reflecting the companionship of God with
everyone around us. Let our relationships be
graceful and truthful.

Jesus Bless this Christmas

Christmas Liturgy



DEC
24

Christmas Eve

7.00 PM

Carol & Family Mass

11.30 PM

Carol & Midnight Mass

December
25

Christmas Day

9.15 AM

Christmas Day Mass



HOLY FAMILY

Feast

DECEMBER

28

10 AM

HOLY MASS

&

PARISH

BARBEQUE

**Please
Note**



Only ONE Holy Mass at 10 AM
NO Healing Mass at 7 PM

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