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First Sunday in Advent

November 30, 2014



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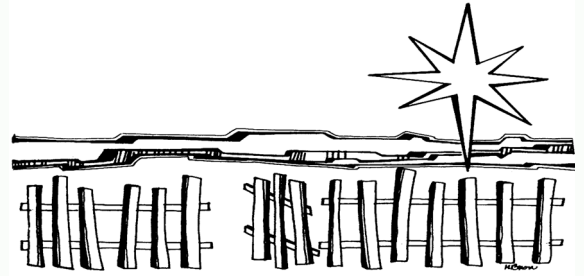
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As we begin Advent, we light one candle in the midst of all the darkness in our lives and in the world. It symbolizes our longing, our desire, our hope. Three "advents" or "comings" shape our desire. We want to be renewed in a sense that Jesus came to save us from our sin and death. We want to experience his coming to us now, in our everyday lives, to help us live our lives with meaning and purpose. And we want to prepare for his coming to meet us at the end of our lives on this earth.

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Be watchful! Be alert!
You do not know when the time will come.
— Mark 13:33



My dear friends in Christ,

Finally it rained! And I was singing.....! It was so nice to hear the sound of the rain once more. Give thanks and praise to our God!

Speaking of thanksgiving, I hope that you had a wonderful turkey-filled celebration.

Last Sunday we celebrated the feast of Christ as our King! A very important feast to remind us once again of the importance of making him number in our lives! His kingship is that of love. He is a king who lives not in distant place surrounded by walls of insecurity and ignorance but a king who lives in us! He offers himself as the wellspring of truth. And because of him ----there is a better tomorrow!

This weekend we begin the new liturgical year with the season of Advent.

As the days become shorter, and the nights longer, the Church prepares to celebrate the coming of Christ. The General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar state:

“Advent has twofold character: as a season to prepare for Christmas when Christ’s first coming to us remembered; as a season when that remembrance directs the mind and heart to await Christ’s Second Coming at the end of time. Advent is thus a period for devout and joyful expectation.”

There is no question that Advent is not an easy season to celebrate. There are many reasons for this.

And the biggest reason is that this time of joyful expectation is overshadowed by Christmas external preparation of spending more time doing shopping for gifts and Christmas Trees, decorations and so many other things. That’s why it is important that we need to focus and slow down. Our internal preparation is more important. Our heart must be freed from darkness and hatred, resentment and selfishness, arrogance and pride. This is the time to lower ourselves in humility before our God. We need to let go of all these things that will prevent us from welcoming Christ in our heart. When we let go, we make room for Christ!

The four weeks of Advent invite us to be on guard, to watch, to be ready, and to prepare. Jesus said in the Gospel today, “Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come!”

Everything about our worship space reflects the season. This is one way of reminding us about the importance of our Advent preparations. As I said earlier we can easily be caught in the external preparation of Christmas. I am not saying that we don’t do our Christmas shopping and these other things! What I am saying is that we should not allow ourselves to be overwhelmed by it. Have time for prayer and reflection!

I hope that we take our preparation very seriously. And I pray that we prepare our heart. Christ must have a place in our heart. He must be our only possession.

The coming of the Son of Man is not about commercialism or materialism but it is about our salvation and God’s love revealed to us in Christ.

Just a caution from Bishop Fulton Sheen, “If through our lives we put a premium on the things of the world, then we will regard lightly the things of eternity.”

May you be filled with joy and peace during this Advent season! At the end it is not about the presents but it is about the presence....that is--- the presence of Christ. Let us give ourselves the best Christmas ever!

*Your servant,
Fr. Geoffrey*

MASS INTENTIONS

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November 29, 2014-December 6, 2014

Saturday, November 29

5:00 pm + Bejamin Fruto

Sunday, November 30

8:00 am + Dec. Mem of Vilar/Garcia Family

10 :00 am + Veneranda Gacayan

12:00 pm For the People

6:00 pm + Fabian Guevarra

Monday, December 1

8:00 am + Policarpio Fernandez

Tuesday, December 2

8:00 am + Virginia Wijangco

Wednesday, December 3

8:00 am + Aurea P. Poblete

Thursday, December 4

10:00 am + Concordia Cabral

Friday, December 5 FIRST FRIDAY

8:00 am + Mariano Viray

7:30 pm + Rene Sarmiento

Saturday, December 6

8:00 am + Luzonica Pesigan (Birth Anniv)

5:00pm + Eugenia Gonzales

Please pray for the sick...

Esperanza Abdon, Ester Acda, Johnny Ang, Susana Aquino, Charmaine & Ricky Arciga, Alma Arreglado, Rachel Austria, Gay Badillo, Agapito Bagon, Eva Bancroft, Cecilia Barrera, Francisco Barrera, Victoria Bantugan, Nina Baquirano, Lolita A. Bascones, Alice Beans, Yoly Buhay, Bernabe Cabug, Evangeline Carrodus, Teofista Coloma, Gouri Dasgupta, Dingna Garay, Alfonso & Flora De Guia, Ofelia de Guzman, Caleigh Foster de Leon, Alice De Loyola, Purificacion Del Rosario, Bert Dimaano, Nenita Dingcong, Theresa Diola, Angelina Dizon, Jose Domingo, Geraldine Dotson, Fely de Jesus, Albert Doble, Cezar Domingo, Juanita Estrellas, Milagros Farren, David Fournell, Emerita Fulinar, Llana Ganal, Leticia Garces, Francisco Garcia, Floride H. Guing, Linda Hernandez, Janice & John Hutalla, Rosario Ilustre, Reynaldo Joachico, Erlinda Kasilag, Abby Kho, Eric Igos, Tessie Lacandazon, Mori Lacson, Idalina La Rosa, Roxanne Lee, Isabel Loyola, Arthur Macapagal, Lisa Mananquil, Bert Mariano, Sr., Theresa Martinez, Saturnina Mayo, Janet McCulley, Zeny Mesa, Rowena Millado, Juliana Minoza, Victor Montoya, Florentina Morales, Eric Morton, Felix Nanat,, Teofisto Pacete, Roquita Padua, Juliana Minoza, Esperanza Paz, Marlen Peralta, Orlando Peralta, Roces Pineda, Benita Quintong, Cora Ragasa, Fernando Ramirez, Lita Raposas, Oliver Rasul, Elaine Resurreccion, Leo Reyes, Luisa Reyes, Felix Rivas, Charmaine Rivera, Eufenia Rivera, Anita Sacdalan, Epifania Santos, Ted Santos, Fe Segundo, Jose Segundo, Ross Siat, Ruperto Sitchon, Ruby Soriano, Virginia Sosongco, Joseph Thompson, Leonard Torres, Petronila Torres, Manuel Trinidad, Joel Tubig, Tomas Trujillo, Pio Verdan, Lydia Villacorta, Delfin Villafior, Joe Yumang, Dianne Zamora.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — We are the clay and you, O Lord, are the potter: we are the work of your hands (Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7).

Psalm — Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved (Psalm 80).

Second Reading — God is faithful; by God you were called to fellowship with the Son (1 Corinthians 1:3-9).

Gospel — Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. (Mark 13:33-37).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

DAWN MASS/SIMBANG GABI

Everyone is invited to attend the Dawn Masses starting Tuesday, December 16th until, Wednesday, December 24th at 5:30 am. Light refreshments will be served after each Dawn Mass.



Giving Tree

ADVENT GIVING TREE

Take an **ANGEL** today from the Giving Tree at the entrances of the church. Bring back a gift card by Tuesday, December 16th. Make sure to attach the angel tag on the gift card and bring to the Parish Office on December 16th. Thank you!



FLOWER DONATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS

Environment and Art is accepting **white** potted poinsettias and monetary donations towards flower arrangements. Please bring your monetary donations to the Parish Office Mon-Fri., 9:00am-8:00pm. Deliver poinsettias December 19-23rd. Thank you!

Youth Ministry

Saint Anne Youth Ministry will meet this Monday, December 1 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The topic of our meeting will be: **“Advent: Whom and What Are We Celebrating?”** Together we will explore the season of Advent and learn about five feast days we celebrate as we prepare for the birth of Jesus. The evening will also involve a crafts project for participation in the diocesan Creche Festival. Next week, December 8, Youth Ministry will have a brief meeting in the Parish Hall at 6:30 p.m. and then attend the Immaculate Conception liturgy at 7:30 p.m. as it is a holy day of obligation.

Youth Ministry Retreat Meeting

Just a reminder that there is a parent and student meeting for all Youth Ministry students attending the December 5-7 retreat this afternoon, November 30 at 4:00 p.m. in classroom 103.

Confirmation Retreat Info

Second year Confirmation candidates and parents are reminded that there will be a retreat meeting on Sunday, December 7 at 3:30 p.m. in the Church. Payment for the retreat will be due at that time and the candidates will sign up for their cabins. We will be handing our information about directions to the retreat center, permission slips, etc. This is a mandatory meeting for ALL families.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 8627 “CELEBRATING 30TH ANNIVERSARY IN SERVICE OF THE LORD, CHURCH AND COMMUNITY”

December 10th – Diocese Simbang Gabi
December 13th – K of C Christmas Party

For inquiry about the Knights of Columbus and activities, please contact: Pol Marzan, Grand Knight
pmarzan@tieg.com; (510) 566-8259

Come and Adore!

Friday, December 5, 2014 - Holy Mass at 8am and 7:30pm

First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 9am to 10pm

Please sign up at the Book at the back of the Church or call 510-207-1409 for the hour that you want to adore.

LIKE A CHILD

One who aspires to the grace of God must be pure, with a heart as innocent as a child's.

—St. Nicholas

ST. ANNE SCHOOL OF FAITH FORMATION (GRADES 1- 8)

All Classes resume this week - December 1-2-3-4.

ADVENT – December Canned Food Drive: We will have the Canned Food Drive for the Annual Christmas baskets that will be distributed by St. Vincent De Paul to help families in need during this Christmas Season. **Distribution of the Christmas Baskets will be, Saturday, December 20th.** Please make sure that canned foods are NOT EXPIRED! Thank you for your generosity.

COMMUNION PREPARATION (CP)

For 135 Communion Preparation students who are in their first year of Formation and attend Monday classes.... ***Refusing To Love*** – Children preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be considering what it means to turn away from God's love. They will learn how sin can be overcome by God's grace. In your own life, have there been times when God's grace helped you to overcome your own sinfulness and brought you peace and forgiveness? Continue to keep these children in your prayers.

CCD STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES

Joshua Santos:	I fed the fish, gr.4
Jerrick:	I put away my clothes,gr.2
Tatiana Ribay:	Washed dishes & treasure giving \$1.00, gr. 5
Miley:	I helped with the groceries & treasure giving \$2.00, rm.104
Dominik Lualhati:	Treasure giving \$1.00 & I listened to my Mom, gr. 1
Renato Limjoco:	I helped clean the yard & treasure giving \$1.00, gr.4
Quincy:	Put my clothes & shoes away & treasure giving \$2.00, gr.2
Shelby Ray:	Cared for my cousin & donated \$1.00, gr.1

Eucharistic Adoration in Care Homes

Adorers Needed!

We need volunteers to visit convalescent hospitals and care homes.

Please mark you calendar and let us know if you can join us.

Hayward Convalescent Hospital -Every Monday at 2:30pm

Hilltop Care Home - Every Second Wednesday of the Month at 10:30am

Hayward Wellness Center - Every Last Saturday of the Month at 2pm

If you have a care home and you want us to visit you, give us a call.

Please call for details: Lee Ramos: 510-207-1409

Sunday, November 30, 2014

FINANCE CORNER

Weekly Collection Goals

<u>Sunday, November 17, 2014</u>	\$12,091.00
Budget	\$15,000.00
Over (Under)	(\$ 2,909.00)

CHRISTMAS BASKETS

The St. Vincent de Paul and the Knights of Columbus are collecting non-perishable food (please no clothing) to make Christmas Baskets for the homeless and low income families in the community to be distributed Saturday, December 20. Please bring your donations and place them in the barrels at the entrances in the Church. If you know a family who would need a Christmas Basket, please call the parish office @510-471-7766, and leave the families' name and phone number.

USDA FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Offered to low income families on the 3rd Saturday of every month in classroom #106, 9-11 am. The next distribution is December 20.

R.C.I.A.

Are you an adult who is interested in being baptized Catholic?

- was baptized in another Christian tradition and would like to explore what being Catholic is all about?
- was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

If you answered yes to any of the above, please consider joining our ongoing Inquiry sessions for chance to ask questions, learn more about us and about the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**, the process by which adults join the Church. No commitment required. For more information, call the parish office at 510-471-7766 or email: stanneadultfaithformation@gmail.com

Mark your Calendar!

Public Rosary on First Saturday December 6, 2014

As we all know, the United States is in great need of public prayer, repentance and conversion. We must ask God to save America through the Rosary of His Most Holy Mother.

Please join us in praying for our nation on Saturday, December 6, 2014 Meet and Greet: 11:45am Holy Rosary at 12noon Meeting Place: Corner of Alvarado and Dyer, in front of Fremont Bank

DIVINE MERCY

The Divine Mercy Apostolate is inviting you for their Cenacle prayer **every Friday at 7:00 pm, CR # 104 except for First Friday in the Church. Please come and join us in prayers. If you have any questions please call: Lou Castro - 510-396-1162, Carmencita Draculan-510-449-4447, or Diane Domingo- 510-676-9006.

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANNE

Monday, December 1

8:00 am - MASS, CH

- 9:00 am - Legion of Mary, CR #103
- 4:45 pm - Faith Formation, CR #102-106
- 6:00 pm - Youth Ministry, SH
- 7:30 pm - Lectors, CH
- 7:30 pm - Divine Mercy, CR #104

Tuesday, December 2

8:00 am - MASS, CH

- 4:45 pm - Faith Formation, CR #102-106
- 7:30 pm - Fit Club, SH
- 7:30 pm - RCIA, CH, CR # 106

Wednesday, December 3

8:00 am - MASS, CH

- 4:45 pm - Faith Formation, CR #102-106
- 6:00 pm - SPRED, SH
- 7:00 pm - Perpetual Help, CH
- 7:30 pm - Faith Formation, CR #104

Thursday, December 4

- 5:00 pm - Wedding Rehearsal, CH
- 5:00 pm - Faith Formation, CR #103-106, SH
- 6:00 pm - Faith Formation, CR #102
- 7:30 pm - Pinto Choir, CH
- 7:30 pm - Unity Choir, CR #106
- 8:00 pm - Fit Club, SH

Friday, December 5

8:00 am & 7:30 PM MASS, CH

- 10:00 am - Lectio Divina, CR # 102
- 1:00 pm - Individual User, SH
- 5:00 pm - Wedding Rehearsal, CH
- 6:00 pm - Legion of Mary, CR # 103
- 6:00 pm - Divine Mercy, CR #106
- 6:30 pm - Hand Maid of the Lord, CR #105
- 7:00 pm - Divine Mercy, CR #104
- 7:30 pm - First Friday Mass, CH

Saturday, December 6

8:00 am & 5:00 pm - MASS, CH,

- 9:00 am - Faith Formation, SH
- 10:00 am - Lectio Divina, CR #102
- 11:00 am - Memorial Mass, CH
- 1:00 pm - Hand Maid of the Lord, CR #104
- 2:00 pm - Wedding, CH
- 2:00 pm - Divine Mercy, CR #105
- 6:15 pm - Charismatic, CR # 104
- 6:30 pm - El Shaddai, CH

Sunday, December 7

8:00 & 10:00 am, 12:00 & 6:00 pm- MASS, CH

- 9:00 am - St. Anne Seniors, CR #105
- 9:00 am - Faith Formation, SH
- 10:00 am - Unity Choir, CR # 106
- 1:30 pm - Polish Community, CH
- 1:30 pm - Individual User, CR #106
- 3:00 pm - Confirmation, ALL FACILITIES
- 3:30 pm - Children's Choir, CR #106
- 7:30 pm - Divine Mercy, CH
- 7:30 pm - Fit Club

Christmas Bazaar

Sunday, December 7, 2014

9:00AM—8:00PM

Parish Hall

*Buy your Holiday crafts, décor,
goodies and treats!*

**Sponsored By;
Faith Formation,
Liturgy & Music, and
Youth Ministry/
Confirmation**