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Second Sunday in Advent

December 7, 2014

P.E.A.C.E.



Christmas preparing white
Christ rejoice friends advent
promise Bethlehem Joy
candles Joseph care helping
Mary forgiveness family
lord happiness and pray respect
hope
Advent
peace
Jesus joy
birth calendar

Today's Gospel is taken from the beginning of Mark. Mark begins with the appearance of John the Baptist in the desert. On this the Second Sunday of Advent, we are invited to reflect upon the role of John the Baptist, who prepared the way for Jesus and the salvation that he would bring to us. John the Baptist is presented to us as a model during Advent. We, too, are called upon to prepare a way for the Lord. Like John the Baptist, we are messengers in service to one who is greater than we are. Our Baptism commissions us to call others to life as disciples of Jesus...

Second Sunday of Advent December 7, 2014

Every valley shall be filled in,
every mountain and hill
shall be made low.

— Isaiah 40:4



My dear friends in Christ,

First of all glory and praise for the gift of rain. We thank God for his faithfulness and love. I have enjoyed every minute of it. In fact after I did a funeral service on Tuesday I drove for one hour in the rain. That's how crazy I am with rain.

What does it mean to worry about so many things?

A priest friend of mine said this:

There are only two things to worry about: either you are well or you are sick. If you are well, then there is nothing to worry about.

But if you are sick, there are two things to worry about: either you get well or you die. If you get well there is nothing to worry about.

If you die there are only two things to worry about: either you go to Heaven or Hell. If you go to Heaven, there is nothing to worry about.

But if you go to Hell, you'll be so busy shaking hands with friends, you won't have time to worry.

Prepare the way of the Lord's coming!

Last Sunday I shared with you how important it is to focus and not to be tangled up in the external realities of the Christmas preparations. Our goal is to make sure that our heart is ready for the big feast of Christ's coming in our midst. We can end up worrying about so many things that can lead us to darkness and isolation. In the second reading today, St. Paul says, "Beloved, do not ignore this one!"

This is our second week of preparation for the celebration of Christmas! Are you still with us? What sort of things have you experienced during this journey? What are the challenges that you have encountered during this time?

These reflection questions are very critical and very important. As I said before we can be weighed down by many forces during these weeks of preparation and we can end up crawling towards the finish line without any more strength and the spirit to get there.

This Sunday, we hear the voice of John the Baptist challenging us to repent and to "prepare the way for the Lord." This seems to be a very difficult reality considering the personality of John. His appearance is somewhat received with some sarcasm or cynicism. He was filthy and with tattered clothes. He was coming out from the wilderness with a message from God. At first people were questioning who he was. In fact the authorities asked him, "Who are you?" Those who finally listened were saved and those who didn't went astray. John's mission was certain and his message was clear. John's message and the message of Advent is about the Good News, Jesus Christ!

God sent us a gift this Christmas. Jesus Christ is the GIFT! We cannot presume to know its value unless we open our hearts to receive it with gratitude. Gift giving should always be an occasion of expressing our gratitude to the people we love. The gift within every gift is the opportunity to discover----not only the content, but the sacrifice of the giver.

May your journey and your preparations for Christmas be filled with peace, joy and love! Christmas is not just a beautiful memory that we simply remember. Rather, it marks the fullness of the love of God to us that we should always be kept alive in our hearts and lives.

*In peace and gratitude,
Fr. Geoffrey*

MASS INTENTIONS

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December 6, 2014 - December 13, 2014

Saturday, December 6

5:00 pm + Eugenia Gonzales

Sunday, December 7

8:00 am + Enfemia Rivera

10 :00 am Spe.Int. - Del Gasacao

12:00 pm + Matilde Franco

6:00 pm For the People

Monday, December 8 - Immaculate Cconception

8:00 am Spe.Int. - Reynaldo Poblete

5:00 pm Spe.Int. - Maria L. Sousa

7:30 pm + Mary Xuyen

Tuesday, December 9

8:00 am + Filomena Razon

Wednesday, December 10

8:00 am + Bernardo Gonzales

Thursday, December 11

8:00 am + Sofronio Santiago

Friday, December 12

8:00 am + Manny Alvarez

Saturday, December 13

8:00 am + Lucia Riego DeDios

5:00pm For the People



Please pray for the sick...

Esperanza Abdon, Ester Acda, Soledad Agoot, 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, Roderick Cruz, 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 Verdán, Lydia Villacorta, Delfin Villaflor, Joe Yumang, Dianne Zamora.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The rugged land shall be made a plain; the rough country, a broad valley (Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11).

Psalm — Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation (Psalm 85).

Second Reading — Conduct yourselves in holiness, hastening the coming of the day of God (2 Peter 3:8-14).

Gospel — I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit (Mark 1:1-8).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9, 10-13ab; Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

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.



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 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. The topic of our meeting will be: **“Advent: What Are We Saying Yes To?”** Together we will explore the gift of Mary and her saying YES to God’s invitation. At 7:10 p.m. we will gather in the Church and attend the Immaculate Conception liturgy at 7:30 p.m. as it is a holy day of obligation. The last Youth Ministry meeting of December will be on December 15 with a Advent potluck dinner.

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.

PURE HEARTS

Those whose hearts are pure are the temples of the Holy Spirit.

—St. Lucy

HUMAN RIGHTS

Necessity is the plea for every infringement on human rights. It is the argument of tyrants.

—William Pitt the Younger

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

December 7th – 1st Degree Exemplification

December 10th – Diocese Simbang Gabi

December 13th – K of C Christmas Party & Lighting of the Tree

December 16th-24th – Simbang Gabi mass. Ushering, Red Coat

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

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.

ST. ANNE SCHOOL OF FAITH FORMATION FIRST COMMUNION

For 133 First Communion students who are in their second year of faith formation and attend Tuesday First Communion classes.... **Eucharist: We Give Thanks & Praise** – Our children preparing for First Eucharist will focus on thanking and praising God at Mass and finding ways to express their thankfulness for the many gifts that God has given to them. Let us join our children in prayers of praise and thanksgiving to God this week.

2014 Crèche Festival: December 13-14

Cathedral of Christ the Light - 2121 Harrison St.,
Oakland, CA

Each year, St. Anne Parish participates in the Creche Festival held at the Cathedral. **Come with your family and friends to view our Parish Nativity with origami “Prayer for Peace” doves made by our CCD and YM students.** You will also enjoy the different Nativity displays presented by other Parishes. The exhibit of crèches will open to the public from 9:00 am. to 5:30 pm. on December 13 and 14. Admission is free. For schedule of Crèche Festival events: www.ctlcathedral.org/visit/creche/schedule

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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, December 7, 2014

FINANCE CORNER

Weekly Collection Goals

<u>Sunday, November 23, 2014</u>	\$10,010.00
Budget	\$15,000.00
Over (Under)	(\$ 4,990.00)
Stewardship Camp. for Human Dev.	\$ 1,112.00

Thanksgiving \$ 4,895.00

Sunday, November 30, 2014 \$10,371.50

Budget	\$15,000.00
Over (Under)	\$ 4,628.50

De Leon Concert

Income: \$9,005.00

Expenses:

Christopher De Leon \$6,500.00

OneAudio Pro \$ 500.00

Net Proceeds: \$2,005.00

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

THIS WEEK AT ST. ANNE

Monday, December 8—IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

8:00 am, 5:00 & 7:30 pm - 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 - Hand Maid of the Lord Novena, CR #103

Tuesday, December 9

8:00 am - MASS, CH

4:45 pm - Faith Formation, CR #102-106

7:30 pm - Lectors, CH

7:30 pm - Hand Maid of the Lord Novena, CR #103

7:30 pm - Fit Club, SH

7:30 pm - RCIA, CH, CR # 106

Wednesday, December 10

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 - Hand Maid of the Lord Novena, CR #103

Thursday, December 11

5:00 pm - Faith Formation, CR #103-106, SH

7:00 pm - Wedding Rehearsal, CH

7:30 pm - Hand Maid of the Lord Novena, CR #103

7:30 pm - Lopez Choir, CR #105

7:30 pm - Unity Choir, CR #106

8:00 pm - Fit Club, SH

Friday, December 12

8:00 am - Mass, CH

10:00 am - Lectio Divina, CR # 102

6:00 pm - Legion of Mary, CR # 103

7:00 pm - Baptism, CH

7:00 pm - Divine Mercy, CR #104

7:30 pm - Grief Support Ministry, CR #102

7:30 pm - Hand Maid of the Lord, CR #103

Saturday, December 13

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

8:45 am - SPRED, CR #104, 105 & 106

10:00 am - Lectio Divina, CR #102

11:00 am - Individual User, CR #103

11:00 am - Individual User, CR #106

1:00 pm - Knights of Columbus - SH

1:00 pm - Wedding, CH

6:15 pm - Charismatic, CR # 104

6:30 pm - El Shaddai, CH

Sunday, December 14

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

10:00 am - Unity Choir, CR # 106

1:30 pm - Polish Community, CH

1:30 pm - FAUCEB, CR #105

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!*

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