

# The Piarist Fathers



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**October—November  
2019**

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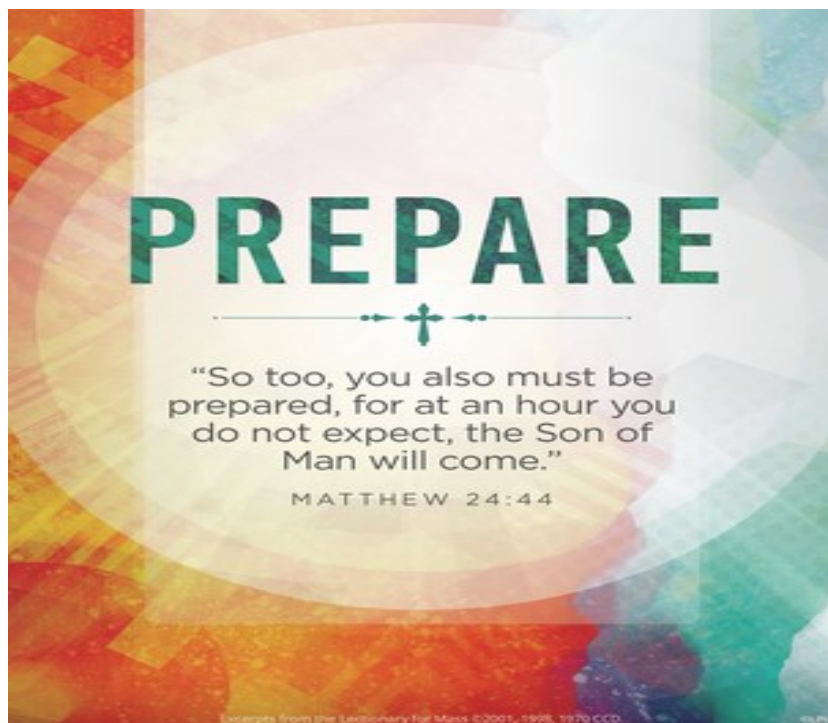
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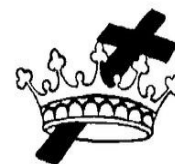
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# saint Helena parish



Bronx, NY

## Mass Schedule (Horario de Misas)

**Saturday:** 5:30 PM

**Holy Days:** 6:50AM, 8:30AM, 12:15 PM, 7:30PM

**Sunday:** AM

PM

**Weekdays & Sat.:** 6:50AM, 8:30AM, 12:15 PM

Morning Prayer: Daily 8:30AM

7:30

12:00 (Español)

**Spanish Mass:** Sunday, 12:00 Noon

9:00

1:30

Holy Days—Evenings Before—7:00PM

10:30 (Family)

5:00

Wednesday —7:00PM (Español)

6:00 (Français)

Monday 7:00PM (every first Monday of the month in Español) Primeros lunes

**Confessions:** Saturday — 4 to 5:30

**Sick Or Emergency Calls:**

Call the Rectory at 892-3232

### Devotions:

- Circulo De Oracion: lunes, 7 a 9.00PM
- Miraculous Medal Novena  
Monday after 12:15 PM Mass
- Exposición del Santísimo y Coronilla de la Divina Misericordia: miércoles, 7PM
- Eucharistic Adoration  
Thursday between the 8:30 & 12:15 Masses
- Sacred Heart Novena: Thursday, Noon
- English Bible Study: Tuesday, 1PM & 7:30PM  
and Sunday 11:30AM
- Spanish Bible Study: Tuesday, 7:00PM
- Rosary: Wednesday, 1:00PM

**Baptisms:** Arrangements must be made at the Rectory for Baptismal Class. Bring a copy of the child's Birth Certificate and Godparent documents.

**Marriages:** Arrangements for weddings should be made as soon as possible at the Rectory.

**Parish Registration:** All Catholics who live within the parish boundaries should fill out a registration card at the Rectory.



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## Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

This Sunday is the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, also known as the Solemnity of Christ the king, or *Christus Rex*. This feast was instituted by Pope Pius XI in his 1925 encyclical *Quas Primas*, and it was originally celebrated on the last Sunday of October. The point of the feast was to be a liturgical antidote to secularism and nationalism. After the liturgical reforms of the 1970s, Christ the King was soon moved to the last Sunday of the liturgical year. The season of Advent begins next week, marking the beginning of a new liturgical year when the Church looks forward to the celebration of the birth of Christ at Christmas. The readings focus on Christ's royal glory, which is a fitting point of meditation for the culmination of the liturgical year. In ancient times, kings were sacred and absolute. They were crowned at their coronation with a special consecration and anointing, and the ancient kings set the tone and spirit of the realm. A good king made for a prosperous and orderly kingdom. Remember the words that hung over Jesus' head on the cross, "Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews." This day reminds us what being a Catholic is all about: that Jesus really is the king, the Lord of our lives; that we belong utterly to him; and that we can say, with St. Paul, "It is no longer I who live but Christ who lives in me."



## Thanksgiving is a Religious Holiday

Thanksgiving is a religious holiday rooted in the Judeo-Christian tradition of our country. Although the secularism of our present culture may have turned the focus more toward feasting, football, and family gathering, we must not forget the history and the religious significance of this American holiday.

A year before the Massachusetts Thanksgiving Day observance, another thanksgiving celebration took place in Virginia. On Dec. 4, 1619, 38 English settlers arrived on the "Good Ship Margaret" at Berkely Plantation on the James River near present Charles City. The settlement's charter required that the day of arrival be commemorated as a day of thanksgiving to Almighty God annually and perpetually.

Most Americans, however, immediately associate our traditional Thanksgiving celebration with the Pilgrims and their journey across the Atlantic on the Mayflower in search of a new land and religious freedom. After their perilous journey and with little food and supplies left, the Pilgrims arrived on Nov. 21, 1620, at Plymouth, Massachusetts. During their first year, the Pilgrims endured many hardships and nearly half of the original 100 settlers died. Fortunately, the native Indians befriended the Pilgrims. Squanto, who was a Catholic convert and had learned English from traders, not only showed the Pilgrims how to grow and grind corn and how to hunt and fish in the new land, he assisted in negotiating a treaty with Chief Massasoit of the Wampanoag Indians. Gov. William Bradford remarked that Squanto was "...a special instrument sent of God for their good beyond their expectations." Near the time of the first anniversary of their arrival, Gov. Bradford declared a day of prayer and thanksgiving to God. About 60 pilgrims were joined by 90 Indians for this celebration. The tradition continued and spread throughout the New England colonies, although no official date of celebration was set until later.

For the pilgrims, they must have seen the connection between their own exodus with that of the Jewish people: the flight from the land of persecution; the perilous journey through a wilderness; the divine protection of God who provided food, water, safety; and the settlement in the promised land. As Catholics, we too must not forget how our own religion was outlawed and persecuted in



England at this time. On Nov. 22, 1633, a group of 300 colonists (one-third of whom were Catholic) set sail from Yarmouth harbor on two ships, the Ark and the Dove, to establish the new colony of Maryland, where religious freedom for all people would be allowed. When the colonists arrived at St. Clement's Island on March 25, 1634, Father Andrew White, S.J. celebrated a Mass of Thanksgiving, the first Mass in the English colonies. They also were befriended by the native Indians of the Piscataway and Yoacomaco tribes. These tribes believed in one true God and offered a thanksgiving ritual of first fruits at their harvest time. The Maryland colonists continued to offer thanksgiving festivals.

After the Revolutionary War, at the request of Congress, President George Washington declared that Thursday, Nov. 26, 1789, would be for the people of the United States a day of thanksgiving: "As a day of public Thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by everyone, acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and sole favors of Almighty God." The declaration exhorted the people to beseech Him to pardon our national and other transgressions, to promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and to grant unto all mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as He alone knows to be best." Gradually, the celebration of Thanksgiving became a more national and permanent event. In 1780, the Episcopal Church declared the first Thursday of November as an annual day of thanksgiving to Almighty God. Since 1817, New York State has officially celebrated Thanksgiving Day. By 1859, the custom of Thanksgiving Day had spread to 28 states, and Virginia was the first Southern state to institute the holiday.

In 1863, President Abe Lincoln designated the last Thursday of November nationally "as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father." Presidents Johnson in 1867 and Grant in 1870 continued the practice. The fourth Thursday of November would continue as the national day of Thanksgiving until 1939 when President Franklin Roosevelt moved it one week earlier to help businesses by lengthening the Christmas shopping period. Finally, in 1941, Congress legislated that Thanksgiving would be observed on the 4th Thursday of November and would be a federal holiday.

As we celebrate this great American custom this year, we must not forget God. We should pause this Thanksgiving Day and take time to pray, reflect on our lives, and give thanks. Each Catholic should make a real effort to attend Mass and come to the Banquet of our Lord to lift up our hearts in Thanksgiving and to receive Him in the Holy Eucharist. Yes, we give thanks for the gifts of family, Church, and Sacraments. We give thanks for the loved ones who are entrusted to our care and those who care for us. We give thanks for our country which has provided such great opportunities, security, and peace. In all, we give thanks and rejoice in the Lord who has blessed each of us with so much and in so many ways.

## Sheen to be Beatified in December

The Diocese of Peoria announced Monday that Venerable Fulton Sheen will be beatified Dec. 21 at the city's Cathedral of Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception. Sheen had been ordained a priest of the diocese in that cathedral on Sept. 20, 1919. "It seems entirely fitting that the Beatification will take place at the end of this 100-year anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood," the Peoria diocese stated on November 18.

Sheen was born in Illinois in 1895 and was 24 when he was ordained a priest. He was appointed an auxiliary bishop of New York in 1951, and remained there until his appointment as Bishop of Rochester in 1966. He retired in 1969 and moved back to New York City until his death in 1979. Sheen was a beloved television catechist during the 1950s and '60s in the United States. His television show "Life is Worth Living" reached an audience of millions.

The Congregation for the Causes of Saints promulgated a decree on July 6 recognizing a miracle attributed to Sheen's intercession, which allowed for his beatification. The miracle involved the unexplained recovery of James Fulton Engstrom, a boy born apparently stillborn in September 2010 to Bonnie and Travis

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Engstrom of the Peoria-area town of Goodfield. He showed no signs of life as medical professionals tried to revive him. The child's mother and father prayed to Archbishop Sheen to heal their son.

### Saint Catherine of Alexandria - Nov. 25

According to the *Legend of St. Catherine*, this young woman converted to Christianity after receiving a vision. At the age of 18, she debated 50 pagan philosophers. Amazed at her wisdom and debating skills, they became Christians—as did about 200 soldiers and members of the emperor's family. All of them were martyred. Sentenced to be executed on a spiked wheel, Catherine touched the wheel and it shattered. She was beheaded around AD 310. Centuries later, angels are said to have carried the body of Saint Catherine to a monastery at the foot of Mt. Sinai. Devotion to her spread as a result of the Crusades. She was invoked as the patroness of students, teachers, librarians and lawyers. Catherine is one of the 14 Holy Helpers, venerated especially in Germany.

### Saint Andrew - Nov. 30

Andrew was born in Bethsaida on the Sea of Galilee. He was Saint Peter's brother and was called with him. "As [Jesus] was walking by the sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is now called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen. He said to them, 'Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.' At once they left their nets and followed him" (Matthew 4:18-20).

John the Evangelist presents Andrew as a disciple of John the Baptist. When Jesus walked by one day, John said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." Andrew and another disciple followed Jesus. "Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi (which translated means Teacher), where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come, and you will see.' So they went and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day" (John 1:38-39a).

Little else is said about Andrew in the Gospels. Before the multiplication of the loaves, it was Andrew who spoke up about the boy who had the barley loaves and fishes. When the Gentiles went to see Jesus, they came to Philip, but Philip then had recourse to Andrew. Legend has it that Andrew preached the Good News in what is now modern Greece and Turkey and was crucified at Patras on an X-shaped cross. His relics and the cross on which he was martyred are kept in Patras.

### Heavenly Host and Eucharistic Host

Homonyms are words that have the same spelling and pronunciation, but different meanings. For example, at Mass one hears the word "host," and it has two different meanings.

**Heavenly host** (Hebrew: צבאות *sabaoth* or *tzva'oth*, "armies") refers to the army (Luke 2:13) of angels mentioned both in the Hebrew Scriptures and the Catholic Bible, as well as other Jewish and Christian texts.

**Eucharistic host** is the consecrated bread of the eucharist. The term is from the Latin *hostia*, "victim." The use of the term reflects an understanding of the eucharist in sacrificial terms relative to Christ's death on the cross. The term is also extended to mean the bread or wafers to be consecrated at the eucharist.

### Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade

The 93rd annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade will take place on **Thurs., Nov. 28** from **9AM-NOON**, featuring 11 marching bands, giant balloons, and a performance by the Spirit of America Cheer. But how did it all begin? To showcase the opening of the "World's Largest Store" and its 1 million square feet of retail space at the start of the busy 1924 holiday shopping season, R. H. Macy & Co. decided to throw New York a parade on Thanksgiving morning. In spite of its timing, the parade was not actually about Thanksgiving at all but the next major holiday on the calendar—Christmas. Macy's hoped its "Christmas Parade" would whet the appetites of consumers for a holiday shopping feast.

The idea of a store-sponsored Thanksgiving parade did not originate with Macy's, however, but with Philadelphia's Gimbel Brothers Department Store, which first staged a Thanksgiving procession in 1920 with 50 people, 15 cars, and a fireman dressed as Santa Claus who ushered in the Christmas shopping season.

Like Macy's, J.L. Hudson's Department Store in Detroit also planned a similar event in 1924. In New York, however, the only Thanksgiving parade that had previously passed through the city's streets was its peculiar—and to many, annoying—tradition of children painting their faces and donning tattered clothes to masquerade as "ragamuffins" who asked "Have you anything for Thanksgiving?" as they begged door-to-door for pennies, apples, and pieces of candy.

At 9 a.m. on the sunlit morning of November 27, 1924, Macy's gave the children of New York a particularly special Thanksgiving treat as a police escort led the start of the parade from the intersection of 145th Street and Convent Avenue. The early-morning start time of "Macy's Christmas Parade" overlapped with many church services, but it gave spectators plenty of time to make it to the afternoon's big football game between Syracuse and Columbia universities at the Polo Grounds.

Macy's had promised parade-goers "a marathon of mirth" in its full-page newspaper advertisements. While the parade route may not have extended over 26 miles, its 6-mile length certainly made for a long hike for those marching from Harlem to Herald Square. The spectators who stood four and five people deep, however, could watch it all in just a matter of minutes since the modest street pageant stretched the length of only two city blocks. To match the nursery-rhyme theme in Macy's Christmas window display in 1924, floats featured Mother Goose favorites such as the Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe, Little Miss Muffet, and Little Red Riding Hood. Macy's employees dressed as clowns, cowboys and sword-wielding knights. A menagerie of animals on loan from the Central Park Zoo—including bears, elephants, camels, and monkeys—offered a circus-like atmosphere as four bands provided the soundtrack to the festive march. Bringing up the rear of the parade was a float bearing the guest of honor—Santa Claus—sitting in his reindeer-driven sleigh on top of a mountain of ice. By noontime, the parade finally arrived in front of Macy's Herald Square store, where 10,000 people cheered Santa as he descended from his sleigh. After being crowned "King of the Kiddies," Kris Kringle scaled a ladder and sat on a gold throne mounted on top of the marquee above the store's new 34th Street entrance near Seventh Avenue. With a bellow from his trumpet, Santa sounded the signal to unveil "The Fair Frolics of Wondertown," the Christmastime window display designed by artist and puppeteer Tony Sarg. As soon as the police lowered their crowd-control lines, children rushed to the 75-foot-long window to see the miniature Mother Goose marionette characters on moving belts frolicking in their own parade in front of a castle-like façade.

Although the parade garnered only two sentences the following day in the New York Herald, it proved such a smash that Macy's announced in a newspaper advertisement the following morning that it would stage the parade again the following Thanksgiving. "We did not dare dream its success would be so great," stated the advertisement. Macy's Christmas Parade quickly became a New York holiday tradition to the joy of nearly all except the zoo animals, who did not revel in the six-mile journey, and the marchers treading carefully in their wake. The roars and growls from the tired animals frightened young spectators, so they were replaced by less-sultry and more-obedient character balloons, which quickly became the parade's signature attractions after the debut of a helium-filled Felix the Cat, designed by Sarg, in 1927. And while the route has been scaled back to a length of two-and-a-half miles, the size of the parade itself has blossomed with dozens of balloons, marching bands, celebrities, cheerleaders and floats. Although it is now called the "Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade," Santa Claus remains the show-stopper, and his arrival in Herald Square still heralds in the Christmas season in New York.

### JESUS CHRIST - ROI DE L'UNIVERS

Chers frères et sœurs,

Chaque année, le temps liturgique commence avec le premier Dimanche de l'avent pour terminer avec la fête du Christ comme roi de l'univers. Tout au long de l'année liturgique, nous accompagnons notre Seigneur depuis sa naissance jusqu'à sa

mort en passant par son ministère public. De manière systématique, le temps de l'avent nous introduit au temps de Noël. Après, vient la première partie du temps ordinaire qui sera interrompu par le temps de Carême. Le Carême nous introduit au sommet qui est le temps pascal qui finit avec la Pentecôte. Après la Pentecôte, nous reprenons le temps ordinaire jusqu'à la fin de l'année liturgique. Au total, il y a trente quatre dimanches dans le temps ordinaire durant lesquels nous méditons sur le ministère public de Jésus. Aujourd'hui nous arrivons à la fin de cette année liturgique. C'est la fête du Christ Roi et le dernier Dimanche du temps ordinaire. Il convient donc de clôturer l'année liturgique en reconnaissant notre Seigneur comme le vrai Roi du ciel et de la terre. Il est le Roi et il règne sur nous.

L'évangile de ce Dimanche nous permet de comprendre la royauté de Jésus. Il est couronné d'épines et son trône est sur la croix. Ses sujets sont les pécheurs. Il n'a rien semblable aux rois de la terre. Il n'a ni ornement, ni armée, ni les biens matériels. Il est roi suspendu sur le bois de la croix entre le ciel et la terre. Ceux qui l'ont crucifié se moquent de lui parce qu'il n'a rien de semblable avec les rois de la terre. Pour eux, il est un faux roi parce qu'il n'a pas pu prouver sa puissance en descendant de la croix. Toutefois, l'entrée dans le royaume de Jésus passe par la foi. Et c'est cette foi que le bon larron manifeste sur la croix. D'une part il reconnaît ses péchés, et de l'autre part il reconnaît la puissance et l'innocence de Jésus qui confirme sa royauté. Ainsi il demande à Jésus, : " Jésus, *souviens-toi de moi quand tu viendras dans ton royaume*". Et par cette attitude de foi, il devient le premier à accompagner Jésus dans son royaume après sa mort: « Amen, je te le dis : aujourd'hui, avec moi, tu seras dans le Paradis. » (Luc 23:43)

Jésus est le roi du ciel et de la terre. Son royaume est un royaume de puissance, d'amour, de paix et de joie. Nous sommes tous invités à entrer dans ce royaume ici et maintenant. Toutefois, pour pouvoir entrer dans ce royaume, nous avons le devoir de suivre l'exemple du bon larron: reconnaître nos fautes, éviter de suivre la foule et humblement et sincèrement demander dans la prière à Jésus la grâce d'entrer dans son royaume. Jésus a parcouru les chemins de la terre pour pouvoir instaurer son royaume. *"Il est venu chez les siens; et les siens ne l'ont point reçu. Mais à tous ceux qui l'ont reçu, il leur a donné le droit d'être faits enfants de Dieu, savoir, à ceux qui croient en son nom,"* Jean 1:11-12). Voilà donc les fruits pour ceux qui entreront dans ce royaume de Jésus: être enfants de Dieu, être arrachés aux pouvoirs des ténèbres, avoir la rédemption et le pardon des péchés, nous dit Saint Paul dans la deuxième lecture de ce Dimanche. Mais le devoir est de reconnaître nos péchés, éviter de suivre la foule et élever la voix de la prière pour que le Seigneur puisse nous exaucer. Comme le bon larron, apprenons à toujours appeler Jésus notre roi dans une prière d'humilité et de confiance. Amen. Bon Dimanche! *Pere Andrew Berinyuy*

### Consecrate Yourself to the Blessed Virgin Mary-Dec. 8

His Eminence Cardinal Dolan is offering an opportunity to bring to our archdiocesan family something of a spiritual conversion, a light within the darkness of these troubled times. You are invited to consecrate yourself to the Blessed Virgin Mary on **Dec. 8**, The Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Taking our heavy hearts to Mary, our mother, can bring comfort and much consolation to all of us in these days ahead. There is a free copy of the consecration book *33 Days to Morning Glory* available in the rectory. The consecration book maps out everything you need to know to prepare for this consecration, which will take place at every Mass on **Sunday, December 8**. Please take a book and use it every day with your family. On that same day, we will bless a new painting of the Immaculate Conception that will hang in St. Helena's.

**Patrocinium**-Because the Feast of St. Joseph Calasanz falls on **August 25**, toward the end of summer when school is out, the Piarist Fathers established a special celebration of his feast day on **November 27**, three brief months after the celebration of his original **August 27th** feast day. It is called the Patrocinium. We

will conclude our Novena to St. Joseph Calasanz and will celebrate his feast at all Masses on that day.

**Second Collection**-Please be generous in this weekend's second collection for the Catholic Charities Campaign for Charity and Justice. Catholic Charities will direct the funds back to parishes and community-based organizations to fund local projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection. More information about the collection can be found at [www.catholiccharitiesny.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesny.org).

**Winter Wonderland**-Live Christmas Trees (\$45) and Wreaths (\$20) will be sold at St. Helena from **Nov. 29-Dec. 24**. Kiddie rides, food, and pictures with Santa are available on the weekends. Free delivery or 50% off your \$10 photo with Santa if you pre-order through the school or by calling the rectory at **718-892-3232**. See the fliers at the church entrances.

**THANKSGIVING RAFFLE TICKETS** are available in the rectory and in the religious goods room. Tickets are \$3 each, 2 for \$5, or 10 for \$20. Eight prizes, including a \$1,000 1st prize, a \$900 Philip Lim Leather Satchel, a \$500 prize, and five \$100 prizes. The drawing will be **Sunday, December 1**. Please support St. Helena and our many programs.

### Letters to Santa

Santa is waiting to hear from you. If you are under 12 years of age, we invite you to do the following:

1. Write your Christmas letter to Santa, and be sure to include a greeting (i.e. Dear Santa.), the body of the letter, a closing (i.e. Sincerely.), and your signature.
2. Put your letter in an envelope, and on the back of the envelope write your name, address, and phone number.
3. The letter can be written in English, French, or Spanish
4. You must bring your letter to either the rectory or the school office or place it in the special box at the church entrance by **Sunday, December 1**.



We will mail all the letters to the North Pole for you, but Santa will have a special gift for some lucky children who wrote letters to him. The gifts will be given out at the Parish Christmas Party, which will take place on **Saturday, December 7** from **6-12AM**. So, start writing your letters today.

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Today is the last weekend to enter the November 50/50 drawing.** Special pink envelopes are available at the two Church entrances or in your packet. It only costs \$5.00 to participate. The November winner will be picked in the afternoon on **Monday, November 25**.
- **NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES** on **Wednesday, November 27**.
- **ALTAR SERVERS MEETING** on **Friday, November 29** at **7:30PM** in the Church. Everyone must attend.
- **FIRST COMMUNION FAMILY SESSION** will take place on **Sunday, December 1** at **11:30AM** in the cafeteria.
- **ENGLISH CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP** meets every **Saturday** from **1PM to 3PM**, in the Green Building.
- **THE LEGION OF MARY** will now be meeting on Saturdays from **11-12:30PM** in the Peralta downstairs rectory meeting room.
- **ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** takes place at St. Helena every **Thursday** from **9AM-12PM** and on First Fridays from **1-7PM** in the church.

- **THE DIVINE OFFICE AT ST. HELENA**-We pray morning prayer everyday during the **8:30AM Mass** and **Evening Prayer** every **Tuesday** and **Thursday** in the church at **5:45PM**. Everyone is welcome to attend.
- **BIBLE STUDY**-Today, **Sunday, November 24** at **11:30AM**, we continue our new Bible Study, **Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John**. Session four will take place on **Tuesday, Nov. 26** at either **1PM** or **7:30PM** in the Green Building as well as on **Sun., Dec. 1** at **11:30AM**. Jesus wants you to be more than just a believer. He wants you to be his disciple and friend. *Follow Me* is your guide to a personal encounter with Christ. He calls us to be his disciples, to trust him, to open ourselves to his merciful love, and to love others as he has loved us. The workbook cost is \$20.
- **NEXT BAPTISM PREP CLASSES** will be held at **7PM** on **Thursday, December 5** in **English** and **December 12** in **Spanish**. Prior arrangements must be made at the Rectory to take the Baptismal Class.
- **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE CHRISTMAS CHOIR**-Rehearsals take place every Saturday at **4PM** in the choir loft. All voices are needed for this trilingual concert on **Tuesday, December 24** at **6PM**.
- **THE RELIGIOUS GOODS ROOM** is open every **Sunday-8AM-1:30PM**. Spanish Bibles and new rosaries are here.
- **CALASANZ MOVEMENT YOUTH GROUP** meets every **Friday**, from **7-9PM** in the gym.
- **YOUTH GROUP BAKE SALE** takes place today, **Sunday, November 24** from **10AM-2PM** in the church.
- **GREAT GATSBY GALA**-St. Helena's Great Calasanz Movement Youth Group is hosting a Great Gatsby Gala on **February 29, 2020**, from **7-11PM** in the gym. Funds raised will support the youth group. Tickets are \$30 each or 2 for \$50.00. In January, tickets will be the regular price of \$35 per person and \$60 for couples. This will be a great opportunity to not only dress up like the 1920s but also have fun as a parish community! For more info, send an Email to [cmsthenela@gmail.com](mailto:cmsthenela@gmail.com).
- **BOY SCOUTS** are still looking for new members, ages 12-18. We meet every **Wednesday** at **6:30PM** in the cafeteria. Our **Cub Scouts** are also looking for new members ages 5-11. They meet in the Calasanz Room on Saturday.
- **THE NEW ST. HELENA OUTREACH MINISTRY** will meet today, **Sunday, November 24** at **3:45PM** at the Horizon Youth Detention Center for our program.
- **PARISH TRIP TO SIGHT AND SOUND THEATRE** in Lancaster, PA on **Saturday, November 30** is now full. Full payment of \$150 is now due. Please be at St. Helena's on **November 30** by **10:45AM**. The buses are leaving promptly at **11AM**.
- **THE MOTHER TERESA GROUP**-announces that in December they will be collecting toys for the children at Jacobi Hospital and clothes for the seniors at Rebekah Nursing Home, and they invite people to start purchasing items for their drives. In January, they will begin an "Adopt-a-Grandparent" program whereby people can select an elderly person that they will regularly visit.
- **PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY** on **Sat., Dec. 7, 6-12PM**. Music, Food, prizes, raffles, and photos with Santa. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors and children under 12, and \$40 for families (2 Adults and children).
- **FIESTA DIVINO NINO CELEBRATION** will take place on **Sunday, December 8** from **1:30-5PM** in the gym. Sponsored by the Ecuadorian Community, there will be food, games, music, and raffles. Everyone is welcome.
- **AREA PARISH ADVENT RETREAT**-St. Helena's is teaming up with St. Raymond's Parish, Santa Maria, and

St. Dominic's to offer a spiritual area Advent Retreat on **Wednesday, December 18** from **6:30-9:30PM**. The Spanish retreat will take place here at St. Helena's, and the English Retreat at Santa Maria Parish. The retreats will begin with Adoration from 6:30-7PM, followed by three faith testimonials, one from each of the three parishes. Fr. Fernando Real, M.Id., the current Vicar General of the Idente Missionaries and former long-time pastor of Santa Maria will speak at the Spanish Retreat, and Fr. Robert Badillo, M.Id., the current pastor and Provincial of the Idente Missionaries will speak at the English Retreat. Fr. Fernando Negro, Sch.P. the Provincial of the Piarist Fathers will celebrate the Spanish Retreat Mass, while Fr. James Cruz, the pastor of St. Raymond's, will celebrate the English Mass. Mass will be followed by confession, food and fellowship. Everyone is urged to attend this powerful Advent experience.

- **ST. HELENA'S FIRST PRIESTLY ORDINATIONS**, on **Saturday, December 21** at **10AM**. Deacons Pedro Rivas, Sch.P. and Manuel Sanchez, Sch.P. will be ordained as priests and Br. Orlando Rodriguez will be ordained as a deacon. Mark your calendars for this historic parish event.
- **HOPE FOR US 7th ANNUAL TOY DRIVE**-This season help bring smiles to the faces of children living in homeless shelters throughout New York City. From now thru **Dec. 22**, Hope for Us Inc. will be collecting new, unwrapped toys, money, and gift cards. A **GIVING TREE** will be in the vestibule of the Church which will contain ornaments with all of the information necessary for you to buy toys for specific aged children. Please bring your gift to the Rectory.
- **FREE RESOURCES ON FORMED**-We hope you are enjoying the free parish subscription to [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org). Today is the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Study: Symbolon: Knowing the Faith, Sessions 2: *Divine Revelation*, 4, *The Story of Salvation* or 5, *Who is Jesus?* Watch *Keys of the Kingdom* or listen to: *Say Yes to Christ*, *Who Do You Say That I Am?*, *I'm Not Being Fed*, *Jesus, the Bridegroom*, *Beyond Belief*, or *Fan or Follower*. Not on FORMED? There is now a new and easier way to log onto Formed. 1. Log into Formed.org; 2. Type in your parish name, zip code or city. Scroll down, select your correct parish, and click Next; 3. Enter your name and e-mail address; 4. Click on Sign Up and you are logged onto the platform.
- **AA BIG BOOK STUDY** meets every **Saturday, 7-8:30PM** in the green building. New members are always welcome.
- **CO-DEPENDENTS ANNONYMOUS (CODA)** meets every **Monday** from **7-8:30PM** in the rectory meeting room.

## **SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **ANNUAL MULTICULTURAL MASS** on **Wednesday, November 27** at **8:30AM** in the church. Everyone is invited to dress in the attire of their native country.
- **TOURING TUESDAYS**-Since its inception six years ago, Touring Tuesdays have been attended by thousands of families. The tours offer parents an opportunity to see Catholic schools in action, learn about the admission process, and meet with principals, faculty, and students at the school. Touring Tuesday reservations are required and can be made by contacting the school. Tours can also be arranged at other times to accommodate parent schedules. Our next scheduled dates are **Tuesday, December 3** and

## **WEEKLY OFFERING ENVELOPES**

<b>Sunday, November 17</b>	<b>\$4,579.85</b>
<b>St. Helena Elementary School</b>	<b>\$1,599.23</b>

Our weekly budget, (Nuestro presupuesto semanal) is \$5,192.31. Thank you all for your generosity and support and for all that you do. Gracias a todos por su generosidad y por todo lo que hacen.

**January 7 and 28 from 9-11AM.** For more info, call St. Helena School at **718-892-3234**.

## **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **38th ANNUAL BRONX CONCERT SINGERS HOLIDAY CONCERT** on **Sunday, Dec. 15 at 4:30PM** at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1891 McGraw Ave. \$20/adult, \$15 seniors/college students, \$5 students under 18. For more info, call **917-743-4641**.
- **ARE YOU WITHOUT IMMIGRATION STATUS?-STAND UP** is a campaign to protect the rights and welfare of immigrants, especially the undocumented. It is confidential, dependable, and secure. For info, call **212-736-8500 X305**.
- **IMMIGRATION ADVOCATE'S COURSE**-Perhaps you feel God is calling you to help undocumented immigrants in a very special way. This 40-hour course runs **March 24-June 20** on **Tuesdays** from **6-9PM** at St. Francis of Assisi Church, 19 West 31st St., NY. The course is based on the Immigrant Legal Resource Center's curriculum. Non-lawyers who complete the course will receive ILRC certificates and NY lawyers will receive 42 New York CLE credits. Scholarships available for staff and volunteers of non-profit organizations such as St. Helena's. Registration deadline is **March 11**. For more info, call **212-736-8500 X305**.
- **A FEW GOOD MEN** is playing at Archbishop Stepinac High School **November 24 at 2PM**. Tickets are \$20/adult and \$15 for seniors and children under 12. For reservations, call **914-946-4800 X 200**.
- **REGIS HIGH SCHOOL REACH PROGRAM** is a free high school prep program that prepares middle school young men for admission to Regis and other top Catholic high schools. To qualify, students must come from a Catholic family; have high grades and test scores and live in the NYC metropolitan area and come from a family with significant financial need. For more info, please visit at: [www.regis.org/reach](http://www.regis.org/reach) or Mr. Alan Garcia at **646-657-2061**.
- **CHRISTMAS FLEA MARKET** on **Sunday, Dec. 8** from **8AM - 4PM** at Holy Family Church Mechler Hall, 2158 Watson Ave. Over 70 vendors. For info, call **718-863-9156**.
- **POPE EXTENDS FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LORETO TO THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH**-Pope Francis has decreed that "the optional memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Loreto should be inscribed in the Roman Calendar on **December 10**, the day on which the feast falls in Loreto, and celebrated every year." The October 7 decree, published on October 31, comes two months before the beginning of the December 2019-December 2020 Loreto jubilee year.
- **ANGIE: HIGH QUALITY PROFESSIONAL HAIR CARE**, 1559 Metropolitan Ave., **347-981-5806**.
- **SPANISH WOMAN** looking for a room. Please contact Hilliary Juracán-**646-508-5882**.
- **SINGLE LADY** looking to rent a room for around \$400/month. Call Joyce at **347-261-2010** if you have a room to rent.

**DÍA VEINTITRÉS:** Ya introdujimos la escuela de terapia que se enfoca en las soluciones<sup>[1]</sup> más que en el problema. Mucho de lo que estamos trabajando hasta ahora tiene que ver con ese enfoque; el de la sanación a través de concentrarse en la *solución*. Hoy nos adentramos más a fondo en este camino apasionante y extremadamente simple. Para ello, te planteo unas preguntas que has de responder desde la intuición, desde el deseo, desde la persona que eres en tu ser real, desde la persona que estás llamada a ser desde esa profundidad y libertad absoluta de tu ser:

a) *La pregunta milagrosa:* Imagina que mientras duermes se da un milagro y sientes que las dificultades que te impiden ser feliz han desaparecido. Cuando te levantes en la mañana, ¿cómo reconocerías que el milagro ha ocurrido de verdad?

¿qué cosas empezarías a hacer de modo totalmente diferente a como las has venido haciendo? ¿Quién o quiénes se darán cuenta, al verte, que el milagro ha sucedido?

b) *La pregunta excepcional:* Seguramente ya has experimentado que actuando de manera diferente a como te habías (o te habían) programado te sientes mejor: ¿qué puedes hacer desde hoy para repetir la misma actitud de autonomía en todo lo que haces?

c) Nombra al menos tres *cosas por las que deberías felicitarte a ti misma*. Hazlo sinceramente, basándote en logros que, aunque te parezcan pequeños, te hacen sentir que vas creciendo en autonomía.

d) *Preguntas de baremo:* ¿qué cosas concretas, aunque sean pequeñas, están cambiando en tu forma de ser y de actuar?, ¿en qué medida sientes confianza de que, pase lo que pase, vas a seguir luchando y creciendo?, ¿cómo te visualizas a ti misma al final de estos 90 días?, ¿qué cosas serán diferentes en tu vida para entonces?

En realidad no puedo cambiar nada de lo que haya sucedido en mi vida. Todo lo que he experimentado, ha pasado a ser parte de mi historial. Pero sí que puedo aprender del pasado para reorientar desde el hoy lo quiero que sea mi mañana. No somos seres autómatas, mero producto del ayer. Te invito a que escribas las respuestas; hazlo guiada por este texto bíblico: Jeremías 29, 11.

P. Fernando

### **Please Pray for the Sick of Our Parish**

Carmelle and Nicole Antoine, Indrowdi Sadu, Rosa Pena, Luzvina Vega, Augustine Ayala, Joyce Hoyt, Leena Shaji, Florence Churchill, Myrna Perez, Heyllie Cardona, Genil Alcantara, Maria Barro, Erica Vargas, Gina Fay, Vayron Leah Rodriguez, Alen George, Phillip Williams, Marie Lopez, Jose Vargas, Pat Callahan, Sabina Acosta, Margarita Torres, Thomas Darrigo, Ralphie Lugo, Lydia Sffreda, Stella Caballero, Pylar Pagan, Roseanne and Joseph Pane, Rosa Maria Santos, Mary Brennan, Jenny Mauro, David Sheehan, Jr., Mary Charlotte, Ana Espinosa, Montseratte Rivera, Peggy Ward, Maria Teresa Roque, Nicole Cancel, James Leung, Millie Morales, Gabrielle Tingue, Josefina Gonzalez and Maritza Gonzalez, Sandra Miller, Paul Harper, Nancy Calderon, Miriam Ortiz, Michael Signorini, Linu Kutty and Leena, Terique Collins, Annalee - a newborn baby born with defective lungs and is in the hospital, Jacqueline French and Nancy Rosado, Alex Francis, Miguel A. Maldonado

### **Please Pray for the Deceased and their Grieving Families:**

Bernardo Del Valle, Ada Perez, Alcibiades Nunez Jimenez

### **SANTA HELENA**

#### **"TU LUGAR DE ENCUENTRO"**

**Dec 12 Clase de Bautismo. 7 pm en la Iglesia.** Traer los documentos requeridos. Traer el Certificado de Nacimiento del niño/a. Si los padrinos son casados deben traer el *Certificado de Matrimonio de la Iglesia*. Si el padrino o madrina son solteros deben traer su Certificado de confirmación.

**Inscripciones para Bautismo: Martes de 1 a 4 pm.  
Jueves de 1 a 8 pm.**

**Dec. 21 ST. LAS PRIMERAS ORDENACIONES SACERDOTALES DE HELENA**, el sábado 21 de diciembre a las 10 a.m. Diáconos Pedro Rivas, Sch.P. y Manuel Sanchez, Sch.P. serán ordenados sacerdotes y fr. Orlando Rodríguez será ordenado diácono. Marque sus calendarios para este histórico evento parroquial.

### **INFORMACION Y EVENTOS**

**CONCURSO CARTAS PARA SANTA**-Para niños menores de 12 años. Reglas:

1. Presentación (Carta con Sobre)-Nombre, dirección y # de teléfono; 2. Redacción (Saludo, Texto y Despedida)-Puede ser: Inglés, Francés o Español; 3. Entregar hasta 1 ro. de **Diciembre del 2019**-(En la Rectoría o después de las Misas) Habrá una cajita especial esperando por sus cartas; 4. I.D. Necesario (para comprobar la edad). Los premios serán entregados en Nuestra Fiesta de Navidad **Sábado Diciembre 7**, desde las **6pm**.

**TIENDA DE ARTICULOS RELIGIOSOS** ahora está abierto.  
**CAMPAÑA RENOVAR Y RECONSTRUIR:** Muchos de ustedes

han recibido un sobre de la apelación de Cardinal en el correo de su sobre. Por favor, deposítelo en la colección en cualquier momento este mes o puede hacer una promesa en línea en

[www.cardinalsappeal.org](http://www.cardinalsappeal.org).

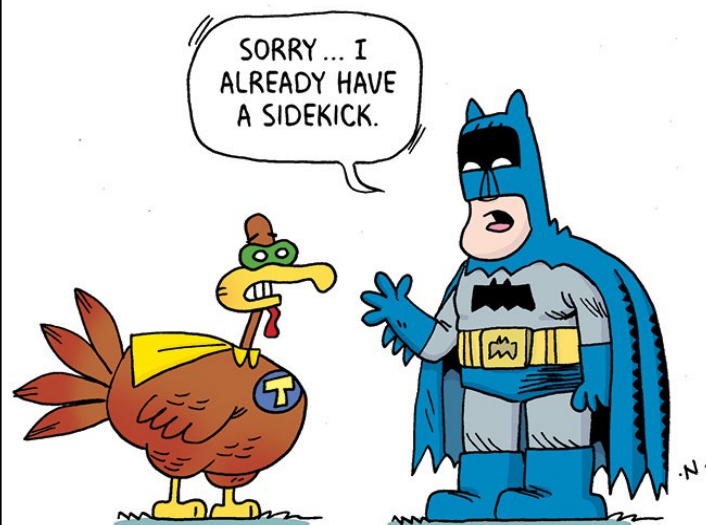
**Semana antes de la Colecta**-La proxima semana, nuestra segunda colecta sera para la Campana de Caridad y Justicia de Caridades Catolica. Familias incontable viven en la pobreza. El ano pasado esta colecta ayudo los esfuerzos parroquiales y comunitarios para ayudar a los pobres en todo el Arquidiocesis. Apoyando esta colecta, ustedes estan dando a ellos una mano amiga. Informense mas acerca la colecta en [www.catholiccharitiesny.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesny.org).

**Winter Wonderland** - Árboles de Navidad naturales (\$45) y coronas de navidad (\$20) serán vendidos en St. Helena del 29 de noviembre al 24 de diciembre. Habrán juegos para niños, comida y fotos con Santa durante los fines de semana. Las fotos. On Santa tienen un costo de \$10, con la posibilidad de tener entrega gratis o un 50% de descuento si realiza un pedido por adelantado a través del colegio o llamando a la rectoría al 718-892-3232. Vea los volantes en las entradas de la iglesia.

**RETIRO DE ADVIENTO PARROQUIAL**- St. Helena se está asociando con la Parroquia de San Raymond, Santa Maria y Santo Domingo para ofrecer un Retiro de Adviento en el área de Parkchester el miércoles 18 de diciembre de 6:30-9:30PM. El retiro en español se llevará a cabo aquí en Santa Elena, y el retiro en inglés será simultáneo en la parroquia de Santa María. Ambos retiros comenzarán con Adoración de 6:30-7PM, seguido de tres testimonios de fe, uno de cada una de las tres parroquias. El p. Fernando Real, M.Id., el actual Vicario General de los Misioneros Idente y antiguo pastor de Santa María hablará en el retiro en español, y el Padre Robert Badillo, M.Id., el actual párroco y Provincial de los Misioneros Idente hablará en el retiro de inglés. El p. Fernando Negro, Sch.P., Provincial de los Padres Escolapios, celebrará la Misa del retiro en español, mientras que el Padre James Cruz, párroco de St. Raymond's, celebrará la misa en inglés. Luego de la Misa, habrán confesiones, comida y un compartir fraterno. Se insta a todos a asistir a esta poderosa experiencia de Adviento.

### ACTIVIDADES EN ESPAÑOL

<b>LUNES</b>	<b>7 - 9 pm</b>	<b>Grupo Carismático de Oración.</b> Misa cada primer lunes
<b>MIERC.</b>	<b>10 am</b>	<b>Grupo Santa Madre Teresa de Calcuta:</b> Visita a pacientes de Rebeke <b>Misa en Rebeke: segundos lunes de mes a las 10.30 am</b>
	<b>7 - 9 pm</b>	<b>Coronilla de la Divina Misericordia,</b> Adoración, <b>Eucaristía</b>
<b>VIERNES</b>	<b>7 - 8.30 pm</b>	<b>Grupo Juvenil.</b> Edades 12-18. 7-8.30 pm
	<b>7.30—9pm</b>	<b>JECAFA.</b> Jesús, Calasanz y la Familia. Grupo de reflexión. Segundos y cuartos Viernes. Edificio verde.
<b>SÁBADO</b>	<b>11-12:30pm</b>	<b>Legión de María.</b> Rosario y reunión.



## Mass Intentions

**SUNDAY, Nov. 24, 2019-Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

- 7:30** Mr. Stephen Wyzykiewicz-Birthday Intention  
*Carmen Tapia-Birthday Intention*
- 9:00** In Thanksgiving for Favors
- 10:30** In Thanksgiving for Favors  
*Carmelisa Rodriguez*
- 12:00** Altagracia, Carmen, Manual and Jose Capellan;  
Miguel Angel Maldonado; Clementina Pena;  
George Hernandez-Accion de Gracias;  
En acción de gracias a Dios; Antonio Colon;  
Jacqueline French and Nancy Rosado-Healing Inten.
- 1:30** Antonia Ohle
- 5:00** Damienne Afeli-Intentions
- 6:00** Margaret Bongyii and Raphael Mbinkar

**MONDAY, November 25, 2019-St. Catherine of Alexandria**

- 6:50** Divine Justice for Underserved Hardships
- 8:30** Kristal Nicole Delgado
- 12:15** Souls in Purgatory

**TUESDAY, November 26, 2019-St. Silvester Gozzolini**

- 6:50** Mr. and Mrs. Stephen and Dorothy Wyzykiewicz
- 8:30** In Thanksgiving for Favors
- 12:15** John Krause

**WEDNESDAY, November 27, 2019-St. Virgil**

- 6:50** Brenda and Scott Van de Weghe-Intentions
- 8:30** Alberto Brinz
- 12:15** Stephanie Fijalkowski  
*Geronimo Lopez*
- 7:00** En acción de gracias a Jesucristo

**THURSDAY, November 28, 2019-St. Catherine Labouré**

- 6:50** Antonio Colon
- 8:30** Madeline and Daniel Donovan
- 12:15** Murphy and Warneke Families (Bi-lingual)

**FRIDAY, November 29, 2019-St. Radbod**

- 6:50** In Thanksgiving for Favors
- 8:30** Trinidad Retutas
- 12:15** Richard Serrano-Health and Birthday Intentions

**SATURDAY, November 30, 2019-St. Andrew**

- 6:50** Mary T. Early
- 8:30** Carmen Gonzalez
- 12:15** Michael Peter Churchill
- 5:30** Josephine Schubert

**SUNDAY, December 1, 2019- First Sunday of Advent**

- 7:30** Mamie Herman
- 9:00** For Alessandra Mia Savino's Utmost Facility in  
Achieving Salvation and for a Close and Loving  
Relationship with Her Paternal Grandmother
- 10:30** David Price
- 12:00** Digna Zea; Cecilia Elba de Susaña, Mayra Susaña,  
Christiana Susaña and Elsa Mercedes Susaña;  
Carmen Cruz-Cumpleaños;  
En acción de gracias a la Virgen María.
- 1:30** Virgilio Rolon
- 5:00** Katherine Callaghan
- 6:00** Margaret Bongyii and Raphael Mbinkar

*Names only said in Prayer of the Faithful are in Italics*

**Readings for the week of November 24, 2019**

**Sunday:** 2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43; **Monday:** Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/Lk 21:1-4; **Tuesday:** Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61 [59b]/Lk 21:5-11; **Wednesday:** Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67 [59b]/Lk 21:12-19; **Thursday:** Dn 6:12-28/Dn 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74 [59b]/Lk 21:20-28; **Friday:** Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/Lk 21:29-33; **Saturday:** Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10 or Jn 6:63]/Mt 4:18-22; **Next Sunday:** Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [1]/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44.