



Saint Dominic Catholic Community

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THIRD

Sunday of Advent

December 15, 2019

The desert and the parched land will exult;
the steppe will rejoice and bloom.
They will bloom with abundant flowers,
and rejoice with joyful song.
Isaiah 35:1-2

TERCER

Domingo de Adviento

Regójate, yermo sediento.
Que se alegre el desierto
y se cubre de flores
que florezca como
un campo de lirios,
que se alegre y
dé gritos de júbilo.
Isaías 35:1-2

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Church Office Hours
Monday - Friday
8:00 am - 4:00 pm
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DRE - Ana Martinez
Friday & Sunday PK - 5th
DRE - Rosana Gonzales
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Asst. - Irma Tello - Spanish
Asst. - Jocelyn Vera-English
From the first week of
September through the
last week of May



Mission Statement

We, the parish community of St. Dominic, Houston, TX, a multi-cultured community, joined together by faith in Jesus Christ and the Roman Catholic Church, commit ourselves to help each other grow in the understanding of our faith, celebrate this faith in Liturgy and live it out by using the gifts of each person in the service of others, especially those in need, so that in the end, we may become truly a community of faith: truly the people of God and be of service to all!

Worship Schedule

Weekend Masses:

Saturday -English 8:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Sunday - **English** 8:00 a.m. 11:15 a.m.
Español 9:30 a.m. -1:00 p.m.

Weekday Masses:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:00 a.m. English
Wednesday 7:00 pm English

Liturgy of the Hours:

Morning Prayer: Sunday - Saturday 7:30 a.m.
Evening Prayer: Wednesday 6:30 p.m.
& Saturday 5:30 p.m.

Devotions: Rosary of the Virgin Mary:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 8:30 a.m.
Saturday 8:00 a.m.

Prayer Meeting: Spanish - Tuesday 7:00 p.m.

Novena to the Sacred Heart:

During the Friday morning Holy Mass

Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help:

After Wednesday Mass

Eucharistic Adoration: Weekly Holy Hour:

Thursday 8:30 -9:30 a.m.
First Friday -9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Reconciliation Sacrament:

Wednesday 6:00 - 6:45 pm Saturday-5:00-5:45 p.m.

Sacrament of Baptism

Parents & Sponsors please register one week in advance.

English Baptism Class: First Tuesday & Thursday of
the month at 7:00 p.m.

English Baptism Celebration:

Third Saturday of the month at 9:00 a.m.

Clase Pre Bautismal:

Primer Martes y Jueves del mes a las 7:00 p.m.

Bautismos Español:

Segundo Sábado del mes al las 9:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Marriage – Quinceañera Celebrations

Call the Parish office 6 months in advance to schedule appointment
with priest.

Sacrament of the anointing of the sick

Please call the parish office to make arrangements for
communion to be brought to your home or to the hospital.

Parish Registration

If you are new to the parish, please register at the office.
Monday –Friday 8:30 a.m. –3:30 p.m.

Pre -Baptismal Registration

Must register in the parish office,

Monday – Friday, 8:00 am –3:30 pm a week prior to the class.
Bring child's birth certificate; required to register

Sponsors if married must be married by the Catholic
Church and marriage certificate required.

If single they must be at least 16, and bring copy of
their Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation

Parents and godparents must attend two pre-baptismal classes
held 1st Tuesday & Thursday of the month at 6:30 - 9:30 pm.

Donation for class is \$75.00

Baptism celebration 3rd Saturday of the month at 9:00 am

Child being baptized can not be older than 7 yrs. Old.

Children 7 years and older must be prepared through the
parish Catechism Program. (Guidelines of the Archdiocese of
Galveston-Houston)

Información Pre- Bautismal - Pase a la oficina parroquial
Lunes –Viernes, 8:00 am – 3:30 pm una semana antes de la
clase. Es requerido presentar la acta de nacimiento del niño/a
quien van a bautizar.

Padrinos Si están casados

deben estar casados por la iglesia Católica es requerido
presentar la acta de matrimonio.

Si son solteros, deben tener por lo menos 16 años y presentar
su acta de Bautizo, Primera Comunión y Confirmación.

Papas y Padrinos tienen que asistir a dos pláticas
pre-bautismales el primer martes y jueves del mes de
6:30-9:30 pm. **Donación** para la platica: \$75.00

Bautismos el segundo Sábado del mes a las 9:00 am

Niños sin bautizar no deben ser mayores de 7 años de edad.

Niños deben recibir catecismo en el programa de la parroquia.
(Guías de Arquidiócesis de Galveston-Houston)

Presentación de Tres Años

Cuarto domingo del mes durante la misa de 1:00 p.m.

Pasa a la oficina y presente acta de bautismo para registrase

Sacrament of Marriage: Register at least 6 months in
advance; drop by the office and fill out form and be ready
to meet the pastor; Pick up wedding information check-list.

Quinceañera Celebrations: The family must be registered
in the parish for a period of three (3) months prior to the date
of the first preparation session. The candidate should register
for her/his Quince Años ceremony on or before her/his 14th
birthday. The candidate must have been baptized in the
Roman Catholic Church and must have received First Eucharist
prior to the time of the ceremony. If the honoree has not
received the Sacrament of Communion, she/he should be
enrolled to prepare to receive the sacrament before the Quince
Años ceremony. The candidate must attend and complete
preparation sessions with the coordinator and must join
our parish youth program. Pick up Quinceañera information
check-list.

Care for the Sick

Bobbie Anderson	Vitaliana Nisnisan
Georgia Malonson	Jonathan Bomar
Glice Ligason	Ron Kocab
Mervin Auzenne	Harold Desvignes
Joe Lozoya	Eva Owens
Eola Corbello	Estela Visaya
Lynn Doane	Ernesto de Jesus
Erica Taylor	Ernestine Alsen
Doreen Whitmeer	Bennie Haddox
Elma Revelo	Concepcion Ramirez
Gretchen King	Rita Lacobie
Laura Rucka	Maria Celestino





From The Pastor



Dear Friends in St. Dominic

The third Sunday of Advent is traditionally called *Gaudete Sunday*. *Gaudete* is the Latin word meaning "rejoice." This Sunday is so named because "Rejoice" is the first word in the entrance antiphon for today's Mass taken from Philippians 4:4,5: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice! The Lord is near." Some people mark this Sunday on their Advent wreath with a pink candle instead of a purple candle. This Sunday is a joyful reminder that our salvation is near.

This week's Gospel Reading continues our Advent reflection on the person and message of John the Baptist. Last week we heard John speak about his relationship to the coming Messiah, Jesus. This week, we hear Jesus' message to John the Baptist, now in prison, about the signs of the kingdom found in Jesus' ministry and Jesus' assessment of John's role in the Kingdom of God.

The Gospel of Matthew tells the story of John's arrest in chapter 14:3-12. In today's Gospel, John sends word to Jesus from prison, asking if Jesus is the Messiah for whom he has been waiting. Jesus responds by pointing to the miracles that he has worked and invites John and the other hearers to make their own determination. In his next breath, however, Jesus praises John for his role in preparing the way for Jesus. Then Jesus says that all of those who work for the Kingdom of God will be as great as John and even greater.

Jesus' message to John about the signs of the kingdom being performed recalls the salvation described by the prophet Isaiah. This passage is a reminder that the beginning of salvation is already mysteriously present to us, but also yet to be fulfilled. Salvation is already in our midst as manifest in the miraculous deeds of Jesus and in the Church. But salvation is also to be fulfilled in the coming reign of God. Even as we observe our world today, we can find glimpses of God's work among us. Even more, we help to prepare the way for God's kingdom by our words and our deeds. This message is indeed a cause for rejoicing.



Rev. Roger Estorque

Queridos amigos en Santo Domingo

El tercer domingo de Adviento se llama tradicionalmente domingo de Gaudete. Gaudete es la palabra latina que significa "regocíjate". Este domingo se llama así porque "regocíjate" es la primera palabra en la antífona de entrada para hoy en Misa tomada de Filipenses 4: 4,5: "Alégrate en el Señor siempre De nuevo digo, regocíjate! El Señor está cerca". Algunas personas marcan este domingo en su corona de Adviento con una vela rosa en lugar de una vela púrpura. Esta El domingo es un alegre recordatorio de que nuestra salvación está cerca.

La lectura del Evangelio de esta semana continúa nuestro Adviento Reflexión sobre la persona y el mensaje de Juan Bautista. La semana pasada escuchamos a Juan hablar sobre su relación con el Mesías venidero, Jesús. Esta semana, escuchamos el mensaje de Jesús a Juan Bautista, ahora en prisión, sobre las señales del reino que se encuentran en el ministerio de Jesús y la evaluación de Jesús del papel de Juan en el Reino de Dios.

El Evangelio de Mateo cuenta la historia del arresto de Juan en el capítulo 14: 3-12. En el Evangelio de hoy, Juan le envía un mensaje a Jesús desde la prisión, preguntándole si Jesús es el Mesías a quien ha estado esperando. Jesús responde señalando los milagros que ha realizado e invita a Juan y a los demás oyentes a tomar su propia determinación. Sin embargo, en su próximo aliento, Jesús alaba a Juan por su papel en la preparación del camino para Jesús. Entonces Jesús dice que todos los que trabajan para el Reino de Dios serán tan grandes como Juan e incluso mayores.

El mensaje de Jesús a Juan sobre las señales del reino que se está realizando recuerda la salvación descrita por el profeta Isaías. Este pasaje es un recordatorio de que el comienzo de la salvación ya está misteriosamente Presente para nosotros, pero también por cumplir. La salvación ya está en medio de nosotros como se manifiesta en las obras milagrosas de Jesús y en la Iglesia. Pero la salvación también se cumplirá en el reinado venidero de Dios. Incluso mientras observamos nuestro mundo hoy, podemos encontrar vislumbres de la obra de Dios entre nosotros. Aún más, ayudamos a prepararnos el camino para el reino de Dios por nuestras palabras y nuestros hechos. Este mensaje es de hecho un causa de regocijo.



Rev. Roger Estorque

Mass Intentions

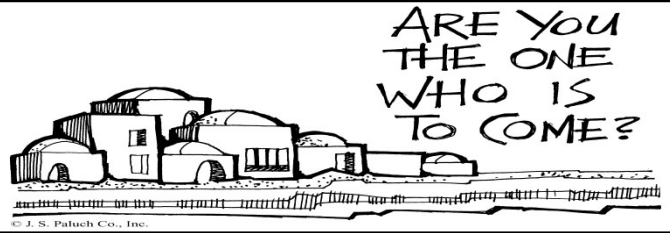
Saturday	December 14th
8:00 am	† All Souls/Difuntos
6:00 pm	† Euginia Prejean/Shirley Malonson
Sunday	December 15th
8:00 am	† Pedro & Dioselina/Familia Gaviria
9:30 am	† Bebes no Nacidos/Familia Valles
	† Almas del Purgatorio/Familia Valles
11:15 am	Pro Populo/For the People
1:00 pm	† Socorro Chavarria/Hilda Cantu
	† Maria Marmolejo/Hilda Cantu
Monday	December 16th
5:00 am	Misa de Gallo
8:00 am	† James Breslin/Billie Briggs
Tuesday	December 17th
5:00 am	Misa de Gallo
8:00 am	† All Souls/Difuntos
Wednesday	December 18th
5:00 am	Misa de Gallo
7:00 pm	Birthday Francisco Valles, Jr./Valles Family
	Birthday Elias Duran, Jr. Valles Family
Thursday	December 19th
5:00 am	Misa de Gallo
8:00 am	† All Souls/Difuntos
7:00 pm	Asamblea de Oración
Friday	December 20th
5:00 am	Misa de Gallo
8:00 am	† All Souls/Difuntos
Saturday	December 21st <i>St. Peter Canisius</i>
5:00 am	Misa de Gallo
8:00 am	† All Souls/Difuntos
6:00 pm	† Emilio A. Peñas/Pres Peñas



12/08/19	1st	2nd
6:00 pm	\$1,018.74	\$ 196.00
8:00 am	\$1,512.00	\$ 427.00
9:30 am	\$1,242.21	\$ 515.41
11:15 am	\$1,410.84	\$ 239.35
1:00 pm	\$1,037.60	\$ 276.29
Total	\$6,221.39	\$1,654.05

2019 - GOAL \$34,000.00

Paid:	\$28,993.60
Pledged:	\$31,635.50
Participants:	201
Paid Under:	(\$5,006.40)
Pledge Under:	(\$2,364.50)



Monday	December 16th
	PERSPECTIVE
	<i>A mountain shames a molehill until they both are humbled by the stars</i>
Tuesday	December 17th
5:30 pm	Coro Voces de Jubilo/Mr. Puente
5:30 pm	Legion de Maria-Spanish
6:45 pm	NO - CIC, RCIT RCIA Class Eng. & Spanish
Wednesday	December 18th
7:00 pm	Formación de Asamblea
6:45 pm	NO - Confirmation I & II Class
Thursday	December 19th
5:30 pm	Legion of Mary-English
7:00 pm	Youth Group
Friday	December 20th
5:30 pm	NO-1st Communion English & Spanish class
Saturday	December 21st
	PERSPECTIVA
	<i>La montaña avergüenza a una madriguera hasta que ambas son humilladas por las estrellas.</i>
Sunday	December 22nd
9:45 am	NO-OEC ENGLISH PRE-K- 8TH GRADE
11:30 am	NO-OEC SPANISH PRE-K-5TH



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9
December 16th	Gospel: Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday:	Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17
December 17th	Gospel: Mt 1:1-17
Wednesday:	Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19
December 18th	Gospel: Mt 1:18-25
Thursday:	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17
December 19th	Gospel: Lk 1:5-25
Friday:	Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6
December 20th	Gospel: Lk 1:26-38
Saturday:	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21
December 21st	Gospel: Lk 1:39-45
Sunday:	Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7;
December 22nd	Gospel: Mt 1:18-24

ST. DOMINIC

PLEASE LET US KNOW... If you or a loved one are hospitalized and would like to be added to the prayer list, have a visit, homebound, and receive Holy Communion or the Sacrament of Anointing. Call the Parish office - 281-458-2910

INTENCIONES DE MISAS

Favor de pasar al la oficina por lo menos un semana antes de fecha de intención. No le de su intención a ultima hora al lector. El nombre de intención debe aparecer en el boletín.

El boletín es enviado a imprenta en lunes para edición del próximo domingo.

La donación mínima por intención son \$5.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Please come by the office at least a week prior to date that you want intention mentioned. Please do not give name to lector last minute before intentions are mentioned. Names will appear in the bulletin.

Bulletin is sent to press on Monday of the week before Sunday edition.

Minimum Donation per intention of \$5.00

LA ASAMBLEA DE ORACIÓN

Se reúne cada Jueves
a las 7:00 pm en la
iglesia. Venga a las
alabanzas y charlas
de diferentes predicadores



ST DOMINIC PARISH LIFE CENTER

Our parish Life Center is a great benefit to our parishioners. It is not only used for monthly meetings of church and local organizations, but also for funerals, family reunions, weddings, quinceañeras and other important events at a great rate.

ST DOMINIC PARISH LIFE CENTER IS NOW
AVAILABLE FOR RENTAL PLEASE CALL THE PARISH
OFFICE AT 281-458-2910
FOR RENTAL INFORMATION

OUR Parish Life Center Hall features the perfect ambiance for a wedding reception, quinceañeras, birthday party, dance or banquet/ball. Amenities include 40 round tables, ten rectangular tables, chairs, portable staging. Our full service kitchen is perfect for staging large catering events held in the Parish Life Center Hall.

MINISTRIES & ORGANIZATIONS Leaders & Time

Altar Servers: Mercedes Flores -Spanish

Clem & Cecile Monta English 3rd Saturday 9:00 am.

E. M. of Holy Communion:- Mary LeBlanc -English

E. M. de Eucaristia: Uriel & Lucila Duran

Lectors English: Gale Lamanilao

Lectores Spanish: Rogelio Mendez

Liturgy English Music: Melner Calvo, Sundays 5 :00 pm

Liturgia Musica Espanol: Valentin Cobos, Jesus Puente, Elias Tello

Ushers/Greeters English: Parish Youth Group

Acomodadores Español: Salvador Guzman, Clementina Magallon

Offertory Collection Counters: Gloria Casey

Parish Pastoral Council- Juan Hernandez, 1st. Monday 6:00 pm

Parish Finance Council: Hector Hernandez quarterly & as necessary

Baptismal classes- English Melner Calvo, Alex Bozon, Clem Monta

Clases Pre -Bautismales Español Edith & Victor Leon, Hugo & Imelda Duron

Catholic Daughters: Mary Edmond 3rd Tuesday 6:30 pm

Family Ministry-Melner Calvo

Knights of Columbus: Elpidio Alcantar, 1st. Sunday 9: 30 am

Legion of Mary- Esmeralda Ramirez, Saturday 9:00 a.m. English

Legion de Maria -Angelita Gonzalez, Martes 7:00 p.m. Español

Facilities Maintenance: Daron Monteilh & Raymond Helfrich

Asamblea De Oración, Jesus & Ma. Dolores Velasquez Jueves 7:00 pm

MFCC St. Dominic: Gerardo y Esmeralda Marroquin

Hispanic Ministry Coordinator: Salvador Manzo

Parish Youth Ministry: Thursday 7:00 pm Rosana Gonzales,

Elda Briggs, Arlett Hernandez

Clase Pre-Nupcial : Jose y Silvia Cervantes

Pre-Nuptial Class: English Melner Calvo, Clem Monta, Alex Bozon

Nullity Sponsors: Clem Monta & Alex Bozon

Vocation:

Evangelization: Salvador Manzo

Pro-Life Gabriel: Rosana Gonzalez

Parents Faith Formation:

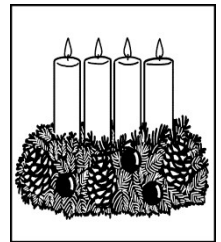
Rogelio Mendez-Spanish

Disaster Coordinator: Salvador Manzo,

Raymond Helfrich, Juan Hernandez,

Elda Briggs, Francisca Fortuno,

Rosana Gonzalez



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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The barren deserts will rejoice and flower (Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10).

Psalm — Lord, come and save us (Psalm 146).

Second Reading — Be patient, for the coming of the Lord is as sure as the rain (James 5:7-10).

Gospel — Tell of what you hear and see: The blind regain their vision, the crippled their movement, the deaf their hearing (Matthew 11:2-11).

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — ¡Sean fuertes, no teman! Su Dios viene a salvarlos (Isaías 35:1-8a, 10).

Salmo — Ven, Señor, a salvarnos (Salmo 146 [145])

Segunda lectura — Sean también pacientes y valientes porque la venida del Señor está cerca (Santiago 5:7-10).

Evangelio — “¿Eres tú él que debe venir o tenemos que esperar a otro?” (Mateo 11:2-11).

Thank You

To all for being so generous in your donations towards the repair of the benches

Gracias a todos por ser tan generosos en su donaciones para la reparación de los bancas



December Schedule

Monday, December 16th 5:00 am Misa de Gallo
Tuesday, December 17th 5:00 am Misa de Gallo
Wednesday, December 18th 5:00 am Misa de Gallo
Thursday, December 19th 5:00 am Misa de Gallo
7:00 pm Pastorella Musical

Friday, December 20th 5:00 am Misa de Gallo
OEC – Doctrina Christmas Vacation

Saturday, December 21st 5:00 am Misa de Gallo

Sunday, December 22nd 5:00 am Misa de Gallo

Monday, December 23rd 5:00 am Misa de Gallo
6:00 pm Simbang Gabi

Mass at Sacred Heart Church Presiding
His Eminence Daniel Cardinal DiNardo

Tuesday, December 24th **Office Closed**
5:00 am Misa de Gallo

No 8:00 am Mass

6:00 pm Bilingual

Christmas Carols-Christmas Play

Wednesday, December 25th Office Closed
Christmas Day

10:00 am English Mass

12:00 noon Misa Español



Tuesday, December 31st Office Closed

8:00 am mass

6:00 pm mass

Holy Day of Obligation

Vigil for the Solemnity of Mary

Día de obligación

Vigilia por la solemnidad de María

Wednesday, January 1st Office closed

New Years Day

10:00 am English Mass

12:00 noon Misa en Español

No Evening Mass-No habrá Misa en la Tarde

**OEC CLASSES RESUME
SUNDAY JANUARY 5TH**

**CLASES DE DOCTRINA
REGRESAN 5 DE ENERO**



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Third Sunday of Advent

Put yourself in the scene of today's Gospel passage. John the Baptist is in prison. He has heard stories of what Jesus is doing, and wants reassurance that Jesus is the long-awaited Messiah. John's disciples and those who surrounded Jesus were faithful Jews who would have known Isaiah's prophecies by heart. God would send One who would bring sight to the blind, healing to those who were ill, salvation to all who longed to know God's mercy and peace. Jesus' response to the disciples' question rings as powerfully in our ears today as it surely did for the people who were with him that day. His actions are precisely those that the people had been told to expect. Jesus is the One for whom the people have been patiently yet anxiously waiting, like the farmer who waits for the fruits of his labor. Jesus is the One for whom our hearts long.

WAITING AND HOPING

The people had been searching and waiting for generations for the Anointed One of God. They knew in their hearts that they needed someone to bring them back, to close the divide that had grown between God and God's people. John's baptism of repentance prepared them for the advent, or coming, of the Christ. John's message of repentance and the demands of faith, of justice, and care for the poor and oppressed, while comforting to the weak and vulnerable, was challenging to those in positions of power. Like prophets before him, he refused to ignore the promptings of God to speak God's word. And like many prophets who preceded him, John was imprisoned and eventually martyred.

We can relate to the people who went out into the desert to be baptized. They heard John's urgent call to repentance and his declaration that the Messiah was coming soon. They heard him express God's care for those who needed it most. They were compelled to hear and respond. Their lives were changed, as their hearts were opened to the reality of God's love to which John so powerfully gave witness.

GOD IS WITH YOU

We too ache for God's healing and peace. We wait for God to break into our lives with love. Who among us has not at times felt weak, feeble, afraid? Take heart, you are not alone. God is with you. God is ready to save us from the darkness of sin and lead us to joy in the presence of God's mercy. This is the message of Advent, and of the whole of the gospel: God desires so deeply to be with us that God came to be one with us in Jesus Christ.

Today's Readings: Is 35:1–6a, 10; Ps 146:6–7, 8–9, 9–10; Jas 5:7–10; Mt 11:2–11

Tercer Domingo de Adviento

Ponte en la escena del pasaje evangélico de hoy. Juan el Bautista está en prisión. Ha escuchado historias de lo que Jesús está haciendo y quiere asegurarse de que Jesús es el Mesías tan esperado. Los discípulos de Juan y los que rodearon a Jesús eran judíos fieles que habrían sabido las profecías de Isaías de memoria. Dios enviaría a Aquel que llevaría la vista a los ciegos, la curación de los enfermos, la salvación de todos los que anhelaban conocer la misericordia y la paz de Dios. La respuesta de Jesús a la pregunta de los discípulos suena tan poderosamente en nuestros oídos hoy como seguramente lo hizo para las personas que estaban con él ese día. Sus acciones son precisamente las que se le había dicho a la gente que esperara. Jesús es Aquel a quien la gente ha estado esperando paciente y ansiosamente, como el granjero que espera los frutos de su trabajo. Jesús es Aquel a quien nuestros corazones anhelan.

EN LA ESPERA Y CON ESPERANZA

El pueblo había estado buscando y esperando por generaciones al Ungido de Dios. Ellos sabían en sus corazones que necesitaban a alguien que los llevara de regreso, para terminar la división que había crecido entre Dios y su pueblo. El bautismo de arrepentimiento de Juan los preparó para el advenimiento o venida de Cristo. El mensaje de Jesús de arrepentimiento y exigencias de la fe, de la justicia y atención a los pobres y oprimidos, al tiempo que consuela a los débiles y vulnerables, era desafiante a aquellos en posiciones de poder.

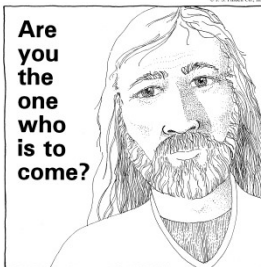
Como los profetas antes que él, rehusó ignorar los movimientos de Dios para hablar de la Palabra de Dios. Y como muchos profetas que lo precedieron, Juan fue hecho prisionero y después martirizado.

Podemos relacionarnos a las personas que fueron al desierto para ser bautizadas. Ellos escucharon el urgente llamado de Juan de arrepentimiento y su declaración que el Mesías estaba por venir. Lo escucharon expresar el cuidado de Dios por aquellos que más lo necesitaban. Ellos fueron obligados a escuchar y responder. Sus vidas cambiaron y sus corazones abiertos a la realidad del amor de Dios por el cual Juan fuertemente dio testimonio.

DIOS ESTÁ CONTIGO

Nosotros también anhelamos la sanación y paz de Dios. Esperamos que Dios interrumpa en nuestras vidas con amor. ¿Quién de nosotros no se ha sentido alguna vez frágil, débil o con miedo? Ánimo, no estás solo. Dios está contigo. Dios está listo para salvarnos de la oscuridad del pecado y guiarnos a la alegría en la presencia de la misericordia de Dios. Este es el mensaje de Adviento y de todo el Evangelio: Dios desea profundamente estar con nosotros por lo que Dios vino a ser uno con nosotros en Jesucristo.

Lecturas de hoy: Is 35:1–6a, 10; Sal 146 (145):6–7, 8–9, 9–10; Sant 5:7–10; Mt 11:2–11



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