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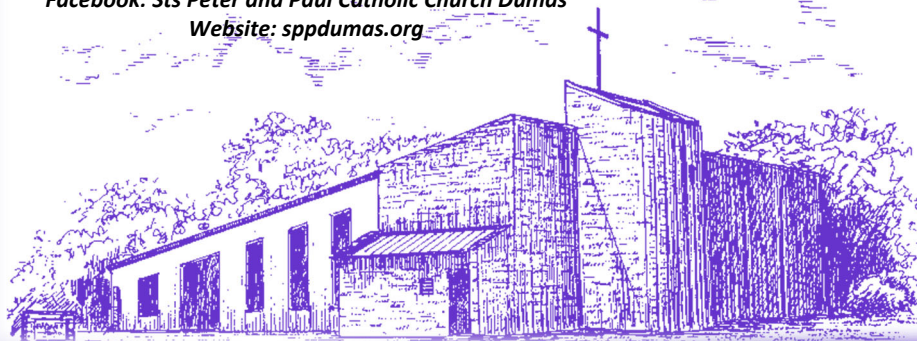
Finally, all of you, be of
one mind, sympathetic,
loving toward one
another, compassionate,
humble.

Tengan todo unos
mismos sentimientos,
sean compasivos, ámense
como hermanos, sean
misericordiosos y
humildes.
1 Peter 3:8

And let the peace of
Christ control your
hearts, the peace into
which you were also
called in one body. And
be thankful.

Que la paz de Cristo
reine en sus corazones:
esa paz a la que han sido
llamados, porque
formamos un solo
Cuerpo
1 Col 3:15

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Welcome to Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church. It is our hope that you feel at home and among friends here. If you are a visitor for a day, we pray God's speed on your journey. If you are looking for a parish community, we would be delighted to welcome you into our parish family. Please introduce yourselves. To register in our parish, please contact our office located to the north of our church building or call 935-5002.

Bienvenido a la Iglesia de San Pedro y San Pablo. Es nuestra esperanza que usted se sienta como en casa y entre amigos. Si esta aquí de vista por un día oramos a Dios que bendiga su viaje. Si usted esta buscando una comunidad parroquial estaríamos encantados de darle la bienvenida a nuestra familia parroquial. Por favor preséntese. Para registrarse en nuestra parroquia, por favor póngase en contacto con nuestra oficina ubicada al norte de la iglesia o llame al 935-5002.

First Sunday of Advent
December 3, 2017
Be watchful! Be alert!
You do not know when the time will come.
-- Mark 13:33

Primer Domingo de Adviento
3 de diciembre de 2017
Velen y estén preparados,
porque no saben cuándo llegará el
momento.
-- Marcos 13:33

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN

K-5: Sunday, 9:45-11:00 AM

6-8: Wednesday, 6:15-8:30 PM

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION For those children who did not prepare for or have not received sacraments as scheduled in our parish:

9-12: Sunday, 9:45-11:00

2-6: Monday, 6:00-7:15 PM

7-8: Wednesday, 6:15-8:30 PM

BAPTISM Parents must come to the parish office for information

MARRIAGE Couples must contact a priest at least 6 months before the proposed wedding date and couples of child bearing age must attend the Marriage Preparation and Natural Family Planning courses as offered and required by the diocese.

In the event of a death, please contact the parish office or priest, as soon as possible

DOCTRINA PARA NIÑOS

Grados K-5, domingo, 9:45-11:00 AM

Grados 6 – 8, miércoles, 6:15-8:30 PM

PREPARACION DE LOS SACRAMENTOS

Para los niños/niñas que no están preparados o que no han recibido los sacramentos como está programado en nuestra parroquia.

Grados 9-12: domingo, 9:45-11:00 AM

Grados 2-6 : lunes 6:00 PM - 7:15 PM,

Grados 7-8: miércoles 6:15-8:30 PM

PREPARACION PREBAUTISMAL Por favor llame a la oficina , 935-5002

MATRIMONIO Por favor llame al párroco seis meses antes de poner la fecha de la boda.

Cuando un ser querido fallezca favor de llamar a la oficina parroquial

Knights of Columbus Council 5061 2015-2016 Officers

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Ministries

Communion to the Sick and Homebound.....	Doug Pack & Herb Wethington
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Director of Religious Education.....	Ofelia Garbalena.....570-9656
Adult RCIA.....	Lisa Hatley.....930-8737
Altar servers/servidores del altar.....	Ricky DeLaRosa.....935-9071
Lectors/communion ministers.....	Lisa Hatley English.....930-8737
	Martha Sandoval Espanol.....717-3403
Caring hearts.....	Dora Reyna.....935-3620
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Vocations Ministry.....	
Food Pantry.....	Joyce Wethington
Hospitality.....	Joyce Wethington
Hospital Ministry.....	

Schedule of Masses/Horario de Misas

Daily Mass/Misa de la Semana: Tuesday/martes;

Spanish/Español: 6:00 PM

Wednesday/miércoles; English/Inglés: **6:15 PM**

Thursday/jueves; English/Inglés: 7:30 AM

Friday/viernes; English/Inglés 7:30 AM

Weekend Masses/Misa de fin de Semana:

Saturday/sabado English/Inglés 5:00 PM

Sunday/domingo English/Inglés 8:30 AM

Sunday/domingo Spanish/Español 11:00 AM & 1:00 PM

Confession/Confesión: Saturday/sabado 4:00-4:45 PM

Eucharistic Adoration/Adoración Eucarística: Thursday/jueves 8:00 AM-6:45 PM

Quinceañeras:

Debe llamar por lo menos 6-8 meses antes.

Los requisitos son: Asistir a misa regularmente los domingos, asistir a clases de formación religiosa y catecismo antes de la Celebración. Deben tener todos los sacramentos: Bautizo, Primera Comunión y Confirmación estar asistiendo grupo de jóvenes y asistir pláticas de Quinceañera y el retiro.

Call at least 6-8 months in advance. Expectations are: regular attendance at Sunday Mass, faith formation classes and appropriate catechesis before celebration.. The young lady should be baptized, have received Communion and been Confirmed. There are classes and a retreat that must be attended before the celebration.

Finance Council Members:

Joe Rahija Becky Gomez
Arnie Stork

Parish Council Members:

Joyce Wethington Stella Tan
Jim Elzner Carol Nevarez Lisa Hatley



EVENTS

Tuesday

Rosary:

5:10 PM English

Parish Council:

6:45 PM Third Tuesday

Parish Office

Cursillistas:

7:00 PM Salón

Wednesday

Rosario:

7:30 PM Español Cambio de ubicación

Holy Hour for Vocations:

7:00 PM One Wed. a month

Thursday

Finance Council:

Second Thursday
6:00 PM Office

Grupo de Oración

7:00 PM Salon

Friday

Rosario:

2:30 PM Español Iglesia

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

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

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Is 2:1-5; Sal 122 (121):1-9; Mt 8:5-11

Martes: Is 11:1-10; Sal 72 (71):1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lc 10:21-24

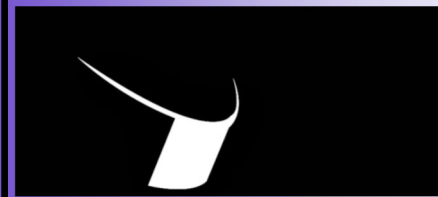
Miércoles: Is 25:6-10a; Sal 23 (22):1-6; Mt 15:29-37

Jueves: Is 26:1-6; Sal 118 (117):1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Viernes: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Sal 98 (97):1-4; Ef 1:3-6, 11-12; Lc 1:26-38

Sábado: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Sal 147 (146):1-6; Mt 9:35 -- 10:1, 5a, 6-8

Domingo: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Sal 85 (84):9-14; 2 Pe 3:8-14; Mc 1:1-8



We will soon have greeting cards available in the parish office that are for specifically for encouraging our seminarians. Please, consider purchasing one of these and letting one of our seminarians know that he is thought of often and prayed for often in our parish. The cards are the same price as our other greeting cards and are \$2.00 each. It is not a great expense but may mean a lot to our seminarians.

GOD HAS A DIFFERENT PLAN

We begin the season of Advent with a heartfelt call for our own repentance. We remember God's faithful love for us, and call upon God to help us to turn back. For "behold, you are angry, and we are sinful" (Isaiah 64:4). In the first reading and in the psalm, we recall God's promises and lament our unfaithfulness and our guilt. We call upon God's might and power in order to save us. With Isaiah, we ask God to "rend the heavens and come down, / with the mountains quaking before you" (Isaiah 63:19).

Yes, God is faithful to us, because we are the work of God's hands. God is the potter, we are the clay. And yet, our concept of how God will come to save us is rooted in our own expectations of a warrior God who crushes mountains and thunders into our lives with great noise and glory. But God has a different plan: the Incarnation.

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DIOS TIENE OTRO PLAN

Comenzamos el tiempo de Adviento con un llamado sincero al arrepentimiento. Recordamos el amor fiel que Dios siente por nosotros y le pedimos que nos ayude a emprender el camino de regreso: "estabas airado porque nosotros pecábamos" (Isaías 64:4). En la primera lectura y en el salmo, recordamos las promesas de Dios y lamentamos nuestra rebeldía y nuestra culpa. Invocamos el poder de Dios para salvarnos. Con Isaías, le decimos a Dios: "Ojalá rasgaras los cielos y bajaras, estremeciendo las montañas con tu presencia" (Isaías 63:19).

Sí, Dios nos es fiel, porque somos hechura de las manos de Dios. Dios es el alfarero, nosotros el barro. Y sin embargo, nuestro concepto de cómo Dios vendrá a salvarnos se origina en nuestra expectativa de un Dios guerrero que estremece las montañas y llega a nuestra vida con ruido y gloria. Pero Dios tiene otro plan: la Encarnación.

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If you would like to donate flowers for the altar, it is \$100 for two candles rings and \$75 for the arrangements by the Blessed Mother. The flowers can be in memory of a loved one if you would like.

We would be happy to help you in the office with the ordering.

We do need to know a couple weeks in advance so that we can notify Flowers Etc. of what flowers we would like to have in the arrangements.



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: First Sunday of Advent

Monday: St. John Damascene

Wednesday: St. Nicholas

Thursday: St. Ambrose; Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

Friday: Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday: St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

LOS SANTOS Y OTRAS CELEBRACIONES

Domingo: Primer Domingo de Adviento

Lunes: San Juan Damasceno

Miércoles: San Nicolás

Jueves: San Ambrosio; Día para Recordar Pearl Harbor

Viernes: La Inmaculada Concepción de la Virgen María

Sábado: San Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Advent calendars appear now in many homes, and newfangled formats are even available on line. Children have fun opening the doors and windows keyed to the days counting down to Christmas. Behind each door is a picture related to the Christmas mystery, perhaps a scripture verse or saying, but more and more these days something totally unconnected to religious life, like a small toy or a chocolate treat, appears instead. The Advent calendar is not very old as traditions go. We can trace it back to German-speaking Christians, both Protestant and Catholic. Lutherans might have originated the custom by placing chalk marks on doors starting December 1, lighting candles every day, or placing a new religious picture on the wall each day during Advent. The oldest known hand-made calendar goes back to 1851, and the first printed ones appeared in 1908 in Germany with Bible verses behind the doors. By far the most interesting calendar is a building, the town hall (Rathaus) of Gengenbach in Germany's Black Forest. Every year the townspeople invite an illustrator of children's books to create twenty-four paintings or motifs for each of the twenty-four main windows of the building. Every night the people gather to see a new window opened and illuminated. Very few commercial Advent calendars pay much attention to the core values of our liturgical calendar: the pivotal place of Sunday, the importance of Advent feasts like Saint Lucy and Saint Nicholas, and the clear shift in tone on December 17 from Advent longing and preparation toward imminent hope in Christ's coming. That kind of creativity is left up to you!

--Rev. James Field, Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

El significado de la palabra "¡Adviento!" es muy interesante. Viene del latín y quiere decir "Allí viene" o "Ya está llegando". Pero, ¿de quién hablamos cuando proclamamos "adviento"? ¿Del Rey de la Gloria?, ¿del Príncipe de la Paz?, ¿del Hijo del Dios Altísimo?, ¿del Salvador de Israel? Sí, sí, sí y otra vez, sí, pero más todavía del Hijo del Hombre, del niño de María. Allí viene y ya está llegando. Tenemos que estar preparados. Pero ¿cómo prepararnos para la llegada de un rey que es pobre?, ¿de un príncipe que nació entre una mula y un buey? ¿de un niño que ya es todo un hombre y además es Dios? He allí el dilema del Adviento cristiano. Es un llamado a vivir la paradoja de un tiempo que está a medias, donde el Reino de los Cielos ya existe pero no en su plenitud. Es un llamado a buscar en el templo, en el mall, en el barrio, en el hogar y en el propio corazón, para ver si "allí viene" el dueño de la casa. Es un llamado a estar atentos y vigilantes.

--Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glz, OFM, Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

El Coro de los Jóvenes va Cantar el sábado 23 de diciembre Después de la Misa de 5:00 PM

El concierto será gratuito, pero le pedimos que traiga algo de dinero para comprar los postres que se subastará justo a tiempo para la Navidad.

(Señoras de nuestra parroquia si usted tiene un postre de lujo que le gustaría donar a esta causa, estaríamos encantados de tenerlo.)

Todos los fondos recaudados de la subasta de postres serán para nuestro fondo de construcción.



Our Youth Choir will Perform Saturday, December 23rd

The concert will be free of charge but we ask that you bring some money to bid on the desserts we will be auctioning off just in time for your holiday enjoyment.

(Ladies of our parish if you have a fancy holiday dessert that you would like to donate to this cause, we would be happy to have it.)

All proceeds from the dessert auction will go to our Building Fund.

We have some new gift items in the office, Biscotti, lotions and soaps, Father's Cranberry sauce, Framed art, etc. In addition to these nice gift items we also have cards. We will have the Christmas

cards with pictures taken in our church on the front. These are beautiful cards and have even more meaning when you send them out and tell your friends and family: "this is our parish's Christmas decorations".



Church Attire:

Once more as we enter into fall, some people are arriving at Mass with torn clothing. This not appropriate clothing for the Lord's house. Clean, modest and intact clothing is what is appropriate for the Church. Please be respectful of the Lord's house.



De Nuevo, ya comienza el otoño y hay gente llegando con ropa rasgada. Esta vestimenta no es apropiada para la casa del Señor; ropa limpia, modesta e intacta es apropiada para la Iglesia. Por favor sean respetuosos en la casa del Señor.

YOUNG ADULTS – SAVE THE DATES!

If you are between the ages of 18 – 35 and you are looking to meet new people, have fun, and grow in your relationship with God, all at the same time, then come and join us for the Young Adult Fellowship Group! Upcoming meetings are: Thursday, December 7th & Thursday, December 21st (Christmas Party!)

Contact Sr. Raphaelle Marie,
DLJC at dumasyoungadults@gmail.com

PRAYER LINE/LINEA DE ORACIÓN

Gaspar Arriaga, Bruno Schwertner, Esther Lerma, Kayla Harkrider, Dorothy Harkrider, Esperanza Rueda Solis, Tony and Efinita Garcia, Linda Paetzold, Jude & Jake Hannemann, Jessie Frausto, Roger Dunn, Inocente Leyva, Keith Good, Joel Huerta, Jose Huerta, Adan Reyes, Lee Sheppard, Joe Beauchamp, Hilario Loya, Adelina Catano, Irma Madrid, Maria Rivera, Amalia Velasco, Jayden Nevarez, Leon Ramirez, Bo Bohannon, David Fetsch, Imelda Quintana, Gabriel Ramirez, Beatriz Ramos, Ty and Nicole Williams, Steve Gauna, Diana Marquez, Gustavo Pena, Socorro Pena, Shasta Espinoza, Sister Dolorene Lopez, Arthur Bohannon, Adelaida Sanchez, Irene Huseman, Mark Humphrey, Willie Weick, Georgette Perez, Martina Marquez, Familia DelaLuz-Hernandez, Bernice Schwertner, Christina Miguel, Efren Lopez, Elizabeth Ragon, Michael Hester, Victor Gonzalez, Larry Garcia, Carlos Herrera, Joe Rahija Sr.

We know everyone needs prayers and there are many, many people suffering from illnesses. We will keep your family member/friends on the prayer list for 3 months. If after 3 months your family member is still in need of healing prayers, please call for an additional 3 months. You can either call Mary at 935-5002 or email stspeterandpaul@hotmail.com Thanks!

On January 1st we will start over on this list, if there is someone who needs to remain on here please contact us before then.

Guardians of the Blessed Sacrament commit to spending a quiet hour of prayer in the Real Presence of Christ, once a week. Adoration is on Thursdays, from 8:00 AM-6:45 PM in our parish.

Hay varias horas disponibles para los Guardianes del Santísimo Sacramento. Si usted está interesado en servir como Guardián por favor póngase en contacto con la oficina tan pronto como sea posible. Los guardianes del Santísimo Sacramento se comprometen a pasar una hora en oración silenciosa en la presencia real de Cristo, una vez a la semana.

"PERMANEZCAN ALERTA"

Inciamos el Adviento, tiempo en el que nos preparamos para el encuentro con el Señor, tanto en su nacimiento como en su venida gloriosa al final de los tiempos.

- Hoy Jesús, el "dueño de la casa", nos dice: "Velen y estén preparados, porque no saben cuándo llegará el momento".
- No seamos indiferentes ante estas palabras del Señor. Tenemos que despertar de las vanas ilusiones que nos arrastran a una vida lejos de él, como si fuéramos a vivir para siempre en este mundo.
- Eso indica que tenemos que estar en constante alerta: hay que observar lo que pasa en nuestro mundo y en nuestra vida, para valorarlo a la luz de la fe y actuar en consecuencia.

¿Cómo nos estamos preparando para nuestro encuentro con Cristo?

"Stay Alert"

We begin Advent, the time in which we prepare ourselves for our encounter with the Lord, both in his birth and in his glorious coming at the end of time.

- Today Jesus, the "owner of the house", tells us: "Watch and be prepared, because you do not know when the time will come".
- Let us not be indifferent to these words of the Lord. We have to awaken from the vain illusions that drag us to a life far from him, as if we were to live forever in this world.
- This indicates that we have to be constantly alert: we must observe what happens in our world and in our life, to value it in the light of faith and act accordingly.

How are we preparing for our encounter with Christ?

LA INMACULADA CONCEPCIÓN ES LA OBRA MAESTRA DE LA REDENCIÓN DE CRISTO

María fue concebida sin mancha alguna de pecado "en previsión de los méritos de Cristo": como una gracia singular, a María se le aplicó la Redención antes de la muerte del Señor.

- Este es un privilegio que Dios quiso y podía darle.
- El Espíritu Santo puso su morada en la Virgen María desde el primer instante de su existencia.
- María es la más elevada y perfecta de las personas humanas, es imagen de Dios de manera sobresaliente y por eso puede amarlo con una intensidad sin igual.
- En la Virgen Inmaculada el cielo se une a la tierra, el Amor increado de Dios se une con el amor creado.
- María representa dignamente a toda la humanidad en su respuesta a Dios.

La Virgen María hace resplandecer la centralidad absoluta de Jesucristo en el orden de la salvación, conduce a todos a él y ayuda a que sea recibido por todos.

The Immaculate Conception means that Mary, whose conception was brought about the normal way, was conceived without original sin or its stain—that's what "immaculate" means: without stain. The essence of original sin consists in the deprivation of sanctifying grace, and its stain is a corrupt nature. Mary was preserved from these defects by God's grace; from the first instant of her existence she was in the state of sanctifying grace and was free from the corrupt nature original sin brings.

What's Happening???

Parents: At 7:45 AM on Wednesdays at both the intermediate school and the junior high school there will be a gathering of students to pray a short prayer for their own well being and that of our community. Please encourage your child to attend. It is a short prayer and will be led by the students themselves. All students are welcome to come and pray at the flag pole.

Rosary for the Immaculate Conception and Our Lady of Guadalupe:

Monday, December 4th at 6:00 PM

Tuesday, December 5th at 7:00 PM after the Mass

Wednesday, December 6th at 6:00 PM no Mass

Thursday, December 7th at 7:00 PM after reposition

Friday, December 8th at 6:00 PM followed by Mass

Saturday, December 9th at 6:00 PM after the Mass

Sunday, December 10th at 6:00 PM

Monday, December 11th at 6:00 PM

Tuesday, December 12th at 6:00 PM followed by Mass

We will be using our bilingual rosary booklets from last year. It allows us to all pray together in our own language and not have to "set out" for part of it. We alternate beginning the prayer in English and finish in Spanish/beginning the prayer in Spanish and finishing in English. We may not be quite "polished" at it yet but with practice we will improve!!!

The weekend of December 9th and 10th the Santa Maria Choir will be selling red and green tamales after all the weekend Masses.

Parish Advent Reconciliation Service: Thursday, December 14th at 6:00 PM

Christmas Schedule

Saturday, December 23rd: 5:00 PM Mass (English)

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Domingo 24 de diciembre: 11:00 AM Misa (español)

Cuarto Domingo de Adviento

Sunday, December 24th: 6:00 PM Mass (English)

Vigil Mass for Christmas

Domingo 24 de diciembre: 8:00 PM (español)

Vigilia de Navidad

Monday, December 25th: 11:00 AM Mass/Misa (Bilingual)

Christmas Day Mass/Misa de Navidad

New Year Schedule

Saturday, December 30th: Mass 5:00 PM (English)

Feast of the Holy Family

Domingo, 31 de diciembre: 11:00 AM Misa (español)

Fiesta de la Sagrada Familia

Sunday, December 31st: Mass 6:00 PM

Solemnity of the Blessed Mother

Domingo, 31 de diciembre: 8:00 PM Misa (español)

Solemnidad de Santa Maria, Madre de Dios

Monday January 1st: 11:00 AM Mass/Misa (Bilingual)

Solemnity of the Blessed Mother



Stir up Our Hearts O Lord!!!

On the First Sunday of Advent, the traditional opening prayer (or Collect) prayed: "Stir up Thy might, we beg Thee, and come." With this request to God to "stir up" His might, this day was traditionally called Stir-Up Sunday. Many families create a traditional plum pudding or fruit cake or some other recipe that all the family and guests can "stir-up." This activity of stirring-up the ingredients symbolizes our hearts that must be stirred in preparation for Christ's birth.

First Sunday of Advent

"There will be signs in the heavens and upon the earth, distress of nations. . .they will see the Son of Man coming. . .lift up your heads, because your redemption is at hand".

On His second Advent at the end of the world Jesus will come in the fullness of Divine Power. Then will we be obliged to accept Him as King of Justice. So today let us begin to prepare for this year's anniversary of His first Advent as King of Mercy. Because His coming is "nearer" we are warned to "rise from sleep,. . .lay aside the works of darkness. . .and put on the Lord Jesus Christ".

Aware of the dangers ahead during this preparation, we call upon His "power" to protect us and to "cleanse us". Finally, we promise to "prepare with due reverence for the coming festival".

We have received the designs and prices from the carpenter for the furnishings for our new daily Mass and Adoration chapel. These items are all hand crafted by a local artisan. They are made from oak. Deacon Joe Schwertner's memorial fund will purchase the altar as planned and in addition to that it will also purchase the Presider's Chair, the Deacon's Chair and the Presider's Table. All of these things will be in memory of Deacon Joe.

In addition to these items there are a few other items to pay for:

The Credence Table: \$875.00

The Ambo: \$1,850.00

The Stations of the Cross: \$80.00 each (14 of these)

If you would like more information or to look at the designs, please stop by the parish office. If you want an example of the artisan's work, he did the wood base for our new baptismal font.