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**December 6, 2020
Second Sunday
of Advent**



**John the Baptist appeared
in the desert proclaiming a baptism of
repentance for the forgiveness of sins.
Mark 1:4**

OUR PARISH COMMUNITY MISSION STATEMENT

We, the family of St. Angela Merici, a welcoming community with a rich heritage, live out our Baptismal call to become the Body of Christ through Eucharist, Evangelization and Stewardship.

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BAPTISM

Call the Parish Office, 655-4160

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K-8 Weekly Youth Classes, First Communion, Confirmation,
Small Christian Communities

Contact: Jordan Lewis jordan@stangelamerici.org

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC OR COMPLETING
THEIR SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION
Call Barbara Wright-277-9186

MARRIAGES

Call the parish office 655-4160, ext 20
*Begin instruction six months before the intended
date of the wedding.

RECONCILIATION

By appointment only

NEW TO THE PARISH? MOVING? NEED TO UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION ON FILE?

Please fill out the form below and place it in the collection basket or return to the parish office.

I am: ☐ -New to the parish ☐ -Updating Information ☐ -Would like to receive envelopes? ☐ -Receive event info via text msg

Please circle: Mr. or Mrs. Or Ms. Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____ Email _____

☐ If you would like to update information that is not included on this form, or would like to add additional members of you household, please check here, and we will call you at () _____ - _____

Second SUNDAY of Advent



December 6, 2020

COMFORT

In 2020, we heard plenty of voices speaking out and sharing their opinions, but many of those words were not comforting or hope-filled. Sometimes, it was hard to know which expert or “instant expert” to listen to, and it is still difficult to hope as we struggle to regain our balance as a nation and as a Church. The Word of God offers us peace this day. All our readings remind us of a faithful God who always keeps the promises made. Isaiah prophesied about the end of Jerusalem’s time away from God, and the Psalm speaks of “seeing God’s kindness and hearing what God proclaims.” Second Peter explains that God’s timing may not be the same as ours, but good things await those who are alert. In the Gospel, John the Baptist reiterates and completes the prophecy of Isaiah by laying the groundwork and preparing the way for those who await the coming of the Messiah.

THE BEGINNING

With COVID-19, much time is spent wondering “where did it start?” or “who passed it on to whom.” Though science can tell us much there are many unanswered questions. Today’s Gospel is about as concrete as sacred scripture gets. We know this is the beginning of the Gospel of Mark, which was the first Gospel to be written down in about 70 AD. Unlike Luke and John, Mark does not begin with an infancy narrative of Jesus. He starts by proclaiming the prophecy of Isaiah. This section was written six hundred years before Christ, in another time of great upheaval, as the Israelites were displaced from their homeland during the Babylonian Exile. The first words of Isaiah 40 are “Comfort, comfort, my people.” John the Baptist starts by explaining he is the go-between, sent to “Prepare the way.”

DON'T SHOOT THE MESSENGER

While proclaiming the coming Christ is a thing of joy, John’s words are also harsh, reminding us to repent and prepare. People were threatened by them two thousand years ago, and some still are today. People can hear them and be turned off by “fire and brimstone,” and none of us like to be told what to do. But think about it. This year, we have all engaged in social distancing and endured hardships to protect our families and others.

Similarly, when you have company coming, you do house cleaning, meal prep, and lots of things to make the place ready for the arrival of your guests - necessary preparation. So we as individuals must make ourselves ready for the coming Christ to reside in us. This may mean repenting for sins, seeking the Sacrament of Penance, or taking time with a spiritual director. Perhaps it means carving out more times and places for Christ to be born in our hearts or taking on another spiritual practice. Maybe it means simply doing what the Psalm asked and using our eyes and ears and mind and heart to seek Christ.



Food Commodities
Monday, December 7th, 2020
9:30 - 10:30am in Small Hall

This government program provides non-perishable food, produce and sometimes meat, to low-income individuals and families. We encourage you to use this program - the food is great.

If you do not qualify nor wish to use the program, please pass the word along about this program to someone you might know that could benefit from it.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to
Call Pat (831) 657-4297



Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
Tuesday, December 8th, 2020

There will be a Livestream Mass at 9:00a.m.
and an outdoor Mass at 11:30p.m., front of
parish office, to honor the feast day of the
Immaculate Conception. Join us!
No sign-up is needed.



Hope

Joy

Wishing you this Advent Season
the hope, joy,
love and peace that is found
in Christ the Lord.

Love

Peace



SVDP Food Cupboard

Tuesday, December 8th, 1:00-2:00pm, large hall

Thursday, December 10th 1:00 - 2:00pm, large hall

Donations both monetarily as well as non-perishable grocery items have been greatly appreciated. We thank you for your donations and continue to appreciate them.

If you have non-perishable items that you would like to donate, please drop these items outside the back of the parish hall on Tuesdays and/or Thursdays before 12:30pm at the backside of the parish hall. Thank you!



WELCOME TO BIBLE STUDY

As always please feel free to join us even if you have missed earlier meetings. Find us every Sunday around 11am, right after Mass on the playground.

For all who want to read ahead (or for those following along at home) we will be discussing chapters 3 & 4 and the theme of Jesus' reputation, those who were encouraged by Him, and those who were offended by Him, and why.

For the story of Jesus calming the storm, it may be helpful to employ the Ignatian meditation practice of engaging all our senses by prayerfully placing ourselves in the Bible story...and noticing what the Holy Spirit brings into our imagination.





Week of December 5th - December 13th
Please keep in your weekly prayers



Saturday, December 5th - 5:00pm

+For all deceased St. Angela Merici parishioners
+Frank Crivello - Audra Hardenstein
+Teresa Espinoza Cruz - St. Angela Merici Parish

Sunday, December 6th - 10:00am

+Peter, Angela, Eleanor and Jack Balesteri
+Eddie DaSilva - AnnaMarie Amaral Silva & Family
+Guisseppi & Cristina Catalano - Anne Catalano
+Mary Tuinenga - Zooey Lober

Tuesday, December 8th - 11:30am

+John T. Reis - Guilherme and Judy Avila

Wednesday, December 9th - 11:30am

For all St. Angela Merici Parishioners

Thursday, December 10th - 11:30am

For all suffering from the COVID-19 virus

No Friday Mass

Saturday, December 12th - 5:00pm

For St. Angela Merici parishioners and their families
Mallory & Ryan Martinez - Joe Martinez
+David Vogel - Family

Sunday, December 13th - 10:00am

+Peter, Angela, Eleanor and Jack Balesteri
+Rosalinda & Tomas Moitoso - John & Marie Nolem
+Joe & Vitina Pironi - Fr. Peter
+Diego & Francesca Arancio - Fr. Peter
+Peter & Ursula Arancio - Fr. Peter

Readings for December 7th - December 13th

Monday
St. Ambrose
Pearl Harbor
Remembrance Day

Is 35:1-10
Ps 85:9ab, 10-14
Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday
The Immaculate
Conception of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

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

Wednesday
St. Juan Diego

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

Thursday
International Human
Rights Day; Hanukkah
begins at sunset

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

Friday
St. Damasus I

Is 48:17-19
Ps 1:1-4
Mt 11:16-19

Saturday
Our Lady of Guadalupe

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

Sunday

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



Our parish community is praying for:

Alexander, Rachael & Family, Stacy Andrews,
Jackie Ayer, Tony Ayers, David Avnaim,
Salome Cabral, Usha Canning, Gabrielle Candada,
Tony Cohen, Delia Cohen, Theresa Ramsey,
Peg Gerba, Alfonso and Rosalia Grajeda,
Katie Harris, Judy Angelica Marrujo, Oscar Mena,
Bobbie Reilly, Carolyn, Schenk, Norinne Shively,
Mary Telles, Christian Vaughn, Joan Virgo

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The most up-to-date information regarding things going on in our parish can be found on our Parish website, especially, through this holiday season. The bulletin deadlines are very early and some information will not have made the early deadlines. Thank you!

BEHOLD YOUR GOD

ISAIAH 40

of Comfort
Isaiah 40:1-11

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her service is at an end, her guilt is expiated; indeed, she has received from the hand of the LORD double for all her sins.

A voice cries out:
In the desert prepare the way of the LORD!

Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God!
Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill shall be made low; the rugged land shall be made a plain, the rough country, a broad valley. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken. Go up on to a high mountain, Zion, herald of glad tidings; cry out at the top of your voice, Jerusalem, herald of good news!

Fear not to cry out and say to the cities of Judah: Here is your God! Here comes with power the Lord GOD, who rules by his strong arm; here is his reward with him, his recompense before him. Like a shepherd he feeds his flock; in his arms he gathers the lambs, carrying them in his bosom, and leading the ewes with care. Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11

PSALM 85

R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

I will hear what God proclaims; the LORD—for he proclaims peace to his people.
Near indeed is his salvation to those who fear him, glory dwelling in our land.

R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

Kindness and truth shall meet; justice and peace shall kiss.
Truth shall spring out of the earth, and justice shall look down from heaven.

R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

The LORD himself will give his benefits; our land shall yield its increase.
Justice shall walk before him, and prepare the way of his steps.

R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years and a thousand years like one day. The Lord does not delay his promise, as some regard “delay,” but he is patient with you, not wishing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a mighty roar and the elements will be dissolved by fire, and the earth and everything done on it will be found out.

Since everything is to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be, conducting yourselves in holiness and devotion, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved in flames and the elements melted by fire. But according to his promise we await new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

Therefore, beloved, since you await these things, be eager to be found without spot or blemish before him, at peace. 2 Peter 3:8-14

Alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths:

All flesh shall see
the salvation of God.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.



A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God.

As it is written in Isaiah the prophet:

Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way.

A voice of one crying out in the desert: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.”

John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. People of the whole Judean countryside and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins.

John was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He fed on locusts and wild honey. And this is what he proclaimed: “One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.” Mark 13:33-37

**I BELIEVE IN ONE GOD, THE FATHER ALMIGHTY,
MAKER OF HEAVEN AND EARTH,
OF ALL THINGS VISIBLE AND INVISIBLE.
I BELIEVE IN ONE LORD JESUS CHRIST,
THE ONLY BEGOTTEN SON OF GOD,
BORN OF THE FATHER BEFORE ALL AGES.
GOD FROM GOD, LIGHT FROM LIGHT, TRUE GOD FROM TRUE GOD,
BEGOTTEN, NOT MADE, CONSUBSTANTIAL WITH THE FATHER;
THROUGH HIM ALL THINGS WERE MADE.**

**FOR US MEN AND FOR OUR SALVATION
HE CAME DOWN FROM HEAVEN,
AND BY THE HOLY SPIRIT WAS INCARNATE OF THE VIRGIN MARY,
AND BECAME MAN.
FOR OUR SAKE HE WAS CRUCIFIED UNDER PONTIUS PILATE,
HE SUFFERED DEATH AND WAS BURIED,
AND ROSE AGAIN ON THE THIRD DAY
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SCRIPTURES.
HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN
AND IS SEATED AT THE RIGHT HAND OF THE FATHER.
HE WILL COME AGAIN IN GLORY TO JUDGE THE LIVING AND THE DEAD
AND HIS KINGDOM WILL HAVE NO END.**

**I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT, THE LORD, THE GIVER OF LIFE,
WHO PROCEEDS FROM THE FATHER AND THE SON,
WHO WITH THE FATHER AND THE SON IS ADORED AND GLORIFIED,
WHO HAS SPOKEN THROUGH THE PROPHETS.**

**I BELIEVE IN ONE, HOLY, CATHOLIC AND APOSTOLIC CHURCH.
I CONFESS ONE BAPTISM FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS
AND I LOOK FORWARD TO THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD
AND THE LIFE OF THE WORLD TO COME. AMEN.**

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of Hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

When we eat this bread and drink this Cup,
We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
Until you come again.





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