

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SUNDAY DECEMBER 6TH, 2020

CO-CATHEDRAL OF ST. THOMAS MORE



Fr. John's Quarantine Corner



"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." 2 Peter

When the early Greek Fathers of the Church spoke of God and his plan of salvation they often used the word Kairos. It's a qualitative form of time. When Jesus came to us in Bethlehem it was in Kairos time. When he comes again it will be in Kairos time. This is the right time and a time of fulfillment of God's ultimate purposes.

St. Peter gives us some reasons for this delay.."*he is patient with you, not wishing that any should perish...*" God is not the only one who is patient with us. We can see it with parents, waiting for their kids to come to maturity, with teachers waiting for their students to learn their lessons. We even, it seems, have to wait for God. The last verse of Psalm 27 says "*Wait for the Lord, take courage; be stouthearted, wait for the Lord.*"

Paula Gooder says "*So, part of the solution to a renewed vision for Advent lies in our ability to wait. Not in frustration, as you would wait to open presents early, but to wait in stillness and embrace the present moment.*"

Let's grow together in patience *Fr. John*

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Youth Ministry



Lifeteen

Sunday 12/06-Lifeteen Mass @ 5-6PM
"Fanatic: Christian Evangelization" @ 6-7:45PM

Thursday 12/10- Life Teen Small Groups 7-8:30PM

EDGE

Friday 12/11- Virtual EDGE Night 5-6PM
In-Person EDGE Night 7-8:30PM

Mark Your Calenders

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass Times

In-person Masses are at **7 AM & 6 PM.**
We live-stream a private Mass at 12pm.

Advent Penance Service

Thursday, Dec 10 @ 7PM

St. Vincent de Paul Society

We pray you and your family are healthy and safe, especially during the pandemic.

As part of our mission, we prepare grocery bags of non-perishable food items and deliver them to our neighbors at Casa Calderon Apartments. Last month, we distributed 72 bags to the Casa residents.

Your support of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul is greatly appreciated. Consider becoming an active member of the Society. Meetings are the 2nd and 4th Tuesday each month at 6pm. We are meeting on Zoom during the pandemic, so please email us at svdptally@gmail.com to learn how to attend.

MASS SCHEDULE

ONLINE ONLY

WED: 12:00PM

SATURDAY: 5:15PM VIGIL

IN PERSON

MON-FRI: 7:00AM, 5:15PM

SATURDAY: 8:00AM

SUNDAY: 8:00AM, 10:00AM, 12:00PM,
& 6:00 PM

CONFESSION

SATURDAY ON THE LAWN FROM
10:00AM - 11:00AM

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CSU is hiring a Communications Intern for 20 hours per week from January-April 2021. Responsibilities include:- External communications (Newsletters, phone calls, social media)-Website upkeep & development-Event-related communications. For more info and to apply:

www.fsucatholic.org/jobs



Stewardship of Treasure

November 2020 Dates: 11/24– 11/30

Weekly Need: \$10,000

Week to Date Giving: \$7,738

Year-to-Date Need: \$820,000

Year-to-Date Giving: \$838,640

To give online, visit www.cocathedral.com

Bishop's 2020 Catholic Sharing Appeal

Thank you to all parishioners who supported the Bishop's annual Catholic Sharing Appeal! The CSA is critical to the mission of our parish and our diocese.

To date, 240 parishioners have given \$105,402 toward our parish goal of \$105,000. All money over our goal will be deposited into the parish's savings account.

You still have time to fulfill your pledge! Go to the CSA website, www.ptdiocese.org/csa, to make a payment.

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Religious Education

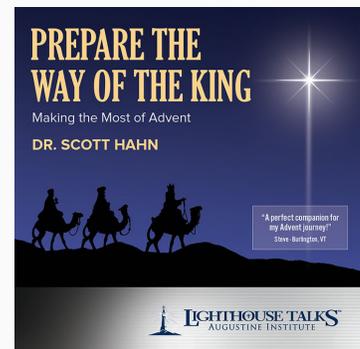
Religious Education Home Study and Google Meet resume Sunday 12/06.

Please check your RE calendar for the Session and Google Meet schedule.

Contact maureen@cocathedral.com with any questions.

Lighthouse CD of the Week

Prepare the Way of the King



Dr. Scott Hahn - one of the most eminent Catholic theologians in our country today - reveals what scholars now know about the shepherds, the mysterious Magi, and King Herod. Your Advent journey will take on new meaning as you prepare your heart for the birth of our Lord. This illuminating presentation is sure to help you grow in appreciation of the greatest gift ever given to mankind - Jesus Christ. Our CD display is located by the parking lot entrance. \$3/CD.



Trinity Catholic School

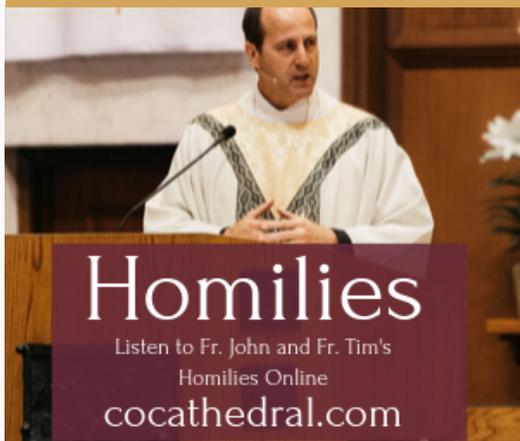


Trinity Catholic School's second PreK3 classroom is now enrolling for January 2021! We only have a few spaces still available. For more information, or to register, please contact Jody Sheppard, Early Childhood Director, at SheppardJ@trinityknights.org.

St. John Paul II Catholic High School

St. John Paul II Catholic High School is currently looking for substitute teachers! If you are interested in applying, please email joannacopenhaver@jpiichs.org.

Listen to our Priests Homilies Online!



Christmas Connection

Catholic Charities Christmas Connection is once again offering holiday assistance to Big Bend area families. Your help is needed for gift and financial donations, volunteering, adopting families, and hosting collection drives. For more info, visit TheChristmasConnection.org or call 850.665.3852.

Giving Tree

The Christmas Connection is sponsoring a "Giving Tree" to bring the Christmas Spirit to families in need in the Big Bend Area. Donated items must be new and unwrapped. Tree and collection box are located on the parking lot side inside church. More info and gift ideas visit: TheChristmasConnection.org.

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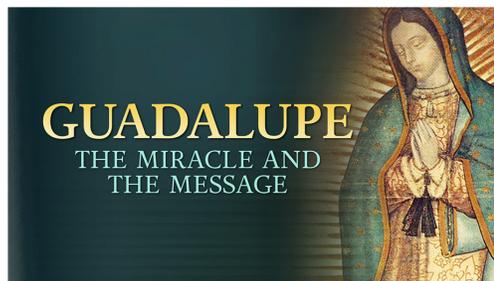
PICK OF THE WEEK

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WATCH

GUADALUPE: THE MIRACLE AND THE MESSAGE

As we celebrate the patroness of the Americas this week, enjoy this film narrated by Jim Caviezel that walks us through our Mother's miraculous appearance to Juan Diego—an encounter that has converted millions.



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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading IS 40:1-5, 9-11

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.

Responsorial Psalm PS 85:9-10-11-12, 13-14

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.**

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.**

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.**

Second Reading 2 PT 3:8-14

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.

Gospel Matthew MK 13:33-37

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.”



Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 6

8:00am For the People of Saint Thomas More
10:00am †Reshille Perla by Jesus Sampang & Family
12:00pm †Richard, Reneda & Gaspar Mneng by Verdiana Mussa
6:00pm

Monday, December 7

7:00am
5:15pm

Tuesday, December 8

7:00am For the people of Saint Thomas More
12:00pm † Christian Pelerin by The Pelerin & Robinson Family
6:00pm

Wednesday, December 9

7:00am
12:00pm
5:15pm

Thursday, December 10

7:00am
5:15pm

Friday, December 11

7:00am
5:15pm

Saturday, December 12

8:00am
5:15pm For the People Of Saint Thomas More

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Assistance for Victims of Sexual Abuse

Our Diocese has established Victim Assistance Coordinators to help anyone who has been abused by church personnel. Victims should call Dr. James Gagnon at 877-0205. To report a case, call the 24-Hour Child Abuse Hotline at 800-962-2873.