

December 9-10, 2023: Second Sunday of Advent

WELCOMING OUR ARCHBISHOP WILTON CARDINAL GREGORY!

It is an immense joy and honor for our parish to welcome Cardinal Gregory. He has been our Archbishop for over four years (May 21, 2019). He is our Shepherd and oversees the 140 parishes of the Archdiocese of Washington.

As announced earlier **Cardinal Gregory will celebrate the 11:30 am Mass this Sunday December 10**, the Second Sunday of Advent, just two weeks away from Christmas. He is coming to close the Centennial Memorial Year of Father Martin (December 31, 1845- August 6, - 1923). Following the Mass, he will attend with all of us the first performance by our Children and Youth of the Play about the Life of Father Martin, who spent the last 29 years of his life as the local Shepherd for the areas of Waldorf, Baden and Aquasco (1894-1923).

This is the third time Cardinal Gregory visit our parish. The first time was for the celebration of our parish 40th anniversary coinciding with the completion of our capital campaign and the blessing of our new steeple crowning our church and making it more visible as a Catholic Church. The second occasion was the dedication of our new altar in January 2022.

We had invited Cardinal Gregory to participate in the Father Martin's Centennial Memorial Mass August 6, 2023, the exact date of the 100th anniversary of the death of Father Martin in Waldorf (August 6, 1923) but he could not come, and he was represented by Bishop Campbell. Pilgrims had come from France to represent the Diocese of Arras, France (where Father Martin was born and lived his entire childhood and adolescence before being ordained priest and becoming assigned as seminary professor in Rodez then Autun in France, Montreal Canada and finally Baltimore).

If you have never been to the 11:30 Mass at OLHOC, come and discover the rich cultural diversity of our parish and experience the unity of different cultures in the celebration of the Eucharist, one of the legacies of Father Martin who was very successful in evangelizing African Americans and Native Americans. The 11:30 am

choir includes many Philipinos. The African choir of our 1 pm Mass will also perform one song. Our music Director, Sarah Kilikevitch, will also sing the Offertory Meditation for Soprano and Organ written by a French composer in memory of Father Martin.

The legacy of Father Martin is being continued through the activities of the Father Martin Society, especially in devotion to the Eucharist, Support for the Priesthood, and their fruits of Intercultural Unity. The composer of the Offertory Meditation chose the text of the following **Prayer for Vocations** written by the Father Martin Society:

Heavenly Father,
We thank you and praise you
For the service of our priests
And religious sisters and brothers.
May they be inspired by the heroic legacy of
Father Narcisse Martin,
Scholar, priest, and pastor a century ago,
Especially in devotion to the Eucharist,
Support for the Priesthood, and their fruits of
Intercultural Unity.
May our love and appreciation for
All who have served us as priests and religious
Open the hearts of our children you call
To conform their lives to Jesus Christ.
We ask this through the intercession of Mary,
The Immaculate Conception,
By the power of your Holy Spirit,
Through the same Christ, our Lord.
Amen

May God grant you a most blessed second week of Advent, anticipating the Joy of Christmas!
One in Christ,
Fr. Alain

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DANDOLE LA BIENVENIDA AL CARDENAL WILTON GREGORY!

Es una inmensa alegría y honor para nuestra parroquia darle la bienvenida al Cardenal Gregory. El ha sido nuestro Arzobispo por mas de cuatro años (21 de Mayo, 2019). Es nuestro Pastor. El se encarga de 140 parroquias de la Arquidiócesis de Washington.

Como había anunciado antes el **Cardenal Gregory celebrara la Misa de las 11:30 am este Domingo 10 de Diciembre**, el Segundo Domingo de Adviento, a solo dos semanas de la Navidad. Viene a cerrar el Año del Memorial del Centenario de Padre Martín (31 de Diciembre, 1845- 6 de Agosto, - 1923). Después de la Misa asistirá a la Primera Presentación de la Obra de Teatro sobre la Vida de Padre Martín por nuestros Niños y Jóvenes, quien pasó los últimos 29 años de su vida como Pastor local en las Áreas de Waldorf, Baden Aquasco (1894-1923).

Será la tercera vez que el Cardenal Gregory visita nuestra parroquia. La primera vez fue para la celebración del \$º Aniversario de la Parroquia que coincidía con la finalización de la Campana Capital y la bendición del nuevo campanario coronando nuestra Iglesia y haciéndola más visible como Iglesia Católica. La Segunda ocasión fue la dedicación de nuestro Altar nuevo en Enero 2022.

Hemos invitado al Cardenal Gregory a participar en la Misa en Memoria del Centenario de Padre Martín en la Misa del 6 de Agosto, 2023, la fecha exacta del Aniversario 100 de su muerte en Waldorf (6, Agosto 1923) pero no pudo venir, y fue representado por el Obispo Campbell. Los Peregrinos vinieron de Francia para representar la Diócesis de Arras, Francia (donde Padre Martín nació y vivió su niñez y adolescencia antes de ser ordenado como sacerdote y ser asignado como Profesor del Seminario en Rodez y después en Autun en Francia, Montreal Canadá y finalmente Baltimore).

Si usted nunca ha estado en la Misa de María Auxiliadora a las 11:30, venga y descubra la riqueza de diversidad cultural que hay en nuestra Parroquia y experimente la unidad de diferentes culturas en la celebración de la Eucaristía, uno de los legados del Padre Martín que fue muy exitoso fue evangelizando a los Afro-americanos y Nativo Americanos. El coro de las 11:30 am incluye muchos Filipinos. El coro Africano de nuestra Misa de la 1 pm también presentará una canción. Nuestra directora de Música,

Sarah Kilićevitch, también cantará la Meditación del Ofertorio para Soprano y Órgano escrito por un compositor francés en memoria de Padre Martín. El legado de Padre Martín continúa a través de las actividades de la Sociedad del Padre Martín, especialmente la devoción a la Eucaristía, apoyo al Sacerdocio, y sus frutos de la Unidad Intercultural. El compositor de la Meditación del Ofertorio escogido el texto de la siguiente **Oración por las Vocaciones** escrito por la Sociedad del Padre Martín:

**Padre Celestial,
Te agradecemos y alabamos
Por el servicio de nuestros sacerdotes
Y hermanas y hermanos religiosos.
Para que se inspiren en el legado heroico
De Padre Narcisse Martín,
Academico, sacerdote, y pastor de hace un siglo,
Especialmente la devoción a la Eucaristía,
Apoyando al Sacerdocio, y sus frutos de
Unidad Intercultural.
Que nuestro amor y aprecio por
Todos los sacerdotes que nos han servido como
Sacerdotes y religiosos
Abre los corazones de nuestros niños al llamado
Para dar sus vidas a Jesucristo.
Te lo pedimos a través de la intercesión de María,
la Inmaculada Concepción,
Por el poder de Tu Espíritu Santo,
Por el mismo Cristo, nuestro Señor.
Amen**

Que Dios les conceda una bendecida Segundo Semana de Adviento, anticipando la Alegría de Navidad!

Uno en Cristo,

Padre Alain

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*We are asked to pray for:
 George Gallagher
 D'Vaughn Webster
 Lynette Washington
 David Mesler
 Ken Housewright
 Tiffany Chase
 Monica Halloran

Kathryn & David Newman
 Andrea Lewis
 Carolyn Briscoe
 Theodore Danneico Hall
 Tess Franch
 Margaret Ferguson
 Mary Ott
 Mirna Eugofoama

Ollie Johnson
 Mike Sofield, Sr
 Titus Thomas
 Catalina del Cid
 Matthew Batiste
 Phyllis Batiste
 Michael Duncan
 Jennifer Forsythe

Barbara Jean-Noel
 Junior Thomas-Sally-Ann
 Ligia Lam

Names will remain for three months or until healed

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Mass Intentions this Week

Saturday, December 9,
9:00 AM: Michel Etamane (+)
5:00 PM: Irene Rauer

Sunday, December 10,
8:30 AM: Souls in Purgatory
10:00AM: Georgeana Sutton (+)
11:30 AM: Ed Malm (+)
7:00 PM: OLHOC Parishioners

Monday, December 11,
9:00 AM: Lidia Lam (+)
Tuesday, December 12

5: 00 AM: OLHOC Parishioners
9:00AM: Henry & Toya Ballesteros
Wednesday, December 13,
9:00 AM: Florencia Damian Llocgia (+)
7:00 PM: Sista Llocgia & Asuncion Damian (+)
Thursday, December 14,
9:00 AM: Victor Cordero
Friday, December 15,
9:00: AM: Victoria Fogal

Outreach News

Our next Outreach meeting will be January 3, 2024 at 7 p.m. in the Fr. Martin Hall.

Meetings last no longer than 1 hour. Everyone is welcome!

The next Shepherd's Table will be on December 21, 2023. Volunteers are needed. If you can help please contact Frank Soloninka at 301-848-1823

The OLHOC Outreach Coat Drive has ended with another heartwarming success. 117 coats, 20 scarfs, 45 hats, 10 pair of gloves and 18 pair of warm socks were taken to Children's Aid in Waldorf for those in need in our community.

Many thanks to all those who gave so generously!

Christmas Food Drive

Merry Christmas

OLHOC Outreach Committee is collecting food items to fill the Christmas Food Baskets for 50 needy families in our community.

Containers are located in the Narthex until Dec. 9th for the Christmas Food Drive.

Items needed:

- Canned Corn
- Canned Peas
- Apple Sauce
- Mac N Cheese
- Potatoes Au Gratin
- Stove Top Stuffing (chicken or cornbread flavor)
- Cash donations are also welcome to cover shortfalls.

Volunteers also needed to help deliver the baskets on December 16 after the 8:30 AM Mass.

Tuesday Scripture Study - Join us on Tuesday mornings after the 9 am Mass to study the readings for the next Sunday.

Friday Scripture Study - The Friday night scripture study is now online. Please call the office for information on how to join us.

First Friday - The first Friday of each month the evening Mass in Latin is dedicated to promoting the Priesthood. Following evening Mass, Prayer group in Spanish.

First Saturday - Join members of the Marian Group on the first Saturday of the month after the 9 am Mass. Learn more about consecrating your life to Jesus through Mary.

Divine Mercy - Join us on the first Saturday of each month as we pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet as a community at 3 PM.

OLHOC Prayer Chain

Mass Readings for December 17, 2023

Third Sunday of Advent

*First Reading

Isaiah 61,1-2,10-11

*Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

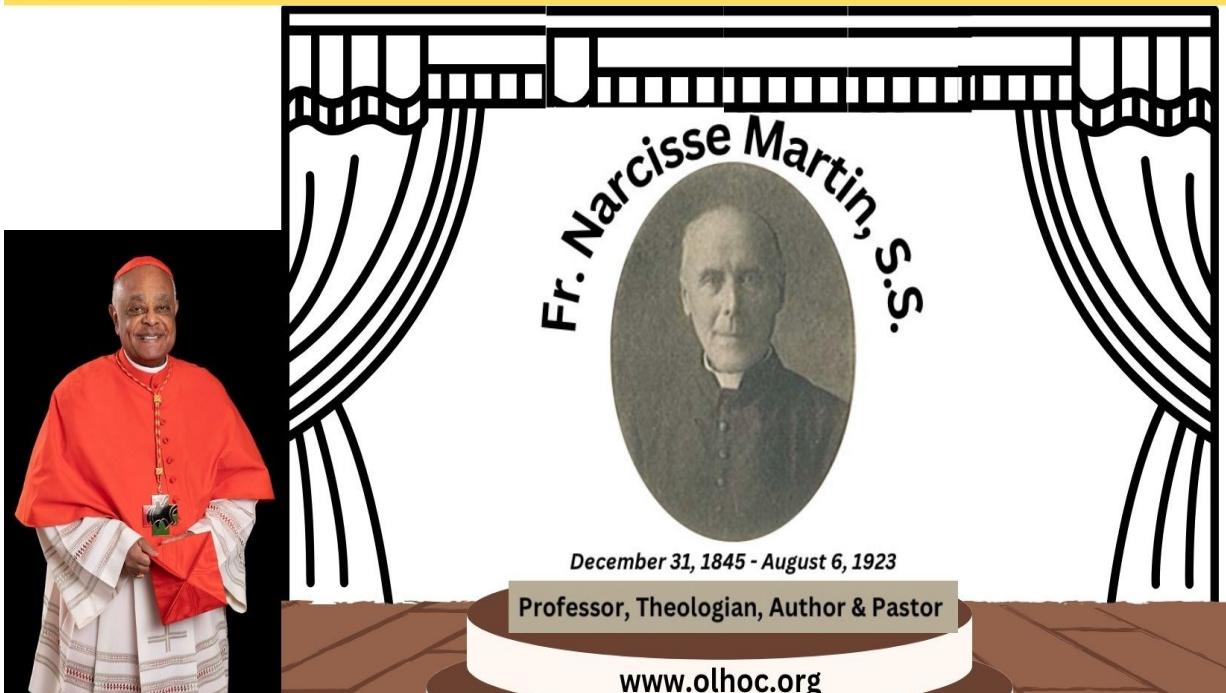
*Gospel

John 1: 6-8, 19-28

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Join us Sunday, December 10th
11:30 AM Mass with special celebrant
Cardinal Wilton Gregory followed by the Play on the Life of



Advent Penance Service Servicio Penitencial de Adviento

Monday, December 11th
lunes, 11 de diciembre

6 PM Fr Dan Leary

(Talk on Eucharist)

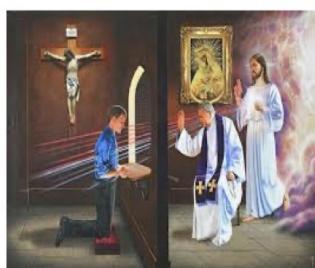
7 PM Fr Dan Leary

(Talk on Reconciliation)
followed by

Penance Service

Several priests will be available
to hear confessions.

Prepare the Way of the Lord



6 PM P. Dan Leary

(Presentacion- La Eucaristia)

7 PM P. Dan Leary

(Presentacion - Reconciliacion
y despues

Servicio Penitencial

Varios sacerdotes estarán disponibles
para escuchar confesiones.



Preparad el camino al Señor

December 2-3, 2023: First Sunday of Advent

11th Annual Christmas Novena Masses Simbang Gabi

December 14-22
7 PM Mass



For more details or
to sponsor a Mass
visit
www.olhoc.org/advent23

Questions/volunteer, contact Abigail Strawberry

Join us for the first night of las Posadas and our Christmas Novena of Masses on Thursday December 14. Las Posadas will start at 6:30pm and Mass will follow at 7pm. We welcome the Most Reverend Monsignor John Paul Pedrera of the Diplomatic Mission of the Holy See, who will be our Celebrant. A potluck reception in the narthex will follow. All are welcome!

Las Posadas

(the reenactment of Mary and Joseph's journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem
and their search for safe refuge for the birth of Jesus)



**Begin/Comienzan
6:30 PM**

**December/diciembre
14, 17 & 22
at OLHOC/en la iglesia**

**December/diciembre
15, 16, 18, 19, 20 & 21
volunteer homes/hogares**

**Call the church office or speak to Maria Lam to learn more details.
Llame a la oficina de la iglesia o hable con María Lam para más detalles.**

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."

Mark 1:2-3



Christmas Flowers

Help decorate our sanctuary for Christmas by making a donation
in honor or remembrance of your loved ones.



Your donation will offset
the cost of the flowers.

Please use the special
envelopes provided in your
weekly offering envelopes
or in the narthex by the
offertory box.

Thanks!



Suggested offering is \$20

AMICABAN TRAVEL & TOURS JOIN THE MISSIONARY CATECHISTS SISTERS OF ST. THERESE ON A FRANCE PILGRIMAGE

DATES: JULY 1-10, 2024

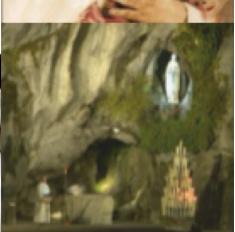


Tour Highlights

LOURDES SHRINE -PARAY LE MONIAL
(SACRED HEART OF JESUS APPARITION &
ST. MARGARET MARY ALACOQUE) -
BASILICA OF ST. THERESE & HOMETOWN
OF HER PARENTS- ALECON - OUR LADY OF
LA SALETTE - ST. BERNADETTE IN NEVERS
- ST. JOHN VIANNEY -MIRACULOUS MEDAL
& ST. CATHERINE LABOURE



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