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First Sunday of Advent
Diciembre 1, 2019

Ustedes estén preparados,
porque a la hora que menos
lo piensen, vendrá el Hijo
del hombre.
You... must be prepared,
for at an hour you do not expect
the Son of Man will come.

Matthew 24:44

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Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
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12:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday (Sunday Liturgy).....6:00 p.m.
Sunday 7:30 (EN), 10:30 (EN) & 12noon (EN) 9:00 (SP)
Daily Mass.....8:30 a.m.
Mon & Wed & Fri (EN) and Tue & Thu (SP)

CONFESSIONS

Monday thru Friday.....by appointment
Thursday.....6:00-7:00 p.m.
Saturday.....5:00-5:50 p.m.

WEEKLY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursday.....3:00-7:00 p.m.
Monday-Friday (Adoration Chapel) 8:00a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Mass Intentions for the Weekend

Sat., November 31, 2019
6:00 pm
Almendarez Family†
Naun Delgado†
Irma Guerra†
Abel Ray Huizar†
Delilah Jeter (Health)
Candi Ortiz†
Emilio Ortiz†
James McDaniel†
Rosalinda Mireles†
David Ramos†
Juan Ramos†

Sun., December 1, 2019
7:30am
Raul De La Garza†
Deacon Al Keller†
Phillip Keller†
Gerald Korzekwa†
Leon Korzekwa†
Felix Salas†
Maria Vidaurri†

9:00am
Maria De Jesus Galvan†
Zapopa Ramos†
Alicia Schmitter†
Maria Elena Terrazas†
Gilberto R. Vasquez†
Jesus Viesca†
Soledad Zavala†

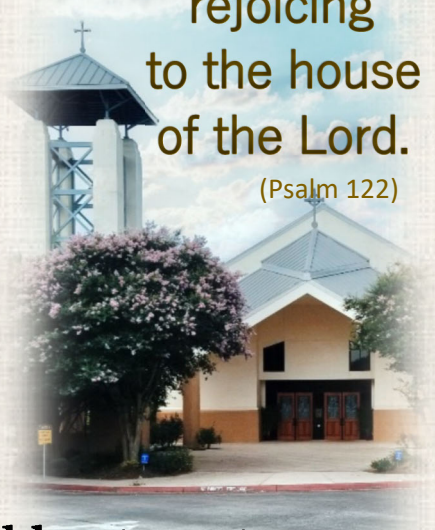
10:30am
Darren Dominguez†
Katherine Fernandez Health
Bianca Herrera (SI)
Delilah Jetter (Health)
Demecio A. Maldonado†
Carrie Villarreal†
Everardo Villarreal†

12:00pm
Lillie Anaya†
Francisco Anaya†
Jovita S. Limon†
Lino Perez†
Benito D. Villegas†
Eloise Zaragoza†

HOPEFUL EXPECTATION

As we turn our calendars to December, we begin the season of preparation for Jesus' coming into the world and into our lives. However, Advent is not only a time in which we wait for the Lord to come to us; we are reminded today that our lives should be a journey as well, a journey to God. Even as we prepare for the Lord's coming at Christmas, let us also continue walking our own path to the Lord.

Isaiah's vision captures the dual movement that he preached to the people of Israel and Judah. First, people of every nation, not just the Chosen People, were expected to stream toward God's holy mountain, the place on earth closest to God. At the same time, the word of the LORD would flow down that mountain to bring peace and justice to all nations. God will issue judgments, making human weapons and aggression unnecessary. God will come to us, but we must come to God.



The end result Isaiah wants is for all to "walk in the light of the LORD!" (Isaiah 2:5). Isaiah foresees a time when people from all nations will be enlightened by realizing God's will for humanity. Since we are all created by God and in God's image, in God's eyes we are all brothers and sisters. To God, people fighting with one another can be compared to a parent when their children fight. To raise a weapon or to kill another person is analogous to fratricide.

What am I doing that I would not want seen in the light of day, or at the hour I do not expect? What do I need to do to change this?

Not that there was ever a time that the "works of darkness" were appropriate, but what we hear in the second reading and the Gospel should scare us into the urgency of changing bad behavior. "The night is advanced, the day is at hand," Paul writes (Romans 13:12). Jesus warns his disciples that the Son of Man will come "at an hour you do not expect" (Matthew 24:44). If we are honestly preparing our hearts to receive Jesus, we must stop doing things that injure or demean others and "put on the armor of light" (13:12). If we wouldn't want it "brought to light," that's a sign we shouldn't do it. December 1, 2019.

Let us pray for the eternal rest of those who recently passed away. Especially;

Oremos por el eterno Descanso de las personas que fallecieron recientemente. Especialmente;

†Frank G. Treviño

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.
Dale, Señor, el descanso eterno. Brille para el la luz perpetua. Descanse en paz. Amén.

Congratulations Ms. Amber Nicole Sarabia

We are blessed at St. Lawrence Catholic Church

Congratulations Ms. Amber Nicole Sarabia celebrated her Quinceañera, Mass of Thanksgiving for the Gift of Life, on November 30th at2 pm.

May the Almighty bless you in a special way today and remain with you always. Prayers and best wishes.

ESPERAR CON GOZO

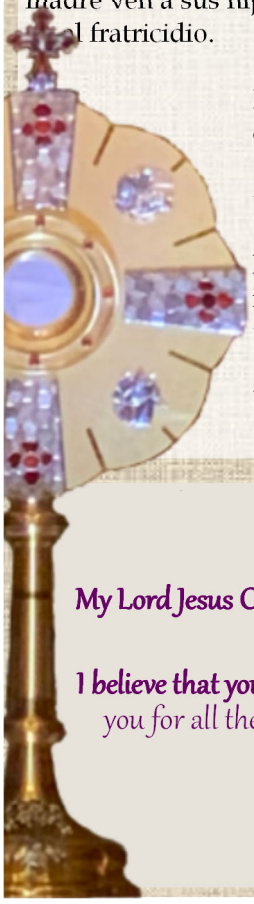
Al darle la vuelta a la página del calendario para el mes de diciembre comenzamos el tiempo de preparación para la venida de Jesús al mundo y a nuestra vida. Sin embargo, el Adviento no sólo es tiempo de espera para que el Señor venga a nosotros; hoy se nos recuerda que nuestra vida también es un peregrinaje, un peregrinaje hacia Dios. Además de prepararnos para la venida del Señor en Navidad, continuemos también nuestro propio caminar hacia el Señor.

¿Qué estoy haciendo que no quisiera que saliera a la luz o en un momento inesperado?

¿Qué debo hacer para cambiar eso?

La visión de Isaías capta el doble dinamismo de su prédica a los pueblos de Israel y Judá. Primeramente personas de todas las naciones, y no sólo del pueblo escogido, confluirán hacia el monte santo de Dios, o sea, al lugar de la tierra más próximo a Dios. A la misma vez la palabra de Dios saldrá de ese monte para llevar la paz y la justicia a todas las naciones. Dios será el árbitro, y todas las armas y agresiones serán innecesarias. Dios vendrá a nosotros, pero nosotros hemos de ir a Dios.

El resultado que desea Isaías es que todos "caminemos a la luz del Señor" (Isaías 2, 5). Isaías vaticina el tiempo en que los pueblos de todas las naciones serán iluminados, por darse cuenta de la voluntad de Dios para toda la humanidad. Puesto que todos hemos sido creados por Dios, y a su imagen y semejanza, todos somos hermanos y hermanas a los ojos de Dios. Dios ve a las personas que pelean entre sí, de la misma manera que un padre o una madre ven a sus hijos pelearse; por tanto, levantar un arma o matar a otra persona es análogo al fratricidio.



No es que jamás "las obras de las tinieblas" fueran oportunas, pero lo que escuchamos en la segunda lectura y en el Evangelio debería amedrentarnos como para darle urgencia a cambiar nuestro comportamiento. "La noche está avanzada y se acerca el día", escribe san Pablo (romanos 13, 12). Y Jesús le advierte a sus discípulos que el Hijo del hombre vendrá "a la hora que menos lo piensen" (Mateo 24, 44). Si honestamente estamos preparando nuestro corazón para recibir a Jesús tenemos que dejar de hacer las cosas que lastiman o menosprecian a otras personas y "revistámonos con las armas de la luz" (romanos 13, 12). Si no queremos que "salga a la luz" es que no lo debemos hacer.

Please pray for the sick and for those in need of healing graces: Oremos por la sanación de los enfermos.

Gracious God,
only source
of life and health:
Help, comfort,
and relieve me,
and give
your power of healing
to those who minister
to my needs;
that my weakness
may be turned
to strength
and confidence
in your loving care;
I ask you this through
Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

Adriana Chavez
Gilbert G. Chavez
Gilberto R. Chavez
Lorraine Diaz
Melba Delagarza
De Leon family
Robert Dromgoole
Dn. Arturo Garcia
Cynthia Gonzalez
Julia Herrera
Gloria Izaguirre
Jesus Izaguirre
David Keller
Gloria Lambaria
Janeth Lopez
Carlos Manzanares
Valentin Martinez
Ruben McRae
Leonard Morales
Manuel Palacios
Clarisa Peña
Deacon Charles Pope
Stella Pope
Luis Torres
Jessica Rose Tristan
Linda Vargas
Edmundo Zaragoza

Eucharistic Adoration–Thursday, 3pm–7pm in the Church
and Monday–Friday, 8am–5pm in the Chapel.

My Lord Jesus Christ, *who for the love you bear us, remain night and day in this Sacrament, full of compassion and of love, awaiting, calling and welcoming all who come to visit you.*

I believe that you are present in the Sacrament of the Altar. *I adore you from the abyss of my nothingness and I thank you for all the graces you have given me until now, and in particular, for having given me your Most Holy Mother Mary as my advocate and for having called me to visit you in this church.*

Adoración Eucarística– jueves de 3pm–7pm en la Iglesia
y de Lunes a Viernes de 8am–5pm en la Capilla.

For Catholics, the new Liturgical Year commences with the first Sunday of Advent. In this new liturgical year, the Church not only wishes to indicate the beginning of a period, but the beginning of a renewed commitment to the faith by all those who follow Christ, the Lord. This time of prayer and path of penance that is so powerful, rich and intense, endeavors to give us a renewed impetus to truly welcome the message of the One who was incarnated for us. In fact, the entire Liturgy of the Advent season, will spur us to an awakening in our Christian life and will put us in a 'vigilant' disposition, to wait for Our Lord Jesus who is coming:

> *'Awaken! Remember that God comes! Not yesterday, not tomorrow, but today, now! The one true God, "the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob", is not a God who is there in Heaven, unconcerned with us and our history, but he is the-God-who-comes.'*[1]

The Season of Advent is therefore a season of vigilant waiting, that prepares us to welcome the mystery of the Word Incarnate, who will give the 'Light' to the womb of the Virgin Mary, but essentially this time prepares us not only to welcome this great event but to incarnate it in our lives. We could say that the true light enters the world through the immaculate womb of Mary but it does not stay there. On the contrary, this light flows out into our dark, obscure, sinful lives to illuminate them, so that we can become the light that illuminates the world. For this reason, let us live this time of waiting not only to celebrate a historical memory but to repeat this memory in our lives and in the service of others. To wait for the Lord who comes, means to wait and to watch so that the Word of Love enters inside us and focuses us every day of our lives.

ATTENTION CCD PARENTS:

- **No Habrá clases de Catecismo el Lunes, 25 de Noviembre en observación del Dia de Acción de Gracias.**
- **The Chosen Youth Group will not be meeting on Wednesday, November 27th in observance of Thanksgiving Day.**
- **There will be no CCD classes on Sunday, December 1st in observance of Thanksgiving Day Weekend.**

We may think of gratitude

...as an appreciation of the joy that uniquely comes from what is virtuous and the recognition of "what God has done or is doing."

It is not enough to simply appreciate what is given. One must submit what is given to the standard of the Good, be thankful for it to the extent that it measures up and be critical of it to the extent that it does not.

The goal is ultimately transformative: In thanksgiving we offer up to God the good things he has given to us and receive them back transfigured by his grace.

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Is 4:2-6; 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: Is 29:17-24; Sal 27 (26):1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Sábado: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Sal 147 (146):1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1
Domingo: Is 11:1-10; Sal 72 (71):1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 4:2-6; 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: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1
Sunday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

Join us for Sunday Breakfast after Mass

Vengan a desayunar con nosotros después de Misa

December 8- KC's

December 15-

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