St. Cecelia's Roman Catholic Church

December 4, 2022

SECOND SUNDAY of Advent

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John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!"

Matthew 3:1

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Monday—Friday 7:00 am & 9:15 am
Saturday 8:00 am & 4:30 pm
Sunday 7:30am, 9:30am,11:30am
& 1:30pm (Spanish)
First Friday's : **NO 9:15 am Mass**
ONLY 7:00 am & 7:00 pm

Confession Times

Saturday 9:00am—10:30am / 3:15—4:00 pm
Or by appointment (732)283-2300

Gift Shop Hours

Mon—Thurs	10:00 am—1:00 pm
Friday	Closed
Saturday	3:00 pm—6:00 pm
Sunday	10:00 am—1:00 pm

Hours may vary, please call before you come (732)283-1775

NEW TO THE PARISH?

Welcome! You may register on our website and bring the form back to our office, or call our Parish Office at (732)283-2300. Family members over the age of 18 **are asked to register independently.**

HOUSE BLESSING

If you would like to have a home visitation or blessing, please call the Parish Office.

SACRAMENTS

SPONSOR LETTERS: **Church law mandates that a sponsor for Baptism & Confirmation must be an active Confirmed Catholic. An active Catholic is A parishioner who is registered, attends Mass weekly contributes to the support of the Church, is in a valid Catholic Marriage, & publicly leads a life compatible with Church teaching.**

We can only write letters of eligibility for parishioners who meet these criteria.

BAPTISM: All documents for baptisms & baptism classes for both Parents & Godparents must be received by the parish office no later than 2 weeks prior to the date of Baptism. Please contact the Parish Office at (732) 283-2300 for all information and to make arrangements.

FIRST EUCHARIST/FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION: To enroll your child, please contact Sister Anna for information, (732) 283-2816.

R.C.I.A: The **R**ite of **C**hristian **I**nitiation for **A**dults is the process by which non-Catholics who are interested in becoming members of the Roman Catholic Church, and/or Catholics who wish to complete their initiation sacraments. For more information please call Sister Anna, (732)283-2816

MARRIAGE: Make arrangements one year in advance of the proposed wedding date. Please call the Parish Office.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK OR HOMEBOUND: If any of your loved ones are in need of a priest and need the sacraments, please call the Parish Office.

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS/SOCIETIES

ALTAR SERVERS: Children in grades 3 and up are invited to join. Contact Ann Cecilia Trinh, Altar Server Coordinator at (856)470-6401

LEGION OF MARY—Saturdays—9 AM, Conference Room

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY–The Rosary is prayed before every daily/weekend Mass. The meetings are the 1st Monday of the month at 7 PM in the Church Conference Room.

YOUNG ADULT FORMATION SERIES—The young adult formation series for ages 18-35 will be held on the second Friday of every month from 7-9 PM. There will be a talk, small group discussion, and worship followed by fellowship at a local establishment. Coordinator - Break Ministry

CLASSICAL CHOIR—Practice Tuesday evenings from September to June at 7:30 PM in the church. Coordinator—Maria Leonor Llorin-McTague

FOOD PANTRY is open for food pick-up **TUESDAYS from 10 AM to 2 PM ONLY**. Call or email stcecelia.socialministry@gmail.com for food requests/appointments for pick-up. OTHER SERVICES provided by the Social Ministry Office.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL—Meets every 2nd Monday of the month in Church Conference room. Call the Parish Office for more information.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS are actively seeking new members!—Richard Duda- Grand Knight/ 908-307-0935/rduda1@verizon.net

DEVOTIONS

CENACLE FOR MARIAN MOVEMENT OF PRIESTS every Wed. after 9:15 AM Mass.

NOVENAS- St. Jude and Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal every Sat. after 8AM Mass.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET are Fridays after the 9:15 AM Mass.

2,000 HAIL MARY'S every 2nd Saturday of the month, in the Chapel starting at 7:00 AM.

ADORATION CHAPEL—Mon-Thurs 7 AM to 4 PM. Fri. 7am-12pm and Sat. and Sun. are only during mass & confession hours.

SATURDAY EVENING MASS–12/3
4:30 PM Claire Burns req. The Kolibas Family
Maria Grossi req. Her Family

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT–12/4
7:30 AM LIVING & DECEASED OF THE PARISH
9:30 AM *Ryszard Wojna req. The Kumor Family
*Peter & Stella Moraes req. Fernandes Family
11:30AM *Edna Guerro De Luna req, her Daughter
*James J. Vendola req. Anne Vendola & Family
1:30 PM *MASS IN SPANISH

MONDAY– WEEKDAY–12/5
7:00 AM Thomas DeMaio req. Family
9:15 AM Robert Hunt req. Martin & Denise Kolibas

TUESDAY–ST. NICHOLAS–12/6
7:00 AM Gabriel Carter req. The Carter Family
9:15 AM Raymond & Ruth Deck req. Jack Deck

WEDNESDAY–ST. AMBROSE–12/7
7:00AM Peter Joe req. Don & Maureen Wyzykowski
9:15AM Joan Brown req. Victor & Cristy Reyes
7:00PM Romon Reyes req. Victo & Cristy Reyes

THURSDAY– THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY–12/8
7:00 AM "Special Intention" Migara req. Sashya H.
9:15 AM Thanksgiving to the Blessed Mother req. Anne Vendola & Family
12:00PM Eugene Skoneki req. Barbara Frost & Family
7:00PM Maria & Felix Valientes req. Valientes Family

FRIDAY–ST. JUAN DEIGO–12/9
7:00 AM Margeret Burda req. Eve Mloyona
9:15 AM Mary Serratelli req. Jerry Granato Sr.

SATURDAY– OUR LADY OF LORETO-12/10
8:00 AM Sue Romanosky req. The Chorazak Family

SATURDAY EVENING MASS– 12/10
4:30 PM *Jack Frost Sr. req. Barbara Frost & Children

SUNDAY MASS– 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT–12/11
7:30 AM LIVING & DECEASED
9:30 AM *William Henkel req. The Henkel Family
11:30AM *Sue Romanosky req. The Donahue Family
*Gloria Gallo req. Gevevieve Vitale
1:30 PM *MASS IN SPANISH

Sanctuary Candle
The Noel Family

Responsorial Psalm

We will rejoice as we go up to the Lord's house (Psalm 122).

Readings for the Week

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30
Thursday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

THEMES FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

HARMONY

Have you ever known a moment when, just for a brief instant, you felt that all was right with the world? It is just such a moment, stretched into eternity, that the writer of Isaiah describes in today's first reading: the perfection of everything, centered in God's spirit, where knowledge, justice, and awe in God's presence reign. In such a paradise, everyone sees eye to eye and thinks in harmony with each other, as Saint Paul describes in his letter to the Romans. Even animals with a natural animosity toward one another coexist peacefully. John the Baptist understood that such harmonious relationships do not simply happen. They are the fruit of living in right relationship with God and others.

OUR FASCINATING FAITH

The Immaculate Conception (December 8)

December 8 we celebrate the patronal solemnity of the United States and the greatest of Mary's Advent festivals. On that day we remember Mary's conception in the womb of her mother (and nine months later, on September 8, we celebrate Mary's birth). In this liturgy, we affirm our belief that God prepared Mary to be the mother of the son of God by allowing her a share, from the moment of her conception, in the salvation that would be won for all by Christ.

Five mothers make their presence felt on December 8. The first is Eve, the mother of all the living. The second is Mary's mother, who conceived, brought to birth, and nurtured an "immaculate" daughter who would become the mother of the Word made Flesh. The third is Elizabeth, who conceived her son John "in her old age." The fourth, of course, is Mary herself. Finally, the letter to the Ephesians and the texts of the Mass for this feast remind us that the Church has been "chosen" to be a spiritual mother. We pray: "The image of the Virgin is found in your Church . . . Trace in our actions the lines of her love, in our hearts her readiness of faith."

In this Advent time, we are called, as Mary was, to make room for Christ in our hearts. What will it take, what will be the cost for us to become, as Mary became, real "bearers of the Word?" Let us be open to the intercession of Mary on our behalf, that we may become more and more like her beloved Son.

Sick Relatives & Friends

Mirabella Parota
Lena Zimbardo
Gloria Reichley
Ligia Riezenman
Gail Rezmerski
Rose Cappiello
Alberto Castillo
Maria Julia Perez
Eileen Donovan
Eliana Taveres
George & Betty Whitehead
Manny Parente
Ms. Gloria Nikki
Ron Nocella
Michael Clifford Jr.
Carolyn Misiewicz
Joann Kisielewski

Cathy (Napiorski) Harris
Nicole C. Rossi
Shawn Ekatan
Kat T.
Howard Chubbuck
Olga Barritta
Frank Honkisz
Ann Fitzsimmons
Kevin Lyman
Diane Campolargo
Jack James Coyle
Stacy Boland
Jessica Baretta
Peter "PJ" Pascalli
Kristen Clifford
Janice & Paul Pugliese
Gloria Sprague

Jamie Nestor
Marieta M.
Alberto Batista
Robert & Mary Maurer
Martin & Diane Petrucci
Arnold & Luisa Franco
Nikki Honkisz
Wiletta Boswell
Joyce Ann
Rafael Rosario
Frances DeLuca
Paula Wegg
Alberto Batista
Jessika Boland
Liz Lutomski
Patricia & Rob Schmidt
Marie Wilson

Joseph Jonathan Cem
Samuel & Rose M
Amanda & Christine Porceli
Raymond Kneckel
Anita Pintozzi
Franklin Pfeifer Jr.
Carol Foe
Elaine Dziuban
Barbara Dee
Carol Casino,
Carmelina Carrera
Lorraine Iffland
Michael
Diana Thomas
Gregory Brigando
Carol Helfin
Elaine O'Sullivan

Ryan Michael
MarinaGomez
Thomas
Craig Soper
Ellen Morales
Steve Colligan
Mary Alfano
Richard Dzivban
Cathy H.
Jacqueline Voelkel
Samuel Carrera
Jaxson Rivera
Jim Medley
John-Paul Alfaro
Ken Popan
Audrey & Tony Corio
Raul T. Palomata

For the Repose of the Soul of:

Charlotte Mahedy
Pearl Noel
Alberto Castillo

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Our giving trees are going to be up in the atrium with gift suggestions for various families and organizations that are in need.

We ask that you leave your unwrapped gift at the parish office with attached Christmas tag no later than December 9th. Please only take a tag request if you are committed to the cause.

Thank you in advanced for your kindness. God bless you!

Christmas Pancake Breakfast
Visit with Santa

The Christmas Pancake Breakfast will be held Sunday, December 4th after 11:30AM Mass. Please stop in or call the Parish Office to be added to the signup sheet. There are only 150 spots available so reserve your spot as soon as possible!

SECOND SUNDAY OF

Advent

DECEMBER 4, 2022

John the Baptist appeared,
preaching in the desert of Judea and saying,
"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!"
MATTHEW 3:1

NEW LIFE

In our scripture translations, word choices matter. When today's first reading tells us that a "stump" will bring forth a new shoot, it's Isaiah's way of telling us that God's miraculous power is at work. Seeds bring forth shoots. Even buried roots can bring forth shoots. But a stump? When we look at a stump, essentially we are seeing the corpse of what used to be a tree. Mortal eyes look and see death, but divine eyes look and see new life. And what a life the Spirit of God will bring forth from this stump! A life filled with wisdom, understanding, counsel, strength, knowledge, and fear of the Lord—the life that we name "Jesus." How fitting it is that we will also look upon the wood Calvary's cross—a tree of death—and behold that the Spirit of God has turned that tree into a Tree of Life!

NAME CALLING

We often change our tone of voice and vocabulary when we really want to get somebody's attention. Parents will add a middle name to indicate a child is in trouble (a middle and last name when the child is really in trouble). Change of tone and words invites attention, demanding a response. Today John the Baptist does a bit of name-calling: "You brood of vipers!" Even for someone like John, who regularly used potent vocabulary, this way of addressing the holy men—the Pharisees and Sadducees—this level of name-calling stands out. Snakes were commonly understood as a representation of evil, and a poisonous snake in the ancient world held the power of life and death, as the holy men thought they did. Instead of thinking about their own power, John tells them to produce good fruit. We still get ourselves in trouble today when we think that we truly hold any type of power over others, when it's a power that belongs only to God.

EMBRACING CHANGE

Words like John's might cause fear in us, or may hold us back, hesitant. Words like these can also invite us to change our lives. When we do so, we open ourselves to a core virtue of the Advent season: hope. Changing our lives can also open us up to a more vigorous presence of the gifts of the Holy Spirit—wisdom, understanding, counsel, strength, knowledge, and fear of the Lord—named in Isaiah today. Recall that it was in that very Spirit we were named for Christ at Baptism. Open your ears and heart to the voice of God, who knows the name given to you on that day. Respond not out of fear, but in love, to the ways that God is calling to you today; calling you to change what needs to be changed, and to welcome Christ today, as you will once again on Christmas day.

TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 11:1–10
Psalm 72:1–2, 7–8, 12–13, 17
Romans 15:4–9
Matthew 3:1–12

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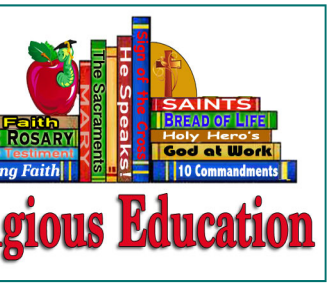
Offering

November 20, 2022		November 21, 2021	
In-pew	$ 8,163.00	In-pew	$ 9,142.50
Faith	$ 2,751.00	Faith Direct	$ 2,574.75
Direct	$ 10,914.00	Total	$ 11,717.25

Works of Mercy 22		Works of Mercy 21	
In-pew	$ 1,573.50	In-pew	$ 2,226.50
Faith	$ 92.00	Faith Direct	$ 72.00
Direct	$ 1,665.50	Total	$ 2,298.50



IMPORTANT DATES

Religious Education Office phone number is 732-283-2816; Cell number is 732-343-1132. Our Religious Education Office is located in the second floor of the Church.

November 27 **First Sunday of Advent**

November 28 Rel. Ed. Classes Grade 1-8
5:45PM—&:15PM

December 4 **Second Sunday of Advent**

December 5 **No Rel. Ed. Classes-Winter Break**

December 8 **Feast of Immaculate Conception**

December 10 4:30PM Mass
Christmas Tree Lighting

December 11 **3rd Sunday of Advent**

December 12 Rel. Ed. Classes Grade 1-8
5:45PM—&:15PM

December 15 Grade 8—Journey of Faith
7:00--8:30PM Lourdes Hall

December 18 **4th Sunday of Avent**
Family Mass 9:30AM
Hosted by 6th Grade

December 19 Rel. Ed. Classes Grade 1-8
5:45PM—&:15PM
Parents Faith Formation Gathering
6:00-7:15PM
Confession Grades 7 & 8

December 24 Christmas Eve Children's Mass
6:30PM

December 25 **The Nativity of the Lord**

December 26 **Christmas Season**
No Religious Education Classes

Lector & Eucharistic Minister Scheduling

Please contact Jasmin Alfaro, in regards to any questions about the schedule at (732) 484-3575 or alfarojasmin19@gmail.com

SCRIP AVAILABLE

Purchasing SCRIP is an easy way to support our church. St. Cecelia's receives a percentage of every card purchased. SCRIP gift cards are available in the atrium after all Masses or stop in to the parish office during the week.

Thank you for supporting our Parish!

100Th Anniversary Gala Meeting

All Members please attend
Wednesday Night **December 7, 2022**

Annual Parish Tree Lighting

Santa Claus will be joining us at our Annual Tree Lighting festivities on Saturday, December 10th, after the 4:30 pm Mass. Please join us as we celebrate this joyous Christmas season.

We will be taking donations for our food pantry at both the Christmas Pancake Breakfast and the Annual Tree Lighting!

Advent & Christmas Mass Schedule

DECEMBER 7TH: VIGIL MASS OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION 7:00PM

DECEMBER 8TH: MASS OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: 7:00AM , 9:15AM & 7:00PM

DECEMBER 9TH: ADVENT RETREAT IN ENGLISH 7PM-9PM &
DECEMBER 10TH: 8AM TO 1PM
(BREAKFAST WILL BE SERVED)

DECEMBER 10TH: VIGIL MASS 4:30PM FOLLOWED BY CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING. SANTA WILL BE PRESENT!

DECEMBER 11TH: FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE, 7:00PM MASS IN SPANISH BY FR. GUSTAVO AMELL, REFRESHMENTS FOLLOW AFTER MASS.

DECEMBER 21: PENITENTIAL SERVICE ENGLISH 6PM TO 7:30PM

DECEMBER 22ND: SIMBANG GABI MASS AT 7PM

DECEMBER 24TH: VIGIL MASS FOR THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD 4:30PM, 7:00PM & 12:00AM
CHRISTMAS CAROLS 30 MIN BEFORE EACH MASS

DECEMBER 25TH CHRISTMAS MASS 7:30AM, 9:30AM, 11:30AM & 1:30 SPANISH

DECEMBER 30TH MASS OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH 7:00AM & 9:15AM

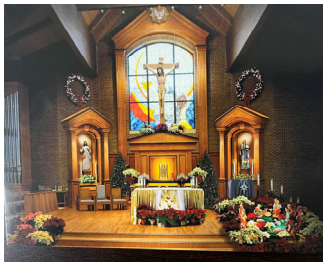
DECEMBER 31ST: VIGIL MASS OF SOLEMNITY OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD 4:30PM

JAN 1ST: MASS OF SOLEMNITY OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD 7:30AM, 9:30AM, 11:30AM & 1: 30 SPANISH

DECEMBER 3, 10, AND 17TH: SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION 9AM-10:30AM AND 3:15-4PM

St. Cecelia Christmas Cards

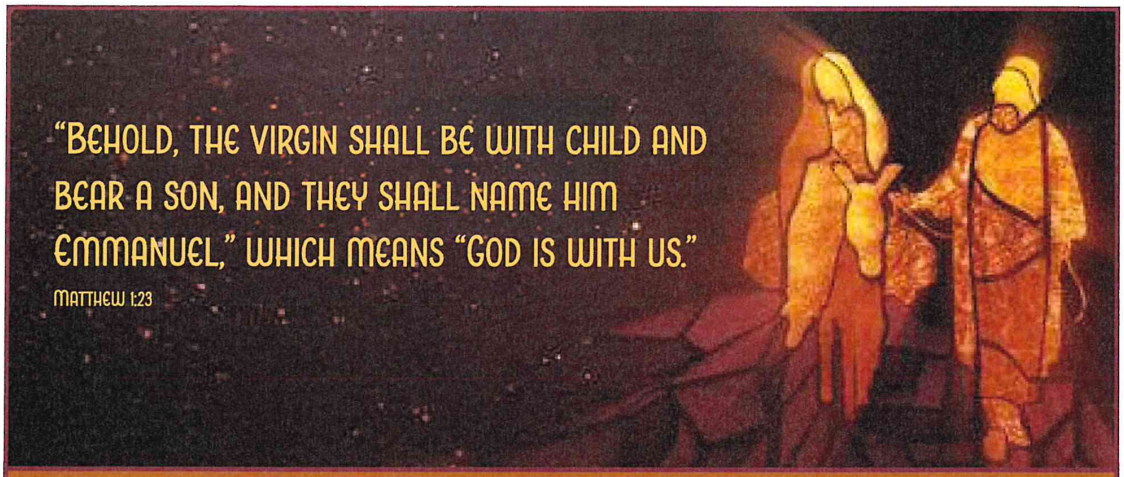
Christmas cards
featuring St. Cecelia Church are now
available for
purchase in the Gift Shop!
$20/20pk



The Rosary Altar Society

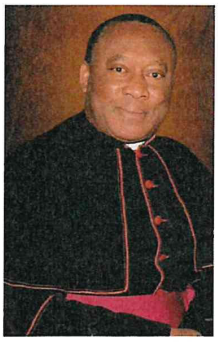
The Rosary Altar Society Christmas Party will be held on Sunday, December 11th, at Dominick's in Avenel at 2:00PM.

Tickets are $35.00 per person.
Tickets are available by calling Carol at 732-494-8697



ADVENT RETREAT

THEME: EMMANUEL - GOD IS WITH US: WELCOMING AND RESPONDING TO GOD'S PRESENCE IN OUR LIVES.



RETREAT MASTER: REV. MSGR. ANSELM NWAORGU, PH.D.,
PASTOR, ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC CHURCH, UNION, NJ

Monsignor Nwaorgu, who celebrated 30 years of priesthood this year, has an impressive resume detailing his outreach to and care of the people of God. In June of 2009, Pope Benedict elevated him to the status of a Monsignor, making him the first native African born priest to be made a monsignor in the United States. He holds degrees in philosophy, systematic theology, counselor prep, pastoral ministry, and counseling psychology and he is a licensed psychologist in the State of New Jersey. In May 1991 he received the Pope John Paul II Medal for Superior Academic Work in Theology and he was awarded the "2015 Man of Vision" by The Municipal Council of the City of Newark. He is the author of 3 books and is presently the consultant for Africa to the USCCB subcommittee for Pastoral Care of Migrants, Refugees, and Travelers. He is a gifted teacher, minister and preacher who has conducted revivals, workshops, seminars, and parish retreats.

Friday, December 9th 7 pm - 9 pm

7:00 pm Praise & Worship
7:15 pm Adoration, Talk by Msgr. Nwaorgu, Benediction

Saturday, December 10th 8 am - 1 pm

8:00 am Mass followed by Devotions
8:45 am Break & Continental Breakfast
9:15 am Praise & Worship
9:30 am Talk by Msgr. Nwaorgu
10:30 am Break
10:45 am Small Group Discussion
11:15 am Talk by Msgr. Nwaorgu
12:15 pm Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction
12:45 pm Blessing & Dismissal
Confession will be available

100th Anniversary Souvenir Yearbook

Our 100th Anniversary Souvenir Yearbook will feature pictures of all the families of our parish.
We ask each family (or individual) to send us your pictures in a JPEG or PNG format to

stcecelia100anniversary@gmail.com

Please provide the names (L to R) of each person in the picture and your family name.

Photos should be sent by Jan. 15th.

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REMEMBER. RENEW. REJOICE!
100TH ANNIVERSARY

ST. CECELIA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
ISELIN, NJ

COME AND JOIN OUR MANY EVENTS!

100th Anniversary Timeline/Events

- 12/04/22 Christmas Pancake Breakfast/Visit from Santa
- 01/14/22 Spaghetti Dinner
- 02/04/23 Gala

More information will be given prior to the event. New events may be added.

"The Seventy-first in a Series"

In the previous series from the encyclical Mater et Magistra (Mother and Teacher), St. Pope John XXIII gave the most basic principle of individual human beings: they are the foundation, the cause and the end of every social institution for people are by nature social beings. Together with this fact is that in the pland of Providence they are raised to an order of reality which is above nature" (219). This article continues that theme. This reality of the human person is the **guarantee of the sacred dignity of the individual** and upon which the Church constructs her social teaching. The principles the Church gives are of universal application, for they take human nature into account, and the varying conditions in which people's life is lived (220)…**Catholic social doctrine is an integral part of the Christian conception of life (221). The laity should study the Catholic social doctrine themselves**, putting it into practice and "zealously striving to make others understand it" (224). So that they "will win over those who are who opposed to it, through ignorance of it. **Who knows, but a ray of its light may one day enter their minds"** (225).

Today the relevance of those words are reflected in Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation Evangelii Gaudium (Joy of the Gospel) in which with resolute firmness he declares, "No, to the IDOLATRY of money." "We have created new idols. The worship of the ancient golden calf (cf. Ex 32:1-35) has returned in a new and **ruthless guise** in the idolatry of money and the dictatorship of an impersonal economy lacking a truly human purpose. The worldwide crisis affecting finance and economy lays bare their imbalances and, above all, their lack of real concern for human beings; **man is reduced to one of his needs alone**: *consumption"* (55). And then states, "The individualism of our post-modern and globalized era **favors a life-style** which **weakens** the development and stability of **personal relationships** and **distorts family bonds**. Pastoral activity needs to bring out more clearly the fact ***our relationship with the Father*** demands and encourages a communion **which heals**, **promotes**, and **reinforces interpersonal bonds**"(67).

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4 7:30 PM Rosary-via Zoom. **2nd Sunday of Advent** Second Collection Parish Improvement Fund	5 7:30 PM Rosary-via Zoom. No Rel. Ed. Classes Winter Break Adult Confirmation Class 10-11am Conference Room	6 7:30 PM Rosary-via Zoom.	7 7:30 PM Rosary-via Zoom.	8 7:30 PM Rosary-via Zoom. **Feast of Immaculate Conception** ***PARISH OFFICE CLOSED*** Special Collection for Immaculate Conception	9 7:30 PM Rosary-via Zoom. Break Ministry 6:30pm Immaculata HS **Children's 6-7PM Classical Choir Practice 7:30pm-9:30pm**	10 7:30 PM Rosary-via Zoom. *9am Leg. Of Mary *9am-10:30am & 3:15-4:00pm Confessions 4:30 PM Mass Tree Lighting All Are Welcome!
11 7:30 PM Rosary-via Zoom. **3rd Sunday of Advent** Second Collection Retirement Fund for Religious	12 7:30 PM Rosary-via Zoom Rel. Ed. Classes Grades 1—8 5:45—7:15PM Confession Grades 5&6 St, Vincent DePaul 7PM Conference Room Adult Confirmation Class 10-11am Conference Room	13 7:30 PM Rosary-via Zoom	14 7:30 PM Rosary-via Zoom	15 7:30 PM Rosary-via Zoom Grade 8 Journey of Faith 7:00-8:30PM Lourdes Hall	16 7:30 PM Rosary-via Zoom **Children's 6-7PM Classical Choir Practice 7:30pm-9:30pm**	17 7:30 PM Rosary-via Zoom *9am Leg. Of Mary *9am-10:30am & 3:15-4:00pm Confessions
18 7:30 PM Rosary-via Zoom **4th Sunday of Advent** **Family Mass 9:30AM Hosted by Grade 6**	19 7:30 PM Rosary-via Zoom Rel. Ed. Classes Grades 1-8 5:45-7:15PM Confession Grades 7&8 Adult Confirmation Class 10-11am Conference Room	20 7:30 PM Rosary-via Zoom	21 7:30 PM Rosary-via Zoom	22 7:30 PM Rosary-via Zoom	23 7:30 PM Rosary-via Zoom **Children's 6-7PM Classical Choir Practice 7:30pm-9:30pm**	24 7:30 PM Rosary-via Zoom *9am Leg. Of Mary *9am-10:30am & 3:15-4:00pm Confessions
25 7:30 PM Rosary-via Zoom Merry Christmas	26 7:30 PM Rosary-via Zoom ***PARISH OFFICE CLOSED***	27 7:30 PM Rosary-via Zoom	28 7:30 PM Rosary-via Zoom	29 7:30 PM Rosary-via Zoom	30 7:30 PM Rosary-via Zoom **Children's 6-7PM Classical Choir Practice 7:30pm-9:30pm**	31 7:30 PM Rosary-via Zoom *9am Leg. Of Mary *9am-10:30am & 3:15-4:00pm Confessions

Mass Schedule

Monday - Friday: 7:00 am and 9:15 am

Saturday: 8:00 am

Saturday Evening Vigil Mass: 4:30 pm

Sunday Mass: 7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am and 1:30 pm (Spanish)

Live-Stream Schedule

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Weekend Mass—11:30 am

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Sábado 8:00 am & 4:30 pm
Domingo 7:30am, 9:30am,11:30am & **1:30pm (Español)**

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Horario de la tienda de regalos

Lun—Jueves 10:00 am—1:00 pm
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Sábado 3:00 pm—6:00 pm
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SEGUNDO DOMINGO DE

Adviento

4 DE DICIEMBRE DE 2022

Comenzó Juan el Bautista a predicar
en el desierto de Judea, diciendo:
"Arrepiéntanse, porque el Reino de los cielos está cerca".

MATEO 3:1

VIDA NUEVA

En nuestras traducciones de las Escrituras, la elección de las palabras es importante. Cuando la primera lectura de hoy nos dice que un "tronco" producirá un nuevo brote, es la forma en que Isaías nos dice que el poder milagroso de Dios está en marcha. Las semillas producen brotes. Incluso las raíces enterradas pueden producir brotes. ¿Pero un troncón? Cuando miramos un troncón, esencialmente estamos viendo el cadáver de lo que solía ser un árbol. Los ojos mortales miran y ven la muerte, pero los ojos divinos miran y ven una nueva vida. ¡Y qué vida sacará el Espíritu de Dios de este tronco! Una vida llena de sabiduría, entendimiento, consejo, fuerza, conocimiento y temor del Señor: la vida que llamamos "Jesús". ¡Qué apropiado es que también miremos el madero de la cruz del Calvario -un árbol de la muerte- y contemplemos que el Espíritu de Dios ha convertido ese árbol en un Árbol de la Vida!

LLAMAR POR EL NOMBRE

A menudo cambiamos el tono de voz y el vocabulario cuando queremos llamar la atención de alguien. Los padres añaden un segundo nombre para indicar que el niño está en problemas (un segundo nombre y un apellido cuando el niño está realmente en problemas). El cambio de tono y de palabras invita a la atención, exigiendo una respuesta. Hoy en día, Juan el Bautista hace un poco de nombre: "¡Cría de víboras!" Incluso para alguien como Juan, que utilizaba habitualmente un vocabulario potente, esta forma de dirigirse a los hombres santos -los fariseos y los saduceos- destaca este nivel de insultos. Las serpientes se entendían comúnmente como una representación del mal, y una serpiente venenosa en el mundo antiguo tenía el poder de la vida y la muerte, como pensaban los hombres santos. En lugar de pensar en su propio poder, Juan les dice que produzcan buenos frutos. Todavía hoy nos metemos en problemas cuando pensamos que realmente tenemos algún tipo de poder sobre los demás, cuando es un poder que sólo pertenece a Dios.

ABRAZAR EL CAMBIO

Palabras como las de Juan pueden causar miedo en nosotros, o pueden retenernos, dudar. Palabras como éstas también pueden invitarnos a cambiar nuestras vidas. Cuando lo hacemos, nos abrimos a una virtud fundamental del tiempo de Adviento: la esperanza. Cambiar nuestras vidas también puede abrirnos a una presencia más vigorosa de los dones del Espíritu Santo -sabiduría, entendimiento, consejo, fuerza, conocimiento y temor del Señor- que se nombran hoy en Isaías. Recordemos que en ese mismo Espíritu fuimos nombrados por Cristo en el Bautismo. Abre tus oídos y tu corazón a la voz de Dios, que conoce el nombre que se te dio en aquel día. No respondas con miedo, sino con amor, a las formas en que Dios te llama hoy; te llama a cambiar lo que necesita ser cambiado, y a acoger a Cristo hoy, como lo harás de nuevo el día de Navidad.

LECTURAS DE HOY

Isaías 11:1–10
Salmo 72 (71):1–2, 7–8, 12–13, 17
Romanos 15:4–9
Mateo 3:1–12

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Salmo Responsorial

La paz y la justicia vendrán en el día del Señor
(Salmo 72)

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LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Is 35:1-10; Sal 85 (84):9ab, 10-14; Lc 5:17-26
Martes: Is 40:1-11; Sal 96 (95):1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14
Miércoles: Is 40:25-31; Sal 103 (102):1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30
Jueves: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Sal 98 (97):1-4; Ef 1:3-6, 11-12; Lc 1:26-38
Viernes: Is 48:17-19; Sal 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
Sábado: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Sal 80 (79):2ac, 3b, 15-16,18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Domingo: Is 35:1-6a, 10; Sal 146 (145):6-10; Sant 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

ARMONÍA

¿Has conocido alguna vez un momento en el que, sólo por un breve instante, has sentido que todo estaba bien en el mundo? Es precisamente un momento así, que se extiende hasta la eternidad, el que describe el escritor de Isaías en la primera lectura de hoy: la perfección de todo, centrada en el espíritu de Dios, donde reinan el conocimiento, la justicia y el asombro ante la presencia de Dios. En ese paraíso, todos ven y piensan en armonía, como describe san Pablo en su carta a los Romanos. Incluso los animales con una animosidad natural entre ellos coexisten pacíficamente. Juan el Bautista comprendió que esas relaciones armoniosas no se producen sin más. Son el fruto de vivir en una relación correcta con Dios y con los demás.

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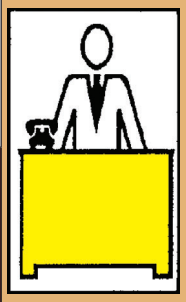

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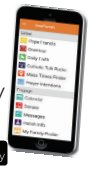

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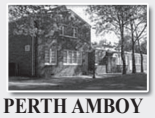

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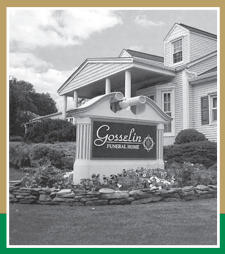

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