THIRD SUNDAY OF

Advent

DECEMBER 11, 2022

"Go and tell John what you hear and see:
the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed,
the deaf hear, the dead are raised,
and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them."

MATTHEW 11:4-5

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From the Desk of Father Mac

For us Advent is not that long--only four weeks. But for God's people in the Old Testament it was thousands of years. That's why God sent His prophets to them again and again to remind them that Christmas was coming. In the midst of their long, dark winter there was hope, for the Light would come.

Today marks the halfway point of the Advent season. Advent began fourteen days ago. Fourteen days from now will be Christmas. We are in the middle, in the thick of it, so to speak. If Advent was a long, dark night, today we would be in the deepest, darkest part of that night. Which is why we light the rose candle today.

The rose candle on our Advent wreath signifies the brighter hope of believers who look for that Christmas Light. Because even in four short weeks troubles can quickly come to darken our world. Our sins and guilt can snuff out the Light of promise for us. On this third Sunday of Advent, the rose color of the candle represents joy. In fact, the word "Gaudete" as this Sunday is called means "Rejoicing." Gaudete Sunday represents the Catholic Church saying, "We're halfway out of the dark."

If you're a football fan, you know that a football game has two halves with a halftime intermission in between. During halftime, the coaches and players meet in the locker room to discuss the first half. If the team has played well and gone into the locker room with the lead, the coaches will tell the players to continue to do what's working and not let up so they can maintain the momentum. On the other side, the coaches of the team that has fallen behind will discuss with their players how they may have strayed from their game plan and they'll focus on making adjustments in the second half that will swing the momentum back their way.

So here we are at halftime of Advent. Maybe we started this season with a game plan of things we planned to do to prepare our hearts for Christmas. Maybe we promised to spend more time in prayer every day, but we've fallen short. Maybe we planned to spend some time in silence and stillness each day to be more mindful of God's presence but we've allowed ourselves to become too busy and distracted. Maybe we pledged to control our spending this holiday season but we've succumbed to the lure of advertising and spent more than our budget allows.

Whatever our Advent game plan was, maybe we've strayed and have fallen behind. If that's the case, don't get discouraged and whatever you do, don't give up! Use this half time to make the necessary adjustments for the second half of Advent so that you'll be ready for all the graces God wants to give you at Christmas! Remember, we're halfway out of the dark and the light is coming!

In Christ,
REVEREND EBEN MACDONALD, PASTOR

Fr. Mac

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE Monday Dec. 12 is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas. We will have one Mass for the feast at 7:30 AM followed by the recitation of the Rosary. The Monday night Rosary group invites all to join them at 7:00 PM Monday evening for a special Rosary prayer service honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe. Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us!

CANDLELIGHT ROSARY AND PRAYER GROUP meets every Monday at 7 pm in the church and by tele-conference. All are welcome to join us in prayer for our own intentions, those of the our parish and of our world.

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Saint Cyril's will have an **Advent Communal Penance Service** on Mon. Dec. 19 at 7:00pm. Several priests will be on hand for individual confessions. Don't miss this opportunity to prepare your heart for Christmas by celebrating the Sacrament of Penance!

SAINT CYRIL'S WILL HOST A SIMBANG GABI CELEBRATION ON WED. DEC. 21. SIMBANG Gabi is a traditional Filipino celebration honoring the Blessed Mother and preparing our hearts to celebrate the joy of Christmas. We'll begin in the church with Mass at 7:00 PM followed by a reception in the parish hall featuring traditional Filipino foods. All are welcome to join this celebration!

WANTED: CHRISTMAS MASS VOLUNTEERS We are looking for additional volunteers to serve as ushers and greeters at our Christmas services. We want everyone who comes to Saint Cyril's for Christmas to feel welcome. If you can help, please sign up using the Christmas Mass Volunteer link on the parish website at st-cyril.org or phone the parish office to indicate which Mass you can help with.

PARISH SUPPORT

WEEKLY COLLECTION:
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 27TH
COLLECTION TOTAL: 8,320
WEEKLY GOAL: 15,000
WEEKLY DEFICIT: 6,680

ALL SAINTS/ ALL SOULS: 2,001
THANKSGIVING: 661

MAY GOD REWARD YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2022

SATURDAY DEC. 24TH – CHRISTMAS EVE

7:30 AM - Mass Sat. 4th Week of Advent
4:00 PM - Vigil Mass of Christmas
11:40 PM - Carols with St. Cyril's Choir
12:00 AM - Christmas Mass at Midnight with St. Cyril's Choir and Orchestra
NO CONFESSIONS ON CHRISTMAS EVE

SUNDAY DEC. 25TH – CHRISTMAS DAY

8:00AM - Mass for Christmas Day
10:00AM - Mass for Christmas Day
12:00PM - Mass for Christmas Day with St. Cyril's Choir and Orchestra

SATURDAY DEC. 31 – NEW YEAR'S EVE

7:30 AM - Daily Mass
8:00 AM - Confessions
3:00 PM - Confessions
4:00 PM - Vigil Mass

SUNDAY JAN. 1 – MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

8:00AM - Sunday Mass
10:00 AM - Sunday Mass
12:00 PM - Sunday Mass

SAFEGUARDING THE CHILDREN

Did you Know?

HEALING GARDEN FOR VICTIM-SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL ABUSE

Archbishop José H. Gomez recently blessed the inaugural garden of healing dedicated to victim-survivors of sexual abuse at Saint Camillus Center for Spiritual Care in Los Angeles. Gardens of healing, which are being planned in the five pastoral regions of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, are a manifestation of our ongoing care for and support of those impacted by sexual abuse in all its forms. The Archdiocese encourages anyone with information regarding sexual abuse to please make a report to law enforcement and/or the Office of Victims Assistance Ministry at (800) 355-2545 or protect@la-archdiocese.org,

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10TH
4:00 pm - Rita Morgan, *SPEC. INT.*
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11TH
8:00 am - People of the Parish, *SPEC. INT.*
10:00 am - Rosa Avendano, *RIP*
12:00 pm - John & Adam Lutz, *RIP*
MONDAY, DECEMBER 12TH
7:30 am -Rolando Crisostomo , *RIP*
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13TH
7:30 am - Rolando Crisostomo , *RIP*
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14TH
7:30 am - Dorothy Montanio & Tim Viole,*RIP*
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15TH
7:30 am - Rolando Crisostomo, *RIP*
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16TH
7:30 am - Jack Modjallal, *RIP*
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17TH
7:30 am - Lucia Kwon, *SPEC. INT.*

Saint Cyril of Jerusalem Church

SUNDAY & WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturdays: 4:00 PM
Sundays: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12 NOON
Sunday 12 Noon Mass LIVESTREAMED ON FACEBOOK
Vigil of Holy Days 7:00 PM
Holy Days 7:30 AM, 12:00 PM, 7:00 PM
Weekdays *(MON-SAT)* 7:30 AM

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE/RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 8:00-8:30 AM & 3:00-4:00 PM

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS

TUESDAYS FOLLOWING THE 7:30 AM MASS

HOLY ROSARY

DAILY AFTER 7:30 AM MASS & MONDAYS AT 7PM

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

SECOND SUNDAYS, 2PM—PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE

WEDDINGS

MUST CONTACT THE PRIEST AT LEAST 6 MONTHS IN ADVANCE

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL

MONDAY –FRIDAY, 8:00AM -4:00PM

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

8-9 AM FIRST FRIDAYS

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MAJ Andrew Michael Clarke US ARMY Serving overseas

*All doctors, nurses and health care workers

* All police, fire-fighters and first responders

MARY, HEALTH OF THE SICK, PRAY FOR US

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2022 Simbang Gabi

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