First Sunday of Advent

November 30, 2014

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ADVENT- A Season of HOPE!

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Dear Friends,

Hope and reasons for thanksgiving are hard to come by, especially if we try to place our reasons for hope in a world that sometimes seems stacked against us. Only hope based on faith in the promises of God can overcome despair and strengthen us to engage with the struggles of life.

Jesus was born in history as an answer to centuries of hope; he will come again to those whose hope is shown implicitly in their work for justice and peace; and he comes even now in moments of grace to those who welcome him with faith.

As we enter the Advent season, I want to share some words for your reflection from Pope Benedict XVI's compelling letter on hope (*Spe Salvi*, 2007):
"God is the foundation of hope: not any god, but the God who has a human face and who has loved us to the end…His Kingdom is not an imaginary hereafter, situated in a future that will never arrive; His kingdom is wherever he is loved and wherever his love reaches us. His love alone gives us the possibility of soberly persevering day by day, without ceasing to be spurred on by hope, in a world which by its very nature is imperfect. His love is at the same time our guarantee of the existence of what we only vaguely sense and which nevertheless, in our deepest self, we await: a life that is `truly' life."

Through reflection on the Sunday readings of this season, through prayer, perhaps at the lighting of an Advent wreath in the home, and through finding reasons for hope that are based on faith, we will be prepared to celebrate the love of God that is revealed to us in Jesus, the Word made flesh, which we will celebrate on Christmas day.

Fr. Stephen Rowan

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Readings for Mon., Dec. 1 - Sun., Dec. 7

Mon.	Is 2:1-5	Ps 122:1-2,3-4b,4cd-5,6-7,8-9	Mt 8:5-11
Tues.	Is 11:1-10	Ps 72:1-2,7-8,12-13,17	Lk 10:21-24
	Memorial of St. Francis Xavier, priest		
Wed.	Is 25:6-10a	Ps 23:1-3a,3b-4,5,6	Mt 15:29-37
Thurs.	Is 26:1-6 Mt 7:21,24-27	Ps 118:1,8-9,19-21,25-27a	
Fri.	Is 29:17-24	Ps 27:1,4,13-14	Mt 9:27-31
Sat.	Is 30:19-21,23-26 Mt 9:35-10:1,5a,6-8	Ps 147:1-2,3-4,5-6	

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sun.	Is 40:1-5,9-11 2 Pt 3:8-14	Ps 85:9-10,11-12,13-14 Mk 1:1-8

MASS INTENTIONS

PLEASE NOTE: ✞ indicates an intention for the deceased

Mon.	Dec. 1	8:40 AM – Terry Tuben ✞
Tues.	Dec. 2	8:40 AM – Engracio Peque & Amada Peque ✞
Wed.	Dec. 3	8:40 AM – Paola Benites ✞
Thurs.	Dec. 4	8:40 AM – Robert Larson ✞
Fri.	Dec. 5	8:40 AM – Tony Mola ✞
Sat.	Dec. 6	5:00 PM – John Khan & Martha Nguyen ✞
Sun.	Dec. 7	8:30 AM – Souls with noone to pray for them ✞
		10:30 AM – Froylan Arechiga ✞
		12:30 PM – Missa Pro Populo

PARISH STEWARDSHIP - FISCAL YEAR 2015

July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015 Total Collection Budget - $572,500

	Collections	Budget	Variance
October	**$ 42,672**	**$ 42,855**	**$ (183)**
Year-To- Date	**$ 167,859**	**$ 176,895**	**$ (9,036)**

***** Amounts include total collections from ALL Masses.***

Note: Budget for Fiscal Year 2015 is $14,500 higher than 2014 **

ADVENT SERIES—THIS SUNDAY!

Please plan to join us for a two-part Advent series by Fr. Stephen Rowan. "The Way of Discipleship in Mark's Gospel" will be in the Brannan House on Sunday evenings, November 30th & December 7th from 7-9 pm. Fr. Rowan travels widely giving similar presentations to priests and deacons in his 'Preaching the Lectionary' series each year.

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Holy Masses:
Saturday Vigil.....5:00PM
Sunday.....8:30AM, 10:30AM
Spanish.....Sunday, 12:30PM
Daily Mass.....Monday - Friday 8:40AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Saturdays.....4:00 – 4:45PM or by appointment

THIS WEEKEND: *Work of Human Hands Sale after masses, Nov. 30. In time for the holidays, find beautiful and unique fair trade items from all over the world. A program of Catholic Relief Services.*

Grateful Giving 2015-update

To date, we have received 154 pledges totaling $227,038 in annual giving. This represents only 39% of our 2015 budgeted amount of $572,500.

If you haven't filled out a stewardship card, ***please do so***. You can place it in the Sunday collection basket, drop it by the office or mail it in. If you give online, we do ask that you fill out a pledge card too. To make this easier, we have added an online pledge card to our website—www.ckseattle.org.

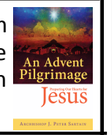
Thank you for your ongoing support of Christ the King Parish!

FAITH FORMATION

Potluck Dinner—December 3rd

Join us at 6pm in the Fitzgerald Room. At 6:30 Sacramental Prep Students will meet in the Spanish Room, parents in the library, and RCIA/Faith Foundations in the Brannan House. Kids Club will be in the Fitz Room and childcare for ages 2 –5 in the Kindergarten class room. For more information contact the parish office. Please consider joining us!

Women's Book Group will meet on Monday, December 15th in the Brannan House at 7pm. This will be a social time with discussion of the Advent booklet, "An Advent Pilgrimage".



Men's Group—The next meeting is December 4th at 6:45am in the Church to pray the rosary followed by a discussion of this week's Gospel and a light breakfast. Contact Deacon Joe for more information.

Advent Reconciliation Service

Join us Monday, December 1st at 7pm in the church for our advent reconciliation service. Come for a quiet evening as we enter into the season of advent.

Christ the King School News

CKS Auction – Looking for Business Sponsorships!

Do you own a business? By committing to a sponsorship now, your business will benefit from months of advertising on the CKS school website, CKS auction website, CKS newsletter, and school signage. Consider a sponsorship today! Thank you Blue and Blue Roofing and The Knights of Columbus for being our first two auction sponsors! Contact cksdev@ckseattle.org for more details.

Advent Concert—December 4th 7pm

The CKS students, faculty and staff would like to welcome all Christ the King families and parishioners to celebrate Advent by attending the CKS Advent Concert on December 4th at 7pm in the church.

St. Nick Breakfast—December 7th

Please save the date! The King's Men invite you to the Christ the King St. Nick Breakfast on December 7th after the 8:30 and 10:30 Masses. All proceeds will benefit the St. Martin de Porres shelter ministry here at the parish. Come enjoy a great meal and help a worthy cause!

YOUTH NEWS

For all Youth Ministry questions & inquiries, please contact Lindsey Barry, lbarry@ckseattle.org or 859-5107.

Youth Group: HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP meets this Sunday in Christ the King Youth Room from 6:30pm-7:30pm. Christmas is on its way! Advent is all about the preparation. Tonight we prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming.

Young Women's Group: Calling all Young Ladies, grades 8-12! Please join us on Tuesday from 7pm -8:30pm in the Christ the King Youth Room for our discussion on *Passion and Purity.*

Kids Club: This week in Kids Club we begin advent! We will be making our very own Jesse Tree's. A Jesse tree tracks the Lineage of Jesus throughout all of advent. It is our very own advent calendar!

Children's Liturgy of the Word: Next week is the Second Week of Advent. Join us as we continue our Journey towards Christmas!!!

Quote of the Week: Unless we believe and see Jesus in the appearance of bread on the altar, we will not be able to see him in the distressing disguise of the poor. —Mother Teresa of Calcutta

O Come Let Us Adore Him!

First Friday: December 5th

On Friday, December 5th we will have adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 9AM - midnight. We are hoping to have two people sign up for each hour. All are invited at any time, but we would like two committed persons at each hour. This is a great opportunity to spend time with the Lord in the midst of our busy lives. Please contact the Parish Office to sign up for a Holy Hour!

Novena for Our Lady of Guadalupe

Beginning on Wednesday, December 3rd at 7 pm in the Fitzgerald Room and continuing for 9 evenings. Confessions will be available on Thursday evenings, December 4th and 11th from 5—8 pm. Come pray with us!