

SCRIPTURE READINGS

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TODAY: CHRIST OUR KING

Daniel 7:13-14
Revelation 1:5-8
John 18:33b-37

Next Sun: 1st Sunday Advent

Jeremiah 33:14-16
1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2
Luke 21:25-28, 34-36



THANKSGIVING DAY MASS – Thursday, November 26th, at 10 a.m. – bi-lingual. There are no other Masses that day. The parish office is closed on Thanksgiving Day and on Friday, November 27th.

OUR MUSLIM BROTHERS and SISTERS – Muslims, Christians and Jews are brothers and sisters to each other in Abraham, our common Father of Faith. As Catholics, we have a special obligation to speak out against targeting Muslims because of their faith. This is what was done to us as Catholics at the beginning of the 20th century when there were waves of immigration from Catholic countries in Europe. We were seen as a threat to the prevailing American culture and agents of a foreign power (the pope!). We cannot allow history to repeat itself in this country. Our strength as a nation comes from our ability to create unity from amidst our great and rich diversity.

SYRIAN REFUGEES - Our United States Bishops have made it clear that our government must not prevent the entry of Syrian refugees into our country. Given our extremely stringent review of all refugee requests, we already have reasonable safeguards in place to ensure our security. Speaking on behalf of the United States Bishops, Bishop Eusebio Elizondo of Seattle issued a statement in which he declared: "I call upon our public officials to work together to end the Syrian conflict peacefully so the close to 4 million Syrian refugees can return to their country and rebuild their homes. Until that goal is achieved, we must work with the world community to provide safe haven to vulnerable and deserving refugees who are simply attempting to survive. As a great nation, the United States must show leadership during this crisis and bring nations together to protect those in danger and bring an end to the conflicts in the Middle East."

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE! – We are deeply grateful for your generous support of our Thanksgiving food drive that benefited families here in our parish. We particularly appreciate the many supermarket gift cards that we received. These are very helpful to us in responding to the needs of our parishioners. Many families will be able to give genuine thanks on Thanksgiving Day because of your generosity.

FREE THANKSGIVING FEAST – Thursday, November 26th – CYO Center – 120 Anderson Avenue – 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Sponsored by Catholic Charities of New York; Our Lady Help of Christians Parish; Project Hospitality.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR – A Children's Choir will be forming in order to sing at the 5 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass in English. Please contact the parish office for information and permission slips. Rehearsals begin on Saturday, December 5th at 2:30 p.m. in the Padre Miguel room in the rectory.

ADVENT PRAYER with FR. ROSELLI – Fr. Roselli will be offering a weekly Advent Prayer series on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. starting on December 2nd and continuing until December 23rd. Persons can choose to stay for the 12:05 Mass.

RUN FOR THE FEAST of OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE – Every year, there is a run on the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, December 12th. The run starts at the ferry terminal at 5:00 p.m. and concludes at the Church. Mass in Spanish follows at 7:30 p.m. All participants receive a certificate and a medal. If you would like to participate, please register in the parish office.

YOUNG ADULT MASS with CARDINAL DOLAN – On Wednesday, December 9th, at 7:30 p.m., Cardinal Dolan will celebrate a Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral for young adults. Confessions and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with music by Matt Maher and Audrey Assad will be held from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Please arrive early. To learn more, please go to: www.CatholicNYC.com.

CHRISTMAS FAIR – Sunday- December 6, 2015 – 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. – Monsignor Farrell High School (2900 Amboy Road) – Santa! 80+ Vendors. Raffles. Food. Admission: \$3.00 per person or \$5.00 per family.

WEEKLY OFFERING: November 15: \$4,554. Thank you for your support of our parish!

FAMILY PERSPECTIVES - The gospel is clear that the role of Jesus was to "testify to the truth." Truth is critical to human fulfillment and happiness. Without the truth we live suspiciously in a world of lies. What is the truth about the effect of our actions on children? The importance of a father's presence to the development of a child? The effect of cohabitation on a relation-ship? The result of long work days and less time with families? *Live the Gospel truth.*



Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe ~ November 20, 2015

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead and ruler of the kings of the earth. ~Revelation 1:5

Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday November 21

8:00am-~InThanksgiving to St. Martin Porres

5:00pm- † William M. Frickenstein
7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Sunday November 22

8:30am-†Msgr. Augustine J. DiBlasi & Fanny
Offered by: Family

10:00am- † Mrs. Helen Valentine
Offered by: son, Thomas Valentine

11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions

1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Monday November 23

8:00am- † Debbie Bonilla Perez
Offered by: Godsons & Family

12:05pm- † Saverio & Marie Micillo
Offered by: daughter, Theresa

Tuesday November 24

8:00am- † Concetta & Cristino Dellaripa
~30th Anniversary~
Offered by: Family

12:05pm - † All Deceased Souls
Offered by: Salvador Lopez

Wednesday November 25

8:00am- † Jennifer Esposito
Offered by: Annette Esposito

12:05pm-† Cecilia Mendez & Abrensia Lopez
Offered by: Salvador Lopez

Thursday November 26 Thanksgiving Day

10:00am- † Mrs. Helen Valentine
Offered by: son, Thomas Valentine

Friday November 27

8:00am- ~Special Intentions of Salvador Lopez
Offered by: Francisca Lopez

12:05pm- † Charles Pommerenk
~3rd Anniversary in Heaven~
Offered by: Family

Saturday November 28

8:00am- ~ Kimberly Cuesta's Health
Offered by: O.L. Mt. Carmel School

5:00pm- † Paula Lopez ~Anniversary~
Offered by: Joe & Nina Lopez

7:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Sunday November 29

8:30am- † Mavis & Jacobo Dollison
By: children & grandchildren

10:00am- † Dolores Elizabeth Zukowski
By: Victoria & Wilfredo Garay

11:30am- † Parish Community Intentions

1:30pm- † Parish Community Intentions

6:00pm- † Parish Community Intentions

Weekly Memorials

Bread & Wine
Susan Obermayer *By: Family*
Memorial Candles
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Liturgical Minster's Schedule NOVEMBER 2015

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Lectors: Linda Graves & Tom Ventrudo (carry Gospel Book)
E. M.: Linford Smith, Peg & Tom Ventrudo

Sunday 8:30 a.m.

Lector: Joan Knighton & Linda Torres / Delmeter Carey (carry Gospel Book)
Substitute: Linda Torres

E. M.: Diane Carbonaro, Theresa Contardo & MaryAnn Ugboode *Sub:* Delmeter Carey

Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Valerie Cappucci (carry Gospel Book) *Substitute.:* Victoria Garay

E. M.: Alexis Crowdell, Thelma Washington & Mariana Zukowski *Sub:* Crescencia Pascua



Next Sunday, we begin the season of Advent - a season of hopeful waiting.

What are we waiting for? We are not waiting for Christmas! Christmas came two thousand years ago. Christmas is simply an important commemoration of a past event that has transformed human history. What we are waiting for now is the coming of Jesus into our lives daily and our coming to him at the end of our lives. How does Jesus come into our lives daily? Jesus comes to us in prayer, in the scriptures, in the sacraments and in the events and persons of our daily lives. The season of Advent invites us to do something very radical in our contemporary world - slow down! We all move too fast through life today. Advent is a season that reminds us that we must choose to slow down so that we are aware of the ways Christ is trying to enter our lives both to assure us of his presence with us and to invite us to consider how our lives need to change so that we are faithful to the way that will lead us to him - lead us into eternal life. Advent is not a penitential season - a season in which we focus on our sinfulness and our need for God's mercy. Advent, instead, is a season when we remember how Jesus wants to enter our lives each day so as to help us follow the way that will lead to eternal life with him.

This is why our waiting should be filled with hope. Jesus does not come into our lives to punish us. Jesus does not come into our lives to remind us that we are not worthy of him - which is true! Instead, Jesus comes into our lives to assure us of his love for us and of the Father's love for us. Jesus knows that we are sinners. Jesus knows that we are not always faithful to the way that leads to eternal life with him. This is why he comes to us daily. He wants to help us to know and follow the way that leads to eternal life with him. He has no desire to chastise us or punish us. His only desire is to show us the way that will lead to eternal happiness with him.

Use this season of Advent well. Make the time to spend time with Jesus who is the incarnation of God's wondrous love for us.

Fr. Mark Hallinan, S.J.

