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November
27, 2016

First Sunday of Advent



Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know which day your Lord will come"

MASS SCHEDULES

Sunday Mass in English

Saturday 4:30 PM

Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM & 12:15 PM

Daily Mass

7 & 8:30 AM (Saturday 8:30 AM)

Reconciliation

Saturday 3-4:00 PM

Misas Dominicales en Español

Sábado 6 PM, Domingo 2 & 6 PM

Misas en Español

Miércoles 7 PM

Reconciliación

Miércoles 6-7 PM, Sábado 3-4:00 PM

United in faith and guided by the Holy Spirit



From the Pastor's Desk:

There is a beautiful anecdote given by Msgr. Arthur Tonne clarifying the message of today's Gospel. Several years ago a bus driver in Oklahoma reached an unusual record. In 23 years he had driven a bus over 900,000 miles without a

single accident. When asked how he had done it, he gave this simple answer: "Watch the road." In today's Gospel Jesus gives the same advice in several ways: "Therefore, stay awake", "You must be prepared", "For at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come". This is not only a good spiritual advice for the Advent season but also a safe rule for daily life. A good football player or basketball player should always concentrate his attention on the ball and the players. A good student must be alert, awake and attentive, watching the teacher and listening to his or her words. A good Catholic in the Church must be physically and mentally alert, watching the altar and actively participating in the prayers and songs. Like the Roman god Janus, who had two faces, one looking at the past year and the other looking into future, Christians during the Advent season are to look at the past event of the first coming of Jesus into the world and expectantly look forward to his second coming in glory.

King Alexander of Macedonia, who in his day conquered land after land, used to observe a certain procedure. Whenever his army was encamped outside a heavily walled city or fortress, he would have a lighted lamp hung up where it was visible by day and night. He would then have the besieged inhabitants know that as long as the lantern kept burning, they had a chance to change their minds. But if the lantern was smashed and its light extinguished, then the city and all it contained would be mercilessly destroyed. And he kept his promise. If the lantern was smashed to pieces, all hope was gone. The Macedonians would storm the city, kill any person who could bear arms, and then ransack and destroy the city. The time of grace was over. - The lamp is still burning for us, this is a time for grace- but it will end!

A woman was in the mall doing her Christmas shopping. She was tired of walking through every aisle of every store to find just the right present. She was stressed out by the mounting debt on her credit card. She was tired of fighting the crowds and standing in lines for the registers. Her hands were full and when the elevator door opened, it was full. "Great!" she muttered and the occupants of the elevator, feeling her pain, graciously tightened ranks to allow a small space for her and her load. As the doors closed she blurted out, "I think whoever came up with this Christmas junk ought to be found, strung up and shot!" A few others shook their heads or grunted in agreement. Then, from somewhere in the back of the elevator came a single voice that said, "Don't worry. They already crucified him."

Nota de nuestro pastor:

Hay una bonita anecdota contada por

Monseñor Arthur Tonne que clarifica el mensaje del Evangelio de hoy. Hace varios años un chofer de autobús en Oklahoma marcó un record difícil de igualar. En 23 años había recorrido más de 900,000 millas sin un solo accidente. Cuando se le preguntó cómo lo había hecho, dio esta sencilla respuesta: "Estoy atento al camino". En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús da el mismo consejo de varias maneras: "Por lo tanto, permanezcan despiertos", "Deben estar preparados" "Nadie sabe ni el día ni la hora en que el Hijo del Hombre vendrá." Esto no sólo es un buen consejo espiritual para el Adviento sino también una regla segura para la vida diaria. Un buen futbolista o basquetbolista siempre concentra su atención en la pelota y los jugadores. Un buen estudiante debe estar alerta, despierto y atento, observando al maestro y escuchando sus palabras. Un buen católico en la Iglesia debe estar física y mentalmente alerta, observando el altar y participando activamente en las oraciones y las canciones. Al igual que el dios romano Jano, que tenía dos caras, uno mirando al año pasado y la otra mirando hacia el futuro, los cristianos durante la época del Adviento deben mirar el acontecimiento pasado de la primera venida de Jesús a l mundo y esperar su segunda gloriosa venida.

El rey Alejandro de Macedonia, que en su momento conquistó territorios extensos, solía colocar un candil encendido en su campamento antes de atacar a una ciudad o a una fortaleza. La luz del candil era visible de día y de noche. Así se hacía saber a los habitantes sitiados que, mientras el candil siguiera ardiendo, tendrían la oportunidad de rendirse. Pero si el candil era destruido y su luz apagada, entonces la ciudad sería destruida sin piedad. Fiel a su promesa, así sucedía. Al romper el candil toda esperanza desaparecía. Los macedonios asaltarían a todas las personas que pudieran combatir y luego procedían al saqueo y destrucción. El periodo de gracia había terminado. La lámpara todavía está ardiendo para nosotros, aún tenemos un tiempo de gracia, pero no será para siempre.

Se hallaba una mujer en un centro comercial haciendo sus compras navideñas. Estaba cansada de caminar por todos los pasillos de cada tienda para encontrar el regalo adecuado. Estaba estresada por la creciente deuda en su tarjeta de crédito. Estaba cansada de abrirse paso entre la multitud que abarrotaba el centro comercial, estaba cansada de las largas filas para pagar las compras. Sus manos estaban ocupadas cargando los comprados y cuando se abrió la puerta del ascensor, vio que estaba casi a reventar de gente. "Genial" dijo con sarcasmo. Los ocupantes del ascensor, empatizando con ella se apretaron entre sí para hacer un espacio para ella y sus compras. Cuando las puertas se cerraron, ella dijo: -¡Creo que al que se le ocurrió esta tontera navideña se le debiera de amarrar y pegarle un par de tiros! Algunos asintieron y otros más gruñeron para mostrar su acuerdo con lo que se había dicho. Luego, desde el fondo del ascensor, alguien dijo: "No se preocupen, ya lo crucificaron."

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week
of November 27, 2016

Sun/Dom:

Is 2:1-5/Ps 122/Rom 13:11-14/
Mt 24:37-44

Mon/Lunes:

Is 4:2-6/Ps 122/Mt 8:5-11

Tues/Martes:

Is 11:1-10/Ps 72/Lk 10:21-24

Wed/Mier:

Rom 10:9-18/Ps 23/Mt 4:18-22

Thurs/Juev:

Is 26:1-6/Ps 118/Mt 7:21, 24-27

Fri/Vier:

Is 29:17-24/Ps 27/Mt 9:27-31

Sat/Sab:

Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147/Mt 9:35--10:1,
5a, 6-8

Next Sun/Dom:

Is 11:1-10/Ps 72/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday — November 27th

Hospitality Sunday

Join your Fellow Parishioners for
Coffee and Donuts in the Hall after all
the Morning Masses.

Thursday—December 1st

Diocesan Pilgrimage for Our Lady of Guadalupe

7 PM in the Gym, presentation in
Spanish by Msgr. Eduardo Chavez

Saturday - December 3rd

Our Lady Of Guadalupe Novena

5:30 PM Rosary & Mass, First day

OFFICE INFORMATION

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Saturday 10 AM-4 PM
Bilingual available 10 AM-4 PM
Sunday 9 AM-4 PM
Bilingual available 12 PM-4 PM

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Pastor
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday
10 AM to 12 PM
5 PM to 8 PM (*with appointment*)
lunes, martes, miércoles, y Viernes
10 AM a 12 PM
5 PM a 8 PM (*con cita*)

Rev. Stephen Ayisu, SVD

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Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday
10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
5 PM to 8 PM (*with appointment*)
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Christmas in a Nursing Home

Brighten a Nursing Home Residents Christmas by giving them a NEW Christmas Gift . Please wrap your gift and tag if it is for a male or female and include size if applicable.

Bring your gifts to Church by December 18th

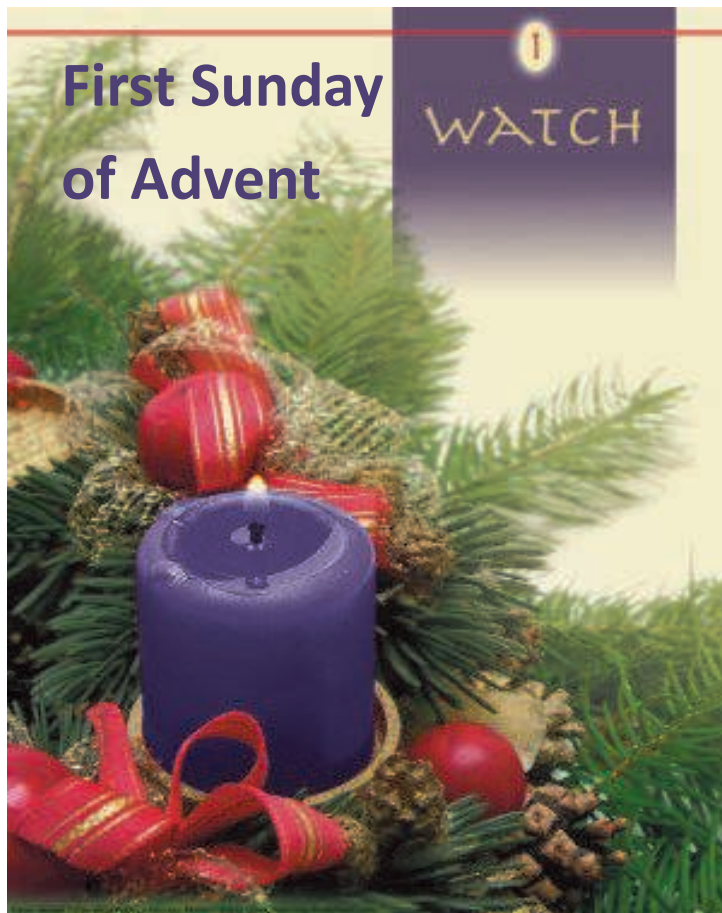
If you would like to give something but you don't know what to give—pick up a suggestion list in the Rectory Office.

Navidad en un hogar de ancianos

Ilumina residentes de un hogar de ancianos esta Navidad, dándoles un regalo nuevo de Navidad. Por favor, envuelve el regalo y etiquétalo si es para hombre o mujer e incluye tamaño si es necesario.

Tráelos a la iglesia antes del 18 de diciembre

Si quieres dar algo pero no sabes qué regalar, pasa a recoger una lista de sugerencias en la oficina de la iglesia.



PRAY FOR

Paul Seishas
Maria Socorro Ortega
Priscila Mcintire
Betty Evans
Ellen Rodel Ramil Hilario
Adam Pachkofsky
Robert Burkfield
Diana Cajilog Chua
Teresa Castro
Cesar Gutierrez
Pilar Valenzuela
Isabel Burkfield
Jim Smith
Pelagia Limos
Anita Urbino
Geraldine Fabio-Abdon
Diego Trujillo

DONATIONS

St Vincent de Paul
Food offering for next week:

**Canned Meats
or Tuna**

**Carne enlatada
o atun**

CONTRIBUTIONS CONTRIBUCIONES

COLLECTION FOR WEEK
November 13

The Plate Collection

\$ 9,057.50

EFT Collection

\$ 881.00

On Line Giving

\$ 95.00

TOTAL for the WEEK

\$ 10,033.50

Donation amounts for 11/20
were not available at press time

MASS INTENTIONS

November 26-December 3

Saturday 4:30 PM

Tony & Doris Pereira

(25th wedding anniversary)

Lily Castillo †

Saturday 6:00 PM

Maria Nabarro († birthday)

Petra Maravilla † (6 meses aniversario)

Sunday 7:30 AM

Aniceto Robles † (anniversary)

Jim Fanuncio †

Rudolph Apriesnig († birthday)

Souls in Purgatory

Sunday 9:00 AM

Pete Omega (birthday)

Ella Clemente † (11 month anniversary)

Sunday 10:30 AM

Rafael Valderrama (healing)

Stella Ulibarri († birthday)

Benerando & Adelaida Gutierrez †

Jocelyn Alcantara †

Sunday 12:15 PM

The Community of St. Joachim

Sunday 2:00 PM

David Antonio Perez (cumpleanos)

Paula & David Cruz †

Sunday 6:00 PM

Marcela Y. Gutierrez (salud)

Calletano Estrada † (28th aniversario)

Monday 7:00 AM

Souls in Purgatory

Monday 8:30 AM

Ruben T. Robles † (40th day)

Tuesday 7:00 AM

Elizabeth V. LeBlanc (birthday)

Tuesday 8:30 AM

Ignacia Cura † (anniversary)

Wednesday 7:00 AM

The Community of St. Joachim

Wednesday 8:30 AM

The Community of St. Joachim

Wednesday 7:00 PM

Paula & David Cruz †

Thursday 7:00 AM

Walter Fernandez †

Thursday 8:30 AM

Nuevo & Cecilia Talaue (anniversary)

Friday 7:00 AM

The Community of St. Joachim

Friday 8:30 AM

Sacred Heart of Jesus (thanksgiving)

Jocelyn Alcantara †

Saturday 8:30 AM

The Community of St. Joachim

TODAY — SUNDAY



Hospitality Sunday

After ALL Morning Masses ~~In the Hall

Be sure and thank the Knights of Columbus
for setting it up and making sure that
everything is ready for you to enjoy! Come
for the Coffee & Donuts, stay for the
conversation ! **SEE YOU THERE!!!**

First SUNDAY of ADVENT

"So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour

you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

This week we hear that ominous Gospel passage where Jesus tells us about people being taken from where they are and what they are doing when they least expect it, while others remain. This has been distorted by some for support into a spectacular idea of rapture, leading to many books and movies. A profitable genre has been created that sometimes preys on people's fears.

But in following Jesus Christ, there is no fear. What we are called to do is live each day as it were our last. Be mindful of all the opportunities around you to share love and the gifts God has given you. We will all be held accountable in the end, but it is not what we have done that will save us. Our salvation lies in the grace freely given to us by Jesus. When we choose to receive that gift and intentionally follow him, we are led to giving over our entire being totally to him.

This Advent, let's not allow ourselves to be caught up in all the craziness of the season, but instead give ourselves over to God to use for his glory. The Incarnation born in a manger is calling you.

Have no fear! Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

VATICAN CORNER

Before the U.S. presidential election, a fake news website - WTOE 5 NEWS falsely reported that Pope Francis had endorsed Republican candidate Donald Trump. That website is a fantasy news site where most of its articles are satire or pure fabrication. The story was quickly debunked by Craig Silverman of BuzzFeed.com, but once a fraudulent story gets on people's Facebook pages or on Twitter, it becomes self-reinforcing, shared over and over with family and friends. It is estimated that the false story reached more than 1.2 million people. It is unknown if the story had any influence on the election but social media has indicated that they will not try to protect users from such hoaxes, because their main objective is getting more people to use their service. False stories can generate more user traffic and therefore more income. So the lesson from this story is to question the source, look for confirmation from other reputable sources, and try using websites like: Snopes.com, FakeNewsWatch.com, Factcheck.org, & BuzzFeed.com to search for the truth.



During a news conference before the presidential election, reporters asked Pope Francis to share some wisdom that American Catholics should keep in mind before voting. He said he would never interfere in an electoral campaign, saying “the people are sovereign, I would only say, study the proposals well, pray and choose with your conscience.” On November 5, 2016, 3 days before the election, Pope Francis agreed to a brief interview with his regular atheist interviewer, Eugenio Scalfari, the 92-year-old founder of La Repubblica the Italian left-leaning weekly style magazine. Pope Francis was asked about America's Donald Trump and he said “I do not give judgements on people or politicians; I simply want to understand what are the sufferings that their approach causes to the poor and the excluded.” He said his main concern right now is refugees and migrants. “A small portion of them are Christians, but this doesn't change the situation regarding their suffering and distress. The causes are plenty and we do what we can to end them.” He said many times the measures are opposed by people who're afraid of losing their jobs or having their salaries reduced: “Money is against the poor besides being against immigrants and refugees. But there are also poor people in rich countries who fear welcoming those like them who come from poor countries.” “This is a vicious cycle and it must be interrupted, we must bring down the walls that divide.” Pope Francis went on to urge policies that increase welfare, “building bridges” that aim to decrease inequalities and increase rights and freedoms. Journalist Scalfari ended the interview with urging Francis to rest every now and then. The Pope said “ you too should rest, because a non-believer like you should be as far from 'bodily death' as possible.”
Sources: cruxnow.com, ibtimes.com, snopes.com, dailydot.com

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Solemnes Fiestas en honor a:

Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

Guadalupe Celebration

El grupo Guadalupano ha empezado a organizar la fiesta en honor a nuestra Virgen María de Guadalupe. Por ahora los invitamos a ser patrosinador de alguno de los días del novenario que empezaran el día 3 de Diciembre el 11 os que endremos rosario y misa, pero para mayor información, se pueden poner en contacto con alguno de los miembros del Grupo Guadalupano.

The Guadalupano Group has started organizing the celebration in honor of the Virgin of Guadalupe. At the moment, we invite you to sponsor the novena, which is from December 3, to December 11. On these days, there will be a rosary and a mass. For more information contact one of the members of the Guadalupanos.



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