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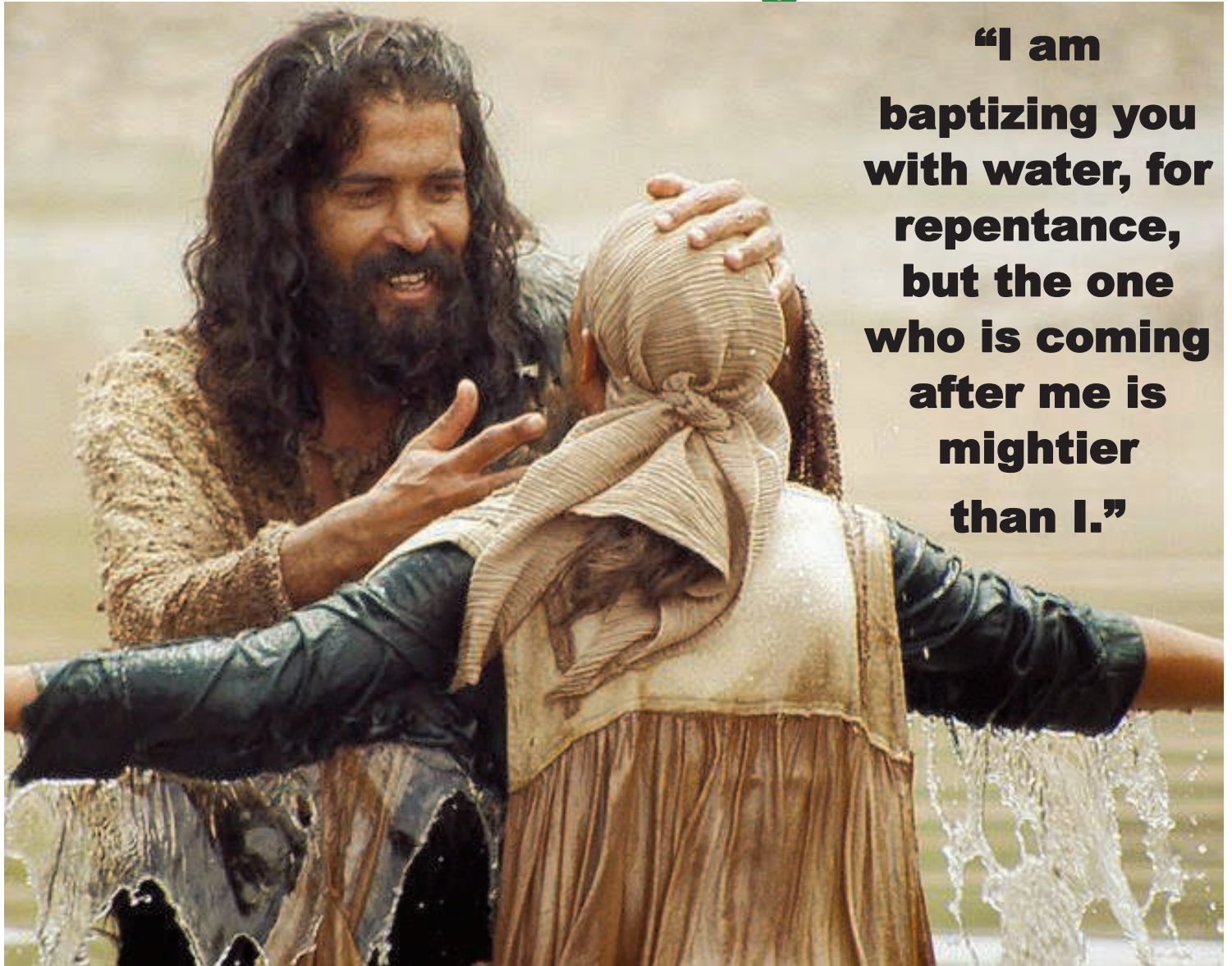


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December
4, 2016

Second Sunday of Advent



**“I am
baptizing you
with water, for
repentance,
but the one
who is coming
after me is
mightier
than I.”**

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:

When the three astronauts, Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin and Michael Collins, landed on the moon, they were the very first human beings in history who could view our planet, Earth, from the outside. As they

gazed from outer space and even tried to locate the various continents on Earth, they were wonderstruck and fascinated by their unanimous observation- that six billion humans, in spite of differing nationalities, languages, customs, religions and traditions, were just one gigantic family. To quote one astronaut: "The first day in space, we all pointed to our countries. The second day, we pointed to our continents. By the third day, we were aware of only one Earth." -This was the magnificent vision and fantastic dream of Isaiah and the ancient prophets. They firmly believed and earnestly hoped the brotherhood of man would be as real as the Fatherhood of God. The prophets themselves were familiar with the injustices of an exploitative society and the horrors of senseless wars. But they still dreamed of a Messianic age -the day the lamb could lie down with the wolf and have nothing to fear. Their Faith and Hope in God urged them to dream of a time of universal peace, when the strong would no longer prey on the weak or the cunning exploit the innocent. The season of Advent each year rekindles our hope in this dream, also expressed by prophet Isaiah in the first reading, becoming a reality. We have to work and change ourselves to make that dream come true. *(James Valladares in Your Words, O Lord, Are Spirit, And They Are Life).*

Leonardo da Vinci painted the fresco (wall painting), "The Last Supper," in Santa Maria delle Grazie church in Milan in three years (1495-1498). A very interesting story is associated with this painting. At the time that Leonardo da Vinci painted "The Last Supper," he had an enemy who was a fellow-painter. Da Vinci had had a bitter argument with this man and despised him. When Da Vinci painted the face of Judas Iscariot at the table with Jesus, he used the face of his enemy so that it would be present for ages as the man who betrayed Jesus. While painting this picture, he took delight in knowing that others would actually notice the face of his enemy on Judas. As he worked on the faces of the other disciples, he often tried to paint the face of Jesus but couldn't make any progress. Da Vinci felt frustrated and confused. In time, he realized what was wrong. His hatred for the other painter was holding him back from finishing the face of Jesus. Only after making peace with his fellow-painter and repainting the face of Judas was he able to paint the face of Jesus and complete his masterpiece. Be reconciled with your fellow human beings, says today's Gospel.

Alexander Pope: "What does it profit me if Jesus is reborn in thousands of cribs all over the world and not reborn in my heart?"

Nota de nuestro pastor:

Cuando los tres astronautas, Neil

Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin y Michael Collins, aterrizaron en la luna, fueron los primeros seres humanos en la historia que podían ver nuestro planeta Tierra desde el exterior. Mientras miraban desde el espacio exterior, e incluso tratando de ubicar los distintos continentes en la tierra, se asombraron y fascinaron por su observación unánime -que 6 billones de seres humanos, a pesar de diferentes nacionalidades, idiomas, costumbres, religiones y tradiciones, eran una familia gigante. Para citar un astronauta: "el primer día en el espacio, todos señalamos nuestros países. El segundo día, señalamos nuestros continentes. Al tercer día, estábamos conscientes de solamente una Tierra." -Esta fue la visión magnífica y el sueño fantástico de Isaías y los profetas antiguos. Creían firmemente y esperaban que la hermandad del hombre fuera tan real como la Paternidad de Dios. Los profetas mismos estaban familiarizados con las injusticias de una sociedad explotadora y los horrores de guerras sin sentido. Pero todavía soñaban con una edad Mesianica - el día que el cordero pudiera acostarse con el lobo y no tuviera nada que temer. Su Fe y Esperanza en Dios les instaron a soñar sobre una época de paz universal, cuando el fuerte ya no se alimenta de los débiles o el astuto se aprovecha de los inocentes. El tiempo de Adviento cada año reaviva nuestra esperanza en este sueño, también expresada por el profeta Isaías en la primera Lectura, convirtiéndose en una realidad. Tenemos que trabajar y cambiar nosotros mismos para hacer realidad ese sueño. *(James Valladares en Tus Palabras, Oh Señor, Son Espíritu y Son Vida).*

Leonardo da Vinci pintó el fresco (mural), "La Última Cena", en la Iglesia de Santa María delle Grazie en Milán en tres años (1495-1498). Una historia muy interesante está asociada con esta pintura. En el momento en que Leonardo da Vinci pintó "La Última Cena", tenía un enemigo que era un compañero pintor. Da Vinci había tenido una amarga discusión con este hombre y lo despreciaba. Cuando Da Vinci pintó el rostro de Judas Iscariote en la mesa con Jesús, él utilizó la cara de su enemigo para que estuviera presente por años como el hombre que traicionó a Jesús. Al pintar este cuadro, él tomó placer en saber que otros realmente notarían la cara de su enemigo en Judas. Mientras trabajaba en las caras de los otros discípulos, a menudo intentó pintar el rostro de Jesús pero no pudo avanzar. Da Vinci se sentía frustrado y confundido. Con el tiempo, se dio cuenta de lo que estaba mal. Su odio hacia el otro pintor le estaba impidiendo de acabar la cara de Jesús. Sólo después de hacer las paces con su colega pintor fue capaz de pintar el rostro de Jesús y completar su obra maestra. Reconcíliate con tu prójimo, dice el Evangelio de hoy

Alexander Pope: "de qué me beneficio si Jesús renace en miles de cunas en todo el mundo y no renace en mi corazón?"

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week
of December 4, 2016

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

Mon/Lunes:
Is 35:1-10/Ps 85/Lk 5:17-26

Tues/Martes:
Is 40:1-11/Ps 96/Mt 18:12-14

Wed/Mier:
Is 40:25-31/Ps 103/Mt 11:28-30

Thurs/Juev:
Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/
Lk 1:26-38

Fri/Vier:
Is 48:17-19/Ps 1/Mt 11:16-19

Sat/Sab:
Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Next Sun/Dom:
Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146/Jas 5:7-10/
Mt 11:2-11

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday—Dec 5th

Liturgy Committee

7 PM in the Fireside Room, all members are encouraged to attend.

Sunday—Saturday

Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena

Sunday	5:30 Rosary & Novena Mass
Monday	6:30 Rosary & Novena Mass
Tuesday	6:30 Rosary & Novena Mass
Wednesday	6:30 Rosary & Novena Mass
Thursday	6:30 Rosary & Novena Mass
Friday	6:30 Rosary & Novena Mass
Saturday	6:00 Rosary & Novena Mass

Thursday - December 8th

Immaculate Conception

Mass at 7AM, 8:30AM & 7PM

Saturday - December 10th

La Purisima Celebration

6:00PM Spanish Mass then celebration in the gym

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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

Rev. Joseph Antony Sebastian, SVD

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*)

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Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday
10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
5 PM to 8 PM (*with appointment*)
lunes, miércoles, jueves y Viernes
10:00 AM a 12:00 PM
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ATTENTION : SENIORS
 Please join us for our Senior
 Christmas Potluck Luncheon
 Friday, December 9th
 @ 12:00PM (noon)
 St. Joachim Hall




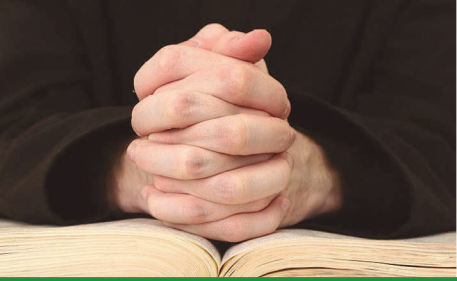
Please bring your
 favorite entrée,
 salad or dessert to share
 with the group
PLEASE RSVP to Selena by 12/7/16,
 if you plan to attend

**ALL
 SENIORS
 ARE
 WELCOME**



**Second Sunday
 of Advent**

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PREPARE

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 vegetables
 or Pork & Beans**

Carne Vegetales,
 carne de puerco o
 frijol enlatada

**CONTRIBUTIONS
 CONTRIBUCIONES**

COLLECTION FOR WEEK

	November 20	November 27
The Plate Collection		
\$ 11,546.00	\$ 8,980.00	
Thanksgiving	\$ 1,888.00	
EFT Collection		
\$ 835.00	\$ 125.00	
On Line Giving		
\$ 530.00	\$ 95.00	
TOTAL for the WEEK		
\$11,546.00 = Nov 20th		
\$11,088.00 = Nov 27th		

MASS INTENTIONS
December 3-10, 2016

Saturday 4:30 PM
Gil Valerio †

Saturday 5:30 PM
Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena Rosary

Saturday 6:00 PM
The Community of St. Joachim

Sunday 7:30 AM
The Community of St. Joachim

Sunday 9:00 AM
Justin Metrillo (*birthday*)
Woody Woods †
David, Stella, & Terence Pereira †

Sunday 10:30 AM
Edward Stitch (*birthday*)
Rafael Valderrama (*healing*)
Felix Manuel †
Jocelyn Alcantara †
Rosa Gozun Gabriel †
Alfonso Gabriel †
Felipe Martin †
Hernani Aguinaldo †

Sunday 12:15 PM
Josiah Loza (*6th Birthday*)
Porfirio & Maria Luisa Loza
(*50th wedding anniversary*)
Glen Baltazar Gabat †

Sunday 2:00 PM
Isabel Rodriguez (*thanksgiving*)
Genoveba Ramos †
Yolanda Huerta Maldonado †
(*9th aniversario*)
David & Paula Cruz †
Nicolas Rodriguez †
Dolores De Fletes † (*aniversario*)
Manuel Diaz † (*aniversario*)
Pedro Diaz † (*aniversario*)

Sunday 5:30 PM
Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena Rosary

Sunday 6:00 PM
Maria Marta Hernandez †

Monday 7:00 AM
The Community of St. Joachim
Monday 8:30 AM
Floencia Sotelo †

Monday 6:30 PM
Our Lady of Guadalupe Rosary
& Novena Mass

Tuesday 7:00 AM
The Community of St. Joachim

Tuesday 8:30 AM
The Community of St. Joachim

Tuesday 6:30 PM
Our Lady of Guadalupe Rosary
& Novena Mass

Wednesday 7:00 AM
The Community of St. Joachim

Wednesday 8 :30 AM
Flordeliza Maglaya († *birthday*)

Wednesday 6 :30 PM
Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena Rosary

Wednesday 7:00 PM
Rodrigo Nevarez † (*1st aniversario*)
Ezequiel Franco † (*aniversario*)

Thursday 7:00 AM
The Community of St. Joachim

Thursday 8:30 AM
Sol Salta (*birthday*)
Lazaro Arquero †
Maria Miranda († *birthday*)

Thursday 6:30 PM
Our Lady of Guadalupe Rosary Novena

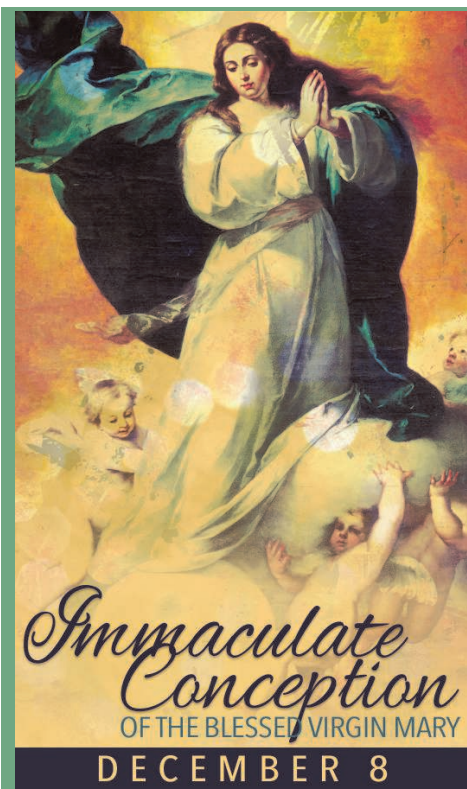
Thursday 7:00 PM
The Community of St. Joachim

Friday 7:00 AM
The Community of St. Joachim

Friday 8:30 AM
The Community of St. Joachim

Friday 6:30 PM
Our Lady of Guadalupe Rosary
& Novena Mass

Saturday 8:30 AM
The Community of St. Joachim



December 8th
Immaculate Conception
Holy Day of Obligation
7:00 AM English Mass
8:30 AM English Mass
7:00 PM Bilingual Mass

VATICAN CORNER

Pope Francis formally ended the Jubilee Year of Mercy by saying a prayer thanking God for the gift of the Jubilee year and then pulling the tall gilded Holy Doors to the Basilica closed. Workers immediately removed the door handles and then later bricked shut the doorway. It will be opened again for the next Jubilee year which is likely to be 2025. The door closing was at the start of Mass in St. Peter's Square on Sunday November 20, 2016. The Mass celebrating the Feast of Christ the King had an estimated 70,000 people attending as well as 17 new cardinals that Pope Francis gave to the Church in a ceremony the day before. In his homily he said that even if the Holy Door is closed, "the true door of mercy, which is the heart of Christ, always remains open wide for us." He urged all to stay open to reconciliation.



He said "Let us ask for the grace of never closing the doors of reconciliation and pardon, but rather of knowing how to go beyond evil and differences, opening every possible pathway of hope." For the past year it is estimated that more than 20 million people participated in the Jubilee Year of Mercy at the Vatican, and a billion people may have participated in churches worldwide. The Vatican had special audiences with the Pope one Saturday each month in St. Peter's Square and many larger events, including a 24-hour long period of Eucharistic adoration and a prayer vigil and jubilees held (among others) for the sick and disabled, catechists, teenagers, deacons, priests, religious volunteers, pilgrims worker, missionaries, prisoners and most recently, the poor and homeless. Pope Francis also spent one Friday a month making private visits to groups he found in special need of being shown God's mercy, including refugees, victims of sex trafficking, those in hospitals and retirement homes, and children in difficult situations. Some critics consider this Jubilee to be a flop because the crowds coming to Rome fell short of the Great Jubilee of the year 2000 under St. Pope John Paul II. But Pope Francis never conceived this jubilee primarily as an effort to draw people to Rome. Instead he wanted it to be a decentralized and local affair, with holy doors opened in cathedrals, sanctuaries, and shrines, as well as charitable centers, all around the world. All told the Vatican estimates that more than 12,000 holy doors were opened during the jubilee year worldwide. So the real test of the success of the Jubilee of Mercy should be whether the Church and the world are more merciful or at least leaning more towards mercy than before. At first glance, the signs are not terribly encouraging. Conflict in Syria continues, Colombians voted down a civil war ending peace deal, the British voted to leave the European Union. The United State had one of the most divisive political seasons in its history. Even the Catholic Church is fighting over matters such as Communion for divorced and civilly remarried Catholics. Probably the right way to see if the Jubilee of Mercy is successful is to see what happens going forward, if people actually follow the Pope's core message.

Sources: news.va, ncronline.org, cruxnow.com, washingtontimes.com, catholicnews.com, foxnews.com

La Purisima Celebration

Dec 10th == Mass at 6 PM (Spanish)

Celebration follows in the gym at 7 PM

All are invited to attend

~~~~~**FLOWERS WANTED**~~~~~We are asking for FLOWER donations of any kind!!

Please bring to the gym in the Morning on Saturday December 10th~ Thank You



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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