Second Sunday of Advent

December 6, 2020



GOSPEL READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: Luke 5:17-26 Tues: Luke 1:26-38 Wed: Matt 11:28-30 Thurs: Matt 11:11-15 Friday: Matt 11:16-19

"Lord, let us see your kindness and grant us your salvation."—Psalm 85

Maintaining God's House 22nd Week of Construction

Progress this week included continued interior electrical wiring work, much of it in the restrooms, and delivery and installation of rooftop HVAC equipment for the new hall and a new exhaust fan for the kitchen. Much more detail and many pictures are included in the construction update included as an attachment to this week's bulletin. Thank you for your loving support of our parish and building project to Maintain God's House.

Winter Weather Advisory

- ✤ Check the weather report before coming to Mass.
- ✤ Dress accordingly.
- ✤ Consider bringing a blanket if it's especially cold.
- Please don't feel obligated to come to Mass if you have concerns. You will be missed, but it might be wise for you to watch a live streamed Mass.

Hope's Pantry



Our Hope's Pantry assists individuals and families in need of food every Wednesday at 10 am.

"Blessed are all who wait for the Lord."-Psalm 147

First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; Psalm 85; Second Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-14; Gospel of Mark 1:1-8

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."—Mark 1:3

"Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God," Isaiah proclaims. We celebrate the Second Sunday of Advent. God's words remind us that offering comfort and care reveal the very heart and of God. The prophet, for example, tells us: "Like a shepherd he feeds his flock; in his arms he gathers his lambs." The tenderness of God is wonderfully revealed in the comfort and hope of our readings this Sunday. Mark's Gospel starts by focusing on the beginning of Jesus' ministry—a ministry filled with compassionate love for the poor. John the Baptist proclaims God-with-us and announces "a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins." A radical change that will renew and bring joy to God's people. John knows that the One to come will bring about the newness of life lived in the Holy Spirit. God's gentle, loving and renewing Spirit!

Advent calls us to change our ways—and to bring comfort and hope to God's people. Psalm 85 beautifully tells us: "Justice shall walk before him, and prepare the way of his steps." Come, Lord Jesus, Come!

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

We will celebrate a special Mass in honor of the Immaculate Conception of Mary on **Tuesday, December 8, at 12 Noon**. Please join us.

Most Blessed Mother Mary, You shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the foot of the cross, were united with Jesus' suffering, and persevered in your faith.

You know our needs, and we know that you will provide, so that, as at Cana in Galilee, joy and celebration may return after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the will of the Father and to do what Jesus tells us. For he took upon himself our suffering, and burdened himself with our sorrows to bring us, through the cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.



Lectio Divina for the Second Week of Advent

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



Prayer:

Grant that your people, we pray, almighty God, may be ever watchful for the coming of your Only Begotten Son, that, as the author of our salvation himself has taught us, we may hasten, alert and with lighted lamps, to meet him when he comes. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Reading: Read Mark 1:1-8 two or three times.

Meditation: After the reading, take time to reflect in silence on one or more of the following questions: What word or words in this passage caught your attention? What in the passage comforted you? What in this passage challenged you?

Prayer: Read the Scripture passage one more time. Bring to the Lord the praise, petition, or thanksgiving that the Word inspires in you.

Contemplation: Read the Scripture again, followed by this reflection—What conversion of mind, heart, and life is the Lord asking of me?

"Prepare the way of the Lord." How do I share my faith with other, through word and deed? What can I do this week to help others encounter Christ?

"They acknowledged their sins." How often do I seek God's forgiveness from those I have wronged? How often do I seek God's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation?

"One mightier than I is coming after me." What events or places make me most aware of God's presence and power? Do I rely on God's grace or expect to do it all on my own?

After a period of silent reflection recite the Lord's prayer and Psalm 85:9-14. Live the Word with generous love and hope this week.

"Love and truth will meet; justice and peace will kiss. Truth will spring from the earth; justice will look down from heaven." —**Psalm 85:11-12**

Sacrament of Reconciliation - Available in our Saint Francis Prayer Garden by appointment at 659-2224.

Weekly Offertory Report 11/29/20

Offertory \$1,559; Other \$120; Total \$1,679

Mass Intentions - Dec. 6-12, 2020

Sun 10:00 am The Ri	ng Family 🛛 💊 🎑 🧑
12:00 pm +Doie	Desmond 🧼 🧖
Tues 12:00 pm Jeann	ie Wilkinson - Health
Wed 12:00 pm +Jill Ta	ylor
Thur 12:00 pm Sick an	d Home bound of the Parish
Fri 12:00 pm Victim	s of COVID-19
Sat 3:30 pm Nuestr	a Señora de Guadalupe

SEGUNDO DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

Isaías 40:1-5, 9-11; Salmo 84; 2 Pedro 3:8-14; San Marcos 1:1-8



"San Marcos nos presenta el perfil y la

misión de Juan el Bautista, es un hombre austero y tiene una misión importante, preparar el camino al Mesías predicando la conversión del corazón."

MISA DE LA SOLEMNIDAD DE NUESTRA SEÑORA DE GUADALUPE—Sábado, 12 de dic. a las 3:30 pm *¡Acompáñenos!*

Oración a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe



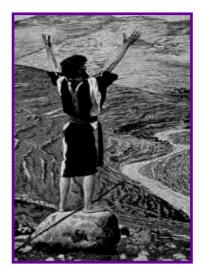
Virgen Santísima de Guadalupe, Reina de los Ángeles y Madre de las Américas. Acudimos a ti hoy como tus amados hijos. Te pedimos que intercedas por nosotros con tu Hijo, como lo hiciste en las bodas de Caná. Ruega

por nosotros, Madre amorosa, y obtén para nuestra nación, nuestro mundo, y para todas nuestras familias y seres queridos, la protección de tus santos ángeles, para que podamos salvarnos de lo peor de esta enfermedad. Para aquellos que ya están afectados, te pedimos que les concedas la gracia de la sanación y la liberación. Escucha los gritos de aquellos que son vulnerables y temerosos, seca sus lágrimas y ayúdalos a confiar. En este tiempo de dificultad y prueba, enséñanos a todos en la Iglesia a amarnos los unos a los otros y a ser pacientes y amables. Ayúdanos a llevar la paz de Jesús a nuestra tierra y a nuestros corazones. Acudimos a ti con confianza, sabiendo que realmente eres nuestra madre compasiva, la salud de los enfermos y la causa de nuestra alegría. Refúgianos bajo el manto de tu protección, mantennos en el abrazo de tus brazos, ayúdanos a conocer siempre el amor de tu Hijo, Jesús. Amén.

"Sabe y ten por seguro mi hijo mío el más pequeño, que yo soy la siempre Virgen Santa María, Madre del Verdadero Dios, Aquel por Quien Vivimos, de El Creador de personas, de El Dueño de lo que está Cerca y Junto, del Cielo y de la Tierra." Please patronize the sponsors who appear on this page. It is through their support that this bulletin is made possible.



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Nuestra Señora del Monte Carmelo es una cálida y acogedora comunidad Católica que sirve el Evangelio con profunda fe, esperanza y amor como testigo vivo y lleno del Espíritu del Corazón de Jesús presente y vivo en el Valle del Carmel.

Pastor: Father Dennis Gallo

Special Mass Schedule Sunday: 10 am and 12 Noon **Special Reconciliation Schedule** By appointment in the Parish Office

Weekday Masses: Wednesday - Friday, 12 Noon

Office Hours Wednesday through Friday 9 am – 12 pm; 2 – 4 pm

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