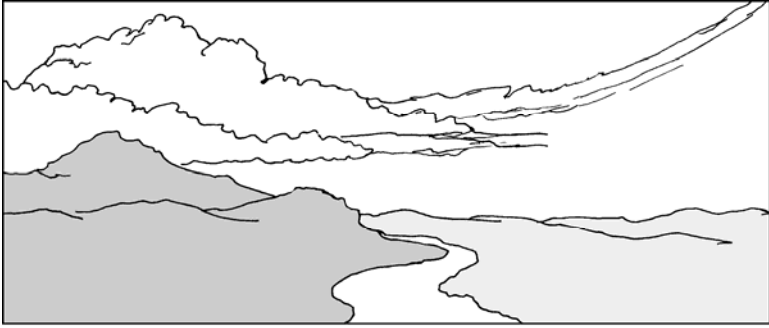


# Second Sunday of Advent

## December 6, 2009



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**God has commanded  
that every lofty mountain be made  
low.  
— Baruch 5:7**

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### **TODAY'S READING**

**First Reading** — Stand on the heights, Jerusalem; see your children rejoicing that they are remembered by God. A merciful and just God leads Israel in joy (Baruch 5:1-9).

**Psalm** — The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126).

**Second Reading** — May your love increase in knowledge to discern what is valuable that you may be blameless for the day of Christ (Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11).

**Gospel** — John proclaims a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All flesh shall see the salvation of God (Luke 3:1-6).

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### **WRAPPED IN SPLENDOR**

Today's readings begin with the announcement by the prophet Baruch: "Jerusalem, take off your robe of mourning and misery; put on the splendor of glory from God forever" (5:1). This Advent scripture reading summons us to be wrapped in splendor. During this time of year when we purchase wrapping paper and wrap our Christmas gifts, the Church asks us to look at what has been "wrapped" around us. Are peace and justice, the hallmarks of God's splendor, the wrapping that others see when they see us? Saint Paul reminds us that this "wrapping" should show that our love for one another increases with the passing of each day. As we await the coming of the One who was wrapped in swaddling clothes at his birth, we pray that we will be wrapped in the splendor of God.

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### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26  
Tuesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12;  
Lk 1:26-38  
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30  
Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15  
Friday: Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19  
Saturday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a,  
10ab; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47 or any  
readings from the Common of the Blessed  
Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712  
Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6;  
Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

## Rosary Dedication: December 2009:

For the lives of children who are threatened by abortion.

### **This Week at Our Lady of Sorrows**

#### **Sunday, Dec 6<sup>th</sup>**

Mass – 8 am

PRE – 9 am

Altar Guild Hospitality after 8-10:30 am

Mass – 10:30 am

Spanish Mass - 5:00 pm

Bible Study Class 6:30 pm

#### **Mon, Dec 7<sup>th</sup>**

Mass, 8:15 am

Vigil Mass, 6:30 pm

#### **Tuesday, Dec 8<sup>th</sup> Rectory Closed**

Mass – 9:00 am

Mass – 6:30 pm

K of C Business Meeting 7:30 pm

#### **Wednesday, Dec 9<sup>th</sup>**

Legion of Mary 4:30

RCIA – 7 pm

Youth Group – 7 pm

Mass – 6:30 pm

#### **Thurs., Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>**

Mass– 8:15 am

Bible Study Class 9:30-11:30

#### **Friday, Dec 11<sup>th</sup>**

Communion Service - 8:15 am

#### **Saturday, Dec 12<sup>th</sup>**

Confessions, 3:00 – 3:30 pm

Mass – 4:00 pm

Youth group Dinner after 4 pm Mass

#### **Sunday, Dec 13<sup>th</sup>**

Mass – 8 am

PRE – 9 am

K of C Breakfast after 8 am Mass

Mass – 10:30 am

Christmas Caroling after 10:30 Mass

Spanish Mass - 5:00 pm

Bible Study Class 6:30 pm

## Immaculate Conception



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### **SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday:	Second Sunday of Advent
Monday:	St. Ambrose; Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
Tuesday:	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday:	St. Juan Diego
Friday:	St. Damasus I
Saturday:	Our Lady of Guadalupe; Hanukkah begins

### **A BUSY MOTHER**

Only after the Last Judgment will Mary get any rest; from now until then, she is much too busy with her children.

—St. John Vianney

**Cursillo Christmas Social** Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> @7pm at Holy Rosary Church for the whole family with Advent Wreath lighting, Pot-Luck dinner, witness talk by Dr. Santiago Vera, and an Altar Visit. Call 901-756-4562

**Youth Group Guadalupe Dinner** -- The OLS Youth Group will offer a simple dinner featuring some delicious Taco Soup following the 4:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, Dec. 12. The cost will be \$8.00 per adult and \$5.00 per child, not to exceed a total of \$30.00 per immediate family. The dinner will include a hearty soup, a salad bar and drink. Advance tickets will be available next weekend.

***Ministers & Altar Server  
Schedule for Dec 5 & 6***

	<b><u>4:00 PM</u></b>	<b><u>8:00 AM</u></b>	<b><u>10:30 AM</u></b>	<b><u>5:00 PM</u></b>
Communion	Henry Littleton Eileen Monroe	Don Bennis Martha Hensley	Kay Pope Mary Standridge	Estaban Roque Nick Vinturella
Reader:	Gerry Taulman	Bonnie Williams	Barbara Allard	C. & R. Roque
Altar Servers:	Alisha Younger	Kellie Owen Hayden Williams	Christian Sawicki John Witcher	Juan Rivera Jose Roqua Javier Roque

***Ministers & Altar Server  
Schedule for Dec 12 & 13***

	<b><u>4:00 PM</u></b>	<b><u>8:00 AM</u></b>	<b><u>10:30 AM</u></b>	<b><u>5:00 PM</u></b>
Communion	Henry Littleton Gordon Hooten	Don Bennis Carmen Vasquez	Kay Pope Linda O'Donnell	Estaban Roque Nick Vinturella
Reader:	Bill Roth	Brenda Plessinger	Tanya Floyd	C. & R. Roque
Altar Servers:	Alisha Younger	Heather Martini Angelica Martini	Shelby Gilbreath Will Solomon	Sarahi Roque Abigail Roque

**Please remember the following people in your prayers:** Barbara Allard, Grace Aspinall, Theresa Baker, Rachel Beaty, June Bennis, Rebecca Bethune, Deanna Bolgeo, Johnny Boletta, Crissy Brigrance, Thomas Brown, Carole Brunner, Fred Brunner, Keith Carpenter, Trudi Collier, Abrahan Delgado, DePriest Family, James Essary, Elena Everroad, Karen Everroad, Tony Drewitz, Margaret Dries, Rena Frazier, John Paul Fields, Rosa Fox, Carolyn Fracchia, Alice Fricks, Lance Garrett, Sue Guinn, Linda Gonzales, Theresa Greco, Eileen Haklitch, Amanda Hall, Shelby Henricks, Peggy Hooten, Lynn Hupp, Michael & Donna Jackson, Margaret Jones, Justin Kitts, Robert Kuehner, Butsy Lanigan, Bill Lindsley, Anthony Lobianco, Ericka Lopez, Robert Lutts, Jerry Lynn, Sadie Claire Lynn, Louise Macdonald, Joseph Mangold, Betty Marshak, Thomas Miller, Alex Mosby, Tama Numera, Bill Nutt, Eudora Mays, Tony Oliviera, Frances O'Toole, Brinda Paravicini, Jackie Perfetti, Waldyr Poilis, Fr. Robert Ponticello, Nancy Pope, Dr. Cheryl Pearson, Kenneth Rainey, Ester Ralph, Louisa Reilly, Bea Remmert, James & Maureen Spain, Mona Stringfellow, Steve Stromberg, Brooklyn Swann, Stephen Thompson, Fr. Bryan Timby, Mary Timby, Keith Trenham, Henry NanNess, Helene Weiss, Lewis Wilkinson, Louise Winter and Angie Wright..

***Flowers in memory of Jack Bolgeo 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday from Reno***

**Stewardship of the Altar** – Flowers can be put on the Altar in memory of a loved one; a deceased couple of the departed of an entire family or in honor of someone's special anniversary, birthdays or other happy occasions or just to honor someone you think is special. Please contact Frances Bursi at 357-5874 or 634-1168.



**Altar Guild** will be selling Cheese Ravioli after all Masses this weekend if interested you can call Patty Bridges at 353-0316 or 283-2500.

## Living Stewardship Now

Light an Advent candle before one meal each day. Spend a few moments thanking God for the gift of time, and pray to use it well.

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### MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, Dec 5<sup>th</sup> 8:15 am**

Jay Malbrough+

**Saturday, Dec 5<sup>th</sup> 4:00 pm**

People of Parish

**Sunday, Dec 6<sup>th</sup> 8:00 am**

Int. of Pastor

**Sunday, Dec 6<sup>th</sup> 10:30 am**

Carolyn Walsh +

**Sunday, Dec 6<sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm**

Jose Esparra+

**Monday Dec 7<sup>th</sup> 8:15 am**

Students of OLS

**Monday, Dec 7<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm Vigil Mass**

Dorsey Bailey+

**Tuesday, Dec 8<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am**

Marie Servino Bergeron+

**Tuesday, Dec 8<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm**

Margie Howard +

**Wednesday, Dec 9<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm**

Int. of Nina Dooley

**Thursday, Dec 10<sup>th</sup> 8:15 am**

Charlena Lobianco+

**Friday Dec 11<sup>th</sup> 8:15 am**

Communion Service

**Saturday, Dec 12<sup>th</sup> 4:00 pm**

Langston/Bray & Rachel Renee Hooten

**Sunday, Dec 13<sup>th</sup> 8:00 am**

People of Parish

**Sunday, Dec 13<sup>th</sup> 10:30 am**

Kenneth & Anna Rainey +

**Sunday, Dec 13<sup>th</sup> 5:00 pm**

Charlena Lobianco+

### **PARISHONERS IN NURSING HOME:**

Carolyn Fracchia  
St. Peter Villa, 331-A  
141 North McLean  
Memphis, TN 38104

Jackie Perfetti  
St. Francis Nursing Home  
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Memphis, TN 38119`

Helene Weiss  
St. Francis Nursing Home  
5959 Park Ave, room 328  
Memphis, TN 38119

Ginger Shemwell  
Luther Tower  
274 S. Highland apt. 106  
Memphis, TN 38111

Rachel Beaty  
Grace Healthcare Center  
955 Germantown Pkwy, room 212A  
Cordova, TN 38018

Dolores Bair  
Ava Maria Home  
St. Lukes  
2805 Charles Bryan Road, 38134

Henry Van Ness  
Trezevant Manor Assisted Living  
177 North Highland, room 124  
Memphis, TN 38111

Amanda Hall  
Signature Healthcare  
1150 Dovecrest Rd, room 108  
Bartlett, TN 38134

### **PARISHONER IN HOSPITAL:**

Marvin Sanford, Meth N room 127  
Rachel Beaty St. Francis, Park ICU 355



## FORGIVENESS

God forgives like a mother who kisses the offense into everlasting forgiveness.

—Henry Ward Beecher

### Financial Report Weekend of 11/29/09

Envelopes	\$2,198.00
Loose Checks	310.00
Loose Currency/Coin	137.00
Cycle of Poverty	7.00
Christmas	10.00
Immaculate Conception	5.00
Improvement	31.00
Debt	10.00
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$2,708.00</b>
Church Budget for the week	<u>4,387.00</u>
Collection Diff for the week	(1,679.00)
Collections Revenues Y-T-D	<b>\$84,032.90</b>
Church Budget Y-T-D	<u>92,127.00</u>
Collections Deficit Y-T-D	\$(8,094.10)

December 2009						
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27	28	29	30	31		

**Padre's Kitchen** – Jams and Jellies will be available for three weekends, beginning this weekend. There is a new supply of Pear Jam and Spiced Pear Jam (thanks to Art Stavrum), Memphis Blueberry Jam (thanks to Roberta Albertson, Three Way Baptist Church, Madison County, TN), Scotch bonnet Pepper Jelly, Three Berry Jam and Blackberry Jam (thanks to Debra Bunch). We have also added Muscadine Jelly to our shelves (thanks to Agnes Matocha, St. Mary's in Jackson, TN). Homemade jams and jellies make wonderful Christmas and birthday gifts for family, friends and co-workers. Buy several and put them in a decorative basket or give individual jars decorated for the occasion. Our homemade jams and jellies are a bargain beginning at \$5.00. Paula Deen charges \$7.95 for an 8-ounce jar of her jellies. You might get a fancier label, but you won't get near as much the love that went into the making of Padre's jellies and jams!



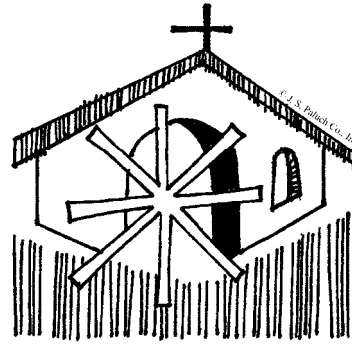
**Christmas Baskets for the Needy** – The St. Vincent De Paul Society is building 75 baskets to be distributed to the needy at Christmas. They are asking for donations from the parishioners of Our Lady, especially **BOX INSTANT POTATOES** and **POWDERED MILK**. Please bring the items with to Mass over the next several weeks and place them in the containers in the vestibule of the church. Your kindness will be returned to you many times over.

**Posadas** – The Latino community of OLS will be celebrating the Posadas beginning Wednesday, Dec. 16. All gatherings will on the parish campus. Please watch the bulletin on Dec. 13 for more details. The Posadas is a spiritual exercise (novena) in which participants come together to reflect on Scripture readings, pray and then share in Advent fellowship for the nine evenings before Christmas Day. Traditionally, after the last gathering on Christmas Eve all the participants go to Midnight Mass.

## Lightening of Advent Candle this weekend:



Saturday 4:00 pm Frances Bursi & Blanche Scott  
Sunday 8:00 am Jeanine Owen & family  
Sunday 10:30 am Mike & Linda O'Donnell  
Sunday 5:00 pm Rosa Fox



The Lord has  
done great things.

**Office Closings and December Bulletin Deadlines** – The Parish Office and School will be closed on December 8<sup>th</sup> for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. The Bulletin deadline every week in December will be on Monday at 12:00 noon due the many short work weeks. Please be considerate of the office staff and get your bulletin items to Carolyn Roberts **before** the deadline.

**Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception** – Tuesday, Dec. 8, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, the patronal feast of both our nation and our diocese. **IT IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION!!!** All Catholics and those preparing for reception into the Church are required to assist at Mass on that day. One may fulfill this obligation at a Mass on the evening before the Holy Day at 6:30 pm or on the Holy Day itself. Masses on December 8 will be at 9:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.



### Our Lady of Guadalupe

Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Patroness of the Americas, appeared to native American Juan Diego in 1531, requesting that a church be built on the spot. When the bishop asked for a sign confirming the authenticity of the apparition, she responded by producing roses in December for Juan Diego to gather, and left an image of herself imprinted on Juan Diego's *tilma* or mantle.

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**Christmas Flower Collection** – the annual collection for Christmas flowers will be on the weekend of Dec. 19-20. Please use the envelopes that come in your sets or the ones included in Fr. Timby's Advent letter, which you should receive in coming days. Please print the names of those you will to remember with your donation so that we can print the names in the weekly bulletin the weekend after Christmas.

### SAINT JUAN DIEGO (1474-1548)

#### December 9

How well Mary's own words describe Juan Diego: "God has cast down the mighty from their thrones and lifted up the lowly" (Luke 1:52). Through him, for the diverse peoples of the Americas, indigenous and immigrant, the Mother of God became known as their Mother too. Cuauhtlatzin, his given name, means "One Who Speaks Like An Eagle," and Juan Diego faithfully delivered the Virgin's request that a church be built at Tepeyac where she had appeared to him. To the skeptical bishop's request for a sign, Our Lady showed Juan Diego roses blooming through stony ground, despite winter's cold. When he unfolded his *tilma* to present them to the bishop, imprinted there was Mary's image! Her blue sash and the flower over her womb were traditional Aztec symbols of pregnancy and new life. But her features were those of a mestiza, indicating mixed Aztec-European heritage. Thus to peoples too easily prone to a "clash of cultures," Our Lady of Guadalupe remains the enduring icon of unity-in-diversity, the fruit of our one baptism into Jesus, her Son.

—Peter Scagnelli, © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

**Christmas Mass Schedule – the following is the schedule for Christmas liturgies at OLS this year:**

**Thursday, December 24**

**Vigil Mass (English) – 4:00 p.m.**

**Candlelight Musical Program – 10:30 p.m.**

**Midnight Mass (Bilingual) – 11:00 p.m.**

**Friday, December 25**

**Mass in the Morning (English) – 10:00 a.m.**

**Giving Tree 2009-** Once again, we will help support the Monastery of St. Clare (Poor Clare Sisters) on Dellwood, the Christian Homeless Mission on Thomas Street, and the St. Vincent De Paul Society with gifts from the Giving Tree. Please take an ornament from the tree for each gift you wish to provide. Do not send private checks or deliver individual gifts to the organizations for which you take ornaments. This is a parish project and we want to deliver the gifts as a parish. If writing a check, please make the check out to OLS and indicate what organization you wish to assist. When you deliver your gifts in fulfillment of your ornaments selection, please take a red or green leaf ornament and place it on the tree so that the parish can see the generosity of our community bloom before our eyes.

**Social Action Committee** – Fr. Timby seeks parishioners with a social conscience to form a committee that will offer assistance that is beyond the scope of the St. Vincent de Paul Society to the Frayser area. There are many needs beyond emergency food and assistance with rent and utilities that need to be addressed. The committee will work with Mrs. Mona Hector of the Parish Health Ministry in establishing services other than equipment exchange, i.e., dental care, health screenings, etc. It will work with Catholic Charities in making OLS a satellite location for counseling services. It will work with the school administration in the establishment of outreach programs to neighborhood children through summer camps, parents' days out, etc., and offering adult education opportunities, e.g., ESL, computer training, GED classes, etc. If you would be interested in volunteering or learning more, please call the Parish Office and leave your name and number with Carolyn Roberts.



**Lent Is Just Around The Corner** – The Advent-Christmas Season is upon us, but Lent Easter will be here before we know it. Plans are being made to have a lectionary-based Bible Study in homes throughout the parish Lent. It will be based on the Sunday readings of the season hosted by parishioners and conducted by parishioners. It will be available in both English and Spanish. Please pray during this holy season about your level of participation in this Bible study as a gift from you to the People of God. Will you participate? Will you open your home to a group of

10-12 each week for 7 weeks? Do you have the heart necessary to lead the sessions with the help of a guide? Can you provide refreshments one week? The group leader does not host the meetings, and the host does not provide the refreshments. Sign-up sheets will be in the vestibule of the church in a few weeks. Pray. Pray always. Pray hard!

**Do You Know a Family in Need This Christmas?** – The parish staff is not always aware of people in need, even among parishioners because people are ashamed to call. Friends know the real situation, however. If you know a parishioner or neighbor in particular need this Christmas, please call Carolyn at the Parish Office so they may be offered as a family to be adopted this year. Your call will be kept in the strictest confidence as we tend to our brothers and sisters. Last year, parishioners were so generous in adopting families that we didn't have enough families for everyone with a desire to help. Let's see if we can be as bold this Christmas ... even if these aren't the best of times for us.

## BEGINNING ANEW

In the Gospels, Luke pinpoints the year when John the Baptist first began to announce the salvation of God. Only Matthew and Luke make any mention of how and where Jesus was born; all four Gospels are silent on the exact date of Jesus' birth. Preoccupation with accurate dates and details is a modern notion. The Gospel writers are much more intent on what it means that God has broken so personally into human history. The Good News is that God comes to meet us no matter what condition we are in: sick, divorced, caring for an elderly parent, depressed, suffering a business loss, estranged from family. God comes to us when we have hit the wall, bottomed out, or simply begun to drift away. In the Gospels, to the astonishment of all the "good" people, Jesus spends a lot of time with men and women of low reputation. Jesus does exactly the opposite of what society expects: He forgives their sins and puts hope in their hearts. As Oscar Wilde once said, "Every saint has a past and every sinner has a future," which is another way of saying that it is never too late to allow God into our hearts and, repenting of our sins, begin anew. Beginning anew includes praying to do God's will and then giving a proportion of our time, our abilities, and our resources to our community and the world around us—what Saint Paul, in today's reading, calls producing "the fruit of righteousness" (Philippians 1:11). It seems easier to give around Christmas time when we are in the Christmas spirit, and that is all well and good. The more difficult but essential part is to take that same Christmas spirit into the rest of the year.



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**Stewardship Envelopes** – Boxed sets of envelopes for your weekly donations are available in the vestibule of the church. It is very important to use these envelopes when making your weekly offering because they are the only means by which a parishioner's financial support of the church can be known and financial support of the parish is essential in order provide necessary services to those who worship at OLS. Those who support the parish by use of their envelopes and/or checks also receive the benefit of having access to parish facilities at a reduced rate when they have a special celebration like weddings, baptisms, quinceaneras, etc. Remember, God has asked for the first 10% of our selves – Time, Talent AND Treasure – in thanksgiving for all he has done for us. Please pick up your box of envelopes before Christmas. If there is not a box for you, please call the Parish Office and speak to Carolyn and one can be prepared for you to pick up next week.

**2010 Parish Calendars** -- The new parish calendars for 2010 will be available this weekend. We ask that you take only one per family to allow distribution to all the parishioners. Be sure to thank the sponsors of the calendars for assuming the cost of their publication.



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