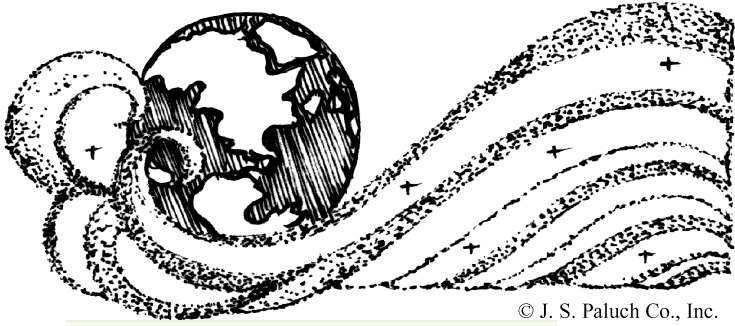


Second Sunday of Advent

December 5, 2010

*The earth shall be filled with knowledge of the LORD,
as water covers the sea.*
— Isaiah 11:9



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TODAY'S READING

First Reading — He shall bring justice for the afflicted; the earth shall overflow with the knowledge of the LORD (Isaiah 11:1-10).

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Psalm — Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — Glorify God by living in harmony with one another, welcoming each other as Christ welcomed you (Romans 15:4-9).

Gospel — Produce good fruit worthy of your baptism; repent, for the reign of God is near (Matthew 3:1-12).

THE LONG-AWAITED ONE

As the Sundays of Advent unfold the scriptures shift focus from the final coming of the Lord to his historical birth. Today's scriptures blend the two. Isaiah's disillusionment with the kings of his own day led him to envision an ideal king who would rule with divine approval and be led by divine wisdom. For centuries the Jewish people anticipated the arrival of that Messiah, who would usher in a blessed age when the whole world would finally dwell in justice and peace.

After centuries of such growing expectation, the preaching of John the Baptist about the imminent arrival of the Messiah could not help but provoke intense interest. The Baptist's message about preparation for "the one who is coming" (Matthew 3:11) makes clear that Jesus is, in fact, the long-awaited one who is ushering in the new age foretold by Isaiah and all the prophets.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday:	Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday:	Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Thursday:	Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15
Friday:	Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday:	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday:	Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11



Advent Wreath Volunteers – We are looking for families, couples, individuals, or groups of friends to light the Advent Wreath at the beginning of each Sunday (and Saturday evening) Mass during the Advent season beginning November 27-28. Please call the Parish Office to tell us which Mass you would like to light the wreath. Don't get scared: you don't have to say a word only light a candle or two or three or four.

Rosary Dedication November: For the Poor Souls of Purgatory.

This Week at Our Lady of Sorrows
Sunday, Dec. 5th

Rosary, 7:35 am
 Mass - 8 am
 K of C making sauce, cafeteria
 Altar Guild Hospitality, after Masses
 PRE - 9 am
 Mass – 10:30 am
 Spanish Mass- 5 pm, Potluck after Mass
 Bible Study Class, 6:30 pm KH

Mon, Dec 6th

Mass- 8:00 am

Tuesday, Dec 7th

Mass- 8:00 am
 Vigil Mass – 6:30 pm

Wed. Dec .8th Rectory Closed

Mass – 9 am
 Legion of Mary, 4:30 pm LH
 Mass- 6:30 pm

Thurs. Dec. 9th

Mass – 8:00 am,
 Bible Study Class 9:30-11:30 KH
 Spanish Baptism class 7:30, KH

Friday, Dec. 10th

Communion Service – 8:00 am
 School Book Fair

Saturday, Dec 11th

School Book Fair
 Breakfast with Santa, 9:30 am cafeteria
 Confession 3:00 – 3:30 pm
 Mass – 4 pm

Sunday, Dec. 12th

Rosary, 7:35 am
 Mass - 8 am
 K of C Breakfast after 8 am Mass
 PRE - 9 am
 Mass – 10:30 am
 School Book Fair
 Spanish Mass- 5 pm
 Hispanic Adult Dinner after 5pm Mass
 Bible Study Class, 6:30 pm KH

Immaculate



Conception

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Second Sunday of Advent
Monday:	St. Nicholas
Tuesday:	St. Ambrose; Islamic New Year 1432; Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
Wednesday:	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Thursday:	St. Juan Diego
Friday:	International Human Rights Day
Saturday:	St. Damasus I

Posadas: In Hispanic culture it is customary to keep a novena leading up to the celebration of Christmas. Beginning on Dec. 16, members of the community gather for prayer, scripture reading and food or refreshments. Then, on the evening of Christmas Eve (Dec. 24), they come together for Mass and a festive dinner afterward. If you are interested in participating on the Posadas this year, please sign up in the vestibule of the church. Be sure to put how many family members will participate. The Mass for Christmas in Spanish will be at 6:30p.m. on Friday, December 24, with a dinner following in the gymnasium.

***Ministers & Altar Server
Schedule for Dec. 4 & 5***

	<u>4:00 PM</u>	<u>8:00 AM</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>	<u>5:00 PM</u>
Communion	Deacon Henry F.Bursi	Deacon Don P.Stavrum	J.DeStefano L.O'Donnell	E. Roque Nick Vinturella
Reader	B.Pettit	B.Williams	R. Henderson	J.Estrada/Benitez
Altar Servers:	L.Carter B. Marquez E. Marquez	K.Owen H.Williams	S.Gilbreath L. Lopez J. Lopez	N. Villanueva J.Rivera

***Ministers & Altar Server
Schedule for Dec 11 & 12***

	<u>4:00 PM</u>	<u>8:00 AM</u>	<u>10:30 AM</u>	<u>5:00 PM</u>
Communion	Deacon Henry E.Monroe	Deacon Don T.Acklen	A. Humphrey Bob Bustos	E. Roque Nick Vinturella
Reader	B.Roth	J.Bish	B.Allard	E & R. Roque
Altar Servers:	W.Durbin M. Najera A.Bowers	C.Bailey D.Bailey	K.Hissong J. Sterling	S.Roque A.Roque

Please remember the following people in your prayers: Therese Acklen, Fr. Jack Atkinson, Theresa Baker, Ann Balcom, June Bennis, Rebecca Bethune, Ed Bisner, Deanna Bolgeo, Reno Bolgeo, Johnny Boletta, Thomas Brown, Carole Brunner, Trudi Collier, Monsignor Bill Davis, Abraham Delgado, Danny Dunn, Elena Everroad, Rena Frazier, Alice Fricks, Theresa Greco, Eileen Haklitch, Amanda Hall, Shelby Henricks, Ruth Hill, Raymond Hosse, John & Lisa Hutchison, Mike & Donna Jackson, Margaret Jones, Brad Kitts, Butsy Lanigan, Fr. Joe Lattus, Angelo Lobianco, Ericka Lopez, Robert Lutts, Jerry Lynn, Sadie Claire Lynn, Louise Macdonald, Joseph Mangold, Ron Marshak, Alex Mosby, Bill Nutt, Tony Oliviera, Jackie Perfetti, Waldyr Poilis, Nancy Pope, Dr. Cheryl Pearson, Bea Remmert, Mary Dorothy Scola, James Spain, Mona Stringfellow, Fr. Bryan Timby, Marie Torres, Keith Trenham, Vera Trudell, Mae Tulip, Henry VanNess, Maria Isabelle Vega, Helene Weiss, Lewis Wilkinson, Angie Wright .

***Flowers on altar in memory of Jack Bolgeo
From Reno Bolgeo***

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.NEED FLOWERS FOR NOV & DEC, PLEASE CALL



Parish Pastoral Council: The Parish Pastoral Council was unable to conduct business this past Tuesday because there was no quorum. Only five members remembered that the PPC meets on the fourth Tuesday of every odd-numbered month. One member called and said he would not be able to attend. Members should mark their personal calendars accordingly because the members of the parish have placed their trust in you.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception – Wednesday, 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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. Dec. 4th 4:00 pm

Langston/ Bray & Rachel Renee Hooten+

Sunday, Dec. 5th 8:00 am

Kathleen Harley+

Sunday, Dec. 5th 10:30 am

People of Parish

Sunday, Dec 5th 5:00 pm

Int. of Mary Sawicki

Monday Dec 6th 8:00 am

Ralph Fouche+

Tuesday, Dec 7th 8:00 am

Int. of Benefactors

Tuesday, Dec 7th 6:30 pm

Int. of Nina Dooley

Wednesday, Dec. 8th 9:00 am

Int. of Fr. Bryan Timby

Wednesday, Dec. 8th 6:30 pm

Int. of Armando Macario

Thurs. Dec. 9th 8:00 am

Carolyn Fracchia+

Friday Dec 10th 8:00 am

Communion Service

Sat. Dec. 11th 4:00 pm

Angelo Bursi+

Sunday, Dec. 12th 8:00 am

Deceased Members of STVDP

Sunday, Dec. 12th 10:30 am

Ofelia Harbach

Sunday, Dec 12th 5:00 pm

People of Parish

PARISHONERS IN NURSING HOME:

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

King's Daughters & Sons

3568 Appling Rd, room 144

Bartlett, TN 38133

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

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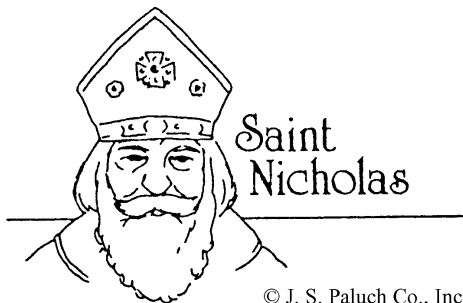
Vera Trudell

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Financial Report
Weekend of 11/28/2010

Envelopes	\$1,874.50
Loose Checks	1,793.00
Loose Currency/Coin	129.59
Improvements	609.50
Debt	120.00
Cycle of Poverty	5.00
World Mission	5.00
Total Collection	4,536.59
Church Budget for the week	- 4,458.38
Collection Diff for the week	\$ 81.21
Collections Revenues Y-T-D	\$ 87,778.52
Church Budget Y-T-D	<u>98,084.36</u>
Collections Deficit Y-T-D	\$ (10,305.84)



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Office Closings and December Bulletin Deadlines – The Parish Office and School will be closed on December 8th 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.



Annual Christmas Caroling: Sunday December 19th after 10:30 am mass. Meet in the parking lot. We will be visiting the homebound parishioners. Come join us for fun and festivities. For more information call Sharon O'Brien at 357-7078.

DON'T THROW GOOD MONEY AWAY!!!! Please clip and save the Box Tops for Education labels from General Mills products and put them in the box in the vestibule of the church. Every label is worth 10¢ to our school. As you prepare to bake for the holidays, please consider purchasing Betty Crocker mixes that have TWO labels per box and doubling your contribution to the school. This is a great way to support the school without having to write a separate check. We've already collected almost 1,000 labels this year and our goal is 10,000.

Campbell Soup Labels: We are still collecting Campbell Soup labels. Like the Box Tops for Education, these labels are worth cash money to our parish school. All you have to do is remove the label from the can after you have used it and put the labels in the same box in the vestibule of the church used for the Box Tops promotion. It's another easy way to support OUR parish school.

Father David Knight, author of *His Way*, will be available to sign copies of his many books and to visit with friends at the Sanderlin Centre Holiday Open House in the St Paul Book & Gift Store Thursday, December 9th from 5-8pm. Don't miss this rare opportunity to visit with Memphis' own internationally recognized spiritual writer!

Christmas Flower Collection – the annual collection for Christmas flowers will be on the weekend of Dec. 18-19. 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 remember with your donation so that we can print the names in the weekly bulletin the weekend after Christmas.

THE SOUND OF STILLNESS

There is so much busyness at this time of year, so much noise. Can you hear the voice over the racket? John the Baptist, in today's Gospel reading, says we must change ourselves. A great light is going to appear that will expose our sinfulness and burn up in fire what we cannot hide. We cannot afford to be



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complacent and think we are doing fine as we are. Change is a great idea, you think, but how do I do that? Sixteen hundred years ago a young man grew up in what is now Algeria, on the north coast of Africa. He was the child of a Christian mother and a pagan father. They gave him an excellent education, but as a youth he fell in with a sect called the Manichees, who encouraged sexual promiscuity, drunkenness, and many other vices. In his autobiography he tells us that he reached a point in his life when he had no beliefs and neither the prayers of his mother nor the urgings of his best friend to become a Christian seemed to have any effect. He prayed to God to change him, "but not yet." Finally, he stopped and realized his own limited ability, his emptiness and his powerlessness. He could do nothing through his own efforts. At that point he was quiet enough to hear the "still small voice." God said, "Take up and read," and the scriptures fell open to a

passage in the Letter to the Romans (13:13-14). His heart was changed. His name is Augustine and he became a bishop, a great Christian theologian, a doctor of the Church. Advent is a time to slow down, to be quieter, and to listen more carefully, or we might miss the personal message that God has for us.

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Giving Tree 2010 –



Once again, we will help support the Monastery of St. Clare (Poor Clare Sisters) on Dellwood, Birthright, OLS School Emergency Tuition Fund 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.

Advent Penance Service: The annual Advent Penance Service will be at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Tuesday, December 14, at 7:00 p.m. This year, those participating may choose to have a ham dinner in "Café Cathedral" beginning at 5:00 p.m. The cost of the dinner is \$5.00/person and reservations ARE REQUIRED. To make reservations, call Sandy Rosseau at 725-2700 or e-mail her at sandy.rousseau@ic.cdom.orf BEFORE DECEMBER 10.



Breakfast with Santa: Make plans now to bring your children and grandchildren to Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 11, at 9:30 a.m. There will be elves serving up hot chocolate, donuts, fruit and orange juice as the children wait to give their letters to Santa Claus who will have a treat for each of the children. **RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED BEFORE 3:00 PM ON THURSDAY, DEC. 9.** The cost is \$5.00 per child (photo with Santa included) and \$3.00 per adult (photo not included). A parent must accompany children. There will be a maximum charge of \$20.00 per family (parents and their own children). Call the school office at 358-7431 or the church office at 353-1530 to make reservations. Seating is limited so do not delay!

2011 Parish Calendars -- The new parish calendars for 2011 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.

Christmas Liturgies: OLS will celebrate her Christmas liturgies as follow:

Dec. 24	3:00 p.m.	Confessions
Dec. 24	5:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass w/Children's Homily (English)
Dec. 24	6:30 p.m.	Vigil Mass (Spanish)
Dec. 24	7:30 p.m.	Fiesta de Feliz Navidad (gymnasium)
Dec. 24	10:30 p.m.	Choir Program
Dec. 24	11:00 p.m.	Midnight Mass (English)
Dec. 25	10:00 a.m.	Christmas Day Mass (English)
Dec. 25	3:00 p.m.	NO CONFESSIONS
Dec. 25	4:00 p.m.	Mass for the Feast of the Holy Family (English)
Dec. 26	8:00 a.m.	Holy Family (English)
Dec. 26	10:30 a.m.	Holy Family (English)
Dec. 26	5:00 p.m.	Holy Family (Spanish)

Christmas is a Holy Day of Obligation for every Catholic in the world. This means that every Catholic who has reached the age of reason (age 7) is required to assist at Mass and reflect upon the mystery of God's birth in human form. This year all Catholics are expect to assist at Mass for Christmas AND for Sunday. Assisting at 4:00 p.m. Saturday Mass may count for Christmas, however, one then must return on Sunday to fulfill the privilege of assisting at Sunday Mass.



The Scholastic Book fair is here again! The Book Fair will be open after all Masses the weekend of December 12/13. This is a great way to support the school and buy some great Christmas gifts.

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 school family in particular need this Christmas, please call Carolyn at the Parish Office by December 13 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.

FEAST OF FAITH

Watching for Christ's Coming

In the season of Advent, we look to the coming of Christ at the end of time, and we prepare ourselves to celebrate his first coming among us at Christmas. Remembrance of the past is combined with preparation for the future. Memory meets action.

In a certain sense, the Mass is an Advent prayer. At the Last Supper, Jesus did not tell his disciples, "Never forget what I did for you." Instead, he said, "Do this in remembrance of me." He calls us to remember by *doing*, to combine memory with action. In the celebration of the Eucharist, remembering and doing become one. Jesus is as present in our midst as he was in that upper room, breaking the bread and sharing the cup; but it is a new kind of presence, seen only with the eyes of faith. In the heavenly liturgy, there will be no need of sacraments, for there, "celebration is wholly communion and feast" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1136). Here, things are different. We have only glimpses and flashes of the beauty that is yet to be. And yet, in the liturgy, we truly participate in the heavenly liturgy. The Mass is our foretaste of the joys of heaven.

