

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 4, 2011

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

In this weekend's liturgy we hear again the lonely voice of John the Baptist calling us to prepare a way for the Lord. This involves finding time in our lives and space in our busy hearts for Him, especially in the next few weeks, as we all prepare to celebrate the feast of Christmas.



The First Reading is a message of hope and consolation addressed to the exiled Jews in Babylon. Humanly speaking, at that time there was little ground for hope. Yet the prophet assures his people that God is about to come to their aid and will lead them back to their own land in a new exodus. Even though the actual return from exile fell far short of the glowing picture painted here, Isaiah's words point the way to the messianic era.

This leads us into the Gospel reading; like a new Elijah, John the Baptist appears in the desert and announces the coming of the redeemer – Jesus, the Christ and Son of God (two Christological titles with which Mark begins his Gospel). Both readings issue us a call to repentance: "Prepare the way for the Lord."

It's that time of the year again, and I'd like to remind you of a few dates to put into your calendar: First, we will have a Mass of Anointing of the Sick on December 14th at 11:00 a.m. There will be a luncheon reception following the Mass in the hall that will feature chicken soup prepared by myself and Alex our seminarian intern. The school children will have their Christmas Program on the next evening, December 15th, at 6:30 p.m. Our choir under the direction of Mr. Pratt will hold their Christmas Concert on the 18th again at 6:30 p.m. and finally, our communal Reconciliation Service will be on Tuesday, the 20th of December at 7:30 p.m. at Holy Name of Jesus Church.

In the busyness of the upcoming weeks, please remember the reason for the season and do all you can to prepare your hearts to celebrate the birthday of our Lord! As always, blessings on your week!

THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

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School will be serving Breakfast after Mass
10:00 AM School Family Mass
10:30 AM-12:30 PM Religious Education Class
2:00 PM BINGO –hall

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5

7:00 PM Bible Study

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6

7:00 PM RCIA, Holy Name of Jesus

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

6:00 PM Religious Education Class-*PCRm*
6:30 PM CCL-*SJRm*
6:30 PM Line Dancing-*hall*
7:30 PM Prayer, Praise & Worship-*Church*

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8

Immaculate Conception 9AM Mass ONLY

(Holy Day of Obligation)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9

4:00 – 5:00 PM School Praise Dancer Rehearsal

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

12:00 PM Ladies Meeting
1:30 PM Jr. Knights Meeting
2:30 PM Ladies Pot Luck in hall

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 3

5:15 p.m. +Elsie Jourdain

Sunday, December 4

8:00 a.m. Intention of all Parishioners
10:00 a.m. +Milton Keys
12:15 p.m. +Jeroline Richards

Tuesday, December 6

8:00 a.m. +Hattie & Mary Ann Ward

Saturday, December 10

5:15 p.m. +Manfred Rawles

Sunday, December 11

8:00 a.m. +Wendell Lagarde, Sr.
10:00 a.m. +Cordell Bachemin
12:15 p.m. +Hattie and Mary Ann Ward

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR OUR ANNUAL DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY 2012 REVIVAL

Friday, Saturday & Sunday - January 13, 14 & 15, 2012 @7pm nightly

The Revivalist will be

Father Charles "Chuck" Andrus, SSJ

SCHOOL NEWS

DECEMBER FINGERPRINTING

St. Lawrence of Brindisi
10122 Compton Avenue in LA
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2011
12:00 PM - 3:40 PM & 5:20 PM - 7:20 PM
For appointment call 323.567.1439

VIRTUS TRAINING

The next VIRTUS Training Session will be held at Good Shepherd Catholic School on **Thursday, December 8, 2011**, at 9:00 AM and lasts 3 hours. The school is located at 148 So. Linden Dr., Beverly Hills. Please call their parish to make a reservation at 310.275.8601.

ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO BECOME A DEACON?

There will be an information meeting for all men who are interested in finding out more about becoming a permanent deacon in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Members of the Archdiocesan Diaconate Formation Office will be there to explain the role of the deacon in the Church, the diaconate formation program, and answer questions that you might have. Men must be between the ages of 30 and 60 years to enter the diaconate formation program. Your wife is strongly encouraged to attend with you and feel free to invite your pastor as well. The Information Day will be held on **Sunday, January 8, 2012** from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM at St. Maximilian Kolbe Church, 5801 Kanan Road, Westlake Village, CA 91362 818.991.3915. If you have any questions about these upcoming meetings, please call the Diaconate Formation Office at 213.637.7383.

ALTAR SERVERS ASSIGNMENTS

Saturday, December 10

5:15pm Nia Robertson, Chris Robertson,
Carl Clay, Gilberto Gonzales

Sunday, December 11

8:00am Delisa Madere, Noelle London,
Matthew Madere, Caycee Chapman
10:00am Latoya Chimilio, Thea Chimilio,
Alias Hinton, Martin Hill
12:15pm Emilio Ramirez, Allison Brown, Alexis Brown
Deija Rideaux, Kakauya Ramsey

SACRIFICIAL GIFTS

Sunday, November 26, 2010

\$5,031.87 Sacrificial Gift
272.27 Building Fund
163.36 "We Care"

SACRIFICIAL GIFTS

Sunday, November 27, 2011

\$2,945.72 Sacrificial Gift
270.85 Building Fund
154.77 "We Care"

Sunday, December 4, 2011

Come join the children's choir as they sing
at our Family Mass @10:00am
School will be serving breakfast after mass.

CALLING ALL BINGO PLAYERS!

Sunday, December 4th at 2:00pm

GOOD DEED YELLOW/BLUE ENVELOPES

The school is pleased to announce that the collection from the Good Deed Yellow/Blue envelopes will be donated to the Alters Servers & their events.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Our school is collecting Box Tops as an ongoing fundraiser. If you purchase participating products, please remove the **"BOX TOP" LABEL** and turn it into the school. Each box top is equivalent to \$0.10. If we all work together, the amount collected could really add up. This is a fundraiser that allows you to support the school without spending any extra money!

December 8, 2011 Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass

The Immaculate Conception refers to the condition that the Blessed Virgin Mary was free from Original Sin from the very moment of her conception in the womb of her mother, Saint Anne. We celebrate the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary on September 8; nine months before is December 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The Immaculate Conception of the

Blessed Virgin Mary

(A Holy Day of Obligation)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8TH - 9:00 AM MASS ONLY.

MASS OF ANOINTING

Our church community will celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of Sick on **Wednesday, December 14 at 11AM**. A light luncheon will follow.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday Is 40:1-11, Ps 85:9-14, Mk 1:1-8
Monday Is 35:1-10, Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday Is 40:1-11, Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday Is 40:25-31, Mt 11:28
Thursday Gn 3:9-20, Lk 1:26-38
Friday Is 48:17-19, Mt 11:16-19
Saturday Sir 48:1-11, Mt 17:9a-13
Sunday Is 61:1-11, Lk 1:46-54, Jn 1:6-28

PETITION FOR THE SICK

Virgie Aguillar, Yolanda Anderson, LaVern Agnew, Oliver Bartholomew, Booker T. Ball, Edgar Banks, Timothy Baker, Sr. Juliet Berber, Jerone Bill, Glenda Brown, Mary Brown, Andrei Briggs, Manual Brule, Bernard Byars, Barbara Butler, Brownie Cain, Dorothy Campbell, Mary Captain, Alberto Casanova, Katherine Clark, Lois Gomes Clark, Shirley Dieudonne, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, John Crear, Nigel Dunn, Angela Dupré, Ethel Earley, Connie Farlice, Anita Finie, Edith Foster, Teresa Franklin, Stacy Franklin, Marian Fussey, Mavis Gibbs, Catherine Green, John Grossman, Pat Hernandez, Marion Hernandez, Mattie Hilburn, Janie Jackson, Angela Johnson, Ellis Jones, Irwin Lagarde, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Sr. Marianna, Vyldred Manor, Doreen Mayers, Johnny Moll, Yvonne Morgan, James U. Mundy II, Dorothy Okoye, Paula Osborn, Dale Payne, Daisy Pratt, Gerald Pratt, Wiley R. Pugh, Emma Rausch, Evelyn Roach, Reanna Semien, Lionel Smith, Sr., Shirley Spicer, Darnell Stang, Michele Starks, Wilbur Starks, Michelle Raines, Ken Ruff, Alice Tenette, Louise Thomas, Emma Thornton, David Tureaud, Iris Turner, Lubertha Weathers, Doris Wayne, Leon Williams, Lilla Williams, Patricia Williams and Agnes Wilson.