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December 5, 2021 ***Second Sunday of Advent***

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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

ENGLISH: Saturday 4:30 PM, Sunday 8:00AM, 11:00 AM
SPANISH: Saturday 6:00 PM, Sunday 9:30 AM, 12:30 PM

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

ENGLISH: Monday-Friday 8:30
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A Message From our Pastor....

December 5, 2021
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Dear Friends,

Today's Gospel presents us with several historical details that initially may seem inconsequential. In reality, however, they have a deep theological significance. At the beginning of the Gospel Passage, St. Luke gives us a list of the political and religious leaders who were in power when St. John the Baptist first appears on the scene. These facts are not meant to simply place the preaching of John in an historical context. Even from the first moments of John's preaching it is clear that his message is not meant for a reduced number of people. When we are told that John "went throughout the whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins" we are made to understand that his message has a universal significance. Luke is making clear from the very beginning that the message of the Gospel was meant for all peoples. This will become clear after the Passion, death, and Resurrection of Christ. However, even in these early stages, the significance and extent of the Gospel is clearly meant to reach all the ends of the earth. John is preparing the way for the One who is to come. The One who is to come shall bring the very "salvation of God."

St. Luke mentions the range of power and influence of the various leaders for another important reason. Jews and Gentiles lived in the lands mentioned by the Gospel writer. Although these rulers considered themselves to be the supreme authorities, Luke is telling us that it is only God who is indeed the supreme Lord of history. No human authority can claim to have supreme power. The only One who truly creates and controls history is the very One who is coming into the world. It is for this reason that we must "prepare the way of the Lord," and "make straight his paths". The Gospel narratives give us a very clear message. Although all of these things happened in a given moment in time and in concrete historical contexts, the significance of the events transcends the particular historical moment. God Himself is coming into the world. The very Lord who transcends all time and space is coming at a specific moment in time. He alone is the Lord of time and history. By placing John as God's messenger against the background of political rulers and religious leaders, the Gospel writer wants us to understand the singular truth that only God is the master of history.

Today, over two thousand year later, we are living witnesses to the authenticity of what St. John the Baptist preached and proclaimed. Indeed, what John proclaimed, that "all flesh shall see the salvation of God", is made manifest in the life and witness of Christians today. This continual witness to the truth of Christ is what must animate the life of every Christian. It is for this reason that St. Paul tells us, in today's second reading, from his letter to the Philippians, that all Christians must grow in their love and knowledge of what "is of value." Only in this way can we "be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ". The Christian must always reflect on the ultimate truth of life in the light of Christ's entrance into the world. It is Christ who shows us definitively what "is of value." May our preparation this Advent of Christ's first coming remind us that He alone is the One who is worthy of our supreme allegiance. To place our ultimate hope in the illusory fascination with any political leader or institution would be supreme folly. It is Christ alone who is the One and only Lord of time and history.

In Christ,
Fr. Steven

2021 Diocesan Stewardship Appeal

St. Joseph's 2021 Goal: $35,978.00

Total Pledged to Date: $21,603.70
Total Paid to Date: $18,680.45
Number of Families Participating: 60

Next weekend is the Second Collection for Stewardship. Please prayfully consider helping St. Joseph's reach it's goal.

Reflect on the Readings:

First Reading: I will raise up for David a just shoot; he shall do what is right and just in the land. (Jer 33:15)

Psalm: To you, O Lord, I lift my soul. (Ps 25)

Second Reading: Strengthen your hearts, to be blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his holy ones. (1 Thes 3:13)

Gospel: Stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand. (Lk 21:28)

Church Cleaning: Would you like to help make our church shiny clean for Christmas? Then join us on Saturday, December 18, from 1:00- 3:00 P.M. Bring a bucket, rags and your enthusiasm . Any questions, call Judy: 815-321-2261 or the Ministry Center: 815-943 -6406. There are sign up sheets in back of the church.

Giving Tree: St. Joseph's Giving Tree is back in the Church. This year the "stars" have once again been replaced with ornament "stickers". It is requested that **"unwrapped items be put in a gift bag and the ornament label be placed on the outside of the gift bag."** As in the past, please purchase clothing and a toy for the child on the ornaments and try to limit the cost to about $25.00 -$30.00. **Gifts are to be returned to the Church or Ministry Center no later than Today, December 5th.** Thank you and God bless! your generosity for the needy children of Harvard.

Decorating the Church for Christmas: We will be decorating the church for Christmas on Thursday, December 23 at 7:00 P.M. We need your help setting up Christmas trees and putting out flowers and decorations. Please come and help make our church beautiful for Christmas. There are sign up sheets in the back of the church. Thank you and God bless.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Mon.	Dec. 6	8:30am	**Jack and Elaine Slavin** by the Family
Tues.	Dec. 7	8:30am	**Donald Nolan** by Mass Memorial
Wed.	Dec. 8	8:30am	For the People
Wed.	Dec. 8	5:30pm	**Mary Jane Weidner** by Lorraine, Jean, Cher and Eileen
Thurs.	Dec. 9	8:30am	**Deb Weir** by Barb Raupp
Fri.	Dec. 10	8:30am	**Evelyn Aubrecht** by Eileen King
Sat.	Dec. 11	4:30pm	**Joseph and Mary Ann Becker** by the Family
Sun.	Dec. 12	8:00am	**For the People**
Sun.	Dec. 12	11:00am	**Gigi Cavin** by Gene Cavin

Offer Prayers through Mass Intentions:

Pray for the soul of a deceased loved one, for the healing of one who is ill or other need by making them the intention of one of our Masses each week by calling the Ministry Center. The customary donation is $10 per Mass intention.

Readings for the week of December 5th

Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6
Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. Is 35:4f]/Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13 [cf. Is 40:10ab]/Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab [8]/Mt 11:11-15
Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Jn 8:12]/Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Next Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is12:2-3, 4, 5-6 [6]/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Andrew, Mary Ann Belfiore, Frances Benzmiller, Beverly, Richard Blazer, August Brender, Kelly Camp, Charlotte Casanas, Mary Lou Collier, Midge Condon, Terri Conklin, Shannon and Frank Cosatino, Kelli Figueroa, Cesar Rojas Figueroa, Doug Fleming, Jesus Garcia, Helen Grieshop, Don Hanson, Ruth Henderson, Mike Hirons, John Hoffman, CoCo Inghram, Mary J., Lorraine Karmis, Riley Konieczki, Sheri Konieczki, Erin Kruckenberg, Chuck Long, Sheila Malinowski, Mardee Marden, Nick Martin, Christine May, Aleeah McCarthy & Family, Laurette Mc Sweeney, Olivia Morris, Amy Nesbitt, Bradley Nolan, Pat Olson, Veronica Ortega, Jennifer Pawyza, Jeff Perenchio, Virginia Prejna, Nicholas Riordan, Liz Schaumburg, Geri Selep, Sebastian Soliz, Richard Streit, Karon Szczap, Kaitlyn Teeter, Justin Thomas, Mary Alice Traeder, Dolores Trotter, Vanessa, Danielle Waltman, Leona Wilkening, Dianne Wojcieszek, Sue Wright, Bob Witt, Judith Zeien.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

November 21, 2021
Weekly Budgeted Income Needed.....$ 6,317.00

Adult Collection Received (Week 21).....$4,731.00
Offertory Received (Week 21).....$1,540.28
Children's Collection Received (Week 21).....$621.25
Total Collection Received (Week 21)....$6,892.53
YTD Budgeted Income Needed (Week 21)....$132,657.00
YTD Income Received (Week 21) $131,439.48
Overage/**(Shortage)** to date (Week 21).....**$(1,217.52 or 1%)**

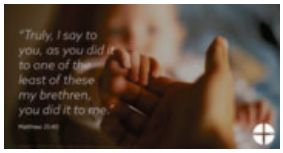
November 28, 2021
Weekly Budgeted Income Needed.....$ 6,317.00

Adult Collection Received (Week 22).....$5,420.13
Offertory Received (Week 22).....$995.53
Children's Collection Received (Week 22).....$600.00
Total Collection Received (Week 22)....$7,015.66
YTD Budgeted Income Needed (Week 22)....$138,974.00
YTD Income Received (Week 22) $138,455.14
Overage/**(Shortage)** to date (Week 22)....**(518.86 less than 1%)**

For it is in giving that we receive."
~St. Francis of Assisi

Word of Life:

"Jesus calls each of us to 'care for the other as a person for whom God has made us responsible' (EV 87). …The encyclical *The Gospel of Life* recognizes the full range of threats against human life, from poverty and malnutrition to murder and war. Particular emphasis, however, is placed on threats to life at its beginning and end—precisely when it is most in need of protection. In modern times, children in their mothers' wombs and those approaching the end of their lives are certainly among the 'least of these' in our world's estimation."



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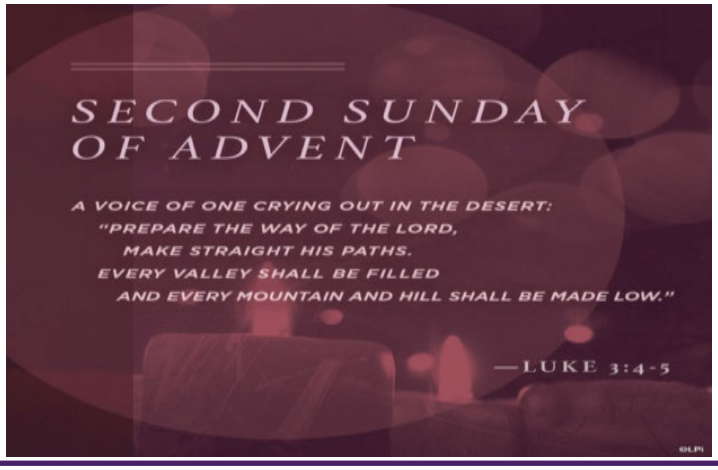

Novenario en honor a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe
DEL 3 al 11 de Diciembre 2021

Viernes 3: Pastoral Familiar Coro Lupita
Rosario y Confesiones 5:30PM Misa 6:00 PM

Sabado 4: Ministros y Lectores
Coro Emaus Hombres
Rosario 5:30 PM Misa 6:00 PM

Domingo 5: Ujieres y Catequistas
Coro Santa Cecilia
Rosario 12:00PM Misa 12:30 PM

Lunes 6: Emaús Mujeres
Coro Emaus Mujeres
Raosrio y Confesiones 5:30 PM Misa 6:00 PM

Martes 7: Acólitos Coro San Jose
Rosario y Confesione 5:30PM Misa 6:00PM

Miércoles 8: Alianza Con Cristo
Coro Ángeles de Dios
Rosario y Confesiones 6:30 PM Misa de Precepto Purisima Concepcion 7:00 PM

Jueves 9: Jóvenes Adultos para Cristo
Coro Santa Cecilia
Rosario y Confesiones 5:30 PM Misa 6:00 PM

Viernes 10: Emaus Hombres
Coro Emaus Hombres
Rosario y Confesiones 5:30 PM Misa 6 :00 PM

Sabado 11: Mujeres del Sagrado Corazón y Porque Catolico?
Coro San Miguel Arcangel
Rosario y Confesiones 5:30 PM Misa 6:00 PM

«¿No estoy yo aquí que soy tu Madre? »

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Programa para el Domingo 12 de Diciembre

12:00AM- 1:00AM Coro Santa Cecilia
1:00 AM- 2:00AM Rosario dirigido por Emaús M
2:00AM- 3:00AM Mariachis
3:00AM– 3:30AM Coro Lupita
3:30AM– 4:30 AM Rosario dirigido por Emaús H
4:30AM -5:00AM Apariciones JAPC
5:00 AM Misa Solemne Coro Ángeles de Dios

La Rifa del cuadro de la Virgen de Guadalupe se hará al terminar la Misa de 12:30PM. Él Padre Carlos entregara a domicilio el cuadro y dará la bendición a la casa de la persona ganadora.

Algo Nuevo llaga en nuestra Historia

La primera lectura está tomada del libro de Baruc, conocido como el secretario de Jeremías (Jr 36). Este libro representa una serie de oráculos que algunos sitúan casi en el s. II a. C. Lo que leemos hoy forma parte de una liturgia de acción de gracias, expresada en un oráculo de restauración de Jerusalén.

Por su visión esplendorosa fluyen palabras y conceptos de contraste: frente al luto y la aflicción, la gloria de Dios, la *doxa, que el hebreo sería el kabod. Hasta cinco veces se repite este concepto tan germinal de la teología del Antiguo Testamento y especialmente de la teología profética. Este es uno de los términos más densos y que entraña distintos matices. En este caso deberíamos hablar de* ***la acción de Dios en la historia*** *que cambia la suerte de Jerusalén, del pueblo, del mundo, para siempre. Si Dios no actúa, mediante su kabod, entonces todo es aflicción, luto, miseria, llanto. Tener la experiencia de la gloria de Dios es lo contrario de tener la experiencia del "infierno", es decir, la guerra, el hambre, el destierro.*

El evangelio de hoy nos ofrece el comienzo de la vida pública de Jesús. El evangelista quiere situar y precisar todo en la historia del imperio romano, que es el tiempo histórico en que tienen lugar los acontecimientos de la vida de Jesús y de la comunidad cristiana primitiva. La introducción del Evangelio de hoy es una forma de poner de manifiesto que lo que ha de narrar no es algo que puede considerarse que ocurriera fuera de la historia de los hombres de carne y hueso.

El evangelio es absolutamente histórico y llega como mensaje de juicio y salvación para los que lo escuchan. Incluso hubo toda una preparación: Juan el Bautista, un profeta de corte apocalíptico que anuncia, en nombre de Dios, apoyándose en el profeta Isaías, que ***algo nuevo llega a la historia****, a nuestro mundo.* ***Dios siempre cumple sus promesas****; lo que se nos ha presentado en el libro de Baruc comienza a ser realidad cuando todas las personas nos abrimos al evangelio.*

En Cristo, Padre Carlos Monsalve

Decoración de la Iglesia para Navidad:

Estaremos decorando la Iglesia para Navidad el jueves, 23 de diciembre a las 7:00 pm. Necesitamos de su ayuda para instalar los árboles de Navidad y colocar flores y adornos. Por favor venga y ayudenos a que nuestra Iglesia lusca hermosa para Navidad. Hay hojas de inscripción en la parte posterior de la Iglesias. Gracias y Dios le bendiga.

Misa de Precepto

Miércoles, 8 de Diciembre 2021
El Día de la Inmaculada Concepción es una festividad originaria de la Iglesia Católica que está dedicada a la venerable concepción de la Virgen María madre de Jesucristo. La fecha conmemora a la madre de Jesús de Nazaret, quien según la tradición fue creada por Dios sin pecado original, es decir, que desde su concepción la virgen María fue santa y libre de mancha.
Tendremos la celebración de la Santa Misa a las:
8:00AM Misa en Ingles
5:00PM Misa en Ingles
7:00PM Misa en Español

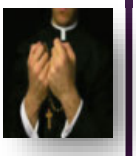
Arbol Generoso

El arbol generoso de San Jose está en la Iglesia. Este año, las estrellas han sido reemplazadas una vez más por etiquetas de adorno. Se solicita que los artículos sin **envolverse se coloquen en una bolsa de regalo y la etiqueta del adorno se coloque en el exterior de la bolsa de regalo. Como la vez pasado**, por favor comprar ropa y un juguete para el niño y trate de limitar el costo alrededor de $ 25,00- $ 30,00**. Los obsequios deben devolverse al Centro de del Ministerio o a la Iglesia a más tardar el 5 de diciembre.**
¡Gracias y Dios le bendiga por su generosidad por los niños necesitados de Harvard!

Limpieza de la Iglesia

Necesitamos urgente su ayuda para limpiar la Iglesia. Se aserca la navidad y asi como limpiamos nuestra casa y la decoramos tambien la casa de Dios necesita estar limpia. **La limpieza será el sabado 18 de diciembre a las 1:00 PM.** Puede traer sus propios articulos de limpiesa favoritos que utiliza para limpiar su casa si usted lo desea. Comuníquese a la oficina de la parroquia para más información.

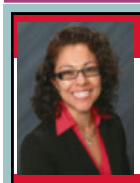
ORACIÓN POR LOS SACERDOTES



Señor, necesitamos mayor número de sacerdotes. Multiplica las vocaciones y santifica más y más a tus sacerdotes. Te lo pedimos por la Inmaculada Virgen María.

Requisitos para bautizar:

Pasar a la oficina y registrar el niño(a) que se va a bautizar, llevar el Acta de nacimiento para sacarle una copia, donación $50 dólares. Papas y padrinos deben tomar una plática Pre-bautismal, las pláticas se ofrecen cada primer sábado del mes. A las 5:00pm en el Ministry el día de la plática se les entregara un certificado y es válido por un año a partir de la fecha que se les entregue, próximas pláticas: **sabado 1° enero/.** Porfavor, **no** traer niños a la plática ya que es una catequesis de suma importante. Los padrinos deben ser casados por la Iglesia Católica. **No pueden ser padrinos las parejas que viven en union libre, ni las parejas que solo están casadas civilmente.** Si son solteros deben tener sus sacramentos completes Bautismo, Comunión y Confirmación. Los bautismos se celebran cada tercer sábado el mes a las 9:00am. Llegar 15 minutos antes. Los próximos bautismos serán el sabado **18 Dic/.** Manténgase en comunicación con la oficina.



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