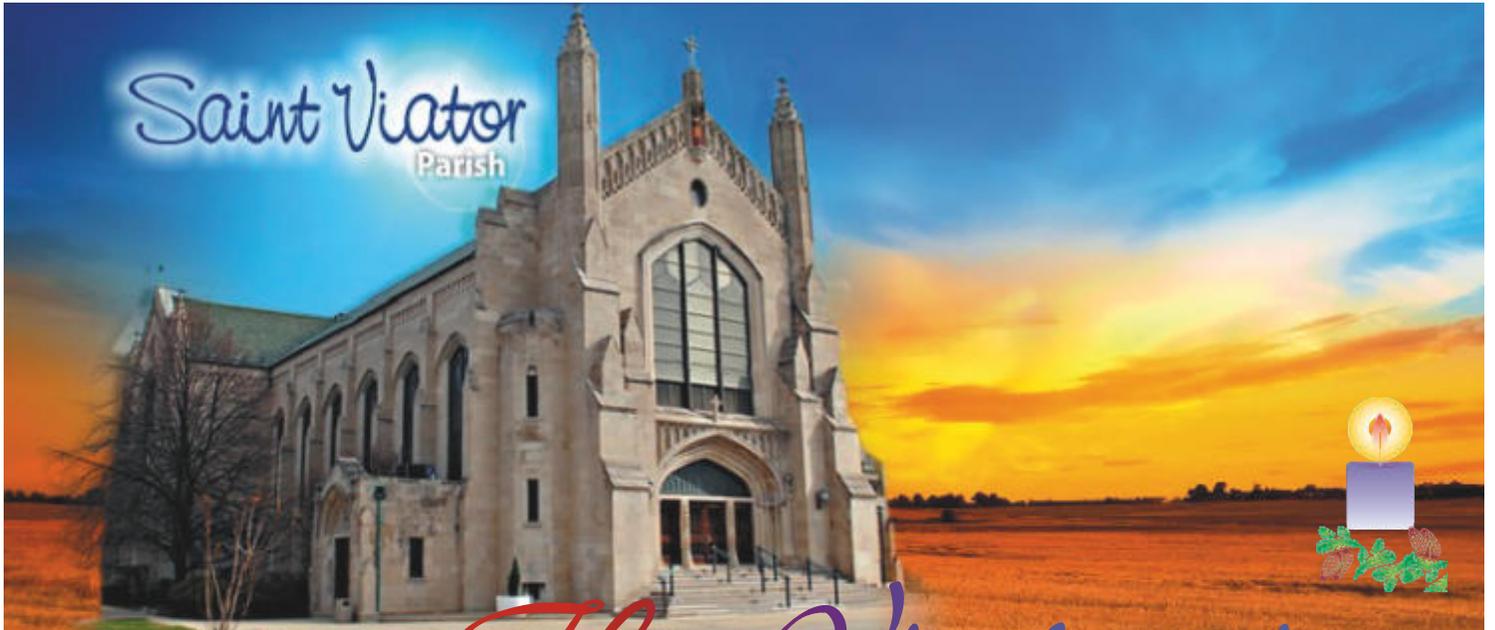


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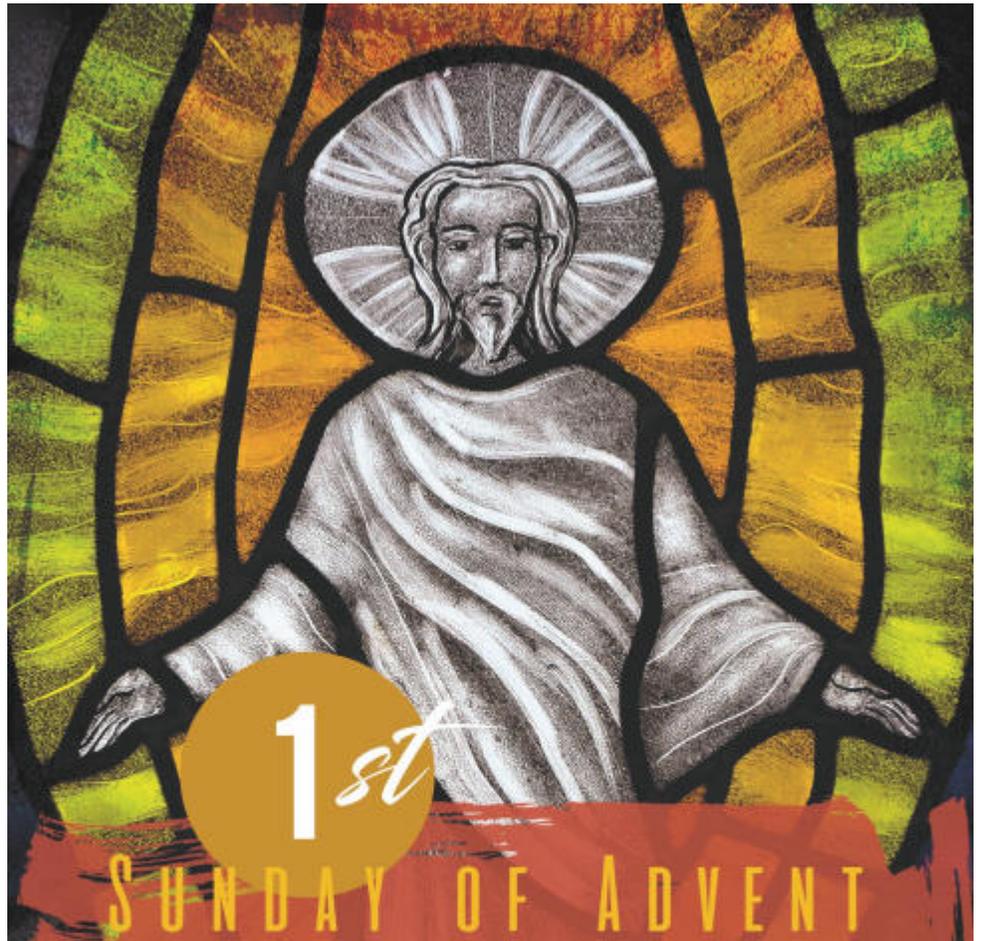
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Let's Reflect

Dear Friends,

Advent is a sacred time of waiting. It is different than a quarantine. In Advent we wait willingly, expectantly, and filled with promises of new life and of new beginnings. In today's gospel Jesus tells his disciples (and us) *"Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come"*. Obviously we do know when Christmas is coming, so those words suggest waiting and watching for something more than just waiting to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Being watchful and alert for the *"final coming of Christ"* is the second theme of Advent and one that gets overlooked by the anticipation of Christmas. But that is where Advent always begins, with the final and triumphant return of Christ at the end of time. As we saw last Sunday, that is the vision at the end of the liturgical year - and it is the vision set before us again on the First Sunday of Advent to focus our waiting and watching throughout the coming year.

The circumstances of our world as we begin this Advent season are concerning. The spike in Covid-19 infections and deaths around the globe has forced us back into patterns that we hoped were in decline. Waiting and watching are now focused on prevention - and on the hope for a vaccine that will soon bring relief. Political calm is not yet here, as we wait for some kind of certainty and calm to settle in. Economic hopes have been threatened again for families and businesses that depend on commerce to provide income and security. Where are the signs of *"Christ coming in glory"*? They are not easy to see. And yet we hear St. Paul, in the second reading, for this weekend reassuring the Corinthians and us: *"you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will keep you firm to the end."* Paul adds: *"God is faithful, and by Him you were called to fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord"*. It takes faith to trust that, and faith to hold fast. Waiting in Advent is really the willingness to trust, to hope, and to be confident that Paul is right, that new beginnings are still ahead.

Advent candles are a familiar symbol, three purple and one rose colored candle. We look for them in church, we put them within wreaths in our homes, we light them each night at dinner or at prayer. We measure the weeks by how many candles are lit and we allow our hopes to rise as their light glows in darkening days. The burning and the melting are what provide the light from candles - fire destroying and illumining at the same time. Ponder that during your waiting this Advent - and reflect on the patterns of yielding that have to precede new beginnings. Advent is not like Lent; it does not preach penitence. Rather it offers promise. It reminds us of promises made to us and the hope that those promises kindled within us. It should also remind us of promises that we have made - and those to whom we have made them. Be watchful! Be alert! Let us wait together for the fulfillment of those promises all over again.

Fr. Pat Render, csv

Reflexionemos

Queridos amigos,

El Adviento es un tiempo sagrado de espera. Es diferente a una cuarentena. En el Adviento esperamos con gusto, expectación y llenos de promesas de nueva vida y nuevos comienzos. En el evangelio de hoy, Jesús les dice a sus discípulos (y a nosotros): *“¡Estén atentos! ¡Estén alerta! No saben cuándo llegará el momento”*. Obviamente, sabemos cuándo se acerca la Navidad, por lo que esas palabras sugieren esperar y observar algo más que solo esperar para celebrar el nacimiento de Jesús. Estar atento y alerta por la *“venida final de Cristo”* es el segundo tema del Adviento y uno que se pasa por alto debido a la anticipación por la Navidad. Pero ahí es donde siempre comienza el Adviento, con el regreso final y triunfante de Cristo al final de los tiempos. Como vimos el domingo pasado, esa es la visión al final del año litúrgico, y es la visión que se nos presenta nuevamente en el primer domingo de Adviento, para enfocar nuestra espera y observación durante el próximo año.

Las circunstancias de nuestro mundo al comenzar esta temporada de Adviento son preocupantes. El aumento en las infecciones y muertes por Covid-19 en todo el mundo nos han obligado a volver a patrones que esperábamos que estuvieran en declive. Esperar y observar se centra ahora en la prevención y en la esperanza de una vacuna que pronto traerá alivio. La tranquilidad política aún no está aquí, mientras esperamos que se instale algún tipo de certeza y calma. Las esperanzas económicas se han visto nuevamente amenazadas para las familias y empresas que dependen del comercio para proporcionarles sus ingresos y seguridad. *¿Dónde están las señales de “Cristo que viene en gloria”?* No son fáciles de ver. Y, sin embargo, escuchamos a San Pablo, en la segunda lectura, durante este fin de semana tranquilizando a los corintios y a nosotros: *“no les falta ningún don espiritual en la espera de la revelación de nuestro Señor Jesucristo. Él les mantendrá firmes hasta el final”*. Pablo agrega: *“Dios es fiel, y por él fueron llamados a la comunión con su Hijo, Jesucristo nuestro Señor”*. Se necesita fe para confiar en eso y fe para aferrarse. Esperar en el Adviento es realmente la voluntad de confiar, tener esperanza y estar seguro de que Pablo tiene razón, de que todavía hay nuevos comienzos por delante.

Las velas de Adviento son un símbolo familiar, tres velas de color púrpura y una rosa. Las vemos en la iglesia, las ponemos en medio de las coronas en nuestros hogares, las encendemos cada noche en la cena o durante la oración. Contamos las semanas por la cantidad de velas encendidas y permitimos que nuestras esperanzas aumenten mientras su luz brilla en los días oscuros. El calor y la fundición de la cera son los que proporcionan la luz de las velas: el fuego destruye e ilumina al mismo tiempo. Reflexionen sobre esto durante su espera en este Adviento, y reflexionen sobre los patrones de rendimiento que deben preceder a los nuevos comienzos. El Adviento no es como la Cuaresma; no predica la penitencia. Más bien ofrece promesas. Nos recuerda las promesas que nos hicieron y la esperanza de que esas promesas se encendieron dentro de nosotros. También debe recordarnos las promesas que hemos hecho, y aquellos a quienes se las hemos hecho. ¡Estén atentos! ¡Estén alerta! Esperemos juntos el cumplimiento de esas promesas nuevamente.

P. Pat Render, csv

LITURGY SCHEDULE

RE-OPENING MASS SCHEDULE - PARISHES IN THE ADDISON/IRVING PARK GROUPING

WEEKENDS / FINES DE SEMANA

Saturdays / Sábados

4:30 p.m. English St. Bartholomew

5:00 p.m. English St. Wenceslaus

5:30 p.m. English St. Viator

Sundays / Domingos

7:00 a.m. Spanish St. Bartholomew

8:30 a.m. English St. Viator (also
livestream)

9:00 a.m. Bilingual St. Wenceslaus

10:00 a.m. English St. Bartholomew

10:30 a.m. Spanish St. Viator (also
livestream)

12:00 p.m. Spanish St. Wenceslaus

12:30 p.m. Spanish St. Viator

1:00 p.m. Spanish St. Bartholomew

WEEKDAYS/DIARIAS

8:00 a.m. Bilingual St. Wenceslaus

8:15 a.m. English St. Viator

8:30 a.m. Bilingual St. Bartholomew

7:00 p.m. Wednesday Spanish St. Viator

7:00 p.m. Friday Spanish St. Wenceslaus

RECONCILIATION/CONFESION

Saturday 9:00 a.m.-9:30 am. Engl./Span.
St. Bartholomew

Saturday 3:00 p.m. Eng./Span. St. Wenceslaus

Saturday 4:00 p.m. Eng./Span. St. Viator



READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Lecturas para la semana

Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrow-
ing, or in the morning:

~Mk 13:35

Estén, pues, vigilantes también ustedes, porque no saben
cuándo va a llegar el señor de la casa: si al anochecer, a la
medianoche, al canto del gallo o de madrugada.

~Mc 13:35

Sunday:

Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

Monday:

Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10]/Mt 4:18-22

Tuesday:

Is 11:1-10/ Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 [cf. 7]/Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday:

Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Mt 15:29-37

Thursday:

Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday:

Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Mt 9:27-31

Saturday:

Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. Is 30:18d]/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Next Sunday:

Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

Domingo:

Is 63, 16-17. 19; 64, 2-7/Sal 80, 2-3. 15-16. 18-19 [4]/1 Cor 1, 3-9/Mc 13, 33-37

Lunes:

Rom 10, 9-18/Sal 19, 8. 9. 10. 11 [10]/Mt 4, 18-22

Martes:

Is 11, 1-10/ Sal 72, 1-2. 7-8. 12-13. 17 [cfr. 7]/Lc 10, 21-24

Miércoles:

Is 25, 6-10/Sal 23, 1-3. 3-4. 5. 6 [6]/Mt 15, 29-37

Jueves:

Is 26, 1-6/Sal 118, 1 y 8-9. 19-21. 25-27 [26]/Mt 7, 21. 24-27

Viernes:

Is 29, 17-24/Sal 27, 1. 4. 13-14 [1]/Mt 9, 27-31

Sábado:

Is 30, 19-21. 23-26/Sal 147, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6 [cfr. Is 30, 18]/Mt 9, 35—10, 1. 6-8

Domingo siguiente:

Is 40, 1-5. 9-11/Sal 85, 9-10. 11-12. 13-14 [8]/2 Pe 3, 8-14/Mc 1, 1-8

Sacraments

Sacrament of Baptism

Baptismal class required for parents and godparents.

English Classes: **2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm.**

Baptism is offered:

1st & 3rd Sundays of the month in English at 2:00 pm.

2nd & 4th Sundays of the month in Spanish at 2:00 pm.

NOTE: English Baptismal Class will be on Thursday, 11/12/20 at 7:00p.m. instead of Tuesday this month.

The Spanish Class will still be on Tuesday, 11/17/20 at 7:00p.m.

Sacrament of Marriage

Please contact the Parish Office six (6) months prior to the wedding in order to complete paper work.

Registration to the Parish

Please stop by the Parish office to complete your registration.

Sacramentos

Sacramento Bautismal

Las clases bautismales son requeridas para los padres y padrinos

En Español: **3er Martes de cada mes a las 7:00 pm.**

El Bautismo se celebra cada mes de la siguiente manera:

1er y 3er Domingo del mes a las 2:00 pm en Inglés.

2do y 4to Domingo del mes a las 2:00 pm. en Español.

Sacramento de Matrimonio

Es importante que las personas contacten a la oficina parroquial con seis (6) meses de anticipación.

Registre su familia en la parroquia

Por favor, visite la oficina parroquial para registrarse.

PRAYER REQUEST

"For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and His ears are open to their prayers"

1 Peter 3:13

Mass & Intentions / Misas & Intenciones

Monday, November 30, 2020

St. Andrew, Apostle

8:15 a.m. Ashur Toma

Tuesday, December 1, 2020

8:15 a.m. For our Leaders of this Nation

Wednesday, December 2, 2020

8:15 a.m. For our Families

7:00 p.m. For our Families

Thursday, December 3, 2020

St. Francis Xavier, Priest

9:30 a.m. For reconciliation with our loved ones

Friday, December 4, 2020

8:15 a.m. Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Poor Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, December 5, 2020

5:30 p.m. For an end to the Coronavirus

Sunday, December 6, 2020

2nd Sunday of Advent

8:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish

10:30 a.m. For renewal of faith, hope and love

12:30 p.m. Hortensia Bautista – 1st Death Anni. By Daughter



Unable to attend Mass?

If you are unable to attend Mass due to being homebound, even temporarily, we have trained Ministers of Care who can bring the Eucharist to you in your home. If you or someone you know would like us to visit, to bring the Eucharist, or both, call the rectory at 773-286-4040, and someone will visit.

Please keep in your Prayers:

Jackie Andres~Tommy Bosco~Bertha Parker~Larry Parker.
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Nestor Rodriguez~Mary Ellen Evans ~ Mary Ann Principe
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Jesus Garcia~Josefina Hernandez de Olivo~ Rob Strantz~Linda Dupin
Joanne Stanton ~Gloria De La Cruz~Patricia Chrastka
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Margaret Brown ~Inge Gibson ~ Joel Rojas ~Donald Rietman ~ Gail Formica
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Pam Brammer~ Roseanne Gagliardotto~ Sylvia Weber
Adal Zapat ~Connie Cornett~Beata Gamboa
Rudolfo Gamboa~Neil Gamboa~Leonora Llanes~Juan Guevara
Violeta Galang~ Narciso Galang~Nephtal Galang~Victoria Bonilla
Virinder Nohrinda ~Laura Dobroski~Edward Garcia~Elijah Aaron
Ana Lopez~Lisa & Ray Prince ~Florencio Mesh~Ginny Cizek, Lu

PLEASE NOTE: All names will be NOW automatically removed from the sick list after 3 months, unless office is notified. Thank you for your cooperation.

Those serving our country

Captain Teresa Moreno, Air Force ♦ Sgt. Mark Renkal Jr., Army ♦ 1st Lt. Jacob Schlenbecker, SMC ♦ Timothy Paul Vasiliadis, SPC MP, Army ♦ B Ortega ♦ 1st Lt. Matthew Rowe, Army ♦ PFC Ricardo Dominguez, Army ♦ Richie Hurley, US Navy

Baptized

November 22, 2020 – Kimberly Lagunas Medrano & Ruben Lagunas Medrano

Just Married

November 21, 2020 – Maria Guadalupe Salgado & George Steven Santizo

Pope Francis' Tweet for the Week!

"DEAR YOUNG PEOPLE, LET US NOT GIVE UP ON GREAT DREAMS. THE LORD DOES NOT WANT US TO NARROW OUR HORIZONS OR TO REMAIN PARKED ON THE ROADSIDE OF LIFE. HE WANTS US TO RACE boldly AND joyfully TOWARDS lofty GOALS."



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Our Parish Activities & Announcements

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NATIONAL PASTORAL MIGRATORIA ADVENT REFLECTIONS
2020

November 29 – December 5,
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FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT
LIGHT ONE PURPLE CANDLE.

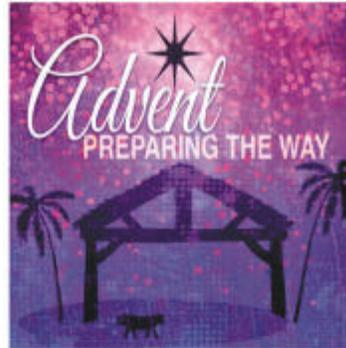
We are the clay and you the potter: we are all the work of your hands." Is. 64:7 Advent is a time of waiting and pause.

Advent 2020 is that and more! The words waiting and pause have new meaning for us. The pandemic has made it clear, all are vulnerable. Pope Francis calls us to unite scientific capabilities "to find vaccines and treatments." (April 19, 2020) So, we wait for a vaccine; we pause and reimagine new ways to live in community. But in this waiting and pause, refugees and immigrants are at even more risk. They are at risk in their homeland, forced to flee, and they are also at risk in detention centers in the United States. The pandemic suspended an already challenging processes for asylum seekers, expelling them before they can make their requests.

"You do not know when the time will come." Mk 13:33 When will the time come when we are safe from Covid-19, able to embrace each other? Even after that time comes, the world will look different, molded by God's hands. Are we 'living clay' in God's hands? Is God forming us before our eyes to be a people of faith and action? What kind of clay do we want to be? This Advent let us be formed by God's hands as we wait and pause.

LET US PRAY Creator God, shape us into your image. Mold us to be all embracing during this time of caution. Help us to recognize your handiwork in all creation, especially in immigrants, and refugees. May we be formed by the events around us, learning how to be your loving embrace and feet of action.

Amen



Advent Gifts

A virtual evening reflection

On behalf of the Vicariate IV Ministry Commission you are cordially invited to an Advent Evening of Reflection.

And now, O Lord, for what do I wait?

My hope is in you. Psalm 39:8

Date And Time

Thu, December 3, 2020

7:00 PM – 8:00 PM CST

Advent is a time to prepare to receive the 'Gift' of Emmanuel, God with us - but to receive the gift we need to slow down and listen for the still small voice of God. If we but pause to make our hearts ready, grace will enter and make of us a 'Gift'.

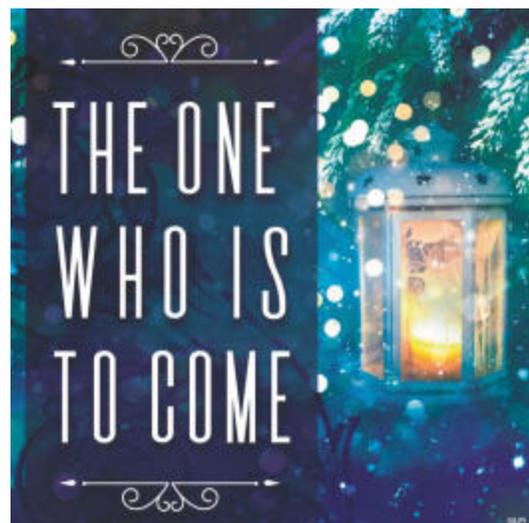
To register:

Please email our name and contact information to:

VicariteIVMinistryCommission@gmail.com

or visit:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/advent-gifts-a-virtual-evening-of-reflection-tickets-127393071105?aff=ebdssbeac>





The freedom of being sent

Wednesday, November 18, 2020

On Friday, Nov. 13, the Catholic community in Chicagoland gathered to ordain Fathers Kevin Birmingham, Jeffrey Grob and Robert Lombardo, CFR, as our newest auxiliary bishops. As this ceremony took place on the feast of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, I took the opportunity to draw attention to some core values and virtues found in the Word of God, proclaimed for that day, which shaped her life, and should shape all Christian lives, and especially those of ecclesial leaders.

In the Gospel, Jesus prays that his disciples not be taken out of the world, but that they be preserved from being of the world. Mother Cabrini learned to live in the tension between these two realities. At the time of her death, she had founded 67 institutions around the world that cared for the sick, uneducated, poor and disenfranchised.

On the day of her canonization, Cardinal Stritch called Mother Cabrini the patron saint of Chicago. "She loved us," he observed. "She rode our street cars. She went begging in our streets. Through alleys she went in search of little hungry children who were homeless and friendless. The very day she died she had been wrapping candy for Christmas gifts for poor children."

Yet, as much as these earthly achievements and occupations were part of her legacy, she understood that the work she was doing had to be God's own. She always reminded her community members: "It is praying fervently that gives our work vitality, action and merit." Her main goal was not buildings and programs. These were important only if they helped bring about the salvation of humanity, which she noted "does not depend on material success, but on Jesus alone."

Mother Cabrini reflected in her life what we heard in the Nov. 13 readings about being sent. Jesus sums up his life by making his own the words of Isaiah: "the Spirit has sent me to bring glad tidings to the lowly, to heal the brokenhearted."

This is also how his disciples should understand their lives. Mother Cabrini surely did. She possessed the freedom of being sent. Although she had her heart set on the missions in China, when Pope Leo XIII told her to go instead to the New World to care for immigrants, she trusted that being sent by the successor of Peter was God's will.

The story is told that Archbishop Corrigan invited her to the Archdiocese of New York, but when she arrived, he told her he didn't need her anymore and she should return to Italy. She reportedly told him, "Yes, Archbishop, you invited me, but the pope sent me, so I'm staying."

There is great freedom that comes in being sent. It liberates us from the trap of seeking the approval of others who measure success by a different standard. Mother Cabrini was surely a strong woman. But her determination and tenacity were underpinned by an unwavering conviction and the internal freedom of knowing that she was sent, that Jesus wanted her to succeed.

Finally, Mother Cabrini had an abiding trust in divine providence, which meant she always kept in mind the big picture of God's plan. People often asked her where she got her money to found institutions. "We spend millions," she replied "but haven't a cent. We draw from the Bank of Providence. Its funds are inexhaustible."

In the second reading for Nov. 13, St. Paul tells Timothy that our destiny has been designed before time began, a destiny to live the life of the holy and eternal God and that nothing will thwart God's plan. That is the big picture that all disciples, especially those who serve as bishops, must always keep in mind.

In sum, I urged the new bishops to look on the life of this good disciple, Frances Xavier Cabrini, to inspire them and to walk the streets of Chicago and its environs to care for God's holy people as she did.

Yes, their ordination is about serving as a successor of the apostles, but all of us bishops must remember that the church called us to this ministry because we have been found worthy in the call of Christ to live as his disciples.

Mother Cabrini has much to teach all of us about being disciples: to live in the tension of remaining in the world, but not being of the world; to cultivate the internal freedom that comes with being sent, without the burden of succeeding on our own or making the success or failure in ministry the gauge of our own worth in the eyes of God.

And finally, we all should learn from her to trust in God's providence, knowing that the grace bestowed on these new successors of the apostles through the laying on of hands was given to us before time began.

May St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, our patron, continue to inspire us and pray for us.

NUESTRAS FINANZAS

STEWARDSHIP FISCAL YEAR 2020 – 2021 OPERATING BUDGET

Our Finances

November 15, 2020
15 de Noviembre de 2020

MONTH	MONTHLY BUDGET	WEEKLY BUDGET	WEEKLY ACTUAL	MONTHLY ACTUAL
JULY	30,000.00	7,500.00		27,563.95
AUGUST	37,500.00	7,500.00		34,321.36
SEPTEMBER	30,000.00	7,500.00		24,749.12
OCTOBER	30,000.00	7,500.00		27,554.92
NOVEMBER	37,500.00	7,500.00	8,393.81	
		7,500.00	5,377.00	
		7,500.00	7,484.55	
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DECEMBER	30,000.00			
JANUARY	37,500.00			
FEBRUARY	30,000.00			
MARCH	30,000.00			
APRIL	30,000.00			
MAY	37,500.00			
JUNE	30,000.00			

Give Central \$ 2,951.00
 Sunday Envelopes Actual \$ 3,483.00
 Sunday Loose \$ 1,050.55
 Total Sunday Collection \$ 7,484.55
 Weekly Budgeted Amount. \$ 7,500.00
 Weekly Variance Amount -\$ 15.45

Heat & Air \$ 220.00
 Prop. Of the Faith/World Mission \$ 20.00
 All Souls Day. \$ 25.00
 Thanksgiving. \$ 110.00
 Debt Deduction. \$ 10.00
 Catholic Campaign for Human Development . \$ 105.00
 Christmas Flowers \$ 40.00

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November 29, 2020 - First Sunday of Advent

Thankful Stewards First Sunday of Advent “Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time will come.”

~MARK 13:33

We all take things for granted. In particular, we take time for granted. We make our lives too busy. We plan our time, our days, weeks, months, even years in advance. Remember, our time on earth is a gift. None of us knows how long we will be here. Start today and begin thanking God through your Stewardship for each and every day. Take time in silence, every day, and listen to how God is calling you right now to help build His kingdom on earth.



OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

The Catholic Community of Saint Viator, in partnership with the Clerics of Saint Viator is empowered by the Spirit and strengthened by Word and Sacrament to fulfill its fourfold mission of:

- ♣ PROCLAIMING the Good News of Jesus Christ
- ♣ SERVING the People of God
- ♣ BUILDING up the Body of Christ
- ♣ CELEBRATING THE PRESENCE OF THE RISEN LORD

OUR VISION STATEMENT:

In light of our mission, the Catholic Faith Community of Saint Viator aspires to be a community that:

- ♣ Invites and welcomes all to Kingdom Living
- ♣ Encourages and fosters continuing education in the faith
- ♣ Recognizes and respects the sacredness of God's Creation
- ♣ Invites and enables the gifts of the baptized in the service of this community and the world.

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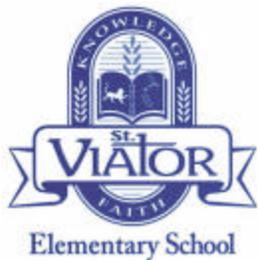


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We are in need to fill vacancies. This is a FEEL-GOOD-ALL-OVER program. Join an existing team or bring in a whole team and experience this feeling. We have ten teams of various sizes, but the larger the team the easier it is for all. STEWARDSHIP is the sharing of one's time, talents & treasures. This program uses all three. By joining a team you will buy, cook and deliver food to a men's homeless shelter, currently once every 10 weeks. If this sounds like something you would be interested in, please give me a call. We are in need of one whole team to replace a retiring team and there is always a team that can use extra help.

THANK YOU

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Christmas Wreath Sale for the Women's Center:

Format will be a little different as we will be selling the items by the St. Joseph Center fountain. If you want to support this we will be selling the weekend of **November 28th and 29th after all the Masses until supply lasts.**

The following items will be available: 24" Balsam wreath for \$20.00

26" mixed Noble wreath for \$35.00

Bark table basket - \$30.00

Door Swag - \$10.00

Holly plan - \$5.00



Saint Viator High School
Class of 2025 Placement Exam
Saturday, December 5, 8:00 a.m.



Extended Scholarship Opportunities for Incoming Freshmen

An important aspect of the December 5 Placement Exam is the opportunity to be awarded scholarship packages from Saint Viator High School. For the class of 2025, we have expanded our award criteria, making scholarships more broadly available.

To be eligible, prospective students must take the Placement Exam onsite at Saint Viator on December 5. Scholarships will automatically be awarded to students who score in the 90th percentile or above on the Placement Exam in the following manner:

- Students scoring in the 97-99th percentile will be awarded \$5,000 for the first year and \$2,500 per year for the remaining three years
- Students scoring in the 94-96th percentile will be awarded \$3,000 for the first year and \$1,500 per year for the remaining three years
- Students scoring in the 90-93rd percentile will be awarded \$2,000 for the first year and \$1,000 per year for the remaining three years

Seeking the face of God? Look around you

By Mike Nelson | Catholic News Service
Wednesday, November 18, 2020

How many of you, when asked, “How are you doing?”, have replied, “I’m just waiting for this year to end”?

We have experienced in 2020 a pandemic like none we have ever seen, political turmoil like none we have ever seen, an economic shutdown like ... you get the picture. For many of us, 2021 can’t come soon enough.

For those of us who are Catholic, the new year comes a few weeks earlier — the new liturgical year, that is, starting with Advent, a season of desire. And rarely have many of us desired the breath of fresh air that a new year can bring.

But even this new season and new year does not begin without grim and sobering reminders of how far from God many of us are.

“Why do you let us wander, O Lord, from your ways, and harden our hearts so that we fear you not?” laments Isaiah in the first reading of the First Sunday of Advent (Is 63:17). “Behold, you are angry, and we are sinful; all of us have become like unclean people” (Is 64:4-5).

This, then, is a call to repentance — to “straighten up and fly right,” in the words of an old Nat King Cole song. Or as Scripture frequently suggests, “Make straight (your) paths,” words proclaimed by John the Baptist in three of the four Gospels.

The Gospel reading from St. Mark for the first Sunday of Advent suggests this is best done sooner than later.

“You do not know when the Lord of the house is coming,” Jesus tells his disciples (Mk 13:35). “Be watchful.”

Jesus’ words are spoken shortly before he and his disciples head for Jerusalem, where Jesus knows what awaits him. His disciples do not, of course; nor do we know what awaits us in the months and years ahead.

And after this year, many of us are afraid to ask. Yet go forward we must. And we will, for God always offers us the chance to atone and correct our course.

“Give us new life,” says the psalmist, “and we will call upon your name” (Ps 80:19).

But to acknowledge where we have fallen short and who is really in charge requires humility on our part. Such humility is more abundant, it seems, in times of uncertainty and desperation.

Isaiah understands this. “Yet, Lord, you are our father,” he says. “We are the clay and you the potter: We are all the work of your hand” (Is 64:7).

Right before this, though, Isaiah says something else to God, a lamentation that invites our reflection on how to “straighten out” our lives, and our world: “You have hidden your face from us and have delivered us up to our crimes” (Is 64:6).

God has hidden his face from us? Really?

Many years ago, at the Los Angeles Religious Education Congress, I participated in a workshop in which the presenter asked us (ordered us, actually) to move all the chairs in the room out of the way (several hundred of them), close our eyes and walk (with care) around the room until we encountered (bumped into) another person.

At that point, we were to ask that person, “Are you God in hiding?”

The answer, of course, was yes. The point was for us to realize that we are all creations of God and that we are called to be the loving, caring face of God to one another to build and nourish the kingdom of God on earth.

Like Isaiah, many of us have lamented, “Lord, you have hidden your face from us.” But if God created us all in his image and likeness, should we not seek the face of God among those already in our midst? And be the face of God to others?

“Rouse your power,” pleads the responsorial psalm, “and come to save us. ... Let us see your face, and we shall be saved” (Ps 80:3-4).

That sounds like a call to pay closer attention to what already is in our midst: the face of God, present in our lives, serving us and calling us to serve one another. That suggests hope, if we let God’s love — personified in Christ — shine from us.

St. Paul expands on that promise in the second reading. “You were enriched in every way, with all discourse and all knowledge ... so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift,” he tells the people of Corinth (1 Cor 3:5-7).

Moreover, Paul reminds his listeners, “God is faithful, and by him you were called to fellowship with his son, Jesus Christ our Lord” (1 Cor 3:9).

These are words of comfort we need to hear in these challenging times. But we also need Jesus’ poignant reminder that we cannot wait for God to do all the work.

“Be alert!” says Jesus to his disciples. “You do not know when the time will come. ... May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping” (Mk 13:33-37).

If we desire the Lord in our lives, let us act accordingly — in this and in every new year.

Viatorian Vocations Corner

Did You Know... What the "Three Vows" Are?

Professed Viatorians take three vows that correspond to the three evangelical counsels of the Church – poverty, chastity, and obedience. These three vows govern religious life and its spirituality.

The vow of poverty means living simply, affirming the Kingdom of God, and challenging worldly materialism.

The vow of chastity means living unmarried with preferential love for God and remaining celibate to share one's self-gift without distinction.

The vow of obedience means seeking the will of God in all things through fraternal dialogue with the community and its superiors.



Br. Peter Lamick, CSV, hugs Fr. Dan Hall, CSV, Provincial after professing perpetual vows in 2019.

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