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Sunday, December 13, 2020 — Third Sunday of Advent

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OUTDOOR MASSES:

Monday—Saturday: Morning Prayer 7:30 AM.
Monday—Saturday: Mass 8:00 AM (English)

Saturday: 5:30 PM (CANCEL) & 6:45 PM (Spanish).
Sunday: 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, (English),
11:30 AM (English) 5:30 PM (CANCEL)

Holy Days: The schedule will be announced.

DUE TO COVID-19 THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION HAS
BEEN DISCONTINUED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE:

SACRAMENTS: Contact the Parish Office

Tuesdays, 5:00 - 6:00 PM: Prayer Hour for Peace.

First Fridays, 8:30-10:00 AM: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Holy Hour for Vocations, Benediction.

Fridays, 7:00-8:00 PM (Spanish): Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Holy Hour, Benediction.

First Saturdays, 8:30-9:15 AM: Devotion to Our Lady of

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Changes Are Coming Next Summer

I am not sure how to begin this column for this issue because I cannot find the right words to introduce that I was recently given a new assignment effective Summer of 2021. The Augustinians in America are in three geographical provinces (California, Midwest, and East Coast), yet the three provinces share a common novitiate in Philadelphia. The novitiate is one year of spiritual and human formation for Augustinians right before professing their first vows. I have been named the next director of novices. Therefore, I will be leaving St Patrick's, probably in June of next year and moving to the Philadelphia area.

Although I know that assignments are temporary, and I knew that some day I would be given a new assignment, that day has come sooner than I thought! I am still processing the news myself. I was hoping to be part of all the centennial celebrations we were planning. I was hoping to be here long enough to see the school and the parish financially sustainable (both are making great progress). I was hoping to establish a pastoral council to help us live our mission in every activity: to praise the Holy Trinity, to care for our community, and to grow in faith and unity.

This news may be shocking to you, and I was originally planning on waiting until 2021 to communicate the news, since 2020 has been overwhelming for us all. I did not want to add more news just yet. However, participating in the Book Club we have, someone mentioned last Saturday how she started praying right away for the next pastor when it was announced that Fr Michael would be retiring. She did not know who the next pastor would be. Thanks to that comment I realized that rather than waiting to 2021, it would be best to start telling you all the news because we need prayers for the next pastor. (continues next page...)

Sacrificial Giving

December 6: \$ 2,422.61

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Endowment Gifts: \$ 47,611.51

Market Value: \$ 53,200.57

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The process of selecting a pastor is not an easy process for the Provincial and his Council, and therefore if we all pray for this process, you all can feel that you are contributing by your prayers to an important decision that will affect the parish. Therefore, we will include at all Sunday Masses a special intention for guidance of the Holy Spirit and for the next pastor.

I still have over 6 months before my departure, so this column is not a farewell. There is still much to be done, and much to celebrate in the next 6 months, perhaps now more intentionally.

God bless you,

Fr. Carlos Medina, OSA

No Giving Tree, But New Unwrapped Toys Welcome

We have much smaller Catechism classes this year, and only a couple of children have been identified as in need for toys this year. A couple of parishioners have already offered to fulfill these needs. However, if you would like to donate new toys, they will be delivered to Hogar Infantil in Mexico when the stay at home order is lifted.

Advent Talks and Workshops Held

The Young Professionals of our parish together with other young adult groups from other parishes hosted Fr Phil Yang, OSA for a Zoom meeting where shared on Advent themes. Tony Moreno, lay theologian, held a an Advent workshop for our catechists who teach in Spanish, and Br. Emmanuel Isaac, OSA led an Advent workshop with our Catechists who teach in English. For anyone else interested in deepening your Advent reflection, Sr Laurie Brink's 4 part series on Advent are being linked on the parish Facebook page, and you can also access them here: <https://learn.ctu.edu/category/one-like-us/> Sr Laurie is a New Testament scholar and taught our priests at Catholic Theological Union.

Book Club Continues

The Book Club continues to meet on a bimonthly basis and good discussion ensues on the saints of the 16th century, and how their lives inspire us today.



December 14 — 19

Mon. 8:00 AM	The Huch Family † Beth Ann Foley †
Tues. 8:00 AM	Shigley & Killoran Families † Josefina Noriega Viazanko †
Wed. 8:00 AM	Leo J. Peters, Sr. † Patty Pimentel HB & Jim Jones
Thurs. 8:00 AM	Julius & Rita McDaniel † Esteban Ruvalcaba †
Fri. 8:00 AM	Mr. & Mrs. Joe J. Cazares † Christine Metzler HB
Sat. 8:00 AM	Our Lady of Guadalupe Chester F. Wolski †

† Rest In Peace **HB** Happy Birthday **HA** Happy Anniversar

COVID 19 Vaccines

The California Catholic Conference released a statement on behalf of all 12 California dioceses endorsing the use of the Pfizer and Moderna Covid vaccines and pledging their support for state and local efforts to distribute the vaccines to vulnerable populations. The vaccines do not rely on fetal stem cells and there are no moral impediments to recommending their use.

Designated Donations

December 13 – Retirement For Religious

December 20 - For the Poor:

Support Catholic Non-Profits such as Fr. Joe's Village or grocery gift cards to aid our parishioners.

December 27 - For the Endowment

Support the future of the parish become more sustainable. Please make checks payable to: **CCFSD** and write **St. Patrick Endowment in the memo line.**

Report From Amici Bible Study

The Core team of Amici has been reading and discussing the book of Job, currently focusing on Job's friends. Job's friends did at least three things right. First, they came to him when he was suffering. Second, they empathized with him. Third, they spent time with him. They were with him for seven days before they offered their advice. The complex speeches of Job's friends however include insightful truths sprinkled with inaccuracies and bad assumptions about God. Amici has discussed how we can never presuppose what God is thinking, and how sometimes faith is not about having all the answers.

COVID Fatigue? Advent May Help

"If you are so weary with the struggle of living that you have no strength even to want God, yet are still dissatisfied that you don't, you are already keeping Advent in your life." -Maria Boulding, OSB

We need the greater and lesser hopes that keep us going day by day. But these are not enough without the great hope, which must surpass everything else. This great hope can only be God, who encompasses the whole of reality and who can bestow upon us what we, by ourselves, cannot attain. The fact that it comes to us as a gift is actually part of hope. God is the foundation of hope: not any god, but the God who has a human face and who has loved us to the end, each one of us and humanity in its entirety. 31, Spe Salvi, Pope Benedict XVI

Advent is embodied by a community in waiting. That's us every Advent but this year the waiting has a strange new resonance. Our need for liberation has been underlined by lockdown; our demands for racial, social and climate justice have become more and more urgent as the year has gone on; our longing for a Saviour has been sharpened by the collective fear and grief of 2020.

We are looking up for inspiration, a word, a steer - anxious and unsure of our ability to navigate our way through the twists and turns of this extraordinary year. We all are, humanity at large, huddled together for comfort, albeit socially distanced. Obedient to the cry to 'keep awake', our eyes are wide open and we are scanning the skies for a sign. And the sign will come. Into our desperate need for God will be born God's very self..." Diocese of Norwich, Church of England

Perhaps this year more than ever – we need ideas and inspiration to help us delve deeper during our hours of isolation and restriction, to find that glimmer of light, that note of joy, that promise of consolation.... The seasons of Advent and Christmas occur in the depth of winter reminding us that Christ was born to bring hope to a darkened world." Eamon Martin, Archbishop of Armagh, Ireland.

Grace, I realized, strikes where it will, and none of my frantic attempts to capture it and crystallize it into my own image and likeness would ever amount to anything. For as I offered up my failures, I was given something in return. I was given what I am all along: my identity purely and simply as a child of God, possessing, as Mother Teresa would say, nothing—only Jesus. Renee Roden, Catholic Writer

Hispanic Society—Sociedad Hispana Rosarios a la Virgen de Guadalupe

Todos los Rosarios se llevaran a cabo en el estacionamiento.
Venga abrigado y

uso de mascarilla es requerida todo el tiempo.

Por favor mantenga su distancia de 6 ft.

Diciembre 5: 6:45 PM Misa seguida del Rosario

Diciembre 6: 7:00 PM

Diciembre 7: 7:00 PM

Diciembre 8: 7:00 PM -Inmaculada Concepcion
seguida del rosario

Diciembre 9: 7:00 PM

Diciembre 10: 7:00 PM

Diciembre 11: 7:00 PM Hora Santa seguida del
Rosario

Diciembre 12: Celebracion de Nuestra Señora de
Guadalupe.

6:00 AM: Rosario

6:30 AM: Mañanitas con Mariachi

6:45 PM: Misa

Afternoon events have been canceled.

Gracias a todos por las donaciones y el trabajo
que hicieron para la celebracion de la Virgen de
Guadalupe

Adviento, Tiempo de Preparacion:

Platicas en preparacion al Adviento por zoom de
7:30-8:30 PM:

Jueves 17 de Diciembre: El Anuncion

Para registrarse comuniquese con el **Hermano
Arturo al (773)-531-7563**. No hay costo por las
platicas, donaciones son apreciadas.

Thank you Steve!

Steve Lachtman has been formatting and printing
the pages we use for our Lectionary Binder with
the readings and petitions for every Sunday for
months now. Thank you Steve for such service and
dedication to our parish!



Readings for the Week December 14 – 20 Sundays: Year A — Weekdays: Year II

Monday:	Nm 24:2-7,15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab,6&7bc,8-9; Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday:	Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3,6-7,17-18,19&23; Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday:	Is 45:6b-8,18,21c-25; Ps 85:9ab&10,11-12,13-14; Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday:	Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-2,3-4ab,7-8,17; Mt 1:1-17
Friday:	Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2,12-13,18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Saturday:	Jgs 13:2-7,24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a,5-6ab,16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Sunday:	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12,14a,16; Ps 89:2-3,4-5,27,29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

Cambios Para El Verano de 2021

No estoy seguro de cómo comenzar esta columna porque no puedo encontrar las palabras adecuadas para comunicarles que he recibido una nueva asignación a partir del verano de 2021. Los agustinos en Estados Unidos se encuentran en tres provincias geográficas (California, Medio Oeste y Costa este), sin embargo, las tres provincias comparten un noviciado común en Filadelfia. El noviciado es un año de formación espiritual y humana para los agustinos justo antes de profesar sus primeros votos. Me han nombrado el próximo director de novicios. Por lo tanto, me tendré que ir de San Patricio, probablemente en junio del próximo año, y me mudaré al área de Filadelfia.

Esta noticia puede ser impactante para ustedes, y les cuento que el domingo pasado casi se me salen las lágrimas en la Misa solamente pensando en que me tendré que ir de esta bella comunidad. No sabía cuándo sería el mejor tiempo para comunicar esta noticia, pero alguien me hizo caer en cuenta de que necesitamos oraciones para el próximo párroco.

El proceso de selección de un párroco no es un proceso fácil para el Provincial y su Consejo, y por lo tanto, si todos oramos por este proceso, todos pueden sentir que están contribuyendo con sus oraciones a una decisión importante que afectará a la parroquia. Por lo tanto, incluiremos en todas las misas dominicales una intención especial pidiendo la guía del Espíritu Santo y también orar desde ahora por el nuevo párroco.

Todavía tengo más de 6 meses antes de mi partida, por lo que esta columna no es una despedida. Todavía nos queda mucho por hacer y mucho por celebrar en los próximos 6 meses.

Bendiciones,

P. Carlos Medina, OSA

Guadalupe Festival Cancelled

A Socially distanced festival where attendees were going to have their temperature checked was planned for the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12th, but it was canceled due to the latest stay at home order. At the writing of this bulletin, **Bishop Ramon Bejarano is still scheduled to celebrate the Mass in Spanish in the evening that day at 7:00 PM.**

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