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Sunday, December 20, 2020 — Fourth 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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A State of the Parish

On this last Sunday of Advent, as we approach the end of the calendar year I wanted to provide you with a "State of the Parish," in light of the announcement I made last week about my new assignment next Summer.

Essential Statistics: Prior to the pandemic on a good Sunday we had close to 800 people attend Mass at St Patrick's, and there are about 600 registered families who are active. Now only about 300 people attend Sunday Mass in person and the livestreamed Masses receive at most 100 views. Prior to the pandemic, there were 6 Sunday Masses, one of them in Spanish. Currently, we have 4 Sunday Masses (one in Spanish on Saturday evening, which was moved from Sunday). Soon (perhaps in January) I would like to start again the 5:30 PM Saturday evening Mass. We will need ushers and liturgical ministers.

School: Our school had a wonderful increase in enrollment this year, admitting 25 more students than expected. We have 175 students (the last time I heard). The virtual experience of other schools probably helped our enrollment, because we offer in person education where all students come to school every day. We operate the school safely. There has only been one Covid19 case, which was not contracted at school. The school is blessed with the great leadership of Hernan Valdivia, excellent and committed teachers, and involved and engaged parents. Strong finance and marketing committees provide critical advice and help with long term planning.

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Current ministries: Becky and Steve Lachtman coordinate all liturgical ministers and provide basic training. Lectors and Eucharistic ministers have been very generous and flexible with their time. George Vian does an excellent job as sacristan, and is very flexible with the many changes we have gone through this year. We are also grateful for the ushers and our music ministers, who have also been quite flexible with the changing rules about what can be sung. Clara Ledesma and Nico Hueso are new this year at the 7:30 AM Mass. Religious education preparation is done virtually over Zoom. Our catechists for RCIA, Confirmation, and First Communion have been amazing in learning on their own how to teach remotely on Zoom. Marriage preparation program is quite involved, and I am grateful to Mark and Elisa Ambre who have assisted me and gradually have taken more of the parts of this ministry. Bible study groups for Young Adults, as well as Amici, have continued to meet either virtually or outdoors. Every now and then, someone wants to start a new group and they are welcome. Fr Sarfraz wants to start a faith sharing group, and Jerry Kwasek wants to start a men's group. We have Marian devotional groups such as the Legion of Mary and the Flame of Love, which were meeting until a few weeks ago. The rosary group continues to pray after weekday Masses.

Finances: We have no debts. Fiscal year runs July to June. FY 2018-2019 ended in \$2K surplus. FY 2019-2020 ended in \$14K positive. This was possible to a number of people being extra generous, as well as a large donation from the Estate of Marian Sullivan. Currently the net income for the current fiscal year (July to November) is -\$13K. We are projected to end with -\$25K deficit due to lower collections and cancelled quinceañeras. The deficit would be even higher if we had replaced Mrs. Eneida Scoby, who was our former director of catechetical ministries, and who relocated with her family to another state. I have taken on her responsibilities. (...continues next page...)

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Quinceañeras have been a major source of income for the parish in previous years, but this year we have lost a major source of income with many postponements or cancellations. Establishing a gala or some other fundraiser for the parish when the pandemic is over would be well worth doing in the future, especially since a future pastor might not be open to the many quinceañeras we used to have, especially if he is not fluent in Spanish. Plans had begun before the pandemic to have such an event happen for the first time as a celebration of the Centennial of the parish, but until we know when we can have large indoor events, we may need to think of alternative ways to build community and fundraise for the parish. Since two years ago, the parish subsidizes the school only minimally thanks to the Province and the St Augustine Foundation that stepped in to heavily subsidize the school. An endowment fund was started for the parish and it slowly grows, currently being \$47K needing \$100K in order to start giving the parish 3% to 4% annually. A more detailed report from the finance council will be forthcoming.

Yearly Traditions Postponed/Altered: St Patrick Day celebrations, and Fall Festival were cancelled this year due to the pandemic. All Souls Mass was held outside and the banners with the names of the deceased were still made and highlighted on a YouTube video.

Augustinian Support: St Patrick's is about a mile away from St Augustine Monastery, and so we receive a steady supply of support for sacramental ministry. We are especially grateful to Fr Sarfraz Alam, OSA who started as associate pastor about three months ago, as well as to the other Augustinians. Fr Tom Verber, OSA and Fr Michael McFadden, OSA both former pastors, continue to help with Masses. Fr Jim Retzner, who is in residence presides at one weekday Mass.

Let us continue to pray to the Holy Spirit for the new pastor of the parish. I am Looking forward to celebrating Christmas Masses with you (whether in person or online)!

Fr Carlos Medina, OSA



December 21 — 26

Mon. 8:00 AM	Joseph A Canedo † Rev. Harry Neely, OSA † (67th Ordination Anniversary)
Tues. 8:00 AM	Ema Hengel † Petra & Evelio Jimenez †
Wed. 8:00 AM	Gene & Olive Kohmescher † Wally Gonzalez HB & Zeny Cruz
Thurs. 8:00 AM	Christmas Eve Paul Sawaya † Midge Le Clair †
Fri.	Nativity of the Lord
Sat.8:00 AM	Ray & Amy (Page) Baksh † Chris Springer †

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

Missal Books

We used to order missalettes so we could have use of copyrighted music, and also to provide you with readings, and entrance and communion antiphons for daily Mass. We have purchased a license for all Catholic publishers so our musicians can sing and play any music, and we also have the right to stream it. If you want Mass readings, you can order St Joseph Missal (2021) for yourself. It contains the complete Masses for all Sundays and Holydays from the beginning of Advent through the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. It includes popular hymns as well. The cost is only \$1.99 <https://smile.amazon.com/Joseph-Sunday-Missal-Hymnal-American/dp/1947070711/>. Another option is Living with Christ \$4.95 616 pages <https://smile.amazon.com/2020-2021-Living-Christ-Sunday-Catholic/dp/1627855319/>
There are also websites and catholic apps which are free, and you can access on your phone. Usccb.org and click on daily readings.

Designated Donations

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.**

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Thursday - December 24 -

8:00 AM Last Advent Morning Mass

Christmas Eve

5:30 PM English Mass

7:00 PM Spanish Mass/Misa en español

10:00 PM **Canceled**

11:00 PM "Midnight Mass" **Canceled**

Friday - December 25 - Christmas Day

7:30 AM Mass

9:30 AM Mass

11:30 AM Mass

Hispanic Society—Sociedad Hispana

Queridos hermanos y hermanas,
Este año ha sido un poco diferente a otros por causa de la pandemia. A pesar de esto, todos juntos hemos seguido en nuestra comunidad ofreciendo oraciones y talentos.
Que esta Navidad no sea diferente a otros años, al contrario, que sea mucho mejor agradeciéndole a nuestro Señor por todas las bendiciones que nos ha dado durante este tiempo.



Readings for the Week December 21 – 26

Sundays: Year A — Weekdays: Year II

Monday: Sg 2:8-14; Ps 33:2-3,11-12,20-21;
Lk 1:39-45

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28;
1 Sm 2:1,4-5,6-7, 8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24;
Ps 25:4-5ab,8-9,10&14; Lk 1:57-66

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16;
Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27&29; Lk 1:67-79

Friday: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1,2-3,3-4,5-6;
Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18

Saturday: Acts 6:8-10;7:54-59;
Ps 31:3cd-4, 6&8ab,16b&17;
Mt 10:17-22

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-2,3, 4-5;
Col 3:12-21; Lk 2:22-40

Parish Office Closed

Please note that the office will be closed From **Thursday, December 24** and it will reopen its doors on **January 4, 2021** for the **Christmas Holiday**.

Pidamos al Espíritu Santo

Escribo esta columna antes de las celebraciones de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, ya que se celebran antes de que se publique esta edición del boletín. A pesar de que se tuvo que cancelar el festival guadalupano, espero y confío que las mananitas y la Misa hayan sido experiencias que nos ayuden a crecer en fe, y que haya sido grato para todos tener al obispo auxiliar Monsenor Bejarano con nosotros.

Algo que se ha cancelado ya hace buen tiempo es el grupo más grande de la parroquia el cual se le conoce como "el grupo de los jueves" que tiene el nombre formal de Católicos de Conversión o también Crecimientos. Desafortunadamente este año, solo se pudieron reunir los primeros meses antes de que llegara la pandemia. Es algo muy significativo que ese grupo que llegaba a tener aveces mas de 50 personas no se ha podido realizar por meses. Ahorita esta difícil porque los casos suben mucho, pero al haber visto cuánta gente iba a los rosarios guadalupanos, a pesar de que algunos días hacia mucho frío, pienso que cuando ya empiece enero, a lo mejor se puede hacer algo, como novenas, o pláticas, o ejercicios espirituales.

Lo más intenso del grupo era la preparación para encuentros de hombres y de mujeres. Este año, no se realizaron debido a la pandemia. He notado que varios de los servidores, tanto hombres como mujeres, se han alejado un poco, y otros se han enfriado en su fe. Pero también he escuchado, que para algunos este tiempo de pandemia ha sido un tiempo de renovación. Para algunos les ha ayudado y para otros no. ¿Cómo podemos responder ante esta situación que se ha alargado tanto? Gracias al Hermano Arturo que organizó los rosarios que se hacían por facebook, y las pláticas por Zoom con invitados especiales. También tuvimos el retiro de parejas con una psicóloga católica. Entonces pienso que las personas que han aprovechado estas oportunidades, se les ha dado recursos para crecer en la fe, pero les invito a reflexionar que se podría hacer el otro año cuando bajen un poco los casos de la pandemia pero aunque tengamos que estar afuera, y que platiquen con el coordinador del grupo de crecimientos, el Sr Jose Juan Acatecatl, y se ofrezcan a ayudarlo.

P Carlos Medina, OSA

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