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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
November 29, 2020

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

SATURDAY EVENING VIGIL

7:30 PM in Spanish

SUNDAY

9:30 AM and 12:30 PM in English; 11:00 AM in Spanish

MONDAY THRU FRIDAY MORNINGS

8:30 AM in English

TUESDAY AND FRIDAY EVENINGS

6:30 PM in Spanish

6:00 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
and Benediction (Tuesdays and First Friday)

SATURDAY MORNINGS

9:00 AM in English (preceded by
Our Lady of Solace Novena at 8:30 AM)

CONFessions IN THE CHURCH

SATURDAY

10:00 AM to 11:00 AM

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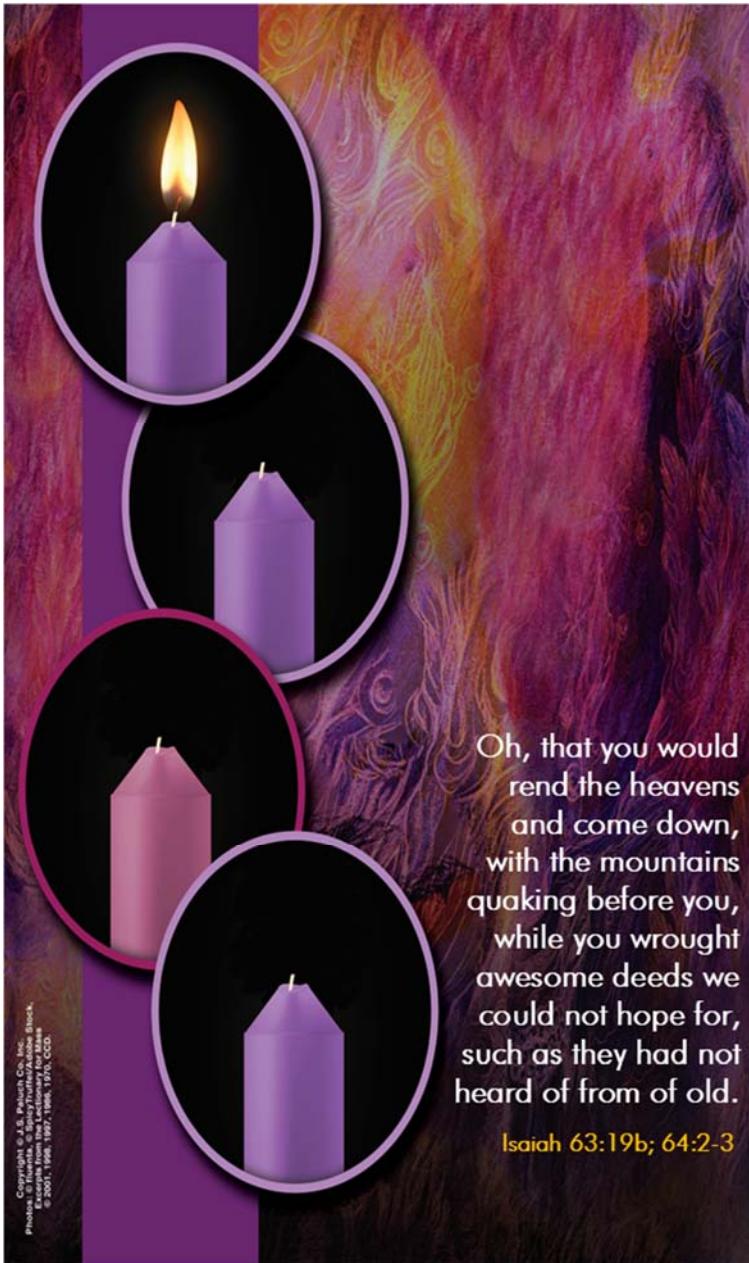
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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, November 29, 2020 (First Sunday of Advent)

9:30 AM Frank La Ferlita r/b Luigi D'Aniello & Lella De Angelis
 11:00 AM Rosa y Pedro Sanchez & Maria Ortega
 r/b Alejandro Sanchez
 †Andres Roman, en su cumpleaños
 r/b su esposa Maria y familia
 12:30 PM

Monday, November 30, 2020 (St. Andrew)

8:30 AM

Tuesday, December 1, 2020

8:30 AM Victor & Theresa Russo r/b Lella DeAngelis
 6:30 PM

Wednesday, December 2, 2020

8:30 AM Alan Beneroff r/b Elizabeth Lopez

Thursday, December 3, 2020 (St. Francis Xavier)

8:30 AM

Friday, December 4, 2020 (St. John Damascene)

8:30 AM †Pina D'Aniello r/b loving husband, Gigi
 6:30 PM

Saturday, December 5, 2020

9:00 AM Happy Birthday, Maria Garces r/b Catechists
 7:30 PM

Sunday, December 6, 2020 (Second Sunday of Advent)

9:30 AM †Pina D'Aniello r/b D'Aniello Family
 11:00 AM
 12:30 PM

SACRAMENTAL CARE

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Leilani and Marisol	Marah Fitzgerald
Gloria Acevedo	Miriam Gonzalez
Maria Antomachi	Hubert and Rose King
George Bedeau	Christina Maddalena
Roberto Caban	Louise Maddalena
Carmen Carney-Trent	Pat Marley
William and Camille Casale	Joseph Moliere
Polly Catanzaro	Ana Rosario
Elys Chakkunny	Rosa Villatoro
Antony Chittattukara	Catherine Weigel
Luis Angel Del Valle	



Holy Communion is brought every Wednesday, Thursday, and Sunday to the homebound at the Sea Crest and Shorefront nursing homes.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun.	9:30AM: Mass in English (organist/singer)
11/29	11AM: Misa en español (organista/cantante)
	12:30PM: Mass in English (organist/singer)
Mon.	Eucharistic Adoration: 9AM to 4PM (only 2 at a time permitted in chapel)
11/30	Rectory Office Hours: 9:30AM to 5PM
	9:30AM-1:30PM: Catholic Charities Food Pantry
Tue.	Eucharistic Adoration: 9AM to 4PM (only 2 at a time permitted in chapel)
12/01	Rectory Office Hours: 9:30AM to 5PM
Wed.	Eucharistic Adoration: 9AM to 4PM (only 2 at a time permitted in chapel)
12/02	Rectory Office Hours: 9:30AM to 5PM
Thu.	Eucharistic Adoration: 9AM to 4PM (only 2 at a time permitted in chapel)
12/03	Rectory Office Hours: 9:30AM to 5PM
Fri.	Eucharistic Adoration: 9AM to 4PM (only 2 at a time permitted in chapel)
12/04	Rectory Office Hours: 9:30AM to 5PM
Sat.	Confessions 10AM to 11AM in church
12/05	7:30PM: Misa de vigilia en español

DECEMBER MEMORIALS

FLOWERS TO THE BLESSED MOTHER
 In Memory of the Cirillo & Sesso Families



SANCTUARY LAMP
 In Memory of Ralph Frigenti



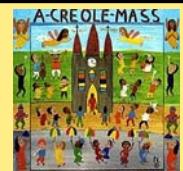
BREAD AND WINE
 In Memory of Theresa Lane
 r/b husband, John Lane



ALTAR CANDLES
 In Memory of Giustina Pavone r/b Lella DeAngelis



FRENCH CREOLE MASS
 will be celebrated
 Saturday, December 12th 2020
 11:00 AM in the church



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
 OF THE BLESSED
 VIRGIN MARY

MASS SCHEDULE
 Tuesday, December 8th
 8:30 AM (in English)
 12:00 PM (in English)
 6:30 PM (in Spanish)



LA INMACULADA CONCEPCIÓN
 DE LA SANTÍSIMA
 VIRGEN MARÍA

HORARIO DE LAS MISAS
 el martes, 9 de diciembre
 8:30 AM (en inglés)
 12:00 PM (en inglés)
 6:30 PM (en español)

ADVENT

"Waiting for the Second Coming of Christ"

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We can consider that this year has been very difficult and sad in many aspects of our lives; but this is no reason to forget to thank God for all the accomplishments, that we as a Church, have achieved. Faith, hope, and charity sustain us every day to move forward and continue to wait for the realization of God's wonderful promise for our salvation through his Son, Jesus Christ.

Advent is a time of hope. We await the coming of the Lord. But we are not awaiting the coming that took place in suffering, poverty, wrapped in honeycombs and lying in a manger, persecuted and exiled, in the cold of a lonely night, which God had bestowed upon our fragility. Because in our Lord Jesus Christ almost everything presents a double dimension. Double was his birth: one, of God, before all ages; another, of Our Lady, in the fullness of time. Double his coming: one, which we are glad to celebrate as The Night of Christmas; and the second, in the splendor of its glory, which was carried out in the future, bringing with it the crown of the kingdom, accompanied by its angels, full of shining light that pours out upon our weaknesses and makes us know day by day the way forward to go to meet our King and Lord.

Behold, I see the power of God and a mist that covers the whole earth come in the distance. Go to meet him and ask him, "Are you the one we hope for, the one who is to reign in the people of Israel?" We await you united in fraternal love, united in prayer that inspires our faith, united in the hope that inspires us to look to the horizon of a life that will not be destroyed by the evil one, but will shine in the eternal Glory of the Holy Trinity.

Come, Lord Jesus!



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OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

JOIN US FOR THE UPCOMING CELEBRATIONS IN HONOR OF ST. JUAN DIEGO AND OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE.

1. Wednesday, December 9th at 7:00 PM

Spanish Mass in honor of St. Juan Diego with mariachis

2. Friday, December 11th at 11:55 PM

Las Mañanitas with mariachis

3. Saturday, December 12th at 7:30 PM

Spanish Mass in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe



ADVENTO

"Esperando la segunda venida de Cristo"

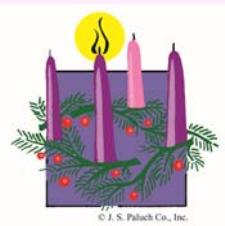
Queridos Hermanos y Hermanas,

Podemos considerar que este año ha sido muy difícil y triste en muchos aspectos de nuestra vida; pero no por eso debemos olvidar de dar gracias a Dios por los logros, como Iglesia hemos alcanzado. La fe, la esperanza y la caridad nos sostienen cada día para continuar adelante y seguir esperando la realización de la maravillosa promesa dada por Dios para nuestra salvación, a través de su Hijo Jesucristo.

El Adviento es tiempo de esperanza. Esperamos la venida del Señor. Pero no esa venida que se realizó en el sufrimiento, la pobreza, envuelto en pañales y recostado en un pesebre, perseguido y exiliado, en el frío de una noche solitaria, en el desconocimiento de una humanidad ignorante de la gloria, que Dios había concedido a nuestra fragilidad. Porque en nuestro Señor Jesucristo casi todo presenta una doble dimensión. Doble fue su nacimiento: uno, de Dios, antes de todos los siglos; otro, de la Virgen, en la plenitud de los tiempos. Doble su venida: una, la cual nosotros nos alegramos de celebrar como la noche de la Navidad; y la segunda, en el esplendor de su gloria, que se realizará en el futuro, trayendo consigo la corona del reino, acompañado de sus ángeles, lleno de resplandeciente luz que derrama sobre nuestras debilidades y nos hace conocer día a día el camino a seguir para ir al encuentro de nuestro Rey y Señor.

He aquí que veo venir a lo lejos el poder de Dios y una niebla que cubre toda la tierra. Vayan a su encuentro y pregúntenle: "¿Eres tú el que esperamos, el que ha de reinar en el pueblo de Israel?" Te esperamos unidos en el amor fraternal, unidos en la oración que nos inspira nuestra fe, unidos en la esperanza que nos impulsa a mirar hacia el horizonte de una vida que no será destruida por la insidiosa del maligno, sino que resplandecerá en la eterna Gloria de la Santísima Trinidad.

jVen Señor Jesus!



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NUESTRA SEÑORA DE GUADALUPE

ACOMPAÑENOS PARA LAS CELEBRACIONES EN HONOR A SAN JUAN DIEGO Y A LA VIRGEN DE GUADALUPE.

1. Miércoles, 9 de diciembre a las 7:00 PM

Misa en español en honor de San Juan Diego con mariachis

2. Viernes, 11 de diciembre a las 11:55 PM

Las Mañanitas con mariachis

3. Sábado, 12 de diciembre a las 7:30 PM

Misa en español honor a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe



With Advent we begin a new church year as we renew our preparations for the coming of Christ. The scriptures show a profound movement from despair in the first reading, as we feel the wrath of God's anger and a sense of being abandoned, to the responsorial psalm, which begs us to turn toward God, and the second reading where we see a glimmer of hope. Brimstone returns in the Gospel. This sense of unease and pain is much like what we have endured throughout 2020 with COVID-19, racial struggles, and political campaigns. Frankly, everyone is ready for a restart, for a do-over, for a better year. We can understand the heartfelt prayer of the prophet Isaiah: "Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down." Hide not your face from us, O God, but during these days of Advent may you reveal yourself to each of us once again.

BE WATCHFUL! BE ALERT!

When Jesus does not speak in eloquent sentences, but barks out imperative statements such as in our Gospel reading today, one can understand the urgency. There is no place for flowery language. "Be watchful! Be alert!" One has a sense that these should be written in bold or all caps! He tells the parable of the homeowner leaving his workers at home, with no knowledge of when he would return. Without phones and texts and travel schedules it could have meant the homeowner was returning sometime in the day, or sometime in the coming month or year. So Jesus is not telling us, "You have to behave for a little bit," but rather, "You must live your life and work like the homeowner is always here. You must always be prepared."

WATCH!

This author was very aware of the language of "master/servant" in the Gospel today and is reading it and praying it in light of discussions on racism in recent months. Perhaps this goes with the last imperative at the end of the parable to "Watch!" This year has taught us to be alert in our actions such as social distancing, masks, and sanitizing, as well as in our language and even our thoughts. Now how do we apply that to our spirituality, to our faith? For many, due to restrictions on numbers in church, singing, and choirs, this has meant learning to pray in a whole different way. The celebration of liturgy is the same as ever, with its focus always on the Word and the Eucharist, but for those in the pew, or still watching on livestream, the sense of active participation has taken on a very different meaning from how most of us have experienced liturgy in our lifetime. It feels like we have become spectators rather than participants. Perhaps this challenge can move us from complacency in our faith, to rediscover and relate to God in new ways, and call us to be even stronger in our personal faith. We must remain diligent. We must "watch." We must hope. We must love. We must pray.

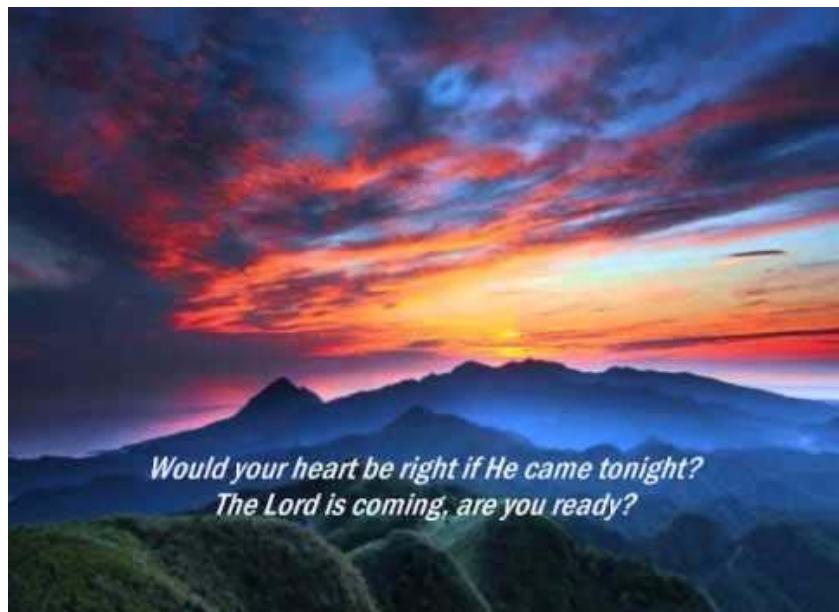
TODAY'S READINGS:

FIRST READING — We are the clay and you, O Lord, are the potter: we are the work of your hands (Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7).

RESPONSORIAL PSALM — Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved (Psalm 80).

SECOND READING — God is faithful; by God you were called to fellowship with the Son (1 Corinthians 1:3-9).

GOSPEL — Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. (Mark 13:33-37).



Con el Adviento comenzamos un nuevo año eclesiástico al renovar nuestros preparativos para la venida de Cristo. Las escrituras muestran un movimiento profundo desde la desesperación en la primera lectura, cuando sentimos la ira de la ira de Dios y la sensación de ser abandonados, hasta el salmo responsorial, que nos pide que nos volvamos hacia Dios, y la segunda lectura donde vemos un destello de esperanza. Brimstone regresa en el Evangelio. Esta sensación de malestar y dolor se parece mucho a lo que hemos soportado a lo largo de 2020 con COVID-19, luchas raciales y campañas políticas. Francamente, todo el mundo está listo para un reinicio, para una repetición, para un año mejor. Podemos entender la sincera oración del profeta Isaías: "Oh, si rasgaras los cielos y descendieras". No escondas tu rostro de nosotros, oh Dios, sino que durante estos días de Adviento te reveles a cada uno de nosotros una vez más.

¡ESTÉN ATENTOS! ¡ESTÉN ALERTA!

Cuando Jesús no habla con frases elocuentes, lo hace con frases en imperativo que raspan, así como las de la lectura del Evangelio de hoy, uno puede entender la urgencia. No hay lugar para el lenguaje florido. "¡Estén atentos! ¡Estén alerta!" ¡Uno tiene la sensación de que deben escribirse en negritas o en mayúsculas! Él cuenta la parábola del dueño de la casa dejando a sus trabajadores en casa, sin decírselos cuando va a regresar. Sin teléfonos, textos e itinerario de viaje podría haber significado que el dueño de la casa regresaría en algún momento del día, o en algún momento del próximo mes o año. Así que Jesús no nos dice "tienes que comportarte un poco", sino más bien "debes vivir tu vida y trabajar como si el dueño de la casa estuviera siempre aquí. Debes estar siempre preparado".

¡PERMANECE ALERTA!

Este autor era muy consciente del lenguaje de "dueño/esclavo" en el Evangelio de hoy y lo está leyendo y rezando a la luz de los debates del racismo de los últimos meses. Tal vez esto va con la última frase imperativa al final de la parábola "permanezcan alerta". Este año nos ha enseñado a estar alerta en nuestras acciones como el mantener una distancia física, el uso del cubre bocas y el desinfectar superficies, así como en nuestro lenguaje e incluso en nuestros pensamientos. Ahora, ¿cómo empleamos eso a nuestra espiritualidad, a nuestra fe? Para muchas personas, debido a las restricciones al número de personas permitido en la iglesia y en los coros, esto ha significado aprender a rezar de una manera totalmente diferente. La celebración de la liturgia es la misma de siempre, con su enfoque en la Palabra y en la Eucaristía, pero para aquellas personas que están en las bancas o que la ven transmitida en las redes sociales o en la TV, el sentido de la participación activa toma un significado muy diferente de cómo la mayoría de nosotros hemos experimentado la liturgia en nuestra vida. Se siente como si nos hubiéramos convertido en espectadores en lugar de participantes. Tal vez este desafío puede hacernos pasar del exceso de confianza en nuestra fe, a redescubrir y relacionarnos con Dios de nuevas maneras y llamarnos a ser aún más fuertes en nuestra fe personal. Debemos seguir siendo perseverantes. Debemos "permanecer alerta". Debemos tener esperanza. Debemos amar. Debemos rezar.

LECTURAS DE HOY:

PRIMERA LECTURA — Isaías ruega por el retorno del Señor (Isaías 63:16-17, 19; 64:2-7).

SALMO RESPONSORIAL — Señor, Dios nuestro, restáranos que brille tu rostro y nos salve (Salmo 80 [79]).

SEGUNDA LECTURA — Pablo está agradecido por las bendiciones que los corintios han recibido debido a su fe en Jesús (1 Corintios 1:3-9).

EVANGELIO — Jesús dice a los discípulos que estén siempre alerta a la llegada del tiempo designado (Marcos 13:33-37).



¿Estaría tu corazón en lo correcto si el Señor viniera esta noche?

El Señor viene. ¿Estás listo?

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