



Holy Family Parish

2nd Sunday of Advent (Year A)
Sunday 8th December 2019



FIRST READING : Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse, a scion thrusts from his roots: on him the spirit of the Lord rests, a spirit of wisdom and insight, a spirit of counsel and power, a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. (The fear of the Lord is his breath.) He does not judge by appearances, he gives no verdict on hearsay, but judges the wretched with integrity, and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land. His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless; his sentences bring death to the wicked. Integrity is the loincloth round his waist, faithfulness the belt about his hips. The wolf lives with the lamb, the panther lies down with the kid, calf and lion feed together, with a little boy to lead them. The cow and the bear make friends, their young lie down together. The lion eats straw like the ox. The infant plays over the cobra's hole; into the viper's lair the young child puts his hand. They do no hurt, no harm, on all my holy mountain, for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters swell the sea. That day, the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples. It will be sought out by the nations and its home will be glorious.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Psalm 71:1-2,7-8,12-13,17

℟. *Justice shall flourish in His time and fullness of peace forever.*

O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice, and your poor in right judgement. ℟.

In His days justice shall flourish, and peace till the moon fails: He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds. ℟.

For He shall save the poor when they cry, and the needy who are helpless, He shall have pity on the weak, and save the lives of the poor. ℟.

May His name be blessed forever, and endure like the sun. Every tribe will be blessed in Him, all nations bless His name. ℟.

SECOND READING : Romans 15:4-9

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from the examples scripture gives of how people who did not give up were helped by God. And may he who helps us when we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other, following the example of Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and voice you may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing to your name.

GOSPEL : Matthew 3:1-12

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said: *A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight.* This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'

ADVENT RECONCILIATION

Come along to Advent Reconciliation at
Holy Family, Dec 20th, Friday, 7pm.
Prepare your soul spiritually for Christmas
by going to Confession.

Other options:

Avondale, Wednesday, Dec 18, 7pm

Glen Eden, Tuesday, Dec 10, 7pm

Henderson, Saturdays, Dec 14 & 21, 11:30am-12:30pm

Blockhouse Bay, Thursday, Dec 12, 7pm

Massey, Tuesday, Dec 17, 7pm

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI
On his feet, his hands and his side

ST. RITA OF CASCIA
Crown of Thorns stigmata

ST. VERONICA GIULIANI
On her feet, her hands and her side

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA
Invisible stigmata: she felt the pain but the wounds weren't visible

ST. PIO OF PIETRELCINA
On his feet, his hands and his side

ST. GEMMA GALGANI
Wounds on her hands and feet

6 SAINTS THAT RECEIVED THE SACRED STIGMATA

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You must be holy in the way that God asks you to be holy. God does not ask you to be a Trappist monk or a hermit. He wills that you sanctify the world in your everyday life.

- ST. VINCENT PALLOTTI -

"THE ULTIMATE CONSOLATION: THE WAY OF SUFFERING IS THE SUREST ROAD TO UNION WITH THE LORD. THE SAVING POWER OF JOYFULLY BORNE SUFFERING IS PARTICULARLY NECESSARY IN OUR TIME."

-ST. TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS

"WHEN WE YIELD TO DISCOURAGEMENT OR DESPAIR IT IS USUALLY BECAUSE WE GIVE TOO MUCH THOUGHT TO THE PAST AND TO THE FUTURE."

-ST. THÉRÈSE OF LISIEUX

"THE MIND, GAZING UPON THE UNIVERSE OF GOD'S HANDIWORK, RAPT BY THE DIVINE AND INFINITE LIGHT."

-ST. MAXIMUS THE CONFESSOR

"BY WISHING TO DO TOO MUCH, WE OFTEN SPOIL EVERYTHING, CONSTRAINING OUR LORD TO LEAVE US TO ACT ALONE AND WITHDRAW FROM US IN SORROW."

-ST. MARGARET MARY ALACOQUE

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"THE JUDGMENT OF GOD MAY BE COMPARED TO A MIRROR. IT IS NOT THE MIRROR'S FAULT IF THE FACE IT REFLECTS IS HIDEOUS."

-ST. JEROME

"GOD HIMSELF TEACHES US TO GO FORWARD WITH OUR HAND IN HIS BY MEANS OF THE CHURCH'S LITURGY."

-ST. TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS

"PAIN AND LOVE ARE ALMOST SYNONYMOUS WORDS."

-ST. LYDWINE OF SCHIEDAM

"IF THE SCANDAL COMES FROM THE TRUTH, ONE MUST ENDURE THE SCANDAL RATHER THAN CONCEAL THE TRUTH."

-POPE ST. GREGORY THE GREAT

A HUMBLE SOUL DOES NOT TRUST ITSELF, BUT PLACES ALL ITS CONFIDENCE IN GOD.

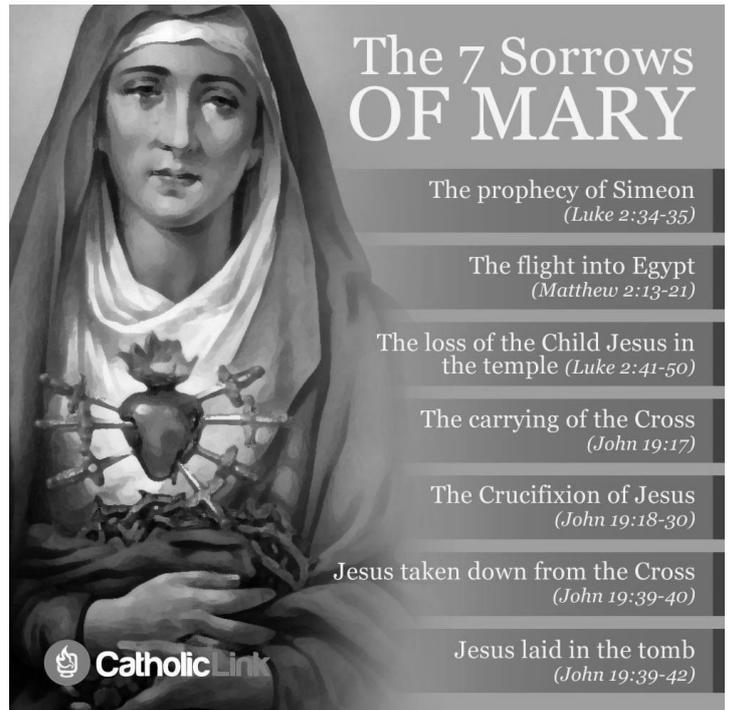
SAINT FAUSTINA

In him it is possible to find the interior peace, hope and strength necessary to face life's various situations each day, even those most onerous and difficult.

-St. John Paul II
ADVENT HOMILY, 1996

"Very few people believe in the devil these days, which suits the devil very well. He is always helping to circulate the news of his own death. The essence of God is existence, and He defines Himself as: 'I am Who am.' The essence of the devil is the lie, and he defines himself as: 'I am who am not.' Satan has very little trouble with those who do not believe in him; they are already on his side."

~ FULTON J. SHEEN



The 7 Sorrows OF MARY

The prophecy of Simeon
(Luke 2:34-35)

The flight into Egypt
(Matthew 2:13-21)

The loss of the Child Jesus in the temple
(Luke 2:41-50)

The carrying of the Cross
(John 19:17)

The Crucifixion of Jesus
(John 19:18-30)

Jesus taken down from the Cross
(John 19:39-40)

Jesus laid in the tomb
(John 19:39-42)

Jesus fed 500
but only 500 followed
Him after lunch.
He had 12 disciples
but only 3 went further
in the garden,
and only 1 stood with
Him at the cross.
The closer you get to
the cross the smaller
the crowd becomes.

Our Lady of Guadalupe

The Tilma of Juan Diego - Est. December 1531

EYES

Contain images of the scene with Juan Diego and the bishop that are visible only with modern technology.

HANDS

United in prayer. The left is darker and the right is lighter, representing the two races.

RIBBON

A symbol of virginity. Its placement indicates she is with child.

FLOWER

patterns are glyphs of the native language, contain various intricate messages.

TEMPERATURE

of the Tilma is constant at 98.6 degrees, the same as that of a living body

ENDURANCE

The colors of the image are miraculously fresh and bright for being more than 500 years old. The fabric the image is made on normally disintegrates in 15-30 years yet the Tilma shows no sign of fading or cracking.

RESILIENCE

The Tilma has survived a bomb attempt and also miraculously reconstituted itself after nitric acid solvent was spilled on it.

STARS

Are accurate to the actual constellations that would have appeared in the Mexican sky on December 12, 1531.

HEARTBEAT

A stethoscope placed below the black band detected rhythmic beats of 115 per minute, the same as a baby's in the womb

ORIGINS

No sign of paint, brush strokes, or underdrawing have been found; the image is irreproducible; and at 3-4 inches from the cloth, the image disappears

MOON

On a snake-skinned moon. A symbol of an Aztec serpent god of human sacrifices.

ANGEL

with feathered wings carries Mary to the people. The angel's red robe symbolizes the earth, while Mary's blue mantle symbolizes heaven.



PROCESSIONAL HYMN:

O Come, O come, Emmanuel
 Redeem thy captive Israel,
 That doth in exile homeless mourn
 Until her Saviour Christ be born.

Rejoice, rejoice!

Emmanuel is born to save thee Israel.

O come thou day star seen on high
 with healing for our hearts draw nigh:
 Do thou the mists of night dispel and
 death's forboding darkness quell.

Rejoice, rejoice!

Emmanuel is born to save thee Israel.

O come of Gentile hearts, the King.
 A world that needs thee ransoming
 And save thy Servants who confess
 with humbled hearts their faithlessness.

Rejoice, rejoice!

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OFFERTORY HYMN:

*Alma Redemptoris Mater
 quae pervia caeli porta manes
 et stella maris, succurre cadenti,
 surgere qui curat populo:
 tu quae genuisti, natura mirante,
 tuum sanctum genitorem:
 Virgo prius ac posterius,
 Gabrielis ab ore sumens illud ave,
 peccatorum miserere.*

COMMUNION HYMN:

Come, thou long expected Jesus,
 Born to set thy people free;
 From our fears and sins release us,
 Let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation,
 hope of all the earth thou art:
 Dear desire of ev'ry nation,
 joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver,
 Born a child, and yet a king,
 Born to reign in us forever,
 Now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal Spirit
 Rule in all our hearts alone;
 By thine all sufficient merit
 Raise us to thy glorious throne.

RECESSIONAL HYMN:

O come, divine Messiah;
 The world in silence waits the day
 When hope shall sing its triumph
 And sadness flee away.

Dear Saviour, haste!

Come, come to earth.

*dispel the night and show your face,
 and bid us hail the dawn of grace.*

*O come, divine Messiah; the world in
 silence waits the day when hope shall
 sing its triumph and sadness flee away.*

O Christ, whom nations sign for,
 Whom priest and prophet long foretold,
 Come break the captive's fetters,
 Redeem the long lost fold.

Dear Saviour, haste!

Come, come to earth.

*dispel the night and show your face,
 and bid us hail the dawn of grace.
 O come, divine Messiah; the world in
 silence waits the day when hope shall
 sing its triumph and sadness flee away.*

You come in peace and meekness
 And lowly will your cradle be;
 All clothed in human weakness
 Shall we your Godhead see.

**FAMILY PRAYERS FOR ADVENT
 (Advent Wreath)**

What to do?

1. Begin with the Sign of the Cross
2. Light Candle
3. Say Antiphon of the Day
4. Say the Advent Prayer of that week
5. say Gospel of the Week
6. Finish with Grace before Meals.

2ndWeek Prayer: O Lord, stir up our hearts that we may prepare for your only begotten Son, that through His coming, we may be made worthy to serve you with pure souls. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

2ndWeek Gospel (Luke 3:1-6.)

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths....and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

Second Candle and Week 2 of Advent

Monday: "O Wisdom, you come forth from the mouth of the Most High. You fill the universe and hold all things together in a strong yet gentle manner. O come to teach us the way of truth."

Tuesday: "O Adonai and leader of Israel, you appeared to Moses in a burning bush and you gave him the Law on Sinai. O come and save us with your mighty power."

Wednesday: "O stock of Jesse, you stand as a signal for the nations; kings fall silent before you whom the peoples acclaim. O come to deliver us, and do not delay."

Thursday: "O key of David and sceptre of Israel, what you open no one else can close again; what you close no one can open. O come to lead the captive from prison; free those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death."

Friday: "O Rising Sun, you are the splendour of eternal light and the sun of justice. O come and enlighten those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death."

Saturday: "O King whom all the peoples desire, you are the cornerstone which makes all one. O come and save man whom you made from clay."

Sunday: "O Emmanuel, you are our king and judge, the One whom the peoples await and their Saviour.

O come and save us. Lord. our God."

NEXT SUNDAY:

15 December 2019

Third Sunday of Advent (Yr A)

Is 35:1 - 5, 10; James 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11;

LITURGY ROSTER

Readers: C. Tagiilima, Leslie Ahio

Prayers of the Faithful: M. Tagiilima

Offertory: O & E Ahio

Special Ministers: S. Molloy

CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

Thottawattage Family

SUNDAY CUP OF TEA ROSTER

Samoan Community

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

8 Dec: Paddy Boyle, Eileen Moody,
Edna Headland

10 Dec: Kathleen Gould, France Warden,
Ivan Vujcich

11 Dec: Carl Briant

12 Dec: Mary King

13 Dec: Eneliko Michael

PARISH FINANCES

Parish	\$1,232.10
Priests	\$616.10
Total Cash	\$1,848.20

Holy Family Parish Notices

- **FENCE.** Thank you so much for all your generous donations towards the fence.
- **CHRISTMAS FLOWER RAFFLE.** will be drawn TODAY, it's your last chance to get your tickets!
- **ROSTERS 2020.** If your family would like to be added to the Church Cleaning or Morning Tea or Offertory Rosters please see Ellen.
- **FLI.** A three bedroomed house or flat urgently required in the parish area. Please contact Colleen Bayer (Family Life International) on 0274488061

Diocesan Notices

- **CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK.** At St Mary's Avondale, 2134 Great North Road, 21 December 2019, 7pm - 9:30pm after mass at 6pm. With live entertainment, food stalls, carols and choirs.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMETABLE**CHRISTMAS EVE**

Midnight Mass

Tuesday 24th December
12:00am

Carols from 11:00pm

CHRISTMAS DAY

Wednesday 25th December
8:00am (Latin)

10:00am (English)

BOXING DAY

Thursday 26th December
9:00am

Please note: After Boxing Day - All Weekday and Sunday Masses are as usual unless stated otherwise.