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"The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase."

Psalm 85:13

First Sunday of Advent

This passage of the Gospel of Saint Mark, Chapter 13, that we read today tells us of the end of the world. Christ will return. His disciples must await his coming like the servants who wait for the return of their master without knowing when it will happen. Even though the master takes a long time coming, they must be watchful and be ready when he comes. The uncertainty about the timing of the master's return calls for greater attention. This is why there was mention of the different hours for wakefulness. They must not be caught in sleep whatever time of the night. The vigil is all the more important since it is not for an event but for someone: the Son of God, who will return at the end of time. Jesus ends his message with a particular emphasis: "What I say to you, I say to all: 'Watch!'" (Mark 13:37) We understand then that the advice is addressed not only to the first Christians, but to all generations.

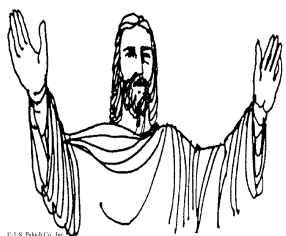
Primer Domingo de Adviento

La lectura del capítulo 13 del Evangelio de San Marcos de hoy nos habla del fin del mundo. Cristo regresara. Los discípulos deben de esperar su venida, igual al sirviente que espera el regreso del dueño de la casa; ellos no saben cuando el vendrá. Aunque el dueño toma mucho tiempo el sirviente debe estar velando su llegada. La espera es muy importante porque no sabemos el día ni la hora en que vendrá el Hijo de Dios. Jesús termina su mensaje diciendo: "Lo que les digo a ustedes se lo digo a todos: permanezcan alerta". Este mensaje no es solo para los primeros Cristianos, pero para todas las generaciones.

Premier dimanche de l'Avant

Ce passage du chapitre 13 de l'Évangile selon saint Marc que nous venons de lire termine le discours sur la fin des temps. Le Christ reviendra. Les disciples doivent attendre la venue du Seigneur comme les serviteurs qui attendent le retour de leur maître, sans savoir quand cela arrivera. Même si le Seigneur tarde à venir, il faut veiller et être prêts pour son retour.

L'incertitude quant au moment du retour du maître incite justement à une attention plus grande. D'où la mention des différentes heures de veille. Il ne faut pas se laisser prendre par le sommeil, peu importe l'heure de la nuit. La veillée est d'autant plus importante qu'il ne s'agit pas d'attendre un événement, mais quelqu'un: le Fils de l'homme qui reviendra à la fin des temps. Jésus termine son message sur une insistance particulière: "Ce que je vous dis là, je le dis à tous: Veillez!" Nous comprenons alors que L'appel s'adresse non seulement aux premiers chrétiens, mais à toutes les générations.



Jesus said to his disciples: "Be watchful! Be Alert! You do not know when the time will come. It is like a man traveling abroad. He leaves home and places his servants in charge, each with his own work, and orders the gatekeeper to be on watch. Watch, therefore; you do not know when the lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all: 'Watch!'"

Schedule of Masses and Sacraments

WEEKEND

Saturday: 12 Noon (English)
5:30 PM Vigil (English)

Sunday Masses:

8:00 AM (English)
10:00 AM (Spanish)
11:30 AM (English)
1:00 PM (French)

DAILY

Monday - Wednesday - Friday
12 Noon -English

Tuesday - Thursday
9:00 AM - Spanish
12 Noon - English

Every Monday Miraculous Medal Novena
and Benediction after Noon Mass.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on our altar on the first Thursday of the month from 12:30 to 5:00 p.m. for prayer and meditation. All are welcome to participate in this silent devotion.

FIRST FRIDAYS

Masses are at: 12 Noon (English) 7:00 PM (Spanish)

HOLY DAYS

There are usually at least two masses on holy days of obligation, but the times may vary. Consult page 3 of this Weekly Bulletin or phone the Rectory Office for mass times for any specific holy day.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays from 4:30 PM to 5:15 PM
Any time by appointment.

BAPTISMS

Call one month in advance.
Instruction required.

WEDDINGS

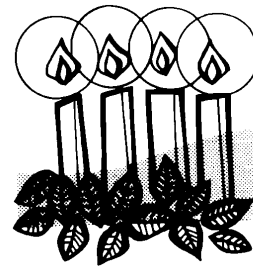
Arrangements must be made with priest at least six months in advance.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

In cases of serious illness or advancing age, please call the Rectory to arrange a visit.

COMMUNION CALLS

Please call the Rectory to arrange a visit by a priest.



The Season of Advent

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NEW PARISHIONERS are welcomed at St. Gregory's Parish. If you wish to register, please fill out the coupon below, and drop it in the collection basket or send it to the rectory.

Name _____

Address _____ Apt # _____

Phone _____

ADVENT CELEBRATION

Our Haitian community will celebrate Advent with Fr. Gérard Laguerre on Saturday, Nov. 29th, at 7:00 PM and on Sunday, Nov. 30th, at 6:00 PM, the two day event will take place in the church. Call Adeline at (212) 662-2691 or Flor at (212) 799-8445 for more information. All are welcomed.

FAITH SHARING GROUP

Our Faith Sharing group meets in the Church on the third Monday every month from 7:30 to 9 PM, and every Monday during Advent and Lent. The Sunday scriptures are read with commentary by several Catholic publications and then we discuss their meaning in our lives today. Next meeting is Monday, December 1. All are welcome to attend and participate.

SVDP

Our chapter of the St. Vincent de Paul Society announces its annual Christmas bazaar that will take place on Sunday, December 7th. Please donate gift-quality items for this event. Please do NOT bring summer clothes, baskets, books, stuffed animals or DVDs.

YEAR OF CONSECRATED LIFE

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has declared Year of Consecrated Life beginning on the first Sunday of Advent, November 30, 2014, and closing close on February 2, 2016, on the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple. The main purpose of the year will be to evangelize the vocation to consecrated life and the response of religious to "awaken the world" to the prophetic witness to the poor and those in need.

CCHD

Thank you for your contributions to the Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Your generous gifts will help CCHD end poverty in the Unites States through better education, improved housing, and economic development. Through CCHD and its beneficiaries, we help keep Catholic social teaching alive and carry out Jesus' mission to "bring glad tidings to the poor...to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free" (Lk 4:18).

SHINTO PRAYER FOR PEACE

Although the people living across the ocean surrounding us, I believe, are all our brothers and sisters, why are there constant troubles in this world? Why do winds and waves rise in the oceans surrounding us? I only earnestly wish that the wind will soon puff away all the clouds which are hanging over the tops of mountains. Let us Pray for Peace.

CELEBRACION DE ADVIENTO

Nuestra comunidad Haitiana tendrá una celebración de Adviento dirigido por el Padre Gerard Laguerre el Sábado 29 de Noviembre a las 7:00PM y el Domingo 30 de Noviembre a las 6:00PM, en la iglesia. Para mas información llamen a Adeline al (212) 662-2691 o a Flor al (212) 799-8445 para mas información. Todos están bienvenidos.

GRUPO PARA COMPARTIR LA FE

Se reúnen en la iglesia cada tercer Lunes de cada mes, de 7:30 a 9:00p.m. y todos los Lunes en Adviento y Cuaresma. Se lee las lecturas del Domingo, seguido por comentarios y discusiones y el significado de estas lecturas en nuestras vidas. La próxima reunión será el Lunes 17 de Noviembre. Todos están invitados.

SVDP

Nuestro capitulo de la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paul tendrá su Bazar de Navidad el Domingo 7 de Diciembre. Por favor hagan sus donaciones de artículos nuevos, o artículos usados que puedan servir como regalos de Navidad. Por favor no traigan ropas de verano, canastos de pajas, libros, DVDs.

AÑO DE VIDA CONSAGRADA

Nuestro Santo Padre, El Papa Francisco, ha declarado Año de Vida Consagrada comenzando el primer Domingo de Adviento, Noviembre 30, 2014 y terminara el 2 de Febrero, 2016, en la Fiesta de la Presentación de Jesús en el Templo. El propósito del año será la evangelización a la vocación a la vida consagrada y para "despertar al mundo" para ver la pobreza y los necesitados.

CCHD

Muchas gracias por sus donaciones en la colecta de la semana pasada para la Campaña Católica para el Desarrollo Humano. Sus donaciones ayudaran CCHD proporcionar la ayuda necesaria para terminar con la pobreza en los Estados Unidos por medio de mejorar la educación, y ayuda en el mejoramiento de las viviendas, y el desarrollo económico. CCDH sigue la misión de Jesús para: "llevar buenas noticias a los pobres...para anunciar la libertad a los cautivos y a los ciegos que pronto van a ver, para poner en libertad a los oprimidos" (Lucas 4:18).

ORACION SHINTO PARA LA PAZ

Todas las personas que viven al otro lado del océano que nos rodea, yo, creo que todos somos hermanos y hermanas, porque hay tantos problemas en este mundo, porque las olas y el viento se alzan en los océanos que nos rodea? Sinceramente deseo que el viento haga desaparecer las nubes que están postrados sobre las montañas. Oremos Por la Paz.



ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, November 30 First Sunday of Advent

8:00 : Peter Anthony Grella

10:00 : Virgen de la Providencia—Jualiana Rodrequez (dec.)

11:30 : Antonio Gianakos (dec.)

1:00 : Bertha Ade (dec.)

Monday, December 1

12:00 : All Souls

Tuesday, December 2

12:00 : All Souls

Wednesday December 3

12:00 : All Souls

Thursday, December 4

9:00 :

12:00 : Healing Mass for Andy Franca

Friday, December 5

12:00 : Souls in Purgatory Baez (dec)

7:00 : Sagrado Corazón Emma Rosado

Saturday, December 6

12:00 : Claude Annoual (dec.)

5:30 In thanksgiving and in reparation for sinners

READINGS FROM THE LECTIONARY

12/1 Is 2:1-5

12/2 Is 11:1-10

12/3 Is 25:6-10a

12/4 Is 26:1-6

12/5 Is 29:17-24

12/6 Is 30:19-21, 23-26

Mt 8:5-11 (175)

Lk 10:21-24 (176)

Mt 15:29-37 (177)

Mt 7:21, 24-27 (178)

Mt 9:27-31 (179)

Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8 (180)

PRAY FOR/RECE POR/PRIEZ POUR

This is the list of the sick whom we remember in our prayers. Please notify the Rectory of any corrections, deletions or additions that you require.

Anthony Alexander, Buenaventura Almonte, Collette Austin,
Alicia Becerra, Lucia Belzer, Dorise Black, Roger Bresnahan,
Josefa Brito, Miriam Burns, Jose Cabrera, Anthony Carreras,
Alexandra Castillo, Teolina Cepeda, Christina Coger, Josefina
Colkosz, Paula Corredor, Kyle Carbbe, Ernesto Carrera, Roberto
Colon, Patricia Collar, Ted Collar, Emmanuella Constant, Leonie
Constant, Candita de la Cruz, Maria Cruz, Edna Curley, Elba
De Jesus, Migdalia De Jesus, Elizabeth Dillon, Lidia Estrella,
Florence Feaster, Patricia Flannery, Maria Fontan, Porcia Fontilus,
Eileen Ford, Richard Franco, Rafaela Garcia, Violeta Gomez,
Rosa Gonzalez, Yolanda Gorrasi, Jacqueline Graham, Aparecida
Guimaraes, Luis Carlos Guimaraes, Sonia M. Guimaraes, Edward
Holohan Jr, Michael Holohan, Loretta Hosein, Marie Innocent,
Barbara Jones, Ivonne Kennedy, Hebert Laurent, Mr. Louks,
Anthony Mahn, Michael Manucci, Ina Martinez, Lili Maury,
Juanita Martinez, Lucy Martinez, Ruben Mayen, Kenneth
McGahren, Jeanne McGahren, Juan Medina, Isabelle Moldovan,
Maria Morales, Helen Murray, Wanda Napolitano, Kervin
Narsisse, Ralph Nicolas, John Omelia, Domingo & Nancy Ortiz,
Simmilian Paul, Stephen Paul, Juan Jose Perez, Maria Pinedo,
Cyril Pinto, Rose Pizzuli, Denise Price, Katrina Rabey, Santa
Richardson-Castillo, Thomas Squires Sr., Melina Mae Ridgeway,
Aida Robles, Mrs. Rose, Casiano Rodriguez, Evelyn Rodriguez,
Maria Rodriguez, Otilia Rodriguez, Nidia Rosario, Richard Safire,
Milagros Santiago, Anne Sayers, Peter Serritella, Joan Shea,
Marvin Seldin, Carmen Simon, Nicholas James Sivulich, Paula
Solis, Carolyn Stewart, Stephen M. Stewart, J. P. Sullivan, Ana
Torres, Regina Trinidad, Maeyle Vargas, Joseph Yelagin.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY:

Coffee Hour after 10 AM Mass 11:00 AM
Ultreya 11:30 PM

MONDAY:

A.A. (Alcoholics Anonymous) 4:00 PM
Legion of Mary (Spanish) 5:30 PM
Faith Sharing Group 3rd Monday 7:30PM
Christian Meditation 6:30 PM

TUESDAY:

A.A. 4:00 PM
Food Pantry 3:30 PM

WEDNESDAY:

Spanish Bible Class 7:00 PM
A.A. 4:00 PM

THURSDAY:

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 12:30—5:00 PM
Charismatic Prayer (Spanish) 7:00PM

FRIDAY:

Coronilla - Divina Misericordia 3:00 PM
A.A. 4:00 PM

SATURDAY:

A.A. 1:00 PM
A.A. 2:30 PM
Prayer Meeting (French) 7:00—9:00 PM

Parish Finances

Due to the Thanksgiving Holidays, the publishers of our bulletin had an early deadline and as a result, we are not able to provide you with this past week's collection. However, next Sunday, you will be informed of the collections for November 23 and 30th, along with other contributions from the various associations. God bless you all for your generosity.

Finanzas Parroquiales

Debido a la fiesta de Acción de Gracias, teníamos que mandar el boletín mas temprano para publicación. El próximo boletín tendrá la información de la colecta de Noviembre 23 y el 30; también con contribuciones de otras asociaciones. Dios los bendiga por su generosidad.