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"Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation."

Psalm 8: 9-10

Second Sunday of Advent

From the first verse of his Gospel, Mark announces that something new is beginning, and he tells us with assurance that Jesus is the Son of God, the Messiah. This is Good News, and Mark shares it with us and develops it throughout the whole Gospel. It begins with the preaching of John the Baptist which fulfills the meaning of the Scriptures and manifests the fidelity of God. John announces the coming of the kingdom. He preaches conversion and baptism with water to those who want to change their lives. However he hastens to make clear that The One who comes is greater than he, and He will baptize in the Holy Spirit to purify us, that is, will turn us to God. In short, we must change our hearts. Of course, the four weeks of Advent will not be enough to achieve that. But we may begin to act immediately by letting the Spirit of the Living Christ live in us.

Segundo Domingo de Adviento

En el primer verso del Evangelio, Marco anuncia el comienzo de algo nuevo, e inmediatamente nos asegura que Jesús es el Hijo de Dios, el Mesías. Esta Buena Nueva, Marco comparte con nosotros y lo proclama en su Evangelio. Comienza con la predica de Juan el Bautista predicando un bautismo de arrepentimiento. Juan anuncia la venida del reinado. El predica la conversión y propone el bautismo con agua para los que quieren cambiar sus vidas. Pero el también proclama: "Ya viene detrás de mi uno que es mas poderoso que yo. Yo los bautizare a ustedes con agua, pero el los bautizara con el Espiritu Santo."

Deuxième dimanche del'Avent

Dès le premier verset de son évangile, Marc annonce quelque chose de nouveau qui débute. Il nous donne d'emblée la certitude que Jésus est le Fils de Dieu, le Messie. Cette Bonne Nouvelle, Marc la partage avec nous et il la développera dans tout son évangile. Elle commence par la prédication de Jean le Baptiste qui remplit de sens les Ecritures et manifeste la fidélité Dieu. Jean annonces la venue du royaume. Il prêche la conversion et propose le bap-tême dans l'eau à ceux qui veulent changer de vie. Il s'empresse toutefois de préciser que celui qui vient est plus grand que lui et qu'il batisera dans l'Esprit Saint pour nous purifier, c'est-à-dire pour nous tourner vers Dieu. Bref, il nous faut changer notre coeur. Bien sûr, les quatre semaines de l'Avent ne suffiront pas pour y parvenir. Mais nous pouvons nous y mettre dès maintenant, en nous laissant habiter par l'Esprit du Christ vivant.

As it is written in Isaiah the prophet:

Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you;

He will prepare your way.

A voice of one crying out in the desert:

"Prepare the way of the Lord,

Make straight his paths."



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.



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December 12th

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 _____

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

The feast of the Immaculate Conception is on Monday, December 8th, and it is a Holy Day of obligation. Masses at St. Gregory are scheduled at: 7:00 AM in English, 9:00 AM in Spanish, 12 noon in English and 7:00 PM in English and French.



LA INMACULADA CONCEPCION

La Fiesta de la Inmaculada Concepción es el Lunes 8 de Diciembre y es un día de Obligación de Oír Misa. Las misas aquí en San Gregorio son: 7:00AM en Ingles. 9:00AM en Español, 12:00 del mediodía en Ingles y a las 7:00 PM en Ingles y Francés.

THE CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP

Every Monday evening from 6:30 to 7:30 PM, the Meditation Group meets in the Sanctuary at St. Gregory's. Meditation is an ancient Christian tradition of contemplative prayer directed at attaining harmony of body, mind, and the spirit in order to enter into loving awareness of the Spirit of Jesus deep inside our hearts. Please join us to learn the art of meditation and, by participating, experience the silent presence of God within.



GRUPO DE MEDITACION CRISTIANA

Se reúnen todos los Lunes de 6:30 hasta las 7:30 PM en la iglesia. La meditación es una tradición Cristiana para obtener armonía del cuerpo, la mente y el espíritu. Todos están invitados para tener la experiencia de la presencia de Dios entre nosotros.

HISPANIC COMMUNITY RETREAT

On Saturday, December 13th, at 9:00 AM our Hispanic community will have their Advent Retreat presided over by Fr. Luis Pulido. All are invited to attend to prepare the way towards the arrival of the Child Jesus.



RETIRO DE LA COMUNIDAD HISPANA

El Sábado 13 de Diciembre, comenzando a las 9:00 AM nuestra comunidad Hispana tendrá su Retiro de Adviento dirigido por el Padre Luis Pulido. Todos están invitados a participar para prepararnos para la llegada del Niño Jesús.

DINNER/DANCE

Our Haitian community is sponsoring a Christmas dinner/dance on Saturday, December 20th at 8:00 PM in the basement of the church. Music will be supplied by DJ Piouli; the evening will be full of surprises, merriment, dance, food, drinks, raffles and lots more. All are invited to attend this festive event while raising funds for our parish at a cost of \$25.00 per person. Come and bring a friend or two.



BAILE/CENA

Nuestra comunidad Haitiana esta patrocinando un Baile/Cena para Navidad el Sábado, 20 de Diciembre comenzado a las 8:00PM en el sótano de la iglesia. La música será por el DJ Piouli, la tarde estará llena de sorpresas, entretenimiento, baile, comida, bebidas, rifas y mucho mas. Todos están invitados a esta celebración para recaudar fondos para nuestra parroquia. El costo es \$25 por persona. Vengan y traigan a sus vecinos y amigos.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS SCHEDULE

On December 24 the Christmas Eve Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 PM instead of Midnight Mass.

On December 25, Christmas Day Masses are scheduled as follows: 8:00 AM in English 10:00 AM in Spanish and at 11:30 AM in English. There will be NO 1:00 PM Mass in French.

New Year's Eve, Wednesday, December 31st, there will be only one Mass that will be celebrated at 12 noon.

On New Year's day, Thursday, January 1, 2015, Masses are as follows: 10 AM in Spanish, 11:30 AM in English and 1:00 in French (in celebration of Haiti's independence.)



HORARIO DE NAVIDAD

El 24 de Diciembre la misa será celebrado a las 9:00PM.

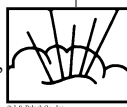
El 25 de Diciembre, día de Navidad las misas serán: 8:00AM en Ingles, 10:00 AM en Español a las 11:30AM en Ingles. No habrá misa a la 1:00PM en Francés.

Víspera del Año Nuevo, Miércoles Diciembre 31, solo habrá una misa a las 12:00 del mediodía.

El día de Año Nuevo, Jueves 1ro. de Enero 2015 las misas serán: 10:00AM en Español, 11:30AM en Ingles, y a la 1:00 PM en Francés. (Celebración de la independencia de Haití.)

YEAR OF CONSECRATED LIFE

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has declared the Year of Consecrated Life beginning on the first Sunday of Advent, November 30, 2014 and closing 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 for vocations to consecrated life and for the response of religious to "awaken the world" with joyful witness to the poor and those in need.



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.

ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, December 7 Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 : John W. Mooney (liv.)

10:00 : Sagrado Corazón

11:30 : Gloria Espino and deceased members of the Espino Family

1:00 : Lutuane Mondesir (liv. b'day)

Monday, December 8 Immaculate Conception

9:00 : Maria Rodriquez (liv. b'day)

10:00 : School

12:00 : James & Elizabeth Egan

7:00 : Maria Rodriquez Health & Intentions (liv. b'day)

Tuesday, December 9

9:00 :

12:00 : Catherine & Patrick McGlade (dec.)

Wednesday December 10

12:00 : Elizbeth Espirit (liv. b'day)

Thursday, December 11

9:00 :

12:00 : Eladio Ant Tejada (dec. ,1st Anni.)

Friday, December 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe

12:00 : Muriel McGaffin

Saturday, December 13 St. Lucy

12:00 : Rita, Michelle, Jessica (liv.)

5:30 For the grandmother of Analiza& Lariza Mejia (dec.)

READINGS FROM THE LECTIONARY

12/8 Gn 3:9-15, 20 / Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38 (689)

12/9 Is 40:1-11 Mt 18:12-14 (182)

12/10 Is 40:25-31 Mt 11:28-30 (183)

12/11 Is 41:13-20 Mt 11:11-15 (184)

12/12 Zec 2:14-17 Lk 1:39-47 (690A)

12/13 Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 Mt 17:9a, 10-13 (186)

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, Josefine 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 Rodríguez, Evelyn Rodríguez, Maria Rodríguez, 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

The collections for the past two weeks including Parish-Pay are as follows:

November 23: \$4,880.00,

November 30: \$5,770.00.

Please be mindful that the amounts indicated do not cover our weekly expenses of \$7,100.00. Operating at a deficit burdens our staff at the parish. Please make a concerted effort to give a bit more than usual. God bless you all for your generosity

Finanzas Parroquiales

La colecta de las pasadas dos semanas incluyendo contribuciones del programa de Pagos Parroquiales fueron:

Noviembre 23, \$4,880.00

Noviembre 30, \$5,770.00.

Por favor tengan en mente que estas donaciones no cubren nuestro presupuesto semanal de \$7,100.00. Si no alcanzamos nuestro presupuesto semanal para pagar nuestras cuentas pone en peligro a nuestra parroquia. Por favor hagan un esfuerzo para aumentar sus donaciones.. Que Dios los bendiga por su generosidad.