

DECEMBER 11, 2011

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF December 12

Eucharistic Liturgies for the week of December 12

Sun. Dec. 11 - 6:00pm + Virginia O'Gara - Moe Family
 Mon. Dec. 12 - 6:00am + Roberto S. & Cristina Melgoza - Martha Sanchez
 Mon. Dec. 12 - 12:10pm + Audrey Smith - Lou Arano
 Mon. Dec. 12 - 2:00pm (Manor) COMMUNION SERVICE
 Tues. Dec. 13 - NO LITURGY
 Wed. Dec. 14 - 12:10pm + Sauveur Elizagoyen - Diz Puccinelli
 Thurs. Dec. 15 - 6:30pm COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE
 Fri. Dec. 16 - 12:10pm + Danny Jayo - Julian & Wanda Jayo
 Sat. Dec. 17 - 5:00pm FOR THE PARISH
 Sun. Dec. 18 - 8:00am + Annie McDermott - Margie Prunty
 Sun. Dec. 18 - 10:00am + Maria Bilbao Bartorelli - Ted Blohm Family
 Sun. (Spanish) - 12:00pm + Elvira Aguilar - Martha Sanchez
 Sun. (Spr.Ck.) - 4:00pm + Dec'd Mmbrs of O'Gara/KearneyFamilies- Moe Fam.

Mon. **Zec** 2:14-17 (Ps) **Jdt** 13:18bc,19 **Lk** 1:26-38
 Tue. **Zep** 3:1-2,9-13 **Ps** 34:2-3,6-7,17-19,23 **Mt** 21:28-32
 Wed. **Is** 45:6b-8,18,21b-25 **Ps** 85:9ab-14 **Lk** 7:18b-23
 Thur. **Is** 54:1-10 **Ps** 30:2,4-6,11-13 **Lk** 7:24-30
 Fri. **Is** 56:1-3a,6-8 **Ps** 67:2-3,5,7-8 **Jn** 5:33-36
 Sat. **Gn** 49:2,8-10 **Ps** 72:3-4,7-8,17 **Mt** 1:1-17
 Sun. **2 Sm** 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16 **Ps** 89:2-5,27,29 **Rom** 15:25-27 **Lk** 1:26-28

WEEKLY COLLECTION

With gratitude for the gifts they have received, our parish family and friends have contributed to the Church \$8,020.54 for December 4, 2011.

Dear Fellow Parishioners and Brother Knights, Hope everyone is having a great weekend. Our next meeting will be on December 21 at 7p.m. in Columbus Hall. We have started our fund raiser raffle and we have some great prizes. They are a 40" Flat Screen TV, a 10mm EAA semi- Automatic Pistol, X-Box Kinect, and several other prizes. Tickets are available from any Knight or you can contact Jim Conner at 738-7991. Tickets are \$2 each or 6 for \$10. The Raffle Drawing will be held at the Pro Life Breakfast on December 18. The "Keep Christ in Christmas" billboard is up by the 5th Street Bridge. Look for it. Have a great week. God Bless, Jim Conner, FS

CHRISTMAS CHOIR - Rehearsals for the Christmas choir will be held every Sunday at 6:30pm in the Church through December 18. Come and join Diane Senn and Val Rogers in preparing to celebrate the "Spirit of the Season" in music and voice.

All singers, both veteran choir members and new voices, are most welcome.

Invitation to St. Joseph's Community - Everyone Welcome Let Us Celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe!

Monday is the actual date of the feast, but we will begin the celebration today (Sunday) evening, with a Mass at 6 PM, followed by a dinner and entertainment in Mater Dei Hall.

Early on Monday morning the Mañanitas (greeting Our Lady in song) starts at 4 AM. The singing and prayer continues until Mass at 6 AM, followed by breakfast in Mater Dei Hall. The evening concludes with the Rosary at 7 PM. All are welcome to some or all of the celebrations.

2nd Collection
Retirement Fund for Religious
December 10/11
PLEASE BE GENEROUS
Thank You!

Your prayers are needed for the recovery of the following people.

Olimpia Zataray	Ruth Leniz	Sam Glandon	Cliff Ferry
Beth Aicher	Helen Anthony	John Urdaneta	Earlene Larsen
Ilene Gonzales	Vaughn Mueller	Palmira Reyes	Mike Santina
Luz Herrera	Tristan Killoy	Milad Zayat	Rose Badra
Mary Damele	Steve Feasel	Ann Chester	Denise Perry
Rito Cabrales	Nestor Vigil	Ted Wilton	Rick Wilton
James Lesar	Neil Worthington	Jim Hari	Darlene Salicchi
Paula Otto	Aaron Sand	Richard Schwalm	Debra Robinson
Peggy Tysfer			
Margaret Marcucci	Margaret Holland	Janell Harris	Barbara Tourreuil
Lillian McMahan	Pat Landell	Ruby Nichols	

Please let the parish office know of your loved one's recovery, so that his/her name may be removed from the list.

MANY THANKS TO OUR ADVERTISERS. We especially thank **BLOHM JEWELERS** and **PATTANI AUTO BODY, INC...** Please patronize these and all of our bulletin advertisers.

BAPTISM CLASSES - **English Class** - Class II will be December 14 at 6:00pm in Thomas Hall. **Spanish Class** - Class will be December 17 at 6:00pm in Columbus Hall.

Holy Family Mother's Group - There will be **NO** meetings until Tuesday January 3rd. On Jan. 3rd, we will begin a new book: "Extreme Makeover" by Teresa Tomeo: Women Transformed by Christ Not Conformed To the Culture. All mothers of any age are invited to come meet other Catholic moms and be encouraged in their mothering while learning how to incorporate our Catholic Faith into the lives of our families. Little children welcome! We meet every Tuesday from 9:30-11:30a.m. in Columbus Hall. Call Julie Klekas at 738-9477 to order your book or for more information.

Children's Choir - If you would like to sing in the choir for the Children's Mass on Christmas Eve at 4:00pm in the church, there will be practices every Saturday from 3pm until 3:45pm. You must attend the practices in order to sing at the Christmas Mass. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Religious Education Office at 738-8770.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

This Thursday, December 15, at 6:30pm, you are invited to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance (confession). There will be a number of priests available to hear confession. We will also have confession as usual on Saturday, December 17, but not on Saturday, December 24, because our Children's Christmas Mass begins at 4pm.

Dear St. Joseph's Catholic Community,

Thank you very much for the nice card and prayers and well wishes. Your kindness and thoughtfulness are very special and have been helpful and greatly appreciated during this difficult time. I have always felt blessed and proud to be associated with St. Joseph's. From my strong parental upbringing, to being an altar boy with my brother, to raising our children at St. Joseph's and continuing to attend Mass, St. Joseph's has been a cornerstone in my life. Thank you for all you do. Your efforts and energy are greatly appreciated.

- Mike Brown & Family

P.O. = Parish Office		M.D. = Mater Dei Hall		T.H. = Thomas Hall		Y.R. = Youth Room (basement of M.D.)		C.H. = Columbus Hall (basement of rectory)					
Mon. Dec. 12		Tue. Dec. 13		Wed. Dec. 14		Thur. Dec. 15		Fri. Dec. 16		Sat. Dec. 17		Sun. Dec. 18	
Our Lady of Guadalupe		9:30am - NO Holy Family Mother's Group in C.H.		12:10pm - LITURGY		9:30am - W.I.N.G.S. in T.H.		<u>Public School Out</u>		3:45pm - Children's Choir Practice		K of C Breakfast and Raffle	
4:00am - Mananitas		10:30am - "Breaking Open the Word" - T.H.		1:00 - 8:00pm - EUCHARISTIC ADORATION		4:30pm - CCD Sacramental Prep. Class		11:00am- AA in C.H.		4:00pm - CONFESSIONS		8:00am - LITURGY Rosary in T.H.	
6:00am - MISA EN ESPANOL		4:30pm - 5:54pm - CCD Classes		4:30pm - 5:54pm - CCD Classes		6:00pm - 9:00pm - Spanish Bible Study in T.H.		12:10pm - LITURGY		5:00pm - LITURGY		10:00am - LITURGY Rosary in T.H.	
12:10pm - LITURGY		6:00pm - T.O.P.S. in Y.R.		6:00pm - English Baptism Class II in T.H.		6:30pm - COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE		6:00pm - G.A. in C.H. (934-7297)		6:30pm - Spanish Choir in Church		12:00pm - MISA EN ESPANOL	
2:00pm (Manor) - Communion Service		6:30pm - R.C.I.A. in C.H.						7:00pm - Spanish Prayer Group in Church		6:00pm - 7:30pm - Sp. Why Catholic in C.H.		1:00pm - 2:30pm - Sp. Why Catholic in C.H.	
4:30pm - 5:54pm - CCD Classes		6:30pm - Adult Choir Practice								6:00pm - Spanish Baptism Class in C.H.		4:00pm - Spring Creek Liturgy	
7:00pm - Our Lady... Rosary		7:00pm - 6 th - 7 th - 8 th grades classes										6:30pm - Adult Choir Practice	

Dear Members of the Catholic Community:

It looks like we survived the transition to the new Roman Missal - and with your spirit! I am sure you are finding that the pew cards are helpful in getting used to the new responses. The choir also put a lot of work into preparing the parts of the Mass that are sung, and I thank them for their effort.

As you know, Christmas Day will fall on a Sunday this year. Many of you will attend either the Children's Mass on Christmas Eve at 4 pm or the later traditional Christmas Eve Mass at 10 pm. These masses take care of your 'Sunday obligation', so there is no need to return again next day, Sunday, although you are most welcome to do so as we operate the regular Sunday schedule.

Today we begin the second part of Advent, and our focus changes a little to meditate on the first coming of Christ, as a child born to Mary. Today is called "Gaudete" Sunday. This is a Latin word, translated it means "Rejoice", and it echoes today's second reading from Thessalonians which begins, "Brothers and Sisters: Rejoice always." Paul is not just talking about emotions or feeling good all the time. That is not possible. It is more about having a deep faith and hope in eternal life.

In 1944, a German Jesuit, Fr. Alfred Delp was arrested after Claus von Stauffenberg's attempt to assassinate Hitler. Fr. Delp was not part of the plot, but he was a member of the Kreisau Circle, a movement to reorganize Germany according to Christian principles. He was imprisoned during Advent. From prison he wrote: "May the time never come when men forget about the good tidings and promises, when so immured within the four walls of their prison, they see nothing but gray days through barred windows placed too high to see out of." Fr. Delp reminded us to rejoice always, and not just in the good times.

Fr. Delp was hanged on February 2, 1945. In the Christian calendar this is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. On this day candles are blessed in every church to recall the prophecy made by Simeon in the Temple that Christ is the Light of the World. And today in the Gospel, John the Baptist states that he is called to give testimony to that light.

In that light, let us try to "rejoice always", even when it gets a little tough out there! God bless, Father Dan

WANTED: VOLUNTEERS FOR LECTOR TRAINING

We will soon offer an evening training session for new lectors. If you feel called to this ministry of proclaiming the Sunday readings at Mass, please call the Parish Office - 738-6432. Class will be scheduled soon!

It's Not Too Late! Register Now!

Don't miss out on an opportunity to enrich your faith and connect with other Catholics in a spirit of community through celebration and prayer. This invitation is extended to **everyone** in your parish. Take advantage of choosing nationally renowned speakers and enjoy the chance for growth and spiritual renewal. Join us for the 2012 Diocesan Conference on January 13-14 at the Nugget in Sparks. With this year's theme, **We Do**

This Together, we hope to see you there. For more information go to <http://www.dioceseofreno.org> or call the Diocesan office at 326-9434.



Please return wrapped gifts, with numbered tags attached, to either the Church or the Parish Office by December 16. These gifts will be delivered during the week before Christmas.

ARE YOU READY FOR IRELAND?

The brochures for our June 14 to 23, 2012 Spiritual and Cultural Journey to Ireland are here! You are welcome to pick up your free brochure in the parish office. You may also download the complete brochure and application form on your computer: www.GoCatholicTravel.com/GoIreland

AWAITING A GREAT LIGHT

We yearn for God to burst into our world like the light of the sun to dispel darkness and show us the way.

Sunday..Isaiah 59:9-10
 10 Tuesday...Psalm 18:27-
 Thursday...Psalm 97:1-4
 Saturday...Isaiah 50:10



"Look on us, Jesus, and let disappear before the beams of your holy love, and open to us You know all our desire, so have started, and what the

all the darkness of our souls your brightness. Fill us with the treasures of your wisdom. bring to perfection what you Holy Spirit has wakened us to ask in prayer. We seek your face, turn your face to us and show us your glory. Then our longing will be satisfied and our peace will be perfect. Amen. - St. Augustine of Hippo

CHURCH DECORATING - Come one, come all! We will be decorating the Church for Christmas on December 23 at 9:00am. Many hands help lighten the load.