

NOVEMBER 27, 2011

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Eucharistic Liturgies for the week of November 28

Mon. Nov. 28 - 12:10pm + Jim Alen - Michelle Collins
 Mon. Nov. 28 - 2:00pm (Manor) COMMUNION SERVICE
 Tues. Nov. 29 - NO LITURGY
 Wed. Nov. 30 - 12:10pm + Phyllis Herrera - Lou Arano
 Thurs. Dec. 1 - NO LITURGY
 Fri. Dec. 2 - 12:10pm + Spec. Int. for Rosan Bush - Staff at CVS Pharmacy
 Sat. Dec. 3 - 5:00pm + Mark Seal & Kaden Runyan - Yraguen Family
 Sun. Dec. 4 - 8:00am + Mike Ayers - Moe Family
 Sun. Dec. 4 - 10:00am + Stephan Paul Kostuik - Patti & Joe Driscoll
 Sun. (Spanish) - 12:00pm FOR THE PARISH
 Sun. (Spr.Ck.) - 4:00pm Communion Service

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF November 28

Mon. Is 2:1-5 Ps 122:1-9 Mt 8:5-11
 Tue. Is 11:1-10 Ps 72:1-2,7-8,12-13,17 Lk 10:21-24
 Wed. Rom 10:9-18 Ps 19:2-5 Mt 4:18-22
 Thur. Is 26:1-6 Ps 118:1,8-9,19-21,25-27a Mt 7:21,24-27
 Fri. Is 29:17-24 Ps 27:1,4,13-14 Mt 9:27-31
 Sat. Is 30:19-21,23-26 Ps 147:1-6 Mt 9:34-10:1,5a,6-8
 Sun. Is 40:1-5,9-11 Ps 85:9-14 2 Pt 3:8-14 Mk 1:1-8

WEEKLY COLLECTION

With gratitude for the gifts they have received, our parish family and friends have contributed to the Church \$7,141.39(regular) and \$2,226.52(CCHD)for November 20, 2011.

Dear Fellow Parishioners and Brother Knights, Hope everyone is having a great weekend. Our next meeting will be on December 7 at 7pm in Columbus Hall. We have started our fund raiser raffle and we have some great prizes. Tickets are available from any Knight or you can contact Jim Conner at 738-7991 for tickets. Tickets are \$2 each or 6 for \$10. The Raffle Drawing will be held at the Pro Life Breakfast on December 18th. God Bless, Jim Conner, FS

CHRISTMAS CHOIR FORMING

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.

ST. JOSEPH'S BUILDING & DEVELOPING FUND APPEAL

Next weekend is 'Pledge Sunday', when you are asked to return your pledge card for the appeal. As a reminder, for every dollar you pledge, Catholic Extension Society will add another 50 cents, up to a total grant of \$75,000. For example, your pledge of \$100 becomes \$150, when Catholic Extension Society makes its matching grant.

A question was asked if you should divide your pledge between this appeal, and the annual appeal from the bishop known as CSA. This, of course, is entirely your decision. Both appeals are not connected.

I remind you also that during December we will be distributing the booklets of offering envelopes for the entire year of 2012. We encourage our parishioners to use these envelopes in making your weekly offering in support of your church. The booklet also includes a monthly Pledge Appeal envelope, which you may use if you are going to make your pledge payments in 10 installments. As always, your generosity is deeply appreciated, and we hope that our giving today will assist our parish, not just for our weekly needs, but for planning for our future.

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

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	Marilyn Simmons
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	

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 **PIONEER URGENT FAMILY MEDICAL CLINIC and LOSTRA BROTHERS TOWING..** Please patronize these and all of our bulletin advertisers.

BAPTISM CLASSES - English Class - Class will be December 7 and December 14 at 6:00pm in Thomas Hall. **Spanish Class** - Class will be December 17 at 6:00pm in Columbus Hall.

Altar Server Training - Training has been rescheduled for December 3 at 6:15pm in the Church.

There will be No Breaking Open the Word class - November 29.

CURRENT LECTORS - Please pick up your new workbooks in the Sacristy. The new year begins this week. Thank You.

WSJ Dinner - The Women of St. Joseph will be holding their annual Christmas Dinner at the Star Hotel on December 7 at 6:00pm. All the women of the parish are invited to join us and bring their spouse or friend. The meal choices are: bacon filet, \$24.00; baked lamb, \$26.60; salmon, \$25.40; deep fried prawns, \$24.10; fried chicken, \$15.00. This price includes coffee or tea, tip and tax. It does not include dessert. Please call Sue Craig, 738-4481, or Peggy Raine, 738-3563, by December 1, for reservations.

CCD Classes - Classes resume November 28, 29, 30 and December 1.

Families - Come join in the fun! We have a variety of different ornaments in foam, wood, plastic and cardstock. There's something for everyone to decorate whether you're a toddler, teen or adult. So come to Mater Dei Hall on December 4 after the 10am Mass to make your own ornaments. All you need to bring is your creativity.

Annual Caroling and Bowling Night

All Junior High and High School Students...Come join us for caroling and bowling December 2 at 6:30pm. Meet at the Youth Room. Registration is \$10 per person and includes bowling and shoe rental. Contact Annie or Delmo at 934-4815 with questions. Registration forms can be completed and turned in at the Religious Ed Office or Parish Office.

Reno Youth Rally: All High School age parishioners! Register for the 2012 Youth Rally taking place this March 3rd. \$55 registration includes your registration, event 5-shirt, lunch and transportation. Contact Annie or Delmo at 934-4815 for more info. Registration forms can be completed and turned in at the Religious Ed Office or Parish Office.

ADVENT CONFESSIONS

Many parish members will want to have an opportunity for confession in preparation for Christmas. Often, it is not possible for you to come to confession on Saturday afternoons.

With that in mind, we have additional confession times during Advent:

Thursday, Dec. 1 6:30 - 7:30 PM
 Thursday, Dec. 8 7:30 PM (following holyday Mass)
 Thursday, Dec. 15 Advent Penance Service (with visiting priests), 6:30 PM

You may also arrange to have your confession heard, at the Parish Office, by appointment (738-6432).

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. Nov. 28		Tue. Nov. 29		Wed. Nov. 30		Thur. Dec. 1		Fri. Dec. 2		Sat. Dec. 3		Sun. Dec. 4	
12:10pm - LITURGY 2:00pm (Manor) - Communion Service 2:45pm - Youth Rosary in Y.R. 4:30pm - 5:54pm - CCD Classes		9:30am - Holy Family Mother's Group in C.H. 10:30am - <u>NO</u> "Breaking Open the Word" - T.H. 4:30pm - 5:54pm - CCD Classes 6:00pm - T.O.P.S. in Y.R. 6:30pm - R.C.I.A. in C.H. 7:00pm - 6 th - 7 th - 8 th grades classes		12:10pm - LITURGY 1:00 - 8:00pm - EUCHARISTIC ADORATION 4:30pm - 5:54pm - CCD Classes 6:00pm - 9:00pm - Spanish Bible Study in T.H.		9:30am - W.I.N.G.S. in T.H. 12:00 Noon - Sack Lunch Book Club in T.H. 4:30pm - CCD Sacramental Prep. Class 6:00pm - Legion of Mary in Church 6:00pm - Spanish Choir in Church 6:30pm - CONFESSIONS		11:00am- AA in C.H. 12:10pm - LITURGY 6:00pm - G.A. in C.H. (934-7297) 7:00pm - Spanish Prayer Group in Church		4:00pm - CONFESSIONS 5:00pm - LITURGY 6:15pm - Altar Server Training in Church 6:30pm - Spanish Choir in Church 6:00pm - 7:30pm - Sp. Why Catholic in C.H.		Coffee & Donuts hosted by Confirmation Group 8:00am - LITURGY Rosary in T.H. 10:00am - LITURGY Rosary in T.H. 11:00am - Ornament Making 12:00pm - MISA EN ESPANOL 1:00pm - 2:30pm - Sp. Why Catholic in C.H. 4:00pm - Spring Creek Liturgy 6:30pm - Adult Choir Practice	

Dear Members of St. Joseph's Parish Community:

Welcome to our New Church Year! Today is the First Sunday of Advent, so in the Catholic Church that represents the beginning of what we call Year B. We have a three-year cycle of Sunday Scripture readings, A (Matthew), B (Mark), and C (Luke). The purpose of the three-year cycle is to give us an opportunity to listen to and reflect on as much of the Bible as is possible.

So, then, this will be the year of St. Mark. We believe that the Gospel of St. Mark was written around the year 70 AD, in Rome. The city of Jerusalem was about to be destroyed, and in Rome itself the Christian Church was being persecuted, with baptized Christians being put to death in great numbers. This gospel is the shortest of the four gospels, and its readers originally would have been gentile converts who would not have been familiar with Jewish customs and practices, and certainly not with the Old Testament as we know it today. In the face of persecution, Mark is trying to strengthen the faith of his readers. His 'weapon' is to remind the people of the Good News of salvation. He has no need then to write about the Nativity or the early life of Jesus. He goes straight to the point: John the Baptist preaches repentance because the Messiah is coming. And then one day Jesus arrives at the river Jordan, where John is preaching, asks to be baptized, and is confirmed as God's Holy Son by the voice of the Father, coming from Heaven: "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased" (1:11).

As Mark recalls the hope that Jesus gave to a troubled people, he wants to reinforce that hope today and now for his community in Rome that is suffering, and looking for answers. The reason why we will also listen to accounts from Mark, beginning today, is to support us also in our struggles and our desire to be a people of hope even when we are surrounded by events and happenings that challenge that hope.

The season of Advent, then, invites us to be especially close to God's word so that we can be strengthened in our faith. At the end of this holy season of Advent we will arrive at the manger in Bethlehem. We will look and see the holy child, wrapped in swaddling clothes, and we can once again call him, along with the people of all ages, 'Emmanuel' - 'God is with us.' God bless, Father Dan

We Welcome Today The New Roman Missal!

Ready or not, the new Roman Missal is now our official prayer book for the Mass and the other liturgies we pray in Church. We have prepared for this for the longest time, nevertheless it will take time to get used to the new responses. Please use the new pew cards to assist you during this time of transition. The old familiar prayers: the "I Confess", the "Gloria", the "Creed", etc., have changes in them, so you will find the pew card a great support. The new responses and prayers may also be found in the missalette. On the priests' part, there are many more changes, and no doubt we will make many mistakes until eventually we get it right!

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


The annual Diocese of Reno Conference, January 13-14 at the Nugget in Sparks. For more information go to <http://www.dioceseofreno.org> and click on Annual Diocesan Conference (green box) or call Breanna at 326-9434 or Sister Maxine at 326-9440. **If you will be attending, St. Joseph's will again pay your registration fee. Your registration form must be returned to the Parish Office no later than December 5.**

The Giving Tree

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.

A PEOPLE IN DARKNESS

Darkness surrounds the mystery of God. It precedes many appearances of God, who comes to bring us light and life



Sunday...Genesis 1:1-5 Monday...1 Kings 8:10-13
 Tuesday...Genesis 15:12-14 Wed...Exodus 10:20-21
 Thursday...Deut 5:22-24 Friday...Proverbs 4:19-20
 Saturday.Psalm 82:3-5
"Look on us, Jesus, and let all the darkness of our souls disappear before the beams of your brightness. Fill us with your holy love, and open to us the treasures of your wisdom. You know all our desire, so bring to perfection what you have started, and what the 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