



"A voice crying in the wilderness:
'Prepare a way for the Lord; clear a straight path for him.'
Luke 3:4

December 6th, 2009

2nd Sunday of Advent

Readings for Next Sunday

1st Reading: Zephaniah 3.14-18a
2nd Reading: Philippians 4.4-7
Gospel: Luke 3.10-18

Ministries for Next Weeks Liturgies

Readers

5 pm Sam Jones, Lynn Stafford, Emily Elliott
9 am Joachim Baur, Lynne Corpes
11 am Ed & Sylvia Vanhaverbeke



Eucharistic Ministers:

5 pm Bob Maziarczyk, Roseanne Worfolk, Eileen Parry
9 am Terry Perkins, Kathy Mercz, Marg McSweeney
11 am Ken Boone, Pete Peters, Pam Daley



Ushers:

5 pm Linda Pleasance, John Bouwmeester
9 am Pat & Malcolm Kidd
11 am Brenden Ward, Steve Welch



Anyone interested in becoming an Usher, or if you signed up at the ministry fair – please call Linda Pleasance 905 983 9392

Altar Servers:

5 pm Emma Young, Kathleen & Bridgett Shaw
9 am Stephanie Sheridan, Adrianna & Lou Speziale
11am Jessica & Julia Hart, Jenna Young



Children's Liturgy:

11 am Claudia Young

Youth in grades 7-12 are welcome to help with our children's liturgy program, please call Maria Kraemer 905 983 6289 for more information.



Church Cleaners:

December 21 - 31 - Joanne Hamers, Anne Vogels



Parish Web Site: www.sfarcc.org

Please Pray for our Sick

If you would like our parish to pray for a sick relative or friend please call the parish office at (905) 987-5446 and we will be happy to include their names in our Sunday Eucharist.

Financial Information

November 28/29

Sunday Offertory \$2,521.00
Mortgage Reduction Fund \$ 155.00



****If you are currently using envelope numbers 17 or 269, please call the Parish Office****

St. Vincent de Paul Society (905 786 2249)

We thank all of the generous people who took bells for children's gifts. The unwrapped gifts must be returned, with bells attached, no later than the 11 am Mass on **December 12/13.**

Please contact us if you know of people who need help at Christmas 905 786 2249.

Mass Schedule & Intentions

December 7th – 13th

Monday, December 7 7:00 pm (before Finance Mtg)
Tuesday, December 8 9:00 am School Mass
Wednesday, December 9 **NO MASS**
Thursday, December 10 1:30 pm Healing Mass
Friday, December 11 8:00 am

Saturday, December 12 5:00 pm Mass for the People
Sunday, December 13 9:00 am For Esther Gaughran
Requested by
Leo & Rose McCoy
11:00 am

From the Pastor Desk:

This Week:

Finance Council Meeting, Monday, Dec. 7th – following the 7:00 pm Mass
Teen Town – Friday, Dec. 11th – Christmas Party & Movie

Advent – Christmas 2009

The season of hope, begins November 29th. Christmas preparations sometimes leave us tired. The current economic crisis may leave us worried. So, during Advent Jesus invites us to take a break with Him as we prepare to celebrate his first coming at Christmas. Take a break by enjoying the following opportunities to come aside with Jesus. If we do this perhaps we'll experience the mood of hope that this season intends to offer us.

SUNDAY MASS (Sat. 5pm, Sun.9am and 11am)

Our Children's Liturgy of the Word is now celebrated only in the 11:00 am Mass. Why not slow down the pace of your life and prepare to celebrate your weekly Mass by arriving a half an hour early and spend some quiet time before the Blessed Sacrament.

FEAST IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Special School Mass - Tuesday, Dec. 8, 9:00AM

ADVENT TAISE PRAYER SERVICE

Tuesday, Dec.8, 7:00PM

PRIVATE RECONCILIATION

SATURDAYS 4-4:30PM AND before both Sunday Morning Masses.

ADVENT PENITENTIAL CELEBRATION

followed by Private Reconciliation Dec. 14, 7:00 PM-church

CHRISTMAS MASS

Dec. 24- 5:00(for families of young children) & 8:00 PM
Dec.25-10:00 AM

Thought for the Week – Holy Quotable

"Order is a quality which all spiritual writers hold in great esteem; for they are far from being ecstatic, unbalanced and mood-ridden creatures of popular fancy." (Evelyn Underhill).

Joke of the Week

THEOLOGY ACCORDING TO STUDENT BLOOPERS (excerpted by a Santa Clara University theology professor Tom Beaudoin on Catholicism:
"Certain aspects of Catholic belief are founded on reality. The Catholic religion remains strict on their teachings in order to withhold tradition. However, through Vatican II, Christians are now not the only good people in the world. Doris Day started the Catholic Worker."

Fr. Peter Seabrooke

Children's Christmas Pageant

"Take a Walk to Christmas"

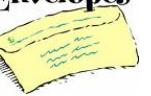
School age children are invited to participate in the pageant on December 24th at the 5:00 pm or 8 pm masses. Please sign up in the Gathering Room.



2010 Offertory Envelopes

The boxed sets of envelopes for next year may be picked up in the back of the Gathering Room. They are in alphabetical order. Please note that some parishioner's numbers have changed. If you would like a box for 2010, please call the office so it can be assigned to you. Please check the label on your box to be sure that we have your complete address on file. This is important for the mailing of the tax receipts.

Offering Envelopes



Put CHRIST Back Into CHRISTMAS

If not us then who? Now is the time to declare that we are Christians! Send Christmas cards depicting the Nativity Scene and proudly wear a Christmas Button. Both are on sale in the display in the Gathering Room.

Christmas Adult Social Night – December 9

Come and enjoy an evening of games, darts, foosball, etc. in our Parish Hall on Wednesday, December 9th, 7 pm – 10 pm. This evening is being sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

Website Update

A calendar can now viewed on the St. Francis of Assisi Parish website (sfarcc.org). The calendar shows daily scripture readings, Feast and Saint Days, and parish events.

"Not for Sale" Video on Prostitution and Trafficking

On Sunday, December 6th at 2 pm in the parish Hall we will show a video for interested parishioners about prostitution and those who are effected and abused in this way. Refreshments will follow.

Lift Up Your Heart

This book is now for sale at the religious articles booth. It contains lovely, easy to understand reflections on "Rediscovering the Mass and the Celebrations of Our Faith"

Prayer for the Year for Priests

Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest,
bless our priests who act in your place:
who teach us your holy ways; who forgive us our sins;
and who feed us with your Body and Blood in the Eucharist.
Give your priests a deep faith, a firm hope,
and a burning love for your people.
Strengthen them in their joys and sorrows
as they seek to follow You.
From among us, You have called some to be priests.
Help them to embrace their vocation, and help us to respect
and support them as they find fulfillment in doing your will.
We pray to You, Lord Jesus,
with confidence that you will hear our prayer.
Amen

December Discount

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