

2nd Sunday of Advent

Sunday – Dec 7, 2014 **2nd Sunday of Advent**

9:30–High Mass in memory Josephine and Frank Moskal by Kapuscinski family.

-Following Mass: **Catechism for Children and Fellowship Hour** at the Parish Hall with refreshments provided

Monday – Dec 8, 2014 Solemnity of Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary Readings: Genesis 3:9-15,20; Psalm 98; Ephesians 1:3-6; Gospel St Luke 1:26-38.

Friday – Dec 12, 2014 Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Sunday – Dec 14, 2014 **3rd Sunday of Advent**

9:30–High Mass in memory Jack Toland by Mom Joan Toland

-Following Mass: **Catechism for Children and Fellowship Hour** at the Parish Hall with refreshments provided

Bible Readings for 2nd Sunday of Advent – Year B

1st reading: Book of Isaiah chapter 40: vers 1-5, 9-11

Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her service is at an end, her guilt is expiated; indeed, she has received from the hand of the LORD double for all her sins. ***A voice cries out: In the desert prepare the way of the LORD! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God!*** Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill shall be made low; the rugged land shall be made a plain, the rough country, a broad valley. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken. Go up on to a high mountain, Zion, herald of glad tidings; cry out at the top of your voice, Jerusalem, herald of good news! Fear not to cry out and say to the cities of Judah: Here is your God! Here comes with power the Lord GOD, who rules by his strong arm; here is his reward with him, his recompense before him. Like a shepherd he feeds his flock; in his arms he gathers the lambs, carrying them in his bosom, and leading the ewes with care.

Responsorial Psalm 85

R/ **Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.**

I will hear what God proclaims; the LORD—for he proclaims peace to his people. Near indeed is his salvation to those who fear him, glory dwelling in our land.

R/ **Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.**

Kindness and truth shall meet; justice and peace shall kiss. Truth shall spring out of the earth, and justice shall look down from heaven.

R/ **Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.**

2nd reading from 2nd Letter of Saint Peter ch 3 vers 8-14

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years and a thousand years like one day. The Lord does not delay his promise, as some regard “delay,” but he is patient with you, not wishing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a mighty roar and the elements will be dissolved by fire, and the earth and everything done on it will be found out. Since everything is to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be, conducting yourselves in holiness and devotion, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved in flames and the elements melted by fire. But according to his promise we await new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. Therefore, beloved, since you await these things, be eager to be found without spot or blemish before him, at peace.

Alleluia verse from Gospel St Luke 3:4,6

***Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
all flesh shall see the salvation of God.***

Holy Gospel according to St Mark chapter 1:1-8

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God. 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.”*** John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. People of the whole Judean countryside and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. John was clothed in camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He fed on locusts and wild honey. And this is what he proclaimed: “One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

Adult Bible Study for this week:

Please read and reflect on Sunday and Monday readings for Solemnity of Conception Blessed Virgin. Genesis 3:9-15,20; Psalm 98; Ephesians 1:3-6; Gospel St Luke 1:26-38

ATTEND HOLY MASS ON SUNDAYS AND HOLIDAYS PARTICIPATE IN LIFE OF YOUR CHURCH AND WORSHIP DAILY

Liturgy is "the participation of the People of God in 'the work of God'"; It is the "exercise of the priestly office of Jesus" in which God is worshiped and adored and people are made holy. God begins the work of sanctifying people in time and space and brings that work to completion. Those who respond to God in worship and in service are given the privilege of becoming co-workers in the divine plan. Please come and join us as Community of faith for Sunday Holy Mass weekly! Feel always welcomed and at home in our Church!

For those with gluten allergy Gluten free Communion is available

PRAYER CIRCLE AND HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

Let us remember in our personal prayers about our sick and older parishioners and friends. If you would like to have special intentions mentioned during Mass or you would like Holy Mass celebrated for your intention, please let Father know.

CATECHISM FOR CHILDREN Catechism Classes for children are scheduled after Holy Mass on Sunday please bring your children and notify Fr Andrew.

PARISH CALENDAR

-Dec 20 - Saturday -Parish Bazaar

-Dec 21- Sunday -Wigilia Supper

-Dec 24 – Wed. – Wigilia/Christmas Eve – Pasterka/t Shepherd’s Mass at 12 midnight

-Dec 25 – Thursday - Christmas Day – Christmas Day Mass 9:30 AM

-Jan 1- Thursday - New Year

PARISH DONATIONS We would like to share heartfelt Thanks to all who donate and help at the Parish. May God bless your for your much needed help!

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