

Holy Rosary Church

December 2, 2007

First Sunday of Advent

Readings: Is 2:1-5; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44



“O Come Emmanuel”

The short season of Advent is a time of preparation for the celebration of Christmas. It is meant to be a quiet and reflective time in contrast to the commercialized celebrations of “the holidays.” Hope is the predominant word during this season, hope for lasting peace among nations, and the fulfillment of God’s promises.

Hope is the desire and expectation that goals that seem difficult to achieve may somehow be realized. The readings push us beyond our narrow self-interests and challenge us to pray and work for world peace. Against the shadow of impending military defeat from the Assyrian armies that had already overrun the northern kingdom of Israel, the prophet Isaiah held out a vision of hope. The ground and goal of these hopes is God.

Advent is a time for reorienting our personal lives. “Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.”

Advent is a time to celebrate the fulfillment of God’s promises. God needed the collaboration of Zechariah and Elizabeth and of Mary and Joseph to fulfill his plan of salvation. Zechariah cannot believe the angel’s message that he and Elizabeth are part of God’s plan. He is paying the price of his unbelief, becoming unable to speak until John is born. Every Christian has a place in the fulfillment of God’s plan of world peace: we must change our weapons into instruments of peace. Lord Jesus, we need your help.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Saturday, December 8 a day of obligation.

Masses will be Friday at 6:30 pm and Saturday at 9:30 am

In 1854, Pope Pius IX's solemn declaration, *Ineffabilis Deus*, clarified with finality the long-held belief of the Church that Mary



Saint Anne conceiving the Virgin Mary

was conceived free from original sin. In proclaiming the Immaculate Conception of Mary as a dogma of the Church, the pope expressed precisely and clearly that Mary was conceived free from the stain of original sin.

This privilege of Mary derives from God's having chosen her as Mother of the Savior; thus she received the benefits of salvation in Christ from the very moment of her conception. (The picture above shows her mother, Anna, with the infant Mary within her womb.) This great gift to Mary, an ordinary human being just like us, was fitting because she was destined to be Mother of God. The purity and holiness of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a model for all Christians.



Serious warning about keys

After the church burglary we are more cautious to make sure that the church and hall are locked properly. I am making a strong appeal to people who have a parish key and those who borrow one from the parish office to make sure that the doors of all church buildings are properly locked. After locking the door, please pull the door to assure that it is properly locked. Last Friday I found the main front door of the church locked open again as on the day of the burglary. I plead for your cooperation.

Christmas Cookies

Preparing 300 trays of Christmas cookies is a very challenging project, at this time of the year, when everybody is busy preparing for the Christmas. These cookies are especially “blessed” by the dedication and generosity of the organizers and the baking team, women and men, who offer their time, expertise and love to prepare the best quality possible. I am very grateful to Rose Guastello and Deva Flahive who, with many dedicated helpers, take the responsibility to bring this great parish project to completion. I am also grateful to all parishioners and friends of Holy Rosary who patronized our Christmas cookies sale. God bless you all..

MÙA VỌNG

Năm phụng vụ bắt đầu vào Chúa nhật thứ nhất Mùa Vọng, là thời gian vui tươi mong chờ Chúa Giêsu đến, bằng chứng tình yêu thương của Thiên Chúa.



Mùa Vọng theo tiếng Latinh có nghĩa là “đến”.

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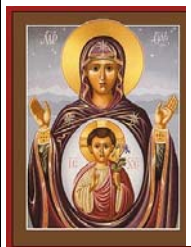
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“Ô kìa Chúa Cứu Thế đến”

Mùa Vọng là thời gian ngắn chuẩn bị đón mừng Giáng Sinh. Trái với sự đón mừng “ngày lễ” theo thương mại, đây là thời gian yên lặng tĩnh tâm và suy gẫm. Hy vọng là điều chủ yếu nhất trong mùa này, hy vọng một nền hòa bình vĩnh cửu trong các quốc gia, và lời hứa trọn vẹn của Thiên Chúa. Thiên Chúa cần sự hợp tác của Zechariah và Elizabeth cũng như của Maria cùng Giuse để hoàn tất chương trình của Người. Zechariah không tin lời Thiên thần phán rằng ông ta và vợ là Elizabeth đã được chọn tham dự vào chương trình của Thiên Chúa. Vì ông ta không tin mà phải trả cái giá là bị câm cho đến ngày con ông là Gioan chào đời.

Mùa Vọng là mùa canh tân lại đời sống của chúng ta. “Hãy để bình an đến với chúng ta ngay bây giờ”. Mùa Vọng cũng là mùa để đón mừng những lời hứa trọn vẹn của Thiên Chúa. Mỗi tín hữu sẽ dự phần vào chương trình đem hòa bình cho nhân loại của Thiên Chúa là: biến vũ khí thành công cụ hòa bình. Lay Chúa Giêsu xin Chúa giúp chúng con.

Đóng góp lợp mái nhà thờ: giáo xứ hoan nghênh sự tiếp tục đóng góp tiền lợp mái nhà thờ. Xin Chúa trả công bội hậu cho anh chị em.



Lễ Đức Mẹ Vô Nhiễm

Thứ bảy 8 tháng 12 là ngày lễ buộc. Thánh lễ vào lúc 6:30 chiều thứ sáu và 9:30 sáng thứ bảy.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 1	
4PM	Joseph Mingrone , Sr. by wife & children Salvatore Rinaldo by Family
Sunday, December 2	
8AM	Lot Maria Le by daughter
11AM	Mary & Sam Tosti and Catherine & Angela Donnici by John & Diana Collura
Monday, December 3	
8AM	Special Intentions
Tuesday, December 4	
8AM	Jake Ferrantelli by wie Fannie
Wednesday, December 5	
8AM	Charles Morreale by Nancy & Patrick Bauer
Thursday, December 6	
8AM	All Souls
Friday, December 7 VIGIL IMMACULATE CONCEPTION	
6:30PM	For all Parishioners
Saturday, December 8 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION	
9:30AM	For all Parishioners
4PM	Dorothy Conforti by Martha & Joe Fisher Luis Lopez by Victor, Lucy, Gennie Stasi
Sunday, December 9	
8AM	St. Lucy by Anthony & Josephine Pace
11AM	Anthony Tran by Family Dorothy Conforti by Chee Bay & Rose Guastello Josephine Ciarlelli by Rosalie George Herbert Cusumano by Sons & family

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

December 8 & 9

LECTORS

4PM: Pat Hempstead
8AM: Carol Giangalanti
11AM: Linda Venable

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4PM: Mui Bui
8AM: Jamie Gumina
11AM: Deva Flahive

ALTAR SERVERS

4PM: Brian Bui
8AM: Triston & Fantasia Ta
11AM: Yen & Long Bui

**WEEKLY COLLECTION
Last Weekend**

Collection: \$2214.00
Other Income: \$ 336.00
TOTAL: \$2540.00



RETIREMENT FUND FOR THE RELIGIOUS



Next week’s second benefits those women and men who, as vowed members of Catholic religious communities, have dedicated their lives to prayer and ministry. The Fund benefits both contemplative and active religious communities. Today, more than 37,000 religious, mostly women, are past age 70. More than 5,000 need skilled nursing care. Envelopes are available. To learn more visit: www.retiredreligious.org.

City Union Mission Christmas Party

Holy Rosary Church is organizing a lunch & party for about 70 people at the City Union Mission on Saturday, December 22 at 12 noon. Volunteers are needed to help serve and to bring a covered dish. Volunteers will meet at the Scalabrini Hall at 9:30AM on Saturday, December 22. For more information: Call Shelley Armato at (816) 728-8899 for more information

