

# Holy Rosary Church

December 9, 2007

## Second Sunday of Advent

Readings: Is. 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

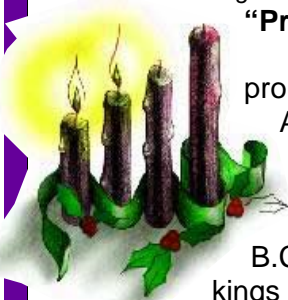
### "Prepare the way of the Lord"

The readings for Advent promote a promise-and-fulfillment approach to the Bible.

All God's promises have been fulfilled in Jesus. One of the major Advent characters is Isaiah the prophet, who exercised his ministry in Jerusalem in the late eighth century B.C. He gave political and spiritual advice to kings and leaders as well to the people as a whole. Although much of his advice was rejected, Isaiah remained faithful to his prophetic task and was vindicated by the events of history. Today's reading predicts a future ideal ruler in Israel, a descendant of King David, who would be a wise ruler, who will combine wisdom and fear of the Lord and will teach others the ways of God. He will inaugurate an era of peace and mutual understanding even among natural enemies.

St. Paul's asserts that God's promises to Israel are fulfilled through Jesus.

John the Baptist is another great Advent figure who illustrates the promise-and-fulfillment dynamic. John's preaching, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand", prepares people for Jesus' preaching. The kingdom of God is present among us, but there is more to come. So we continue to pray, "Your kingdom come". Advent is our time to show the presence of God' kingdom in our own life and in our community.

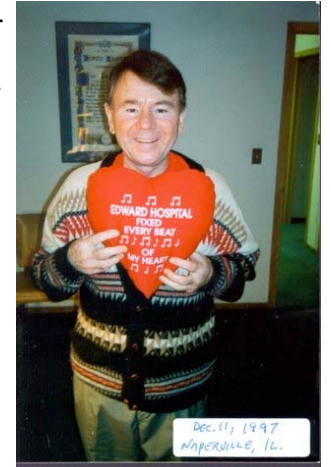


## ROOF DONATIONS

We are very grateful to the people who have contributed generously to help us pay for the new roof of the rectory and the sacristy. So far we collected \$11,595.00. The total cost of the roof is \$21,200.00. We need the contribution of all parishioners and friends of Holy Rosary to complete the payment. God bless your generosity.

### "Create in me a new heart"

I have been singing this refrain with all my heart for the last ten years. December 11, 2007 marks the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of my triple bypass. At that time I was stationed in Windsor, Ontario, Canada. After my second heart attack September 13, 1997 it took me two months to get an appointment with my surgeon.



When I saw her on November 13 she told me that the first opening for surgery would be at the end of March 1998. I was afraid to wait that long. Mysteriously or miraculously I got a call from the office of my Provincial superior in Chicago that a surgeon was available in Chicago within a week. I arrived in Chicago December 9 and on the 11<sup>th</sup> I had a triple bypass at Edward Hospital in Naperville, IL. As I was preparing for surgery I came across this verse of a Psalm, "Create in me a new heart" and it has been my daily mantra ever since.

I was treated with TLC by doctors and nurses and I am forever grateful to them. I invite everyone who had surgery or medical treatments to remember and to give thanks to God.

## CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve, Monday, December 24

5:00 pm

10:00 pm

Christmas Day, Tuesday, December 25

11:00 am

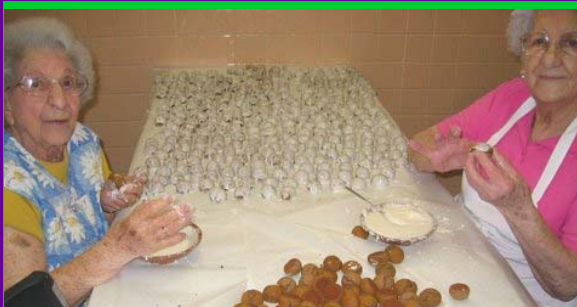
New Year's Day, Tuesday, January 1, 2007

11:00 am



## City Union Mission Christmas Party

Holy Rosary Church is sponsoring a lunch & party at the City Union Mission on Saturday, December 22 at 12 noon. Volunteers are needed to help serve and to bring a covered dish. For more info call Shelley Armato at (816) 728-8899.



Josephine Passantino and Rosalie Mingrone have a combined total of over 170 years of cookie making experience.

## ATTENTION: COOKIE PICK UP

The cookie trays will be ready for pick up on

December 10 & 11;

10:00 AM—2:00 PM

and

5:00 PM—7:00PM

If unable to meet this schedule call Rose 421-4331; Deva 413-9916 or the office 842-5440.

## CHÚA NHẬT THỨ HAI MÙA VỌNG

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### “Hãy dọn đường cho Chúa đến”



Lời Chúa phán cùng Gioan Phép Rửa đến trong vùng hoang địa Judea.

Thánh Gioan kêu gọi mọi người hãy ăn năn sám hối để dọn đường cho Thiên Chúa đến. Để đáp lại lời Chúa mỗi người trong chúng ta hãy sửa đổi lại tâm hồn và tư cách đạo đức của mình. Những nhà lãnh đạo tôn giáo

nghĩ rằng họ là những người được chọn nên không lo lắng gì về điều này cả. Nhưng thánh Gioan nói rằng đặc ân này cũng không thể cứu họ được đâu. Họ phải thực lòng ăn năn hối cải về những tội lỗi của mình, và trảm mình trong nước thì tốt hơn là chịu phép rửa với Chúa Thánh Thần và lửa.

Cũng như thánh Gioan, chúng ta được mời gọi để dọn đường cho Thiên Chúa đến, và cho mọi người nhận biết sự hiện diện của nước Chúa trong đời sống hàng ngày

**Quyên tiền cho các tu sĩ về hưu:** lần quyên tiền thứ hai hôm nay dành cho 40000 linh mục và tu sĩ nam nữ, đã dâng hiến đời mình cho Chúa để phục vụ trong các giáo xứ, trường học, bệnh viện và các cơ quan từ thiện. Trong quá khứ các vị này chỉ nhận được thù lao rất ít, thậm chí không có bảo hiểm sức khỏe. Hội đồng giám mục Hoa Kỳ kêu gọi chúng ta hãy rộng tay đóng góp cho lần quyên tiền này để chia cho 562 cơ quan từ thiện công giáo trên toàn quốc. Xin anh chị em tích cực đóng góp và cầu nguyện cho các vị này.

### Lễ Đức Mẹ Guadalupe

Thứ tư 12/12 là ngày lễ Đức Mẹ Guadalupe, quan thầy của các nước Châu Mỹ. Xin anh chị em hãy cùng nhau vinh danh Đức Mẹ trong dịp này.

**Dâng tiền lợp mái nhà thờ:** cảm ơn anh chị em đã đóng góp tiền lợp mái nhà thờ. Hiện tại số tiền quyên được là 11595 \$. Tổng số tiền chi phí là 21200 \$. Xin cảm ơn sự tiếp tục đóng góp của anh chị em để nhà thờ có thể trang trải chi phí này.



### Collection for Retired Religious

There are over 37.000 religious sisters, priests and brothers in our country who spent their life in parishes and other catholic institutions and were paid little or no retirement and medical benefits, and now they are in need of our financial help to enjoy a comfortable retirement. The American bishops continue to support them with a special collection on this Sunday. Please, remember the priests and sisters who have worked at Holy Rosary. To your generous donation, please add your prayer and you can be assured of their prayer for you.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### 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

### Monday, December 10

8AM Anthony Tran

### Tuesday, December 11

8AM Faithful Departed

### Wednesday, December 12

8AM Frank Mostaffa by Ann Capra

### Thursday, December 13

8AM Mary Guastello by Vivian Gentile

### Friday, December 14

6:30PM Special Intentions

### Saturday, December 15

4PM Vincent Passantino by wife Josephine

### Sunday, December 16

8AM Joseph Tristiano & Les Nigro by Family  
11AM Nick Baccala by Holy Rosary Choir

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

December 15 & 16

### LECTORS

4PM Mary Ann Monteleone  
8AM: Joyce Strain  
11AM: Linda Venable

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4PM: Lonnie Roccaforte  
8AM: Jamie Gumina  
11AM: Mitchell Danna

### ALTAR SERVERS

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

## WEEKLY COLLECTION

Last Weekend

Collection: \$3328.00  
Other Income: \$ 546.00  
**TOTAL: \$3874.00**  
**Roof: \$ 750.00**

### Feasts of Devotion:

December 12 is the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Patroness of the Americas. Wednesday, December 13 is the feast of St. Lucy, the patroness of eye sight. Thank God for the gift of our sight and pray for those who suffer from eye trouble.



## CONGRATULATIONS

**Margaurite & Sam Raccuglia** celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on November 27, 2007.