

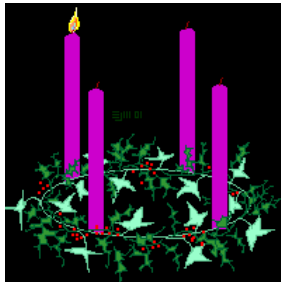
November 30, 2008

1st Sunday of Advent

Is. 63: 16-19; 64: 2-7-;

1Cor. 1:3-9; Marc 13: 33-37

The first Sunday of Advent begins the new liturgical year 2009. Advent is not celebration of the past, nor is it a time of waiting for the coming of



the Christ child; He came over 2,000 years ago as the “Emmanuel”, a permanent resident, and He is still with us. The Advent and Christmas season is a time of spiritual renewal, when we sharpen our vision in order to recognize Jesus in the face of every person we meet. The watchfulness Jesus speaks about in the Gospel is our attentive listening for his familiar footstep.

The prophet Isaiah pleads with God to come and save his people who are living in terrible conditions. He asks God to show his divine power in “awesome deeds,” never seen before. Such a revelation would compel belief and good behavior. But the divine power God showed them, that we celebrate in Advent, is revealed in the form of a vulnerable child. God has ruptured the dividing line between divinity and humanity by taking on human flesh in Jesus. Our country and the world are facing a challenging time of economic and political upheaval. During the past few months our “prophets” have been the mass media and the two presidential candidates who described the terrible economic and political situation of our country. The reading of Isaiah at this time helps us to interpret and understand the present situation. As believers we know we need God’s help. We need to join the pleading of the prophet Isaiah. And it seems that God is already intervening. After our recent presidential election American people need healing and reconciliation and firm commitment to unite their energy and good will to achieve a stable peace and prosperity that will extend to the whole world.

To prepare for the coming of Jesus, the Prince of Peace, God used a pagan emperor, Caesar Augustus, to bring peace to the Roman Empire and the world. During this holy season let us join our prayer to God to inspire and empower our religious and political leaders to engage people of all nations in a common effort to bring Christ’s peace and economic prosperity in our time.

GREAT IDEA!! When you are making out your Christmas card list this year, please send one to: **A**

Recovering American Soldier c/o Walter

ADVENT: SEASON OF HOPE

A time will come for singing
When all your tears are shed.
When sorrows chains are broken,
And broken hearts shall mend.
The deaf will hear you
singing
When silent tongues are freed.

The lame will join your
dancing,
When blind eyes learn to see.

A time will come for singing
When trees will raise their
boughs,
When men lay down their
armour,
And hammer their swords into
plows,
When beggars live as princes

Orphans find their homes,
When prison cells are
emptied
And hatred has grown old.

A time will come for singing
A hymn by hearts foretold,
That kings have sought for ages,
And treasured more than gold.
Its lyrics turn to silver
When sung in harmony
The Lord of love will teach us
To sing its melody.



Food Vouchers

The families who received Thanksgiving food vouchers from Holy Rosary express deep gratitude and appreciation to all parishioners and friends who contributed in last Sunday’s special collection \$1133. I personally thank you for your generosity. The words of Jesus in last Sunday’s gospel are very inspiring, “Whatever you do for the

least of my brothers and sisters you do it for me”. People are very happy for our help and Jesus is very happy too. Through your generosity Jesus touched the hearts of these people.

CHÚA NHẬT THỨ I MÙA VỌNG

Isaiah 63:16; 64:2-7; 1 Cor. 1:3-9; Mark 13:33-37

Chúa nhật thứ nhất mùa Vọng bắt đầu cho một năm Phụng Vụ mới. “Mùa Vọng theo tiếng La tinh có nghĩa là “đến”. Mùa Vọng Giáng



Sinh mà chúng ta là những tín hữu đón mừng không chỉ là kỷ niệm một biến cố đã xảy ra từ lâu. Mà đó là một hoài niệm thân thương sinh nhật của “hài nhi Giêsu” đã sinh ra từ 2000 năm trước. Người đến với tư cách là “Đấng Cứu Thế”, và còn ở mọi ngày với chúng ta. Mùa Vọng và mùa Giáng Sinh là thời gian chúng ta đổi mới cái nhìn để thấy Chúa Giêsu hiện diện trong mỗi người chúng ta gặp hàng ngày. Bắt đầu Mùa Vọng năm nay, đất nước chúng ta và toàn thế giới đang phải đối đầu với những biến động về kinh tế và chính trị. Là những tín hữu tin vào Chúa, chúng ta cần Thiên Chúa giúp chúng ta trong cơn thử thách này. Chúng ta hãy hiệp nhau trong lời cầu nguyện như tiên tri Isaacs xưa kia đã cầu xin Chúa đem hài nhi Giêsu đến để có bình an và thịnh vượng cho chúng ta trong lúc này.

Lễ Đức Mẹ Vô Nhiễm

Thứ Hai 8 tháng 12 là lễ Đức Mẹ Vô Nhiễm và là ngày lễ buộc. Thánh lễ vào lúc 11 giờ 30 sáng.

Lễ Đức Mẹ Guadalupe: ngày thứ Sáu 12 tháng 12, quan thầy của các nước thuộc châu Mỹ.



Medicare Part D Changes: There will be lots of changes in Medicare Part D in 2009. It is very important for you to shop which plan will be best for you. The government website is www.medicare.gov. You can

also call Medicare at 800-633-4227. Donna Kelly, a pharmacist at Holy Rosary, who will gladly help you. You can call her at 816-283-3884. The deadline for open enrollment is December 31, 2008.

REST IN PEACE

Our sympathy to the family of long-time parishioner

Rose Ancona

who was buried from Holy Rosary this past week.



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 29

4PM Joseph Mingrone, Sr. by wife & children
Salvatore Rinaldo by Family
Giuse Ngo Dinh, Sav & Terexa Nguyen, Thi Kien by Nguyen Hung Tien

Sunday, November 30

8AM Giuse Ngo Dinh, Sav & Terexa Nguyen, Thi Kien by Nguyen Hung Tien
11AM Mary & Sam Tosti and Catherine & Angelo Donnici by M/M John Collura and Family
Matthew & Minnie Orlando by M/M Leo Hayes

Monday, December 1

8AM Special Intentions

Tuesday, December 2

8AM Peter & All Souls by Dung Tran
Anthony Tau by Xuan Phan

Wednesday, December 3

8AM Adam Giambartolomie by Nick & Mary Kay Conforti

Thursday, December 4

8AM Jake Ferrantelli by wife Fannie

Friday, December 5

8AM In Honor of the Sacred Heart by Christian Mothers

Saturday, December 6

4PM Intentions of Mr. Nguyen Hung Tien
6PM Wedding—Cascio/Russell

Sunday, December 7

8AM St. Lucy by Anthony & Josephine Pace
Phero Hieu Nguyen by Nguyen Hung Tien
11AM Peter J. Cuezze by Family
Mary & Sam Tosti and Catherine & Angelo Donnici by M/M John Collura

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

December 6 & 7

LECTORS

4PM: D. Armato
8AM: R. Circo
11AM: S. Occhipinti

ALTAR SERVERS

Brian Bui
Triston & Fantasia Ta
Yen & Long Bui

EUCHARIST & WINE MINISTERS

4PM: M. Bui—D.Armato—R.Guastello
8AM T.Gumina—L.Stasi—Q.Tran
11AM: A. Cascone—L. Huy—A.Depetre

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Last Weekend

Collections: \$2923.00
Other Income: \$ 93.00
TOTAL: \$3016.00



U. N. Human Rights Anniversary

December 10, 2008 marks the 60th anniversary of the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights, a very fine document praised by the Vatican.

However, this year there is a push to include abortion as a fundamental right in the U.N. Declaration. Bishop Finn urges everyone to sign the electronic petition, listed in the website below, that will be delivered to the United Nations requesting that they maintain the Declaration of Human Rights in its integrity and reject the motion to include abortion as part of the declaration. Please do so before December 10th. <http://www.c-fam.org/publications/id.95/default.asp>