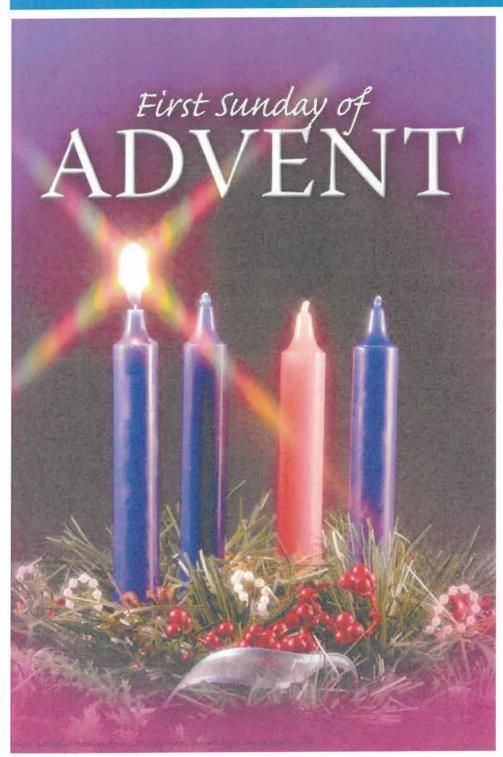
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December 3, 2023 | First Sunday of Advent



MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Saturday 8:15 am

Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm

Sunday 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:15 am and 5:00 pm

Rite of Reconciliation (Confessions) Saturday following the 8:15 am Mass in the church.

Anointing of the Sick Please call or visit the parish office to make an appointment.

Parish Office Hours Mon-Fri: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Saturday & Sunday Closed

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FROM OUR PASTORAL STAFF

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

This weekend we begin the season of Advent. It is a season rich in meaning, and filled with wonderful reminders of why we are here and what we celebrate at this festive time of the vear.

The word "advent" means "coming" or "arrival." Specifically, we celebrate the coming of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, into the world. There are three important ways that Jesus comes to us, and Advent calls us to celebrate all three.

Clearly, we are preparing to commemorate Jesus' birth, which we will celebrate on Christmas Day and (hopefully) throughout the Christmas season. Preparing to celebrate this coming of the Lord means that, in addition to the material trappings of this season, we are also in tune spiritually with one of the most blessed of our Christian solemnities.

We are also preparing for the return of Jesus in glory at the end of time. In numerous Gospel passages the Lord speaks of his return, and often he speaks about the need for us to be prepared to meet him. Although this attitude of readiness is important all year long, Advent is a privileged season to be mindful of the Lord's return, knowing that it could happen any time.

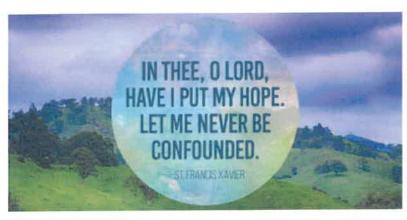
In between these two ways in which the Lord comes to us, there is also his coming to us in grace: the share we have in his life, which comes to us in the sacraments and is strengthened in us whenever we say "yes" to God's will. Clearing away any obstacles to the Lord's presence within us is a big part of living the Advent season fruitfully.

Three figures are especially prominent in the Scripture passages given to us by the Church's liturgy during this season. The prophet Isaiah, who supplies the first reading for many of our Masses at this time, speaks strongly and eloquently about the coming of the Messiah. Reading the Book of the Prophet Isaiah helps us appreciate the loving, saving work of Jesus in our lives. Secondly, the preaching of John the Baptist, who echoes Isaiah in saying, "Prepare the way of the Lord," inspires us in our Advent preparation. Finally, the Blessed Virgin Mary is an important Advent figure. Her preparation for the Lord's birth will be appreciated especially by the mothers in our community, who know what it is like to be expecting a child. Mary's "yes" to the will of God shows all of us how we bring the Lord into our lives and our world: by saying "yes" to God's will.

Let's make the most of this Advent season, so that we will truly be prepared for the coming of the Lord to our world and to our souls.

Fr. Philip

THE WEEK AHEAD



SCRIPTURE READINGS

Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/ Monday:

Mt 8:5-11

Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24 Tuesday:

Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt Wednesday:

15:29-37

Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/ Thursday:

Mt 7:21, 24-27

Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-Friday:

6. 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt Saturday:

9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/2 Sunday:

Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading: A voice cries out: In the desert prepare the way of the LORD! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God! (Is 40:3)

Second Reading: We await new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. (1 Pt 1:13)

Gospel: John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. (Mk 16:4)

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IN REMEMBRANCE

Our deepest sympathy and heartfelt prayers go out to parishioners and their family members who have died recently: Frank Saeman.

SSJ HAPPENINGS

Monday, December 4 - St. John Damascene

- 8:15 am Mass | † Fr. George Richards
- 7:00 pm Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (formerly RCIA) (FR)

Tuesday, December 5

- 8:15 am Mass | † Micae Tam Huynh
- 9:00 am Little Saints (FR)
- 7:00 pm Taize Prayer

Wednesday, December 6 - St. Nicholas

- 6:30 am Men's Bible Study (FR)
- 8:15 am Mass | † Diane Lewis
- 3:30 pm Parking Lot Prayer
- 4:00 pm Centering Prayer (FR)
- 5:30 pm Quilt Guild (CC)
- 7:00 pm Baptism Class (FR)

Thursday, December 7 - St. Ambrose

- 8:15 am Mass | Tom Larosa
- 7:00 pm Vigil Mass | † Carolin Dorna

Friday, December 8 - The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)

- 8:15 am Mass | Suzanne Ryan
- 7:00 pm Mass | Saints Simon & Jude Catholic Community

Saturday, December 9 - St. Juan Diego Cuahtlatoatzin

- 8:15 am Mass | † Jackie McGlynn
- 9:00 am Confessions
- 11:00 am Funeral Anthony Singer
- 4:00 pm Mass | † Joan Fernandez

Sunday, December 10 - 2nd Sunday of Advent

- 8:00 am Mass | Saints Simon & Jude Catholic Community
- 9:30 am Mass | † Walter Michalski
- 9:30 am CLOW/Tot Liturgy (FR)
- 10:30 am Open Playground (School)
- 11:15 am Mass | † De Manh Giap "Anthony"
- 5:00 pm Mass | Margarita Perez

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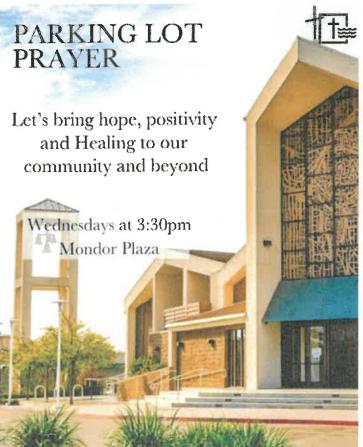
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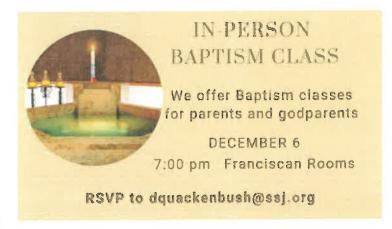
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SCHEDULE A TOUR TODAY!









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All are Welcome to Join our **Prayer Community**

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"May the God of HOPE fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so you may abound in HOPE by the power of the Holy Spirit." Romans 15:13

For more information contact Kathy Blauer at ssi@ssi.org

Please pray for the sick of our parish

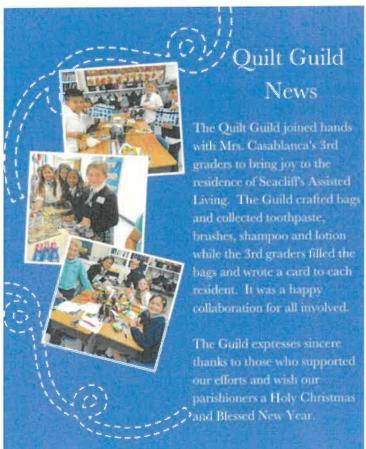
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Saints Simon & Jude Mission Outreach: Advent Week I

"If a brother or sister has nothing to wear and no food for the day, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace, keep warm, and eat well,' but you do not give them the necessities of the body. what good is it? So also faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead." James 2:15-17

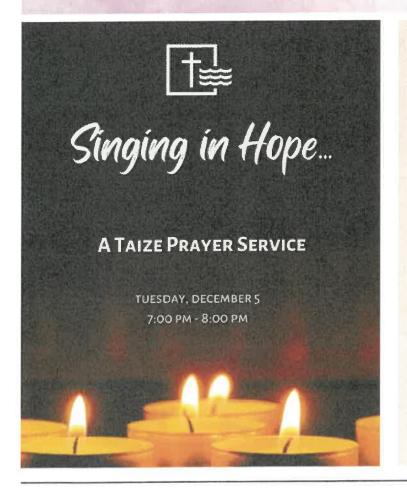
"Do not pass by a man in need, for you may be the hand of God to them." Proverbs 3:27

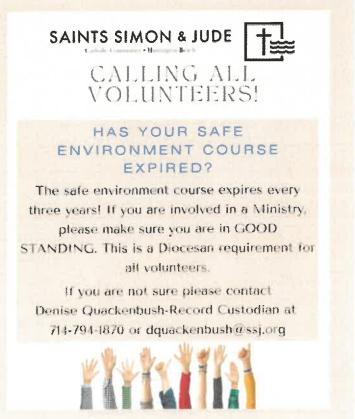
This week we highlight Share Our Selves. "Share Our Selves (SOS) is a nationally recognized health center providing high-quality, comprehensive safety net services to the Orange County community. SOS is one of 300 health centers nationally to be designated as a healthcare option to the homeless. We are servants who provide care and assistance to those in need and act as advocates for change. SOS has four locations and provides food pantries, social services, behavioral health, dental and medical services."

invitation: SSJ is adopting a large family to deliver personalized gifts in time for Christmas. Help us to bring JOY to a large Family in need by selecting an item from the Giving Garland in Mondor Plaza. For the hundreds of families and individuals served by SOS, we are also collecting hygiene items as well as taking donations to purchase cold weather kits. These kits include gloves, beanies, warm socks and Chapstick — essentials for the cold weather ahead. Seek out the Baskets and

the Mission Outreach Table in Mondor Plaza and to make a tangible difference in the lives of our neighbors.

Reflection: "Love is not patronizing and charity isn't about pity; it is about love. Charity and love are the same—with charity you give love, so don't just give money but reach out your hand instead." —St. Teresa of Calcutta





PRAYERS, READINGS & WORSHIP

Entrance: Ready the Way - Curtis Stephan



Make straight the road, raise the valleys, and mountains make low. Turning from sin, let the broken be whole, and ready the way of the Lord.

As we wait for you, give us the strength to walk in your truth, so we may love more like you and ready the way for you, Lord.

Penitential Act: Kyrie Litany of Praise - Bob Hurd



Reading I: IS 63:16B-17, 19B; 64:2-7

You, LORD, are our father, our redeemer you are named forever. Why do you let us wander, O LORD, from your ways, and harden our hearts so that we fear you not? Return for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your heritage. Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, with the mountains quaking before you, while you wrought awesome deeds we could not hope for, such as they had not heard of from of old. No ear has ever heard, no eye ever seen, any God but you doing such deeds for those who wait for him. Would that you might meet us doing right, that we were mindful of you in our ways! Behold, you are angry, and we are sinful; all of us have become like unclean people, all our good deeds are like polluted rags; we have all withered like leaves, and our guilt carries us away like the wind. There is none who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to cling to you; for you have hidden your face from us and have delivered us up to our guilt. Yet, O LORD, you are our father; we are the clay and you the potter: we are all the work of your hands.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 80 - Owen Alstott



Reading II: 1 COR 1:3-9

Brothers and sisters: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always on your account for the grace of God bestowed on you in Christ Jesus, that in him you were enriched in every way, with all discourse and all knowledge, as the testimony to Christ was confirmed among you, so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will keep you firm to the end, irreproachable on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, and by him you were called to fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Canticle Gospel Acclamation



V: Show us Lord, your love; and grant us your salvation.

PRAYERS, READINGS & WORSHIP

Gospel: MK 13:33-37

Jesus said to his disciples: "Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. It is like a man traveling abroad. He leaves home and places his servants in charge, each with his own work, and orders the gatekeeper to be on the watch. Watch, therefore; you do not know when the lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all: 'Watch!'"

Preparation of the Gifts: Awake, O Sleeper - Ike Ndolo

In the darkest times of life, when our lights refuse to shine: you are there, vou are there.

When our hearts become like stone, when we live without hope: you are there, you are there.



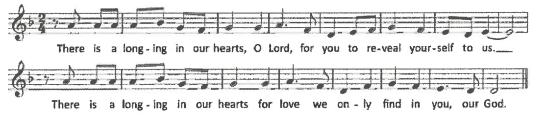
In the midst of life's decay, when our lives become like graves: rescue us, rescue us.

11:15 Mass: Wake, Awake! For Night Is Flying - J.S. Bach (1685

Wake, awake for night is flying, the watchmen on the heights are crying: "Awake, Jerusalem, arise!" Hear ye now, ere comes the morning, the midnight call of solemn warning: "He comes, O church, lift up thine eyes!" Behold, the Bridegroom comes. Your lamps with gladness take! Alleluia! The feast prepare; your Lord draws near. Go forth with joy to meet him there.

Eucharistic Acclamations: Mass of Saint Mary Magdalene - Sarah Hart

Communion: There Is a Longing - Anne Quigley



For justice, for freedom, for mercy: hear our prayer. In sorrow, in grief: be near, hear our prayer, O God.

For wisdom, for courage, for comfort: hear our prayer. In weakness, in fear: be near, hear our prayer, O God.

For healing, for wholeness, for new life; hear our prayer. In sickness, in death: be near, hear our prayer, O God.

Lord save us, take pity, light in our darkness. We call you, we wait: be near, hear our prayer, O God.

Profession of Faith

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God. begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

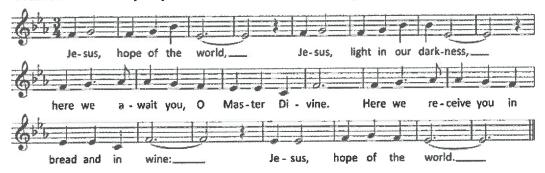
For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, (BOW) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified. who has spoken through the Prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

PRAYERS, READINGS & WORSHIP

Meditation: Jesus, Hope of the World - Deanna Light and Paul A. Tate

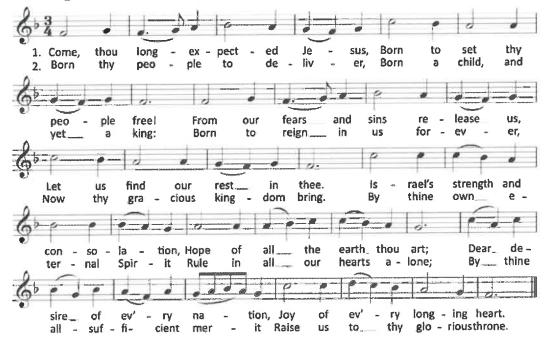


11:15am Mass: Emmanuel, Expected Jesus - Ruth Elaine Schram

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free; from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee. Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art; dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart. Come, O come, expected Emmanuel.

Sending Forth: Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus - HYFRYDOL





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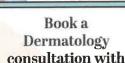
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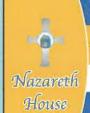
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