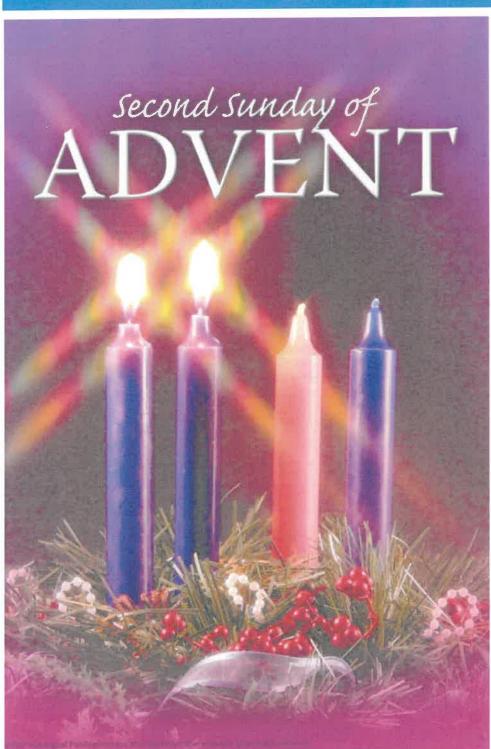
# SAINTS SIMON & JUDE

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December 10, 2023 | Second 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,

Hey Y'all,

I don't know about you, but I find it difficult to keep up with all the new series on Netflix, Hulu, Prime, and various channels like HBO, Showtime, Starz and assorted podcasts. So when I have the time for some entertainment, I revert back to my happy places. I end up watching, listening to, and rereading classics, TV reruns, and radio programs that originally aired before I was born. I'm amazed just how fresh and new some old programs can e. Some, like "Rowan and Martin's Laugh-In," seem noticeably outdated, which leads me to question the initial appeal. Too many others to mention are iconic, giving a sense of then while good even now.

Now this is simply entertainment. In the realm of faith, sacred texts, theological concepts, and the traditions of the Church, seamlessly blend the ancient with the modern. For a lot of us St. John the Baptist's story and message is very familiar. He's intriguing - a prophet whose appearance and diet is rather cave-man like, but whose message has a current urgency that is continuously true - a Baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, and a Savior who is to come into the world.

So if you get a chance, think about this ever ancient, ever new Advent season we celebrate. Think back on the mysteries which have brought us our faith. And then think about how the acts of repentance, forgiveness, and hope in your Savior enhances your life even now.

God bless.

Fr. Reynold

P.S. Thinking ahead, Fr. Philip and I are going to start Adult Faith Formation in January. We're going to show a rerun - the "Catholicism" series that aired on PBS back in 2011. It was produced by then Fr., now Bishop Robert Barron. We'll watch an episode and engage in insightful discussions. This program holds up better than "I Love Lucy", "Friends" or any show featuring the "Property Brothers".

Also thinking about classics, we'll have new books for folks that want to read a spiritual classic. During Lent, we will get together and chat about them.

So, look for the specific dates and information in upcoming bulletins!

# THE WEEK AHEAD



# SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday:

Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/

I k 5:17-26

Tuesday:

Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Wednesday:

Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/

Mt 11:28-30

Thursday:

Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab/

Mt 11:11-15

Friday:

Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday:

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16,

18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday:

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 (Is 61:10b)/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

# **NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS**

First Reading: I rejoice heartily in the LORD, in my God is the joy of my soul. (Is 61:10)

Second Reading: May the God of peace make you perfectly holy and may you entirely, spirit, soul, and body, be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Thes 5:23)

Gospel: "I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." (Jn 1:23)

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# SSJ HAPPENINGS

Monday, December 11 - St. Damasus I, Pope

- 8:15 am Mass | † Joseph Sanchez
- 7:00 pm Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (formerly RCIA) (FR)
- 7:00 pm Evening Centering Prayer (Church)

## Tuesday, December 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe

- 8:15 am Mass | Jacqueline Larosa
- 9:00 am Moms Group Bible Study (FR)

### Wednesday, December 13 - St. Lucy

- 6:30 am Men's Bible Study (FR)
- 8:15 am Mass | Linda Arboleda Germundsen
- 3:30 pm Parking Lot Prayer
- 4:00 pm Centering Prayer (FR)
- 7:00 pm Men's Club General Meeting (CC)

# Thursday, December 14 - St. John of the Cross

9:00 am Mass | † Charles Ouimet

#### Friday, December 15

8:15 am Mass | Mary Ouimet

#### Saturday, December 16

- 8:15 am Mass | † Mary Catherine Hunt
- 9:00 am Confessions
- 4:00 pm Mass | † Frederick M. Beyer
- 7:00 pm Christmas Concert (Church)

## Sunday, December 17 - 3rd Sunday of Advent

- 8:00 am Mass | † Cong Dinh
- 9:30 am Mass | Saints Simon & Jude Catholic Community
- 9:30 am CLOW/Tot Liturgy (FR)
- 11:15 am Mass | † Allen Greenbaum
- 5:00 pm Mass | † Yukari Thiesen

# **FAITH FORMATION & SACRAMENTS**





DECEMBER 19 & JANUARY 9

9am - 10am in Franciscan Room 0-3 yrs old with adult





# AROUND THE COMMUNITY



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# **SCHEDULE A TOUR TODAY!**







#### CENTERING PRAYER



# A CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER PRACTICE

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

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of the Month 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the Church

Tuesdays 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm via Zoom

Wednesdays 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm In the Franciscan Rooms

No experience is necessary.

"May the Lord of PEACE himself give you PEACE at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you." 2 Thessalonians 3:16

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

# Please pray for the sick of our parish

Michael Fernandez Jeannette Stephen Roxzane Doran Barbara Wilson Marlene Mahem Carol Lauritis Irene Vinch Angela Ambrosio Albert Abaoag Sam Zappia



# AROUND THE COMMUNITY

# Saints Simon & Jude Mission Outreach: Advent Week II

"Let us not lose the memory preserved by the elderly, for we are children of that history, and without roots, we will wither. They protected us as we grew, and now it is up to us to protect their lives and attend to their needs and to ensure that they are helped in daily life and not feel alone."

- Pope Francis

This week we highlight **Sea Cliff Assisted Living**, a senior living community in Huntington Beach providing assisted living and memory care for a population with little discretionary resources and very limited family and friends.

**Invitation:** This Advent, SSJ parishioners took gift tags from the Giving Garland to purchase personalized gifts for this vulnerable population. Please bring your offerings to any Mass or to the parish office by the close of business on Friday December 15th.

**Looking for a more personal connection?** The residents of Sea Cliff enjoy activities, but must rely on volunteers to lead these activities and/or purchase supplies. To date, we have parishioners who bring communion, lead a knitting/crochet circle, lead an exercise class, and lead a book club. If you have an activity you would like to share with these darling seniors, please contact Diane Reid at di4sc@yahoo.com.

**Did you know...** Pope Francis established the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly to be celebrated each year on the fourth Sunday of July to coincide with the Feasts of Sts. Joachim and Anne, to emphasize the pastoral care of the elderly as a priority. Not only are grandchildren and young people called upon to be present in the lives of older people, but older people and grandparents also have a mission of evangelization, proclamation and prayer, and of encouraging young people in their faith.

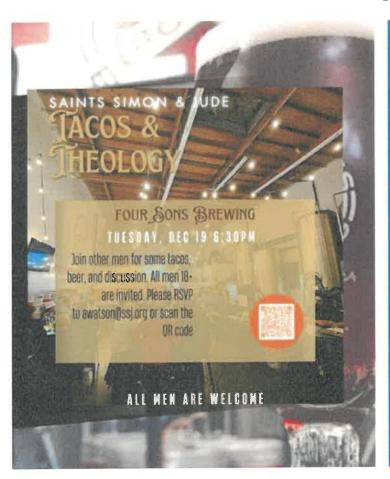
**Reflection:** "Even at the darkest moments, the LORD continues to send angels to console our loneliness and to remind us: "I am with you always." May every grandfather, every grandmother, every older person, especially those among us who are most alone receive the visit of an angel!"

—Pope Francis, World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, July 25, 2021

How you can be an angel to your grandmother or grandfather or an elderly neighbor?



# AROUND THE COMMUNITY





Family to Family Class January 11th 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm Community Center

This class is for families and friends of mentally ill adults. The class begins January 11th and continues for 8 weeks. There is no cost. We provide information about various illnesses, medications, and how to communicate and care for your mentally ill loved one.

To register, contact Claire at (714) 544-8488 or jang-cjang@namioc.org.

# CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS AT SAINTS SIMON & JUDE



• 8:00 am. 9:30 am & 11:15 am - Church

Christmas Eve - Sunday, December 24

- 4:00 pm Church & Colman Hall
- 6:00 pm Church
- 8:00 pm Church
- 10:00 pm Church

- 9:30 am Church
- 11:15 am Church







# PRAYERS, READINGS & WORSHIP

#### **Entrance: On Jordan's Bank - WINCHESTER NEW**



### Penitential Act: Kyrie Litany of Praise - Bob Hurd



#### Reading I: IS 40:1-5, 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: Psalm 85 - Owen Alstott



#### Reading II: 2 PT 3:8-14

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.

# **Gospel Acclamation: Canticle Gospel Acclamation**



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

# PRAYERS, READINGS & WORSHIP

Gospel: MK 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."

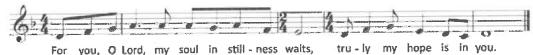
# Preparation of the Gifts: Comfort, Comfort, O My People - GENEVA 42



11:15 Mass: Comfort, Comfort - (Claude Goudimel, ca. 1514-1572; arr. John Ferguson)

**Eucharistic Acclamations: Mass of Saint Mary Magdalene - Sarah Hart** 

#### Communion: My Soul in Stillness Waits - Marty Haugen



Lord of Light, our only hope of glory, your radiance shines in all who look to you, come, light the hearts of all in dark and shadow.

O Spring of Joy, rain down upon our spirits, our thirsty hearts are yearning for your Word, come, make us whole, be comfort to our hearts.

O Root of Life, implant your seed within us, and in your advent, draw us all to you, our hope reborn in dying and in rising.

O Key of Knowledge, guide us in our pilgrimage, we ever seek, yet unfulfilled remain, open to us the pathway of your peace.

Come, let us bow before the God who made us, let ev'ry heart be opened to the Lord, for we are all the people of his hand.

#### 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 Marv. 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 alory 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: The King Shall Come - Trevor Thomson



The King shall come when morning dawns And light and beauty brings. Hail, Christ, the Lord! Thy people pray: Come quickly, King of kings. Come quickly, King of kings.

# 11:15am Mass: Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming - ES IST EIN' ROS' ENTSPRUNGEN

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming From tender stem hath sprung! Of Jesse's lineage coming, As those of old have sung. It came, a flower bright, Amid the cold of winter. When half spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it, This Rose I have in mind, With Mary we behold it, The Virgin Mother kind. To show God's love aright, She bore to us a Savior, When half spent was the night.

O Flow'r, whose fragrance tender With sweetness fills the air, Dispel in glorious splendor The darkness ev'rywhere; True man, yet very God, From sin and death now save us, And share our ev'ry load.

## Sending Forth: 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.



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