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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 6, 2015

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News, Reminders, and Events

CCD classes will meet for the final class this semester today, December 6. Remember to PRAY with your children while they are on Christmas break and enjoy the holidays. We look forward to seeing everyone back in class on January 10, 2016!

Clases de catecismo se reunirán por última clase este semestre actual, 12/6 . Recuerde que debe orar con sus hijos mientras están en vacaciones de Navidad y disfrutar de las vacaciones. Esperamos verlos a todos de vuelta en clase el 10 de enero 2016!

Tuesday, December 8, is a Holy Day of Obligation -- the Immaculate Conception of BVM. Mass will be at 8:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Martes, 8 de diciembre , es un día de precepto - la fiesta de la Inmaculada Concepción . Misa será a las 8:00 am y las 6:30 pm.

The Christmas Penance Service will be Friday, December 11, at 6:00 p.m. Please take advantage of this opportunity to do your Christmas confession.

El Servicio de Penitencia de Navidad será el viernes , 11 de diciembre a las 6:00 pm Por favor tome ventaja de esta oportunidad para hacer su confesión de Navidad.

If you wish to contribute to the Christmas poinsettias and to remember and honor a loved one, there are envelopes in the foyer. You can put them in the collection box or give to a Women's Guild member.

Si usted desea contribuir a las flores de pascua de Navidad y de recordar y honrar a un ser querido , hay sobres en el vestíbulo . Usted puede poner en la colecta o dar a un miembro de la Cofradía de la Mujer.

Next week, December 12-13, there will be a second collection for the retirement fund for all religious.

La próxima semana, diciembre 12 al 13 , habrá una segunda colecta para el fondo de retiro para todos los religiosos .

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Christmas Potluck	Sunday, December 6	5:30 p.m.
Holy Day of Obligation (Solemnity of Immaculate Conception)	Tuesday, December	8:00 a.m.
Christmas Penance Service	Friday, December 11	6:30 p.m.
Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe (Rosary at 4:30 and celebration after Mass)	Saturday, December 12	6:00 p.m.
The Light is On for You	Wednesday, December 16	After 6:30 Mass
The Nativity of the Lord (Vigil Mass)	Thursday, December 24	6:00 p.m.
The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Day)	Friday, December 25	9:30 a.m.
The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God	Friday, January 1	6:30 p.m.

Saturday December 5 5:30 p.m. Mass Charles & Shirley Ranley by Charlene & Curtis Scott	Sunday December 6 9:30 a.m. Mass For the People	Monday December 7 No Mass	Tuesday December 8 8:00 a.m. Mass 6:30 p.m. Mass †Ralph Moyer by Family and Friends	Wednesday December 9 6:30 p.m. Mass Charles & Shirley Ranley by Charlene & Curtis Scott CSO Meets	Thursday December 10 8:00 a.m. Mass †Rossi Lucian Selvaggi by Tom Selvaggi	Friday December 11 8:00 a.m. Mass †Wendy S. Selvaggi by Tom Selvaggi	Saturday December 12 5:30 p.m. Mass †Denis and Suzanne Duplantier by Lettie Gillespie
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The usual stipend for a Mass is \$5.00.

THE PASTOR'S CORNER

The Promise Keeper by Maria I. Morgan

Fact is, all of us humans struggle to keep our promises. Like a child promising to be good after misbehaving, we hardly ever keep our promises. Oh, we have good intentions, but when circumstances change, we justify breaking our word. Remember Pharaoh in the book of Exodus? He and his people experienced horrific plagues that caused severe damage. Over and over he pleaded with Moses to call on God to remove each plague. He assured Moses that he'd let the Israelites go to sacrifice to their God, if the plague was eliminated.

Pharaoh was desperate, yet his response was the same every time each plague was removed, "But when Pharaoh saw that there was respite, he hardened his heart, and hearkened not unto [Moses and Aaron]; as the Lord had said," (Exodus 8:15; KJV). He promised to let the Israelites go if the plagues disappeared, but when there was relief, he went back on his word every time. The last plague, death of every firstborn, finally convinced Pharaoh to let the people of Israel go. But not for long...

As the Israelites fled from the land of Egypt, Pharaoh and his army realized what they had done – let their entire workforce leave. You guessed it! Pharaoh goes back on his word one last time, "... Why have we done this, that we have let Israel go from serving us? And he made ready his chariot, and took his people with him," (Exodus 14:5b-6).

But God wasn't caught by surprise. God instructed Moses to encourage the Israelites, "Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord, which he will show to you today: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen today, ye shall see them again no more for ever. The Lord shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace," (Exodus 14: 13-14). The Israelites walked through the Red Sea on dry ground. When the Egyptians began to pursue them, the water the Lord had parted, crashed down on the army leaving no survivors.

The God who kept His promises way back in the days of Moses, still keeps His promises. Know that what He promises, He'll deliver. You have His word on it!

Our Parish Weekly Need: \$ 2,771.60*

Las necesidades semanales de nuestra parroquia: \$2,771.60*

Last Sunday, November 29, 2015: \$ 1,702.67

Colección desde el domingo pasado: \$ 1,702.67

Monthly Mortgage Payment: \$ 3,402.50

Pago mensual de hipoteca: \$ 3,402.50

Last Sunday's Building Fund: \$ 370.00

Fondos recaudados el domingo pasado: \$ 370.00

Building Fund November Total: \$ 5,344.00

Total de fondos noviembre: \$ 5,344.00

Mass Attendance: 245

Cantidad de asistentes: 245

*What it takes to function not including the Mortgage Payment.

*Lo que se requiere para el funcionamiento de la parroquia, sin el pago mensual de la hipoteca.

RCIA is a journey of conversion to God and what He intends for us. The Catholic Church warmly welcomes new members and tries to provide appropriate spiritual formation according to each person's needs. If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, please contact Fr. Marcus.

Si usted está interesado en aprender más sobre la fe católica, póngase en contacto con el p. Marcus.



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