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First SUNDAY of ADVENT

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*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.*

Isaiah 63:19b; 64:2-3



THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

As we begin Advent, we light one candle in the midst of all the darkness in our lives and in the world. It symbolizes our longing, our desire, our hope. Three “advents” or “comings” shape our desire. We want to be renewed in a sense that Jesus came to save us from our sin and death. We want to experience his coming to us now, in our everyday lives, to help us live our lives with meaning and purpose. And we want to prepare for his coming to meet us at the end of our lives on this earth.

So, we begin with our longing, our desire and our hope.

When we wake up, each day this week, we could light that candle, just by taking a few moments to focus. We could pause for a minute at the side of our bed, or while putting on our slippers or our robe, and light an *inner* candle. Who among us doesn't have time to pause for a moment? We could each find our own way to pray something like this:

“Lord, the light I choose to let into my life today is based on my trust in you. It is a weak flame, but I so much desire that it dispel a bit more darkness today. Today, I just want to taste the longing I have for you as I go to the meeting this morning, carry out the responsibilities of my work, face the frustration of some difficult relationships. Let this candle be my reminder today of my hope in your coming.”

Each morning this week, that momentary prayer might get more specific, as it prepares us for the day we will face. And as we head to work, walk to a meeting, rush through lunch, take care of errands, meet with people, pick up the phone to return some calls, answer e-mail, return home to prepare a meal, listen to the ups and downs of our loved ones' day, we can take brief moments to relate our desire for the three comings of the Lord to our life.

If our family has an Advent wreath, or even if it doesn't, we could pray together before our evening meal. As we light the first candle on the wreath, or as we simply pause to pray together our normal grace. Then, as we begin to eat, we can invite each other, including the children, to say something about what it means today to light this first candle.

Perhaps we could ask a different question each night, or ask about examples from the day. How am I getting in touch with the longing within me? How did I prepare today? What does it mean to prepare to celebrate his coming 2,000 years ago? How can we prepare to experience his coming into our lives this year? What does it mean for us now, with our world involved in so much conflict? How are we being invited to trust more deeply? How much more do we long for his coming to us, in the midst of the darkness in our world? In what ways can we renew our lives so we might be prepared to greet him when he comes again? Our evening meal could be transformed this week, if we could shape some kind of conversation together that lights a candle of anticipation in our lives. Don't worry if everyone isn't “good at” this kind of conversation at first. We can model it, based on our momentary pauses throughout each day, in which we are discovering deeper and deeper desires, in the midst of our everyday lives.

And every night this week, we can pause briefly, perhaps as we sit for a minute at the edge of the bed. We can be aware of how that one, small candle's worth of desire brought light into this day. And we can give thanks. Going to bed each night this week with some gratitude is part of the preparation for growing anticipation and desire.

Come, Lord Jesus! Come and visit your people. We await your coming. Come, O Lord.

PLEASE REMEMBER...



Friday, December 5, is the **First Friday of the month**. Please remember to pray in a special way to the Blessed Sacrament. Also, please remember that we have all-day adoration beginning after the 8:00 A.M. Mass.

Prosimy pamiętać, że w najbliższy piątek przypada **Pierwszy Piątek miesiąca**. Zapraszamy wszystkich do naszej świątyni na adorację Najświętszego Sakramentu, oraz na Mszę św. o godz. 7-mej wieczorem.

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (30)**

- 8:30 — +Salvatore J. Serio (Wife Connie and Family)
 +Albert Mazur (Smigiel Family)
 +Genowefa Wójcik 3rd Death Anniversary (Family)
- 10:30 — O bł. Boże dla Ojczyzny i wszystkich Polaków na całym świecie, święte owoce działalności Ligi Katolickiej oraz dusze w Czyśćcu cierpiące
 O zdrowie, Boże Bł. i wszelkie potrzebne łaski dla Piotra Grocholski z racji urodzin (Polska Grupa)

O radość w wieczności dla:

- ++Katarzyna i Paweł Dziura (Tato z rodziną)
 +Dominik Kalinowski (Żona i dzieci)
 +Andrzej Drewniak i za zmarłych z rodziny (Rodzina)
- 12:15 — +James A. Haughey 8th Death Anniversary (Family)
- 6:00 — O Boże Bł. dla rodziny

MONDAY (1) Advent Weekday

- 8:00 — Birthday Blessings for Jeanette Krist (Friend)
 Anniversary of Lorraine DuPlantis (Denise)
 +Anastasia Marienfeld Birthday Remembrance (Jim Miketta)

TUESDAY (2) Advent Weekday

- 8:00 — +Anastasia Marienfeld Birthday Remembrance (Jim Miketta)

WEDNESDAY (3) Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

- 8:00 — All Souls in Purgatory (*Za zmarłych polecanych w wypominkach*) #15
- 8:30 — O Bożą opiekę dla rodziny

THURSDAY (4) Advent Weekday (Saint John Damascene)

- 8:00 — All Souls in Purgatory (*Za zmarłych polecanych w wypominkach*) #16

FIRST FRIDAY (5)

- 8:00 — All Souls in Purgatory (Barcebal Family)
 +John McGrail Birthday Remembrance (Family)
- 7:00 pm — Za zmarłych polecanych w wypominkach #17

SATURDAY (6) Advent Weekday (Saint Nicholas, Bishop)

- 8:00 — All Souls in Purgatory (*Za zmarłych polecanych w wypominkach*) #18
- 8:30 — Podziękowanie za otrzymane łaski z prośbą o dalszą opiekę Bożą dla Anny, Zdzisława i Moniki
- 4:00 — All Souls in Purgatory (*Za zmarłych polecanych w wypominkach*) #19

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (7)

- 8:30 — +Martin Weldin Birthday Remembrance (Daughter)
 +Nick M. Grossmayer (Grossmayer Family)
 +Albert Mazur (Smigiel Family)
- 10:30 — O bł. Boże dla Ojczyzny i wszystkich Polaków na całym świecie, święte owoce działalności Ligi Katolickiej oraz dusze w Czyśćcu cierpiące
 O Boże Bł., opiekę M. Bożej i wszelkie potrzebne łaski dla Edyty Matel (Babcia)

O radość w wieczności dla:

- +Zenon Denisiuk (Siostry)
 +Patricia Tytro (Rodzice)
 +Leokadia Stacherczak
 +Dominik Kalinowski (Żona i dzieci)
 ++Katarzyna i Paweł Dziura (Tato z rodziną)
- 12:15 — AnnaFe and Renato Nucup 30th Wedding Anniversary
- 6:00 —

Pray for ...

Pat Abella
 William Balog
 Joe Bargi
 Lorraine Belokon
 Evelyn Cademartrie
 Maria Ceglarek
 Jan Drożdż
 Dorothy Heck
 Jennifer Hebda
 Marian Henaghan
 Andrew Jennings
 Carrie Kacen
 Marie Kane
 Janet Kaplan
 Maureen Kearney
 Chester Kmiec
 Laverne Kmiec
 Helen Kumiega
 Helen Lapore
 Maria Lech

Peter Leyden
 Joseph LoPiccolo
 Mary Lund
 Mary Lynch
 Michael Manczko
 Barbara McDonald
 Mike Muka
 Antoni Nierzejewski
 Carol Niewinski
 Anna Oracz
 Henry Orry
 Joseph Rath
 Marge Reavis
 Alice Reckmann
 Augusto Sandoval
 Norbert Schultz
 Neil Steppan
 Helen Sterling
 Gina Swensen
 Roger Vlasos
 Jola Wolfe
 Katie Young
 Carla and Adam

If you would like to have a name added or removed from our Parish "Pray For..." sick list, please call the rectory at 773-545-8840 ext. 221. Thank you!



Rest in Peace

Dolores Mrowinski



November 16, 2014

Currency	\$ 3,553.00
Checks	\$ 1,800.00
Loose Coin	\$ 5.96
Total	\$ 5,358.96

Weekly Goal	\$ 7,500.00
Budget Year to Date	\$150,000.00
Collections Year to Date	\$120,546.79
Under Budget	\$ <29,453.21 >

Thank you for your generosity and support of our Parish.



OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONFESSION

Beginning this Sunday, we entered into Advent. As we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus at Christmas, our parish, along with other parishes in our Deanery, will have additional opportunities for receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Below, please find a list of all the parishes in our deanery, along with addresses, dates and times for Reconciliation. Please do all that you can to prepare for Jesus' coming and remember to receive the sacrament of Penance either at our home parish or at one of our nearby churches.

SAINT PRISCILLA CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Tuesday, December 16th 7:00 p.m. Penance Service & Confession - *English*
 Saturday, December 20th 3:00-4:00 p.m. Bilingual Confession - *English & Polish*
 Sunday, December 21st 4:00-7:00 p.m. Bilingual Confession - *English & Polish*

ST. FRANCIS BORGIA (773)625-1118
 8033 W. Addison St.
 Chicago, IL 60651

Saturday, December 13th, 3:00-5:00 pm - *English*
Monday, December 22nd, 5:00-8:00 pm - *Polish*

Web Site: www.saintfrancisborgiachicago.com
 E-Mail: stfrancis-borgia@archchicago.org

OUR LADY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH (773)625-3369
 8701 W. Lawrence Ave.
 Chicago, IL 60656

Please contact the Rectory for Holiday Confession details.

Web Site: www.ourladymotherchurch.com
 E-Mail: ourladymotherchurch.com

ST. WILLIAM (773)637-6565
 2600 N. Sayre Ave.
 Chicago, IL 60707

Monday, December 22nd, 6:00-8:00 pm

Web Site: www.saintwilliamparish.org
 E-Mail: stwilliam@archchicago.org

ST. CELESTINE (708)453-2555
 3020 N. 76th Ct.
 Elmwood Park, IL 60707

Please contact the Rectory for Holiday Confession details.

Web Site: www.stcelestineparish.org
 E-Mail: stcelestine@archchicago.org

ST. GERTRUDE (847)455-1100
 9613 Schiller Blvd.
 Franklin Park, IL 60131

Please contact the Rectory for Holiday Confession details.

Web Site: www.saintgertrudechurch.net
 E-Mail: stgertrude-schiller@archchicago.org

ST. ROSALIE (708)867-8817
 4401 N. Oak Park Ave.
 Harwood Heights, IL 60706

Tuesday, December 9th, 6:00-8:00 pm

Web Site: www.saintrosalie.org
 E-Mail: office@saintrosalie.org

DIVINE SAVIOR (708)456-9000
 7750 W. Montrose Ave.
 Norridge, IL 60706

Please contact the Rectory for Holiday Confession details.

Web Site: www.divinesaviornorridge.org
 E-Mail: dsavior@aol.com

ST. CYPRIAN (708)453-4800
 2601 N. Clinton St.
 River Grove, IL 60171

**Saturday, December 13th, 3:00 pm - *Adult Advent*
*Penance Service***

Web Site: www.stcyprian.org
 E-Mail: stcyprianchurch@netzero.net

ST. BEATRICE (847)678-0138
 4157 Atlantic Ave.
 Schiller Park, IL 60176

**Tuesday, December 16th, 7:00pm - *Combined Advent*
*Reconciliation Service at St. Maria Goretti***

Web Site: www.stbeatriceparish.org
 E-Mail: stbeatricechurch@sbcglobal.net

ST. MARIA GORETTI (847)678-3988
 3929 N. Wehrman Ave.
 Schiller Park, IL 60176

**Tuesday, December 16th, 7:00 pm - *Advent*
*Reconciliation Service***

E-Mail: stmariagoretti@archchicago.org

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6965 W. Belmont Ave., Chicago

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pakowanie prezentów

niespodzianki
dla kupujących!

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB

Meeting and Christmas Party

Tuesday, December 2nd at 12:00 Noon
in the Rectory Round Room.
Ladies please join us.

A big Thank you to all who worked, donated items, baked, shopped and supported our Rummage and Bake Sale. A net profit of \$5,384.87 was made. Much appreciated to all who helped us make it a big success.

Wishing everyone a Merry
Christmas and a Happy
and Healthy New Year!



Congratulations!

On Sunday, October 26, nearly two hundred area catholics received the 2014 *Christifideles* Award from Francis Cardinal George O.M.I., former Archbishop of Chicago. This annual award ceremony was held at Holy Name Cathedral. These awards are presented every year to individual Catholics who have demonstrated by participation in parish life an understanding of the Catholic Church's teaching and exercise their faith in service to their church and community. We would like to congratulate one of our own parishioners, **Mr. and Mrs. Adam and Jadwiga Kokot**, who were honored at the ceremony for their dedication to St. Priscilla Parish. Congratulations! It is a blessing to have Adam in our faith community as an Usher and member of the Holy Name Society, and Jadwiga as a member of the Catholic Women's Club.



SUPPORT THE CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Thank you for your contributions to the Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development! Your generous gifts will help CCHD end poverty in the United States through better education, improved housing, and economic development. Through CCHD and its beneficiaries, we help keep Catholic social teaching alive and carry out Jesus' mission to "bring glad tidings to the poor . . . to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free" (Lk 4:18).

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SIMBANG GABI ST. PRISCILLA CHURCH



DECEMBER 20, 2014

6:30 P.M. - Holy Rosary
7:00 P.M. - Simbang Gabi Mass
8:00 P.M. - McGowan Hall



**Volunteers are WELCOME for
your time, talent, and treasure!
Bring a favorite food to share!**

Retirement Fund for Religious

Please give to those who have given a lifetime.



WHY WE ASK YOU TO HELP

Skyrocketing Costs

- There are more than 35,000 religious past age 70 living in the United States. In 2013, the average annual cost for their care was \$39,400 per person.
- For each of the last five years, the total cost to support women and men religious has exceeded \$1 billion.

Insufficient Income

- By 2024, retired religious are projected to outnumber wage-earning religious by four to one (see chart, below).
- For most of their lives, elder religious worked for small stipends. There were no 401(k) plans or pensions.
- Religious communities are financially autonomous and solely responsible for the support and care of all members. Income, earnings, and expenses are managed separately from the parish and diocesan structures of the Catholic Church.
- The average annual Social Security benefit for a religious is \$5,123.43—roughly one-third the amount received by the average beneficiary in the United States.

HOW THE RFR MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Generous Donations and Careful Stewardship

- Over the last 25 years, Catholics in the United States have donated \$726 million to the RFR.
- Over 93 percent of donations to the RFR aid elder religious, with seven percent used for administration.

Financial and Consultative Support

- Since 1989, nearly \$609 million has been distributed to support the day-to-day care of elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.
- An additional \$76 million has been allocated toward self-help projects initiated by religious communities, including collaborative health-care facilities and comprehensive retirement planning.
- In 2009, the National Religious Retirement Office (NRRO) implemented a new process to help religious communities that are critically underfunded for retirement address their funding shortfalls. Since then, the NRRO has helped 103 communities, representing 12,955 religious, develop long-range retirement strategies.

The collection will take place on December 13 and 14.

ADWENT - CZASEM CZUWANIA

Adwent jest okresem czuwania, tj. Czasem, w którym przygotowujemy się na przyjście Chrystusa. Już tyle razy Chrystus do nas przychodził, ale czy my dobrze przeżyliśmy ten okres czekania? Czy czuwaliśmy i czekaliśmy na to przyjście z wiarą, to znaczy z pełnym zaangażowaniem się w Jego przyjście?

Każdy człowiek w życiu na coś lub na kogoś czeka. Matka czeka na powrót dziecka ze szkoły. Żona na powrót męża z pracy. Przyjaciół na przyjazd przyjaciela. Ukochana na powrót ukochanego. Chory czeka na powrót do zdrowia.

Czekanie jest nierozdzielnie związane z naszym życiem. W Adwencie my, ludzie wierzący - czekamy na Chrystusa. Ale czekając musimy stale czuwać, by nas Jego przyjście nie zaskoczyło. Musimy także bardziej aniżeli kiedykolwiek indziej bardziej rozpoznawać „Znaki Jego przyjścia”. Ale zastanówmy się choć przez chwilę, co to znaczy czuwać?

Czuwać - to znaczy przede wszystkim mieć szeroko otwarte oczy. To znaczy widzieć więcej, niż widzimy codziennie. Więcej, niż tylko siebie i swoje sprawy. Wielu ludzi nie interesuje Chrystus dlatego, ponieważ nie widzą zainteresowania się Nim u tych, którzy nazywają się Jego wyznawcami, chrześcijanami. Tak więc dziś muszę sobie zrobić rachunek sumienia z mojej relacji do Chrystusa. Jeżeli pragnę dobrze przeżyć Boże Narodzenie, to muszę za wszelką cenę więcej interesować się Chrystusem, muszę nie tylko wyczekiwać na Jego przyjście, ale zrozumieć prawdę, że On przychodzi po to, aby mnie zbawić.

Czuwać - to znaczy również otworzyć swoje uszy. Wytężyć swój słuch. Aby dobrze usłyszeć przychodzącego Boga, trzeba najpierw wyciszyć wszystko wokół siebie. Trzeba chcieć tylko słyszeć głos mówiącego Boga.

Czuwać - to znaczy jeszcze uwrażliwić swoje sumienie. Co to znaczy? To znaczy, że mamy być czułymi na każdy szept łaski Bożej. Niech Adwent będzie dla nas wiosną, która niesie ze sobą radość i nadzieję nowego życia. Chrystus przychodzi do nas w tym okresie roku, byśmy zrozumieli, czym jest nowe życie, szczególnie życie dane nam przez kochającego nas i miłosiernego Boga.

Wydźmy na spotkanie Jezusa w tym adwentowym czasie z taką miłością, z jaką On do nas przychodzi i módlmy się gorąco, aby to nasze adwentowe czuwanie zakończyło się nie tylko spotkaniem z Chrystusem ale także i pełnym z Nim zjednoczeniem.

— Ks. Idzi —