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Fr. Edison Bernavas, I.C.

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Deacon Crispin Stout

Mass Schedule

Vigil Mass (Saturday):

4:30 p.m. (English)

6:30 p.m. (Spanish)

Sunday Masses:

8:30 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

4:30 p.m.

Rosary 35 minutes before
each weekend Mass

Weekday Masses:

Monday - Friday: 8:00 a.m.

Thursday: 6:30 p.m. (Spanish)

First Friday: 6:30 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday thru Friday

After 8:00 Morning Mass to 4:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:30-4:15 p.m.

First Friday: 7:30 a.m.

or Anytime by Appointment with
Priest

Second SUNDAY of Advent

December 6, 2020

John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

Mark 1:4

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday

4:30 p.m.

6:30 p.m.

Sunday

8:30 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

4:30 p.m.

Monday

8:00 a.m.

6:30 p.m.

8:00 p.m.

Tuesday

8:00 a.m.

6:30 p.m.

Wednesday

8:00 a.m.

Thursday

9:00 a.m.

6:30 p.m.

Friday

8:00 a.m.

Saturday

4:30 p.m.

6:30 p.m.

Sunday

8:30 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

4:30 p.m.

December 5†Souls of Purgatory
by Jack & Carmen Claypoole

Spanish Mass-

†Fidel Gonzalez, Sr.
by Noelia Gonzalez**December 6**†Samantha Kulangara
by Family

Parishioners of St. Francis

†Frank Hurlburt
by John & Dottie Mabe**December 7**Immaculate Conception Vigil
Thanksgiving for the Immaculate
Conception

by Paulette Hyppolite

†Chuck Mulhern

by Carmen Connors

Spanish Vigil-

December 8

The Immaculate Conception

Of the Blessed Virgin Mary

†Flora Ocampo

by Chito & Maria Ocampo

†Aroqyam Anthony

by Carl Francis Kosierowski

December 9†Angel Alvarez
by Gladys**December 10**

Intentions for the Padillevo Family

Spanish Mass-

†Angelica M. Chica

December 11†Jim Everett
by Veronica Everett**December 12**†Ferdinand Cordon
by Annie & Children

Spanish Mass-

December 13†John Phillip Hall
by Ada Hall

Intentions for the Living & Deceased

Members of the Wicker Family

by Dyanne Mattice

Parishioners of St. Francis



IN THE CHARITY OF YOUR PRAYERS, please pray for those who are ill, homebound, or confined to hospitals and nursing homes, especially for the following:

Dennis & Doreen Alfano, Pat Allen, Randall Allen-Krug, Helen Bacovsin, Bonnie Beaudry, Diane Benn, Carmen Blanco, Patsy Bourassa, Brooke Butpera, Chelsea & Gravrla Brown, Dick Boelter, Dana Calvani, Frances Calvani, Marie Casale, Buddy Chapman, Rosemary Clamon, Katrina Crooks, Vaughn Crooks, Carmen Connors, Todd Davis, Jim Decker, Kayla Dennis, Suzy Eisenhard, Josie Frisco, Debbie Fritz, Martha Fritz, Joseph Kordinak, Ethel Kotrady, Blanche Kosierowski, Rush Limbaugh, Mary Little, Chuck Lloyd, Rosalina Mactal, Joseph Martin, Dillon McDonald, Norman McKenzie, Bruce & Cathy Meeks, Carleen & Jim Mingle, Billie Morrow, David Mueller, Darrel Mummet, Gerry Murray, Iris Mussenden, Dania Niles, Danny Newman, Wyatt Nowicki, Millie O'Brien, Diane Openlander, Evie Preble, Einstein Prenell, Mike & Eva Presley, Vincent Sciandra, Adalina Scimeca, Michelle Seals, Ed Shea & Family, Kristina Shea-Allen, Andy Silva, Sue Soleau, Bernadette Suppa, Joe Suppa, Jr., Phyllis Suppa, Benny & Edwina Sylvester, Christy Torres, Heather Trotto, Raul V., John Vicario, Joan Wagner, Tom Watson, David Weddermann, Janice Weddermann, Robby Weddermann, Loraine Wenner, Lorraine Welch, Taylor White, Kurt Wicker, Donna Wiley, Mary Winarski, Addy Wright, John Yeninas, the Homebound and their Caregivers. Also, Monsignors Brendan Muldoon, William DuBois, Anton Dechering, Father Rick Pilger & Dr. Frederick Brown.

In repose of the souls of Jim Miller, Catherine Mary Skidmore, Fr. John Massiello & Melissa Musk.

Please remember to call the parish office if you need to have a name added to our prayer list. Names will remain on the list for four weeks, unless otherwise specified, or they are considered a long-term illness. Thank you for your support and cooperation.

LORD,

Look upon me with eyes of mercy, may Your healing hand rest upon me, may Your life-giving powers flow into every cell of my body and into the depths of my soul, cleansing, purifying, restoring me to wholeness and strength for service in Your Kingdom. Amen.

Follow the Holy Father on Twitter!

Pope Francis is on Twitter! The Vatican uses Twitter as a way for the faithful to interact more closely with the Holy Father and is available in several different languages. Follow him at www.twitter.com/pontifex as he shares his wisdom, thoughts, and blessings!



Please remember to pray for our troops, especially:

Anthony Jordan Casale

Casey James Casale

Alejandro Cuesta

Tony Cuesta

Matt Daniels

Spencer Dewey

Jesse Doyle

Remy Herrero

Jeanine Hatfield

Dan Holder

Christopher Jeffers

Patrick Junker

Wesley Kosierowski

Nicholas Kosierowski

Leobardo Martinez

Michael Mulhern

Collin Newman

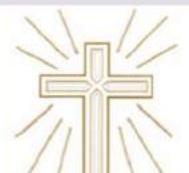
Keenan Newman

Donovan O'Connor

Magaly Oliu

Paul Michael Presley

Derrick M. Shea & Logan



Eternal rest, grant unto them,
O Lord, and let perpetual
light shine upon them.
May the souls of the faithful
departed through the mercy
of God rest in peace.
Amen.

(To have a name added to this list, please call the parish office.)

From the Pastor...

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

Today's beautiful Advent readings are all about anticipating the coming of the Messiah. First, the Hebrew prophet, Isaiah, prophesies this event in one of the most imagery laden and colorful passages in the Scriptures, and then in the gospel, we hear the words of the New Testament prophet, John the Baptist. And so, this first chapter of the Gospel of Mark, marks the beginning our church year, one devoted to the readings of Mark.

Right from the first line of the Gospel, we are let in on the secret of Who Jesus is: "The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God!" Mark pulls no punches; he tells us straight on that Jesus is the Son of God.

So, for Mark, the anticipation is the wonderful discovery of Who Jesus is, and Mark does not begin with any more history lessons, but gets right to his focus and jumps directly into the beginning of the Jesus 'public' life.

We meet John the Baptist at the beginning of the Gospel, prophesied by Isaiah as the messenger of God, sent to announce the Messiah and prepare the people for His coming. And what was John supposed to be doing? According to Mark, he was first of all, to proclaim the message and vision of Isaiah: getting people ready and fixing up the road, so that God had a straight path to us. Secondly, John was to ask us to 'turn ourselves around', the actual meaning of 'repent' and look at our lives and ask for forgiveness, so that we too, would be on this straight path to receive the Lord.

In the first verses of Mark, John the Baptist did not know who the Messiah would be, but that he would be someone much more powerful than himself, and who would baptize not only with water, but with the Spirit, as well.

Let us look at the first reading from Isaiah more closely. God, seen here, is a God of comfort who wants only to speak tenderly to us, to forgive our sins. Isaiah wants the messenger of God to stand on a high mountain and announce the coming. And although he notes that God is a mighty God, we are not to fear Him because He is more like a shepherd than a warrior, and He will gather us in his arms and carry us next to His breast, and gently lead us where we need to go.

These are the images of God that we need to hold dear, that give us hope, that allow us to anticipate the Second Coming and not be afraid of the world being "dissolved" by fire, as Peter describes today in the second reading. Instead, we have to be filled with peace, and we will be comforted and held in the arms of our God.

And that is the anticipation we should be thinking about as Christmas approaches. The Christ Child is that image of peace, and so, in the next few weeks of hectic preparation, we need to put aside some time to center ourselves, breathe a little, repent for anything getting in the way of that peacefulness and feel God's arms around us, comforting us and helping us on our journey.

I wish you all a blessed advent journey.

Fr. Edison Bernavas I.C

**Welcome to St. Francis of Assisi!**

We extend a special welcome to all our visitors and new parishioners who have come to celebrate Mass with us today! If you are new to our community, please introduce yourself to our clergy. If you live in this area and attend regularly, we invite you to join our parish of St. Francis of Assisi. Registration is necessary for better care of souls, more effective administration of sick calls, and matters pertaining to baptism, education, marriage and burial. Registration is very easy, and the cream "Parish Registration" cards can be found in the pamphlet holder above the table in the lobby. After completing, please place it in the Parish Drop Box, located in the door by the water fountain in the lobby.

**Today's Readings****First Reading****Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11**

Comfort, give comfort to my people, says God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her service is at the 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 for 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

R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation (Psalm 85).

Second Reading**2 Peter 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 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**Mark 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."

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive You in my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You Sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

Ministries Schedule - December 12 & 13**Saturday - 4:30 p.m. Mass**

Rosary Leader: Deirdre Bristol

Altar Servers: Adult Volunteers

Lector: Barry Caskey

E.M.H.C.: Angelo J. & J.

Sunday - 8:30 a.m. Mass

Rosary Leader: David Jervey

Altar Servers: Adult Volunteers

Lector: Sharon Belinski

E.M.H.C.: Gergen & Klosterman

Sunday - 10:30 a.m. Mass

Rosary Leader: John Mabe

Altar Servers: TBD

Lector: Ben Voor & Paola Solarte-Perea

E.M.H.C.: Vass & Balzano-Gray

Sunday - 4:30 p.m. Mass

Rosary Leader: Theresa Redgrave

Altar Servers: TBD

Lector: Bon Winiarski

E.M.H.C.: Redgrave & Whitehead

Homebound E.M.H.C.

First Group: Veronica Everett & Janet Buxton

Second Group: Marilyn Oliu & Deirdre Bristol

Third Group: Chito & Maria Ocampo

Mass Schedule:

Public Masses will be held in the Sanctuary at 50% capacity (masks & hand sanitizer are encouraged).

Please leave one to two seats between non-family members to continue with social distancing.

Monday through Friday Morning English masses at 8:00 a.m. with public attendance and Live Stream.

Thursday Evening 6:30 p.m. Spanish Mass with public attendance and Live Stream.

Saturday Afternoon 4:30 p.m. English, 6:30 p.m. in Spanish with public attendance and Live Stream.

Sunday 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. with public attendance and Live Stream.

Facebook Live Mass Stream

Follow the Parish Facebook page "St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church" or click:

<https://www.facebook.com/stfranciscc/>

Confessions

Call the Parish office at (813) 681-9115 to schedule a Confession with Fr. Edison or Fr. Bibin.

Dinner for the Needy

Dinner for the Needy will continue, unless told otherwise, every Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. in the Dinner Hall. The dinner will be served and distributed in to-go boxes.

Knights of Columbus Drawing Contest

Friendly reminder that the "Keep Christ in Christmas" drawing contest sponsored by the Knights of Columbus is open until December 15th! There will be 3 winners from three different age groups and each will receive a \$20 gift card prize. For more information please contact Judy at (813) 244-2853.

Eucharistic Adoration in Sanctuary

Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Legion of Mary

Tuesdays after 8:00 a.m. Mass.

Novena to Our Lady, Queen of Peace

Tuesdays after 8:00 a.m. Mass.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 3:30 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.

First Friday 7:30 a.m.
or anytime by appointment with priest.

Anointing of the Sick

For all those threatened by serious illness: available anytime.

Baptisms

Contact parish office to receive required instruction.

Marriage

Contact office at least six months before desired date and before setting date.

Business Office Hours

Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

This Week at St. Francis

December 6 - December 12, 2020

Sunday December 6	Faith Formation Classes	11:30 a.m.
Monday December 7	Immaculate Conception Vigil Spanish Vigil Mass	6:30 p.m. 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday December 8	Immaculate Conception Mass	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday December 9	Dinner for the Needy	4:30 p.m.
Friday December 11	First Friday Mass Youth Group Meeting	6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.

Bishop Gregory Parkes Evangelizes through Media

Did you know that Bishop Gregory Parkes is on YouTube, he has a radio show, and he records a Sunday Gospel reflection each week? This is one way he shares the hope of Christ with thousands of people each week. You can hear uplifting information about our Catholic community and also learn more about what our faith teaches on relevant topics. Take some time to connect more with your faith by connecting with Bishop Parkes.

Visit www.BishopParkes.org to connect!

Coats for Kids

The Knights of Columbus have created a fundraising account to collect funds to buy winter coats for children who do not have them. Our goal is to obtain funds to buy coats for at least 72 children in need. The money you donate goes straight to the Knights of Columbus Charities, we do not get any of the money, but it does count towards the council when you donate. To donate please visit, <https://donate.kofccharities.org/team/331202>

Thank you for your support!



Volunteers Needed

We are in need of Rosary leaders and lectors for the weekend masses. If you have a calling to help serve our parish community, please contact the Parish office to learn more about these ministries. Thank you for your help and God Bless.

Pure Hearts

Those whose hearts are pure are the temples of the Holy Spirit.
~St. Lucy

Anima Christi

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
Body of Christ, save me.
Blood of Christ, inebriate me.
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
O good Jesus, hear me.
Within your wounds, hide me.
Separated from You, let me never be.
From the evil one, protect me.
At the hour of my death, call me.
And close to You, bid me.
That with Your saints and angels,
I may be praising You forever and ever.
Amen.

Prayer Against Coronavirus

Lord Jesus Christ, our Divine Physician, we ask you to guard and protect us from Coronavirus COVID-19 and all serious illnesses. For all that have died from it, have mercy; for those that are ill now, bring healing. For those searching for a remedy, enlighten them; for medical caregivers helping the sick, strengthen and shield them. For those working to contain the spread, grant them success; for those afraid, grant them peace. May your precious blood be our defense and salvation. By your grace, may you turn the evil of disease into moments of consolation and hope. May we always fear the contagion of sin more than any illness. We abandon ourselves to your infinite mercy. Amen.

The Christmas Giving & Angel Tree

The St. Francis of Assisi Food Pantry will be placing a "Christmas Giving" tree in the Narthex. This tree will be dedicated for nonperishable food and toiletry items to help those in need around our community.

We will also be having a second "Angel" Tree which will be dedicated to the donation of Christmas gifts for children between the ages of 1 and 15 years of age. Please take home an "Angel" or "Ornament" and bring back your donated non-perishable food item or Christmas gift and place them under the Angel trees with the ornament attached to the item. And bring them back to the Parish office no later than Sunday, December 13th. What a wonderful way to give back and help our food pantry and those in need, especially this time of year. *Thank you for your generosity and support!*



Parish Ministries

Altar Servers	Judy Erlendsson.....	244-2853
Bible Study	Deacon Dick Beaudry.....	689-0769
Church Musician	Ramon Martos.....	334-3454
Clothing Pantry	Contact the Parish Office.....	681-9115
Faith Formation	Judy Erlendsson.....	244-2853
Food Pantry	Parish Office.....	681-9115
Eucharistic Ministers	Pam Caskey.....	651-1165
Helping Hands	Dottie Mabe.....	681-2421
Hispanic Religious Education	Flor Vazques.....	763-7219
	Lucy Tirado.....	766-6510
Hispanic Baptism Classes	Maria Elena Parrilla.....	716-7325
Hispanic Homebound/Visitacion a Hogares de Ancianos		
Hispanic Ministry Coordinator	Juanita Vega.....	731-0893
Homebound/Nursing Home Visitation	Janet Ganske.....	943-9928
Knights of Columbus	Dave Jersey.....	986-7686
Lectors	Bob Winiarski.....	333-1976
Legion of Mary	Sharon Belinski.....	951-0146
Respect Life	Carl Francis Kosierowski.....	546-9440
Rosary Leader	Deirdre Bristol	689-3121
RCIA	Steve & Sheila Zendegui.....	685-9864
	Deacon Crispin Stout	767-3620
Hispanic RCIA	Carlos Cervantes.....	447-2411
Sacristans	Maria Ocampo.....	653-3011
Scouts	Kathy & Ted Domey.....	685-8242
Tender Care	Parish Office.....	681-9115
Ushers	Ron Mullen.....	661-5983
Women of Faith	Dottie Mabe.....	681-2421
Youth Ministry	Debbie Voor.....	245-3294

Stewardship Reflections

In times of great difficulties scoffers taunt us, "Where is God? Why hasn't your Lord come to save you now?" And we of faith respond much in the same way as Peter did in today's second reading: the "delay" of the Lord's second coming is not any type of punishment or failure to keep the divine promise, but a loving sign of God's patience. God is giving everyone the chance to seek repentance. God does not make life more difficult. Rather, God lessens our burdens as once before for the Jewish exiles returning home to Judea after captivity in Babylon. It was God who personally led them, making a "straight highway" for them across the desert. We join with our ancestors of faith, who hoped that they might see God's Chosen One before them and who eventually realized that the Lord was also walking with them side by side.

Second Sunday of Advent

Every valley shall be filled in,
every mountain and hill
shall be made low.
~Isaiah 40:4



Parish Assistance Program

Your Life, your Faith, your Well-Being

Confidential counseling and support, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

You can call when you are struggling with:

- ◆ Anxiety and depression
- ◆ Stress
- ◆ Relationship issues
- ◆ Family Issues
- ◆ Grief & Loss
- ◆ Addictive behaviors



Confidential help is just a phone call away: **(800) 878-5470** or email at: BayCareCAP@BayCare.org

Stewardship of Sacrificial Giving

Sunday, November 22, 2020

Offertory Collection.....	\$5,559.25
Online Giving/Offertory.....	\$2216.00
Total Offertory for this week.....	\$7,775.25
CCHD Collections	\$2,185.86

MASS ATTENDANCE

4:30 p.m. 82	6:30 p.m. 188
8:30 a.m. 96	10:30 a.m. 96
	4:30 p.m. 83

Total Attendance: 545

~ For the Week of November 22, 2020 ~

POOR BOX DONATIONS

\$358.75

DINNER MINISTRY BOX DONATIONS

\$100.00

Thanks to all who so generously support our Poor Box & Dinner Ministry Collections. Because of your support, we are able to help those in need. Thank you and God bless!!

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A Unique Gift at Christmas



REMEMBER a loved one at Christmas with a gift of poinsettias to beautify our altar and sanctuary area. All honorees and those memorialized will be listed in our **December 20th** bulletin unless anonymity is requested.

Suggested donation is \$10.00 per poinsettia plant.
Please insert the name (s) in the appropriate section,
"In Memory of" or **"In Honor of"** on this form. Make
your check payable to St. Francis of Assisi Catholic
Church, attach it to this form with payment and place
in our offertory basket or in the parish drop box in the
lobby next to the water fountain.
**Please do so as soon as possible but no later than
Monday December 7th .**

MEMORIALS (for the deceased)

No. of
Poinsettias

Please Print Name as it is to Appear in Bulletin on December 24th.
(Please print clearly.)

In Memory of _____
In Memory of _____
In Memory of _____
In Memory of _____

HONOREES

No. of
Poinsettias

Please Print Name as it is to Appear in Bulletin on December 24th.
(Please print clearly.)

In Honor of _____
In Honor of _____
In Honor of _____
In Honor of _____

Total POINSETTIAS at \$10.00 EACH = _____

By: _____ ph: (____) ____ - _____

*Celebración de
Nuestra
Señora de
Guadalupe
Virgin of Guadalupe
Celebration*



ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC
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SÁBADO 12 DE DICIEMBRE

DEL 2020

SATURDAY DECEMBER 12 TH. 2020

TE INVITAMOS A CELEBRAR CON NOSOTROS
A NUESTRA SEÑORA DE GUADALUPE.
WE INVITE YOU TO CELEBRATE WITH US
OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Tendremos las mañanitas con mariachis a las 4:00 de la mañana y la celebración de la misa a las 6:30 de la tarde.

We will have a serenade with mariachi at 4:00 in the morning then the mass will be at 6:30 in the afternoon.

Habrá una representación de las apariciones de la Virgen de Guadalupe, matlachines y venta de rosas.

There will be a live performance of the apparitions of the virgin, matlachines and sale of roses.

* Se requiere mascarilla.

* Face Mask required.



Desde el Escritorio del Párroco

¡Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo:

Las hermosas lecturas de Adviento de hoy tratan de anticipar la venida del Mesías.

Primero, el profeta hebreo, Isaías, profetiza este evento en uno de los pasajes más cargados de imágenes y coloridos en las Escrituras, y luego en el evangelio, escuchamos las palabras del profeta del Nuevo Testamento, Juan el Bautista. Y así, este primer capítulo del Evangelio de Marcos marca el comienzo de nuestro año eclesiástico, dedicado a las lecturas de Marcos.

Desde la primera línea del Evangelio, se nos permite conocer el secreto de Quién es Jesús: “¡El principio de las buenas nuevas de Jesucristo, el Hijo de Dios!” Marcos nos echa indirectas; nos dice directamente que Jesús es el Hijo de Dios.

Entonces, para Marcos, la anticipación es el maravilloso descubrimiento de Quién es Jesús, y Marcos no comienza con más lecciones de historia, sino que se enfoca directamente en su enfoque y salta directamente al comienzo de la vida “pública” de Jesús.

Nos encontramos con Juan el Bautista al comienzo del Evangelio, profetizado por Isaías como el mensajero de Dios, enviado para anunciar al Mesías y preparar al pueblo para su venida. ¿Y qué se suponía que estaba haciendo John? Según Marcos, él debía ante todo proclamar el mensaje y la visión de Isaías: preparar a la gente y arreglar el camino, para que Dios tuviera un camino recto hacia nosotros. En segundo lugar, Juan debía pedirnos que “volviéramos nosotros mismos”, el significado real de “arrepentirnos” y mirar nuestras vidas y pedir perdón, para que nosotros también estuviéramos en este camino recto para recibir al Señor.

En los primeros versículos de Marcos, Juan el Bautista no sabía quién sería el Mesías, sino que sería alguien mucho más poderoso que él y que bautizaría no solo con agua, sino también con el Espíritu.

Miremos más de cerca la primera lectura de Isaías. Dios, aquí, El Dios que vemos aquí es un Dios de consuelo que solo quiere hablarnos con ternura y perdonar nuestros pecados. Isaías quiere que el mensajero de Dios se pare en una montaña alta y anuncie la venida. Y aunque él nota que Dios es un Dios poderoso, no debemos temerle porque El es más como un pastor que como un guerrero, y El nos tomará en sus brazos y nos llevará junto a Su pecho, y nos conducirá gentilmente.

Estas son las imágenes de Dios que debemos apreciar, que nos dan esperanza, que nos permiten anticiparnos a la Segunda Venida y no tener miedo de que el mundo sea “disuelto” por el fuego, como Pedro describe hoy en la segunda lectura. En cambio, tenemos que estar llenos de paz, y seremos consolados y sostenidos en los brazos de nuestro Dios.

Y esa es la anticipación en la que deberíamos estar pensando a medida que se acerca la Navidad. El Niño Jesús es esa imagen de paz, por lo que, en las próximas semanas de preparación agitada, debemos apartar un poco de tiempo para centrarnos, respirar un poco, arrepentirnos de cualquier cosa que se interponga en el camino de esa paz y sentir los brazos de Dios abrasándonos, consolándonos y ayudándonos en nuestro viaje.

Les deseo a todos un bendecido viaje de Adviento.

Párroco, Edison Bernavas I.C.



Bienvenidos a San Francisco de Asís!



Les damos una especial bienvenida a todos los visitantes y nuevos feligreses que han venido hoy a celebrar la Misa con nosotros. Si usted es nuevo en nuestra comunidad, Bienvenido! Si vive en esta área y participa de la Misa regularmente, le invitamos a unirse a nuestra parroquia. Registrarse es importante para asuntos de bautizo, primera comunión, confirmación, unción de los enfermos y funerales.

La inscripción es muy fácil. Los formularios se encuentran a la entrada de la parroquia. Son unas tarjetas de color crema con el título “Registro Parroquial”. Después de completarla, colóquela en el buzón ubicado en la puerta al lado de la fuente de agua.

Lecturas de Hoy

Primera Lectura

Isaías 40:1-5, 9-11

“Consuelen, Consuelen a mi pueblo, dice nuestro Dios. Hablen al corazón de Jerusalén y díganle a gritos que ya termino el tiempo de su servidumbre y que ya ha satisfecho por sus iniquidades, porque ya ha recibido de manos del Señor castigo doble por todos sus pecados”. Una voz clama: “Preparen el camino del Señor en el desierto, construyan en el páramo una calzada para nuestro Dios. Que todo valle se eleve, que todo monte y colina se rebajan’ que lo torcido se enderece y lo escabroso se allane. Entonces se recelara la gloria del Señor y todos los hombres la verán”. Así ha hablado la boca del Señor. Sube a lo alto del monte, mensajero de buenas nuevas para Sion; alza con fuerza la voz, tú que anuncias noticias alegres a Jerusalén. Alza la voz y no temas; anuncia a los ciudadanos de Judá; “Aquí está su Dios. Aquí llega el Señor, lleno de poder, el que con su brazo lo domina todo. El premio de su victoria lo acompaña y sus trofeos lo anteceden. Como pastor apacienta su rebaño; llevará en sus brazos a los corderitos recién nacidos y atenderá solícito a sus madres”.

Salmo Responsorial

R. Muéstranos, Señor, tu misericordia y danos tu salvación (Salmo 85 [84]).

Segunda Lectura

2 Pedro 3:8-14

Queridos Hermanos: No olviden que para el Señor, un día es como mil años y mil años, como un día. No es que el Señor se tarde, como algunos suponen, en cumplir su promesa, sino que les tiende a ustedes mucha paciencia, pues no quiere que nadie perezca, sino que todos se arrepientan. El día del Señor llegara como los ladrones. Entonces los cielos desaparecerán con gran estrepito, los elementos serán destruidos por el fuego y perecerá la tierra con todo lo que hay en ella. Puesto que todo va a ser destruido, piensen con cuanta santidad y entrega deben vivir ustedes esperando y apresurando el advenimiento del día del Señor., cuando desaparecerán los cielos, consumidos por el fuego, y se derretirán los elementos. Pero nosotros confiamos en la promesa del Señor y esperamos un cielo nuevo y una tierra nueva, en que habite la justicia. Por tanto, queridos hermanos, apoyados en esta esperanza, pongan todo su empeño en que el Señor los halle en paz con él, sin mancha ni reproche.

Evangelio

Marcos 1:1-8

Este es el principio del Evangelio de Jesucristo, Hijo de Dios. En el libro del profeta Isaías esta escrito:

He aquí que yo envío a mi mensajero delante de ti, a preparar tu camino. Voz del que clama en el desierto: "Preparen el camino del Señor, enderecen sus senderos".

En cumplimiento de esto, apareció en el desierto Juan el Bautista predicando un bautismo de arrepentimiento, para el perdón de los pecados. A él acudían de toda la comarca de Judea y muchos habitantes de Jerusalén; reconocían sus pecados y él los bautizaba en el Jordán.

Juan usaba un vestido de pelo de camello, ceñido con un cinturón de cuero y se alimentaba de saltamontes y miel silvestre. Proclamaba: "Ya viene detrás de mí uno que es más poderoso que yo, uno ante quien no merezco ni siquiera inclinarme para desatarle la correa de sus sandalias. Yo los he bautizado a ustedes con agua, pero él los bautizará con el Espíritu Santo".

Oración para la Comunión Espiritual

Jesús mío, creo que estás presente en el Santísimo Sacramento. Te amo por encima de todas las cosas y deseo reciberte en mi alma. Como en este momento no puedo reciberte sacramentalmente, entra al menos espiritualmente en mi corazón. Te abrazo como si ya estuvieras allí y me uno completamente a ti. Nunca permitas que me separe de ti.

Amen.

Concurso de dibujo de los Caballeros de Colón

¡Recordatorio! El concurso de dibujo "Mantenga a Cristo en Navidad" patrocinado por los Caballeros de Colón está abierto hasta el 15 de Diciembre! Habrá 3 ganadores de tres grupos de edad diferentes y cada uno recibirá un premio. Para obtener más información, comuníquese con Juanita al (813) 731-0893.

Invocación a Nuestro Santísimo Redentor (Anima Christi)

Alma de Cristo, santícame.
Cuerpo de Cristo, sálvame.
Sangre de Cristo, embriágame.
Agua del costado de Cristo, lávame.
Pasión de Cristo, confórtame.
¡Oh buen Jesús!, óyeme.
Dentro de tus llagas, escóndeme.
No permitas que me aparte de ti.
Del enemigo malo, defiéndeme.
A la hora de mi muerte, llámame.
Y mándame ir a ti, para que con tus
santos te alabe, por los siglos de los siglos.
Amén.

Horario de oficina parroquial

La oficina permanecerá abierta durante el horario regular de 8:30 a.m. a 4:00 p.m. y continuará sirviendo almuerzo para los necesitados. Favor de tocar el timbre en la puerta principal y alguien le abrirá.

Abrigos para niños Necesitados

Los Caballeros de Colón han creado una recaudación de fondos para recaudar fondos para comprar abrigos de invierno para niños que los necesitan.

Nuestro objetivo es obtener fondos para comprar abrigos para al menos 72 niños necesitados. El dinero, va directamente a la organización benéfica de Caballeros de Colón, no recibimos nada del dinero, pero sí cuenta para el consejo cuando usted dona. Más información en las próximas semanas. ¡Gracias por tu apoyo!

Oración—Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Señor Jesucristo, Nuestro Divino Doctor,
Te pedimos que nos guardes y protejas del
Coronavirus y cualquier otra enfermedad.
Te pedimos por todos los que han muerto, ten misericor-
dia de ellos; por los que están
enfermos, tráeles la cura; te pedimos
también por los doctores y enfermeras,
dales Fortaleza y bendícelos. Por los que trabajan para
evitar que se propague, dales éxito; para los que están
atemorizados, dales la paz.

Que Tu Preciosísima Sangre sea nuestra
defensa y salvación. Que por tu gracia esta terrible
enfermedad se vuelva en momentos de consolación y
Esperanza.

Que nuestro temor sea mas contagiarnos del pecado
que a cualquier enfermedad.
Nos abandonamos a tu infinita
misericordia.
Amén Jesús.

Adoración Eucarística:

Lunes - Viernes 8:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Legión de María:

Martes después de la Misa de 8:00 a.m. (Inglés)

Novena a Nuestra Señora, Reina de la Paz:

Martes después de la Misa de 8:00 a.m. (Inglés)

Sacramento de Reconciliación:

Jueves 6.00 p.m.– 6:30 p.m. (Español)

Sábado 5.30 p.m. (Español)

O a cualquier hora haciendo cita con el sacerdote.

Unción de los Enfermos:

Confiere al cristiano una gracia especial para enfrentar las dificultades propias de una enfermedad grave o vejez. Este Sacramento está disponible en cualquier momento.

Bautismo:

Por favor comuníquese con María Elena Parrilla.

Matrimonio

Llame a la oficina de la parroquia por lo menos seis meses antes de la fecha deseada.

Horas de Oficina:

Lunes - Viernes 8:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

EN LA CARIDAD DE SUS ORACIONES, por favor oren por aquellos que están enfermos en su casa o confinados en hospitales y hogares para ancianos, especialmente por las siguientes personas:

Dennis & Doreen Alfano, Pat Allen, Helen Bacovsin, Jerry Bauer, Joan Barrentine, Bonnie Beaudry, Patsy Bourassa, Monica Brandies, Janet Buxton, Chelsea & Gravrla Brown, Dick Boelter, Frances Calvani, Jim Calvani, Brenda Carter, Marie Casale, Buddy Chapman, Katrina Crooks, Vaughn Crooks, Carmen Connors, Todd Davis, Jim Decker, Kayla Dennis, Josie Frisco, Lilah Gill, Stephen Jeffers, Rhett Keane, Jack Kramer, Ethel Kotrady, Blanche Kosierowski, Rush Limbaugh, Mary Little, Chuck Lloyd, Joseph Martin, Dillon McDonald, Norman McKenzie, Bruce & Cathy Meeks, Jim Miller, Billie Morrow, David Mueller, Chuck Mulhern, Darryl Mummert, Gerry Murray, Iris Mussenden, Diania Niles, Danny Newman, Wyatt Nowicki, Diane Openlander, Dympna O'Reilly, Antonio Pascual, Mike & Eva Presley, Judy Ragan, Jordan Schadrie, Adalina Scimeca, Vincent Sciandra, Ed Shea, Andy Silva, Sue Soleau, Bernadette Suppa, Joe Suppa, Jr., Phyllis Suppa, Benny & Edwina Sylvester, Christy Torres, Heather Trotto, Amorette & Hadley Tweed, John Vicario, Joan Wagner, David Weddermann, Janice Weddermann, Robby Weddermann, Lorraine Wenner, Lorraine Welch, Kurt Wicker, Donna Wiley, Kelsey Whitmer, Mary Winiarski, Addy Wright, John Yeninas
Por favor recuerde llamar a la oficina si necesita añadir el nombre de un familiar a la lista de oraciones.
Los nombres se mantendrán en esta lista por cuatro semanas, a menos que usted nos indique que es una enfermedad a largo tiempo. Gracias por su soporte y colaboración.

Oramos por las personas que están luchando con alguna enfermedad. Señor, pasa tu mano sanadora sobre ellas, y libralas del sufrimiento, concédeles una pronta recuperación, fortaleza y cuidado mientras se sanan. Gracias en el nombre de Jesús, Amén

Por favor recuerden orar por nuestras tropas, especialmente:

Casey James Casale
 Alejandro Cuesta
 Tony Cuesta
 Matt Daniels
 Spencer Dewey
 Jesse Doyle
 Remy Herrero
 Dan Holder
 Christopher Jeffers

Wesley Kosierowski
 Nicholas Kosierowski
 Leobardo Martinez
 Michael Mulhern
 Collin Newman
 Keenan Newman
 Donovan O'Connor
 Magaly Oliu
 Paul Michael Presley
 Derrick M. Shea

(Recuerde que para añadir el nombre de una persona a esta lista deberá llamar a la oficina.)

Segundo Domingo de Adviento

Que todo valle se eleve,
 que todo monte y colina se rebajen.
 ~Isaías 40:4



Únase a nuestra comunidad en línea FORMED

Como miembro de la comunidad FORMED, tendrá acceso a películas, charlas de audio inspiradoras, estudios bíblicos informativos y mucho más. La parroquia de San Francisco de Asís está proporcionando este recurso de forma gratuita para ayudar a nuestros miembros a aprender y crecer en su fe. Así que por favor únete a nosotros. Para registrarse GRATIS, visítenos aquí: <https://stfranciscc.formed.org> y use el Código Parroquial: Y499KR.

La Universidad de Saint Leo crea nuevas matrículas.

Programa de ayuda financiera

Saint Leo University cree que obtener un título debe ser accesible, y asequible para los estudiantes de todo el mundo. La universidad lanzó el programa Dare to Roar, que ofrece múltiples opciones para ayudar a los estudiantes a cubrir el costo de su educación y unirse a la comunidad Leonística. Saint Leo también ha ampliado y actualizado su Premio Promesa Católica. Ahora proporciona un premio acumulable de \$ 3,000 por año para los estudiantes que trabajan para obtener una licenciatura. Puede encontrar más información en <https://www.saintleo.edu/daretoroar>.

Árbol de Angelitos

La despensa de alimentos de San Francisco de Asís tendrá un árbol de ángel colocado en el nártex. También tendremos un segundo Árbol de Angelitos que estará dedicado a la donación de regalos navideños de niños de familias necesitadas entre las edades de 1 y 15 años. Por favor, llévese a casa un "Ángel" o un "Adorno" y traiga su comida no perecedera donada o su regalo de Navidad y colóquelos debajo de los árboles con el adorno adjunto al artículo.



Qué maravillosa manera de retribuir y ayudar a nuestra despensa de alimentos y a los necesitados, especialmente en esta época del año.

;Gracias por su generosidad!

Un regalo para Navidad

En la Pagina 7 del boletín de esta semana encontraran el flyer para comprar nochebuenas para un ser querido. Cada planta de nochebuena cuesta \$10.00 y serán puestas en el altar para decorar durante la Navidad. Los nombres de los seres queridos ("En Memoria de" o "En honor a") serán puestos en el boletín del Domingo, 20 de Diciembre. Si gustaría comprar una maceta de nochebuenas, puede llenar la pagina 7 del boletín y entregarla a la oficina de la parroquia nos mas tarde del Lunes, 7 de Diciembre.