

Second Sunday of Advent

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 Mass: 8:30 & 10:30, coffee hour following
 Faith Formation: 9:30am - Benincasa
 First Reconciliation: 9:30 - Benincasa Basement
 AA Meeting: 6pm - Church Basement
- 7 Monday**
 Communion Service: 9am
 Pastoral Council: 7pm - Benincasa
 St. Vincent de Paul: 7pm - Benincasa
- 8 Tuesday - Feast of the Immaculate Conception**
 School Mass: 9am
 Eucharistic Adoration: 9:30am-7pm
 Mass: 7pm
- 9 Wednesday**
 Children's (4th-8th) Choir: 7:45am - Music Room
 Communion Service: 9am
 JustMatters: 6:30pm - Benincasa
- 10 Thursday**
 Mass: 9am
 RCIA: 7pm - Benincasa
 Choir: 7pm
- 11 Friday**
 Mass: 9am
- 12 Saturday**
 Sacrament of Reconciliation: 3pm
 Mass: 5pm
 AA Meeting: 6:30pm - Benincasa Basement
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Readings for December 13th
Third Sunday of Advent
 Zephaniah 3:14-18a
 Philippians 4:4-7
 Luke 3:10-18

PRAYERS

Ray Barnes
 Luis Batayola
 Joe Byrne
 Kay De Ambrosio
 Evan Dubicki
 Bob Flakus
 Martha Harris

Frank Martin
 James McNamara
 George Nemeth
 Effie Rohner
 Evelyn Stetz
 Don Sullivan
 Chris Young

PRAYERS

..... *A Word from Victoria*

I was looking back through past bulletin columns this week and came upon one I had written six years ago. In it I spoke of stewardship, of the need for all to participate in the support of the parish, and of the importance of what each person brings and gives to the community. I went on to speak of the master plan we were then developing. At that time, we were facing a deficit budget and any realization of the hopes of a master plan seemed very distant.

Amazingly, we have realized the hopes of those beginning steps. We have a new hall, a new play structure, a new plaza. We were able to realize the 50-year dream of a new social hall/gym due to the incredible generosity of so many.

Today's second reading from Paul to the Philippians expresses great gratitude to the people. Paul writes: "I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you..." This exactly expresses my sentiments. Not only the hall, but everything that happens in our parish and school is the result of your generosity of time, talent and treasure. Not a day, not an hour, goes by that I am not aware of how much you do for and give to this community. Think of all the parish and school events that require the work of so many. Think of the many sports teams that rely on the skills of so many in coaching and organizing and supporting. Think of the ongoing maintenance of our facilities which depends on the knowledge and experience and hard work of many.

"I give thanks to my God every time I think of you, which is constantly"—to use another translation of the text. How could I not!

Paul continues his letter by praying for the people: "This is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ to the glory and praise of God."

Gratitude leads to hope. I am grateful to you and I also pray for you. In this season of Advent my prayer is that of Paul's—that you will continue to value the things that really matter right up to the day of Christ Jesus and produce the harvest of generosity and righteousness.

May this advent be a time of awareness of all that God has done, of all that God is doing now, and of all that God will do for us and in our midst. Let us together give thanks to our God.

Victoria

PS. Tuesday, December 8, is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. This holy day celebrates the gift to Mary of being conceived without original sin and invites us to follow her in the way of faith and openness to God's word in our lives. Join us for mass at 9am or 7pm.

Announcements

Advent Reconciliation Service

Wednesday, December 16 at 2pm (with the school) and at 7pm (with individual confession).

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve: Mass at 6pm and 9pm with carols beginning half hour before
Christmas Day: Mass at 9am

Advent Movie Night

We are planning a movie night on December 20 at 4pm. We will show *It's a Wonderful Life* on the big screen in the hall; and *Polar Express* in the music room for the younger children. We need a TV for the music room. **Do you have large flat screen TV you might want to donate to St. Catherine? Or do you know enough to advise us on the purchase of a flat screen TV for parish and school events?** (We will need the TV for the Advent Move Night.) If so, please contact Victoria.

Altar Society: Thank You!

Thanks to all of you ladies for your pie making skills, your dependable help in hospitality and for a great bazaar. Blessed Holidays!

Christmas Flower Collection

After all the masses this weekend.

Advent Evening of Prayer

Thursday, December 10, 2009 from 7-9pm at St. Joseph Parish Center, 732 18th Ave E, Seattle. Dance, Reflection & Prayer led by Betsey Beckman, MM & Matt Henley
www.ignatiancenter.org

Rebuilding homes in New Orleans

St. Catherine parishioner Sr. Judy has recently moved to New Orleans to be begin work with the St. Bernard Project. This is a program operating in the areas hardest hit by the hurricanes Katrina and Rita. 100% of the homes were rendered uninhabitable and few have been rebuilt. We are trying to organize a group to work with Sr. Judy and the St. Bernard Project this spring. There is an informational meeting on Sunday, 12/13 at 9:30AM in Victoria Hall. Contact Shannon Fleming Bray with questions.



*Parish Stewardship
November 29, 2009*

Collection Total: \$5,710.00

November EFT/Credit Card Donations: \$4,099.00
November Capital Campaign Donations: \$14,958.78

Parents with Young Children

Hopefully most of you received our email with the ideas that we generated for potential meeting and gathering ideas. We will be sending out invitations to our first gathering in the new year based on our responses to the email. We are still very interested in hearing from those families that may want to participate in the various opportunities in the future. Contact Shannon or Crystal.

Global Fair Trade Handicrafts for Sale!

Work of Human Hands is a group dedicated to building relationship between artisans from around the world and individuals committed to supporting this kind of craftsmanship and quality product. We will be selling handicrafts after the masses this season. We will be in the church basement during coffee hour. They make great Christmas gifts. Please come support fair trade.

Christmas Tree Sale at Our Lady of the Lake

Proceed to benefit our mission trips with Esperanza International to Tijuana, Mexico. Trees will be available through presale or on site purchase in the upper parking lot from 9am-7pm on the weekends of Nov 28-29, Dec 5-6, Dec 12-13 & Dec 19-20.

..... *Social Justice*

If you are interested in Social Justice or learning more about it please join the Social Justice Committee every 3rd Sunday of the Month. Our next meeting is Sunday, December 20 after the 10:30 mass. Call Shannon Fleming Bray for details.

..... *Youth Ministry*

Sr. High Youth

Youth Group has begun and all students in the 9-12th grades are welcome! You can find the schedule on on the Sr. High Youth Group page of the parish web site.

Upcoming events: (the schedule has changed due to the parish movie night)

Service Opportunity: Sunday, 12/6

Christmas Party: Sunday, 12/13, 4PM