

Second Sunday of Advent December 7, 2014

La Historia y Usted: Segundo Domingo de Adviento
La más divertida pegatina que he visto tiene una especie de Adviento tinte a él: Jesús va a volver. Mira ocupado.

Todavía me río entre dientes. Lo que lo hace divertido, creo yo, es que traiciona nuestro malentendido desafortunado de lo Divino. Si Jesús va a regresar y, por cierto, nunca se fue, gracias a su permanente Espíritu Santo, entonces tiene que ser como el maestro que viene de nuevo en la habitación, o el jefe de regresar de un viaje. Mira ocupado, todo el mundo! Porque todo lo que hemos estado haciendo mientras que el jefe había desaparecido debe ser sin valor. Trabajar en proyectos, respondiendo a mensajes de correo electrónico en nuestro propio programa, o incluso tomar un delicioso día de enfermedad debe ser todo un derroche de dinero de la compañía. El jefe nos quiere trabajar, trabajar y trabajar, y si trabajamos lo suficiente vamos a obtener un ascenso para que podamos trabajar aún más duro.

Yuck. Qué Jesús extraña e infeliz debemos estar esperando. Nos vemos en el Evangelio que la gente de toda la región de Judea y todos los habitantes de Jerusalén estaban haciendo el viaje al desierto para escuchar a Juan y ser bautizado por él. Y apuesto a que todos estaban dispuestos a utilizar sus días de enfermedad para llegar allí.

¿Por qué? Porque sentían que Juan era el testimonio de Aquel que vino, y no quería estar lo más cerca que podían conseguir.

Sospecho que, si Jesús tiene preguntas de nosotros en su regreso, que será algo como esto: ¿Te diste cuenta la asombrosa belleza del mundo? ¿Te gusta lo mejor que podía? ¿Sabía usted cava profundo y encontrar la gracia de perdonar? Y, por último, he conocido a usted mucho. Me conoces? (C.S.Lewis, *La Última Batalla*.)

¿Cómo se va Adviento para usted hasta ahora?

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The Story and You: Second Sunday of Advent
The funniest bumper sticker I've ever seen has a kind of Advent tint to it: *Jesus is coming back. Look busy.*

I still chuckle. What makes it funny, I think, is that it betrays our hapless misunderstanding of the

Divine. If Jesus is coming back—and, by the way, he never left, thanks to his abiding Holy Spirit—then it must be like the teacher coming back into the room, or the boss returning from a trip. Look busy, everybody! Because everything we've been doing while the boss was gone must be worthless. Working on projects, answering e-mails on our own schedule, or even taking a delicious sick day must all be a waste of the company's money. The boss wants us to work, work, work, and if we work enough we'll get promoted so we can work even harder.

Yuck. What an odd and unhappy Jesus we must be expecting. We see in the gospel that people of the whole Judean countryside and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem were making the trek out to the desert to hear John and be baptized by him. And I'll bet they were all willing to use their sick days to get there. Why? Because they sensed that John was the witness of the One to come, and they wanted to be as close as they could get.

I suspect that, if Jesus has questions of us at his return, they will be something like this: Did you notice the astounding beauty of the world? Did you love as well as you could? Did you dig deep and find the grace to forgive? And, finally, *I have known you long. Do you know me?* (C.S.Lewis, *The Last Battle*)

How is Advent going for you so far?

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Christmas Cash Bonanza!! The A & R Society Christmas Cash Bonanza drawing is THIS weekend. Prizes are \$500, \$100, and \$50.

The Altar & Rosary Society is also having a WINTER CLEANING DAY for the church. They are inviting everyone to come and help them get the church spruced up for the celebration of Christmas. Join them NEXT SATURDAY at 8:30am. They will have all the cleaning supplies, Just bring your hands and arms and we will get to work!

Faith Match—Denver Catholic Speed Dating hosts Faith Match 2014 for those aged 20 to 45. It is an intense interview and matching process to match you with 2 people for 2 dates with a nominal fee. Info@ Denvercatholicsspeeddate.com

Around the Parish and the Community

FAITH FORMATION

THE FAMILY MOVIE EVENT IS BACK!!!

Join us for our family movie on December 7, 2014 at noon, after the 11:00 am Mass. Our movie will be *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*. The parish will provide hot dogs and drinks, but you may bring a side dish (or cookies!) to share.

FIRST RECONCILIATION

Please continue to pray for our students from the parish and the school who have completed their preparation for 1st Reconciliation. They will be celebrating the sacrament for the 1st time at our **Advent Penance Service on Thursday, December 11 at 7:00 pm.**

FAMILY ACADEMY OF DISCIPLESHIP Our next FAD session will be on **Wednesday, December 10 at 6:00 pm.** We will be celebrating Las Posadas, which will be sponsored by the St Rose of Lima Academy HOSA. There will lots of food and fun with piñatas, and singing songs in the neighborhood. Mark your calendars and make plans to attend this fun event! All in the parish are welcome!

Community Ministry Food Bank—would like us to collect **CANNED PEAS, CORN, and CARROTS** for the month of December. Please leave your donations in the church vestibule.

CHOIR REHEARSAL FOR CHRISTMAS—after the 8:30am Mass. All adults and young people not in RE classes are welcome to join us for rehearsal for the Christmas Masses.

November Stewardship—

Offertory-basket & electronic--\$25,699.15
Roof--\$445.00

Roof Balance to Payoff--\$60,666.66

Mass Intentions for the Week

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| Saturday | December 6 |
| 4pm | +Joe Ortega by Lucy Ortega |
| Sunday | December 7 |
| 7am | People of the Parish |
| 8:30am | +Warren Foote by Virginia Foote deceased members of the Holy Name Society |
| 11am | +Phil Harry Trujillo by family +Andrea Johnelle Chavez by Chavez family |
| Monday | December 8 |
| 8:30am | for Virginia Foote on the occasion of her 90 th Birthday +Carlota Estrada by family |
| 6:00pm | |
| Tuesday | December 9 |
| 8:30am | +Frank Mencin, Sr by Elaine & Frank, Jr Mencin |
| Wednesday | December 10 |
| 8:15am | +Anne Le by family |
| Thursday | December 11 |
| 8:30am | +Vincente Vu by family |
| Friday | December 12 |
| 8:30 am | +Joseph Nguyen by family |
| Saturday | December 13 |
| 4pm | +Anne Huynh by family |
| Sunday | December 14 |
| 7am | People of the Parish |
| 8:30am | +Vicente Vu by family |
| 11am | +Julie O'Hanlon by Virginia Foote +Virginia Curtain by Tammy Abad |

Readings for the Week of November 30, 2014

Sunday: Is 40: 1-5, 9-11//2 Pt 3: 8-14//Mk 1: 1-8
Monday: Gn 3: 9-15, 20//Eph 1: 3-6, 11-12/Lk 1: 26-38
Tuesday: Is 40: 1-11//Mt 18: 12-14
Wednesday: Is 40: 25-31//Mt 11: 28-30
Thursday: Is 41: 13-20//Mt 11: 11-15
Friday: Rev 11: 19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab//Lk 1: 39-47
Saturday: Sir 48: 1-4, 9-11//Mt 17: 9a, 10-13

Please Pray for the Sick of our Parish--

Joseph Garcia, Faith Atencio, Teresa Myers, Calista Pugh, Germaine Kunz, Irene Suaszo, Steve Esparza, Anthony Lopez, MariLou Foley, Le Rhynard, Marty Sanchez, Patricio Sáenz, Clarita Rubio, Rosi Cervantes.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception,

will be celebrated **MONDAY**, December 8, at **TWO** masses, one at 8:30am and the other at 6pm. Also, the Feast of Our lady of Guadalupe will be celebrated **Friday**, December 12, at 8:30am. Join us for these special feasts of Mary in the season of Advent.