

Our Parish COMMUNITY

December 2, 2018

First Sunday of Advent (C)

Jer 33:14-16

1 Thes 3:12-4:2

Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

God's Promise of Real Treasure

If anyone can keep a promise, it's God. His very nature is to be faithful to his promises and to fulfill all he has foretold. His promise after the fall of Adam and Eve was to send us a Redeemer, to bring peace to Jerusalem, and to reestablish his reign on earth. The prophets continually reminded the chosen race of God's fidelity and, although things looked far from their fulfillment, they insisted that God is faithful and would deliver.

Jesus, the ultimate fulfillment of God's promise, comes in two phases. First, by coming as a baby in Bethlehem. This Incarnation and his arrival as Savior

is what we're preparing to receive this Advent. Extra prayers, generous giving of your time, and special sacrifices are the best way to ready your soul for his coming.

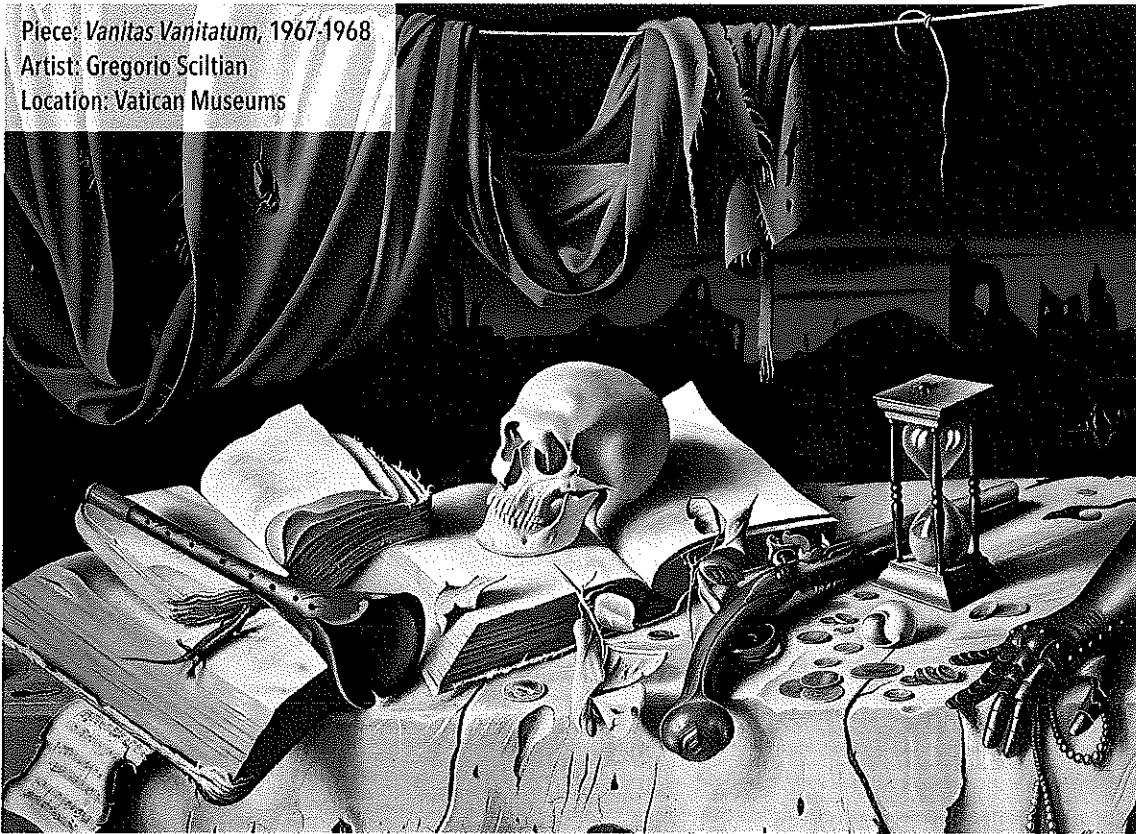
Jesus' Second Coming will bring to completion what he started on the cross. His glorious return, which all of creation will foretell in those last days, is when the full effects of Christ's victory on the cross will be seen at the judgment of all living creatures.

The advice for all Christians in this period of waiting and preparation is to keep watch; to not allow the delay to lead us to drowsiness. Don't let the vanities of this world dazzle us, for in time, they will become dust.

God promises real treasures that will endure forever, and as we know, God keeps his promises.

— Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Piece: *Vanitas Vanitatum*, 1967-1968
Artist: Gregorio Sciltian
Location: Vatican Museums



For Reflection

Am I preparing my soul for Christ's coming by prayer, fasting, and almsgiving?

Have I settled on which concrete acts I will do?

[Jesus said,] "Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life."

Luke 21:34

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Horas De Oficina

Tuesday-Thursday 9:00am-6:00pm

Friday 9:00am-2:00pm

Cyndi in office Tuesday & Friday

10:00am-2:00pm & *by appointments.*

Patty in office Tuesday-Friday

Carol in office Tuesday-Thursday

Confessions: Saturday 4:00-4:40pm

Tue-Fri before daily Mass 7:30-7:45am

Confessions: in GS Lometa

Sunday 7:30-7:55am

Kitchen Hours/ Horas de Cocina:

Tue- Fri 6:00-11:00am

Food Pantry/Despensa de Comida:

Wed & Fri 9:30-11:30am

Shared Blessing:

Wed & Fri 9:30am-2:00pm

Baptismal Class

Call the office for date.

Clase de Bautismo

Llamar la oficina para la fecha.

Adoration: Every Wednesday after 8:00am

Mass to 5:00pm and Thursday for one hour

after the 6pm Spanish Mass.

Adoración: Todos los miércoles después de la Misa de 8:00am hasta las 5:00pm. Y los jueves después de la misa de las 6:30pm

For Those Who Have Died

Joe Wittenburg, Bobby Dyer, Helen Kiley, José Torrez, Adela Garrison, Leslie Salazar, Silvano Sanchez, Mary Castro, Julia Ryan, Jacob Madrid, Mary Wilson, Roberta Gonzales, Ricardo Rendon,

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday/Lunes, December 3

8:00am Communion Service

Tuesday/Martes, December 4

8:00am Bishop Garcia

Wednesday/Miércoles, December 5

8:00am Donna Brewer

Thursday/Jueves, December 6

8:00am **GS** †Frank & Marcella Viktorin

6:00pm Mike Medina

Friday/Viernes, December 7

8:00am JR Brewer

Saturday/Sábado, December 8

5:30pm †Delbert Walker

Sunday/Domingo December 9

8:00am **GS** †Joe & Annie Klepac

10:00am †Jimmy Maynard Jr.

12:15 Por las Almas del Purgatorio

Sacrificial Giving 11/25

Weekly Offering \$ 3,710.13

(Budget Amount: \$ 2,699.00

Children's \$ 38.37

Building Fund \$ 976.29

Counters: 12/4

Carol Boberg

Dolores Stewart

LECTORS December 1/2

Sat 5:30pm: Wanda Bunting

Sun 10:00am: Victor Olivarez

Simon Valles

Dom 12:15pm: Gabriela Ventura

Kika Romero

December 8/9

Sat 5:30pm: TEEN MASS

Sun 10:00am: Karen DeZarn

Clay Harrington

Dom 12:15pm: Romelia Rivera

Juanita Mendoza

EMHC December 1/2

Sun 5:30pm: Mary Cisneros

Carmen Coonrod

Sun 10:00am: Charlie Ybarra

Berna Buenker

Dom 12:15pm: Eduardo y

Rosa Arevalo

December 8/9

Sat 5:30pm: Mary Cisneros

Carmen Coonrod

Sun 10:00am: Al & Carol Boberg

Dom 12:15pm: Edwin Rivas

Nancy Miranda

Those Who Serve Our Country

Jose Argo, Colton Currier, Luke

Argo, Lawrence Olivarez, Jesus

Garcia, Trenton Cavness, Dyran

Self, Brandon Crawford, Zachary

Robles, Graham Hibbert,

Edwin Rivas-Miranda

For Our Sick/Nuestro Enfermos

Cindy Sawyer, Ed Reigle, Jason Moreno, Shannon Barnett, Anthony Ray Torrez, Fred Bartell, Willie Nuñez, Mary Tobin, Dorthy Jeter, Gilbert & Rudy Lozano, Teresa Gronau, Louis Torres, Bennie & Nancy Hromadka, Luis Lopez, Bill Nors, Robert Vasquez, Terry Clayton, Ernestine Garcia, Adrian & Solomon Torrez, Chris Longoria, Robert Ramirez, Mike Medina, Mary G Cortez, Tom Rogers, Ann Hughes, Arielle Dayrit, Felix Gonzales, Felipe Rodriguez, Madisyn Morua, Adolfo Torrez, Evelyn Ahearn, Ann Wilson, Anita Hyatt, Anna & Daniel Little, Richard & Dallia Salazar, Melanie Bartek, Barbara Folks, Maggie Lopez, Henry Langford, Sylvia Reber, Truman Crawford, Lilly & Raul Olivarez, David Hernandez, Mary S & Jesse Ramirez, Andres Moreno, Diana Harlow, Carlos Jasso, Arturo Aragon, James Fioroni, Annabel Salazar, Marie Berger, Juan Torres, Elizabeth Harrington, Donna Brewer

Prayer: All praise and glory are yours, Lord our God. You have called us to serve you and one another in love. Bless our sick today so that they may bear their illness in union with Jesus' sufferings and restore them quickly to health. Bless those who have grown old in your service and give them courage and strength in their faith. Lead us all to eternal glory. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives, and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING CORNER:

“Listening to the cry of those who suffer violence and are oppressed by unjust systems and structures, and hearing the appeal of a world that by its perversity contradicts the plan of its Creator, we have shared our awareness of the church’s vocation to be present in the heart of the world by proclaiming the Good News to the poor, freedom to the oppressed, and joy to the afflicted”.

“Escuchando los gritos de aquellos que sufren a causa de la violencia y son oprimidos por sistemas y estructuras, injustos, y escuchando el llamado de un mundo que por su perversidad contradice el plan de su Creador, hemos compartido nuestra conciencia de la vocación de la iglesia de estar presente en el corazón del mundo al proclamar la Buena Nueva a los pobres, libertad a los oprimidos, y gozo a los afligidos”.

GOOD SHEPHERD *Announcements*

Lectors: Tom Griess

Flowers: Dianna Furlan

Altar Society: Heather Oliver

Beloved Mondays: @ 6:30pm in the Family Life Center

Divine Mercy Cenacle: Thursdays at @4:15pm in the Family Life Center

Weekday Mass: Thursday, December 6th @ 8:00am

YOUTH GROUP FUNDRAISER: Join us for some breakfast after mass today in the FLC. The youth group will have a donation breakfast to help raise funds for DCYC.

SECOND SUNDAY BREAKFAST: Please join us for fellowship and breakfast after mass on December 9th.

Beginning TODAY Sunday December 2nd there will be a clipboard on the podium at the back of the church.

**If you would like to give a poinsettia in memory of a loved one, envelopes are available-\$15.00 per plant, fill out envelope, put money inside and clip to board.*

**If you would like to provide flowers for the altar there are some months still available, leave name and phone number.*

Sacrificial Giving:

11/18 - Weekly Offering \$273.00

Campaign for Human Development \$132.00

11/25 -- Weekly Offering \$589.00

Poor and Needy \$122.00

Building Fund \$166.00

Children's \$27.00

St. Mary *Announcements*

*If your child is over the age of 7 years old and needs to be baptized, there will be an RCIC class beginning on Dec. 9th after 10:00am mass, if you have any questions or want to register your child call Carmel Leblanc @ 512-734-0977.

*No CCE beginning December 19th start back on January 9, 2019.

*BAPTISM: class Wednesday December 5th @ 7:00pm, please call the office to register.

*We are offering POINSETTIAS for \$15.00, If you are interested in getting one in memory of someone, you can stick money in envelope located at back of church and drop in collection basket or bring it by office.

*CHRISTMAS TOWN: December 8th after 5:30pm mass. If anyone would like to donate for the cause call Pat Olivarez @512-525-5992 or Victor @ 512-525-6823

*MAÑANITAS: December 12th

6:00am Rosary and 6:30pm Mass

*FORGOTTEN SOLDIERS MOTORCYCLE CLUB HOLIDAY/FOOD PANTRY DRIVE: December 15th at 12:00pm – 3:00pm, drive thru drop off in front of mailbox on side of offices.

*The thrift store will be open that same Saturday afternoon. Come in and get some great deals.

Encountering Christ Pledges Continuation:

Eugenia & Guadalupe Ruperto

Alex Gerrard

Juan Gutierrez

Carmen Castaneda

Susan & Morris Meyerowitz

Ramona & Luis Rivera

Lupe & Sally Dimas

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

EIM ENGLISH WORKSHOP

December 4th

St. John Parish, Marble Falls, TX

6:30pm – 8:30pm

Calendar

Monday

DECEMBER 3

St. Francis Xavier, Priest

Is 2:1-5

Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday

DECEMBER 4

Advent Weekday

Is 11:1-10

Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday

DECEMBER 5

Advent Weekday

Is 25:6-10a

Mt 15:29-37

Thursday

DECEMBER 6

Advent Weekday

Is 26:1-6

Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday

DECEMBER 7

St. Ambrose, Bishop and
Doctor of the Church

Is 29:17-24

Mt 9:27-31

Saturday

DECEMBER 8

Immaculate Conception of
the Blessed Virgin Mary

Gn 3:9-15, 20

Eph 1:3-6, 11-12

Lk 1:26-38

Sunday

DECEMBER 9

Second Sunday
of Advent

Bar 5:1-9

Phil 1:4-6, 8-11

Lk 3:1-6

Dear Padre,

I noticed in our Sunday bulletin that our parish is setting up a Jesse tree and a giving tree for Advent. What are these trees?

Parishes and families use the Jesse tree and the giving tree as two distinct ways to prepare for the coming of Jesus, the child king.

We use the Jesse tree to remember Jesus' own royal family tree. The Gospel of Matthew traces Jesus' genealogy back to Abraham (1:1-17), while Luke lists his ancestors back to Adam (3:23-28). The purpose is to connect Jesus to Abraham and Adam, and convey the historical longing of the Chosen People for a messiah. Throughout Advent, names of significant figures in Israelite history and quotations from the Hebrew Testament are hung on the branches. Usually, the Jesse tree is placed in a prominent position, in church or at home, so all can see the history of Jesus unfold as we get ever closer to Christmas.

The giving tree challenges each parish family or member to buy a gift for someone in need. The parish sets up a tree that is decorated with tags suggesting gifts for those in need. Clothing sizes and children's ages are connected with the requests on the tree, so that the givers can easily get the needed items and take their gifts to the church by a designated date. The gifts are then distributed before Christmas. The giving tree unites us to the great message Jesus continues to give us at Christmas: Whatever you do to the least of these, you do to me (see Matthew 25:40).

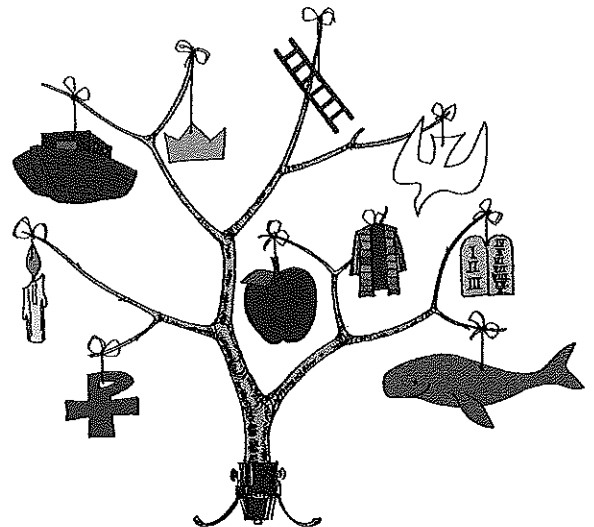
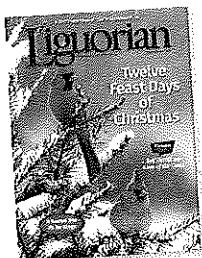


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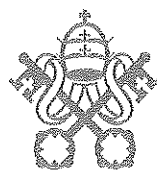
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A Word From Pope Francis

Christmas is near, the signs of his approach are evident along our streets and in our houses....These outward signs invite us to welcome the Lord who always comes and knocks at our door, knocks at our heart, in order to draw near to us.

—Angelus, December 11, 2016



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