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Finding God in All Things

4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 23, 2018

ADVENT AS I CONSIDER THE WORLD SITUATION



God of comfort, these times seem so uncertain, so scary. The world seems darker than it has in the past and I am less sure of myself. Maybe that's a good thing; maybe now I am turning to you with a realization that I need you so much more and that my life is not in my own control. Let me not forget all of those around the world who are frightened at this moment. Help those who are victims of terrorism and war. Be with those who have lost so much in the past year. Hold us all in your loving arms and let us be comforted by the strength and peace you want to much to offer us through the birth of your son, Jesus. Thank you for the many gifts you offer us.

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SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

December 30, 2018

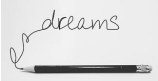
You could read/discuss/pray with your family, with friends or by yourself.'

First Reading: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-21

Psalm: 128

Gospel: Luke 2:41-52



FR. EARL DREAMS

How big is our God? Is God big enough to become small enough; finite and vulnerable enough to become a human being in every way? Furthermore, 'How big am I?' While I am big enough to behold an extraordinary amount of created things, am I also spacious enough to be God's incarnated dwelling place? The answer to this question has potential to awaken 'my' Christmas-truth. God's aim is that 'I' become Christ for and with others. The venerable St. Theresa Avila expresses this sublime reality thus; Christ has no body now on earth but yours; no hands but yours; no feet but yours. Yours are the eyes through which the compassion of Christ must look out on the world. Yours are the feet with which He is to go about doing good. Yours are the hands with which He is to bless His people. May God give us courage to be as Christ for one another and for our broken world so great in need of our Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen. Merry Christmas!



JESUIT NEWS

Canadian Jesuits International offer continued thanks and Christmas Season +blessings while acknowledging our recent gift of \$335.00 that has been allocated to the Darjeeling Province. India.



OUR 'PIUS' SMILE

Shakey went to a psychiatrist. "Doc," he said, "I've got trouble. Every time I get into bed, I think there's somebody under it. I get under the bed, I think there's somebody on top of it. Top, under, top, under ... you gotta help me, I'm going crazy!" "Just put yourself in my hands for two years," said the shrink. "Come to me three times a week, and I'll cure your fears." "How much do you charge?" "A hundred dollars per visit." "I'll sleep on it," said Shakey. Six months later the doctor met Shakey on the street. "Why didn't you ever come to see me again?" asked the psychiatrist. "For a hundred buck's a visit? A bartender cured me for ten dollars." "Is that so! How?" "He told me to cut the legs off the bed!"

Thank you

Thank you to Cecilia and Alex McGruer and to Linda, Madeline and Daniel Hart for organizing and facilitating our Christmas-Craft-Activity-Scavenger Hunt last Sunday.

Thank you to all our Leaders and Assistant Leaders of our Sunday morning programs for children and families. Your enthusiasm and commitment continue to inspire us.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Mondays, December 24 and 31, 2018 will be held from 1 - 3 pm for these occasions only.

Please note change in time.

The regular schedule will resume on Monday, January 7, 2019.

CHRISTMAS TO NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE Monday, December 24

9:30 am Morning Mass
7:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass
(A Family focus Mass)
11:00 pm Christmas Midnight Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY Tuesday, December 25

11:00 am
There will be no 8:30 am Mass

Wednesday, December 26

9:30 am

Thursday, December 27 and Friday, December 28

9:30 am

Saturday, December 29

9:30 am
4:45 pm Holy Family

Sunday, December 30

8:30 am Holy Family
11:00 am Holy Family

New Year's Eve Monday, December 31

9:30 am
4:45 pm Mary, Mother of God

Feast of Mary, Mother of God

New Year's Day Tuesday, January 1

11:00 am
There will be no 8:30 am Mass

PARKING

Your cooperation is requested to keep the fire and ambulance lanes open during the Christmas and New Year's Masses. An open lane to allow easy access of both Church entrances is also our aim. Overflow parking is available at Gonzaga High School. Please DO NOT park in St. Patrick's Mercy Home lot. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The following is the schedule for the Parish Office during the Holiday Season:

Monday, December 24

11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Tuesday, December 25

CLOSED

Wednesday, December 26

CLOSED

Thursday, December 27

11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Friday, December 28

11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Saturday, December 29 and Sunday, December 30

CLOSED

Monday, December 31

11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Tuesday, January 1

CLOSED

The regular schedule will resume Wednesday, January 2, 2019 - 9:00 am - 4:30 pm.



ANNUAL SKATING PARTY

This Skating Party, the 20th annual Boxing Day event will be held Wednesday, December 26, 2018 from 1.30-2.30 pm at Bussey Arena, 45 Bonaventure Avenue (formerly O'Heir Arena).

This will be more fun than shopping on Stavanger Drive! Come and see if DeMello can skate! Free timbits and gourmet hot chocolate. Come and enjoy the fresh Zambonied ice.

Burn off the first several pounds of turkey from Christmas! Try out your new skates! Free skate tightening. Free tissues for your runny nose! No charge. All are welcome.



SAINTS SPEAK

What are we doing when we intercede? Often in our heart of hearts we seem to be trying to manipulate God, as if God were a Controller to be controlled, or as if we had to beg God to reconsider what seems to be a poorly contrived fait accompli. The ancient Romans used the word "intercede" to mean "interposing a veto." We often seem to be trying to veto what we wrongly perceive as God's intervention, to wheedle and bargain, standing over and against what seems to be the rigid course we mistakenly perceive as "God's will." This tyrant-god is a human projection, not the God of Sinai rooted in the stable and open reciprocity of Covenant. This is the capricious deity who needs to be pleased and placated, not the loving God whose wisdom and judgment are given from the perspective of crucifixion and resurrection. [...] I don't think God rejects this sort of prayer; I don't think God rejects any prayer. God understands. And when I catch myself in a primitive attitude, trying to control God as if God weren't indwelling and suffering within the creation, as if God were a safe and closed system, I imagine I catch a glimmer of divine amusement.

Maggie Ross

The Fire of Your Life: Solitude Shared
Darton, Longman, and Todd, 1992

2019 COLLECTION ENVELOPES

The 2019 collection envelopes are available from the table at the back of the Church, near the Choir area. If you would like to begin using collection envelopes, please contact the Parish Office.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

December 15 and 16: \$5,238.45

Envelopes 4,578.00

Loose 490.45

Thank you for your continued generous support.

PARISH FINANCES

Parishioners are offered a gentle nudge and reminder that all parish donations received by December 31st, 2018 will receive an income tax receipt for 2018.

MASS IN TAGALOG LANGUAGE

Fr. Jose Joaquin will celebrate Mass for the Filipino Community, Tuesday, January 1, 2018 at 5:00 pm in St. Pius X Church.

A Potluck Supper will be held in the Parish Hall following this Mass.

FIRST FRIDAY MASSES

Beginning Friday, January 4, 2019 we will be having First Friday Mass at 7:00 pm in St. Pius X Church.

The dates for these Masses are January 4, February 1, March 1, April 5, May 3 and June 7, 2019.

The homily each Friday will be on a different aspect of this devotion, beginning with the Old Testament's remote origins and up to our own time.

WEEK OF PRAYER OF CHRISTIAN UNITY

Celebrate the Week of Prayer of Christian Unity at the St. John's and Area Council of Church's Worship Service on Sunday, January 20, 2019 at 3:00 pm at St. James' United Church (330 Elizabeth Avenue). Rev. Faith March-MacCuish will be speaking on our theme, "Justice, and only justice, you shall pursue" (Deut. 16:20).

Our offering this year will support L'Arche Avalon. May Christ bind us together in this visible act of corporate worship.

All are welcome to attend.

Calendar of Services, Mass Intentions and Activities

Sun.	Dec. 23	8:30 am 11:00 am	Mass Mass	4 th Sunday of Advent 4 th Sunday of Advent
Mon.	Dec. 24	9:30 am 7:00 pm 11:00 pm	Mass CHRISTMAS EVE MASS CHRISTMAS EVE MASS	Evangeline, Jack and Isabelle Barry Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - Cancelled (Please note change in time for this occasion.) Divine Mercy Chaplet - Cancelled
Tues.	Dec. 25	11:00 am	CHRISTMAS DAY MASS	There will be no 8:30 am Mass
Wed.	Dec. 26	9:30 am	Mass	William and Josephine Hepditch and Winnie Kinsella
Thurs.	Dec. 27	9:30 am	Mass	William and Eleanor Manning
Fri.	Dec. 28	9:30 am	Mass	Deceased Members of the Cahill and Fagan Families
Sat.	Dec. 29	9:30 am 4:45 pm	Mass Mass	Frank and Mary Brennan; Bill and Carmel Walsh Marie Brennan and Gerry Brennan FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY
Sun.	Dec. 30	8:30 am 11:00 am	Mass Mass	FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

GONZAGA JESUIT COMMUNITY IN RESIDENCE

Fr. William Browne, SJ, Br. Joe Frechette, SJ, Fr. Joe Mroz, SJ, Fr. Joseph Schuck, SJ,

WEBSITES: Four to recommend are: www.jesuits.ca www.ignatianspirituality.com www.jesuitresources.org aleteia.org

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday: 3:30 - 4:20 pm and Tuesday: 6:40 - 7:20 pm

TIMES OF MASSES: Monday and Tuesday: 9:30 am and 7:30 pm, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday: 9:30 am
Saturday: 9:30 am and 4:45 pm; Sunday: 8:30 and 11 am

BAPTISMS: Second Sunday of the month. Time: 1 pm in the Church. Please call the Parish Office (754-0170) ONE MONTH in advance. A copy of the child's birth certificate must be provided before the baptism.
PRE-BAPTISMAL COURSE: Call the Parish Office for more details

MARRIAGES: By appointment SIX MONTHS in advance. Marriage Preparation Course required

OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Friday, 9 am - 12 noon and 12:30 - 4:30 pm;
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