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CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, December 2nd, 2012; 1st Sunday of Advent Jeremiah 33:14-16, 1Thessalonians 3:12-4:2, Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Masses, 8:30 a.m. (English)
10:30 a.m. (English)
12:30 p.m. (Spanish)
3:00 p.m. (Spanish)

Monday, December 3rd, 2012; St. Francis Xavier Isaiah 2:1-5, Matthew 8:5-11

Masses, 9:00 a.m. (English)
6:30 p.m. (Spanish)
Confessions, 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 4th, 2012; Isaiah 11:1-10, Luke 10:21-24

Masses, 9:00 a.m. (English)
6:30 p.m. (Spanish)

Wednesday, December 5th, 2012; Isaiah 25:6-10, Matthew 15:29-37

Masses, 9:00 a.m. (English)
6:30 p.m. (Spanish)

Thursday, December 6th, 2012; St. Nicolas Isaiah 26:1-6, Matthew 7:21, 24-27

Masses, 9:00 a.m. (English)
6:30 p.m. (Spanish)

Friday, December 7th, 2012; St. Ambrose Isaiah 29:17-24, Matthew 9:27-31

Masses, 9:00 a.m. (English)
6:30 p.m. (Bilingual)

Saturday, December 8th, 2012; Immaculate Conception Genesis 3:9-15, 20, Ephesians 1:3-6, 8-11. Luke 1:26-38

Vigil Mass, 5:30 p.m. (English)
7:00 p.m. (Spanish)
Confessions, 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 9th, 2012; 2nd Sunday of Advent Baruch 5:1-9, Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11, Luke 3:1-6

Masses, 8:30 a.m. (English)
10:30 a.m. (English)
12:30 p.m. (Spanish)
3:00 p.m. (Spanish)



1st Sunday of Advent



"Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life and that day catch you by surprise like a trap."

-Luke 21:34-35

The Context of Hope: Hope is one of the larger themes of Advent and in the Scriptures hope springs from our very natures and the ends to which these same natures direct us: "God has made us incomplete. When we feel the pain of that emptiness we are in touch with reality, we are living in the truth. This becomes a problem only if we turn to material or merely human comforts to fill the void. Such things will never suffice since the aching and yearning is for God; only the Creator can complete what is lacking in his creature."

The disciples knew something of this emptiness, and in Jesus they realized someone who, unlike all others, could actually fill that emptiness. So when they responded to Jesus in John 1:38 and asked where Jesus was staying, there was more requested than an address. "Their question means, 'Where can we find you and learn from you about our true home?' Jesus says in reply, 'Come and see.' He does not give a pat answer; he offers instead an invitation to walk with him and to learn of what living hope means

"This ability to live in hope may well be the single most distinctive characteristic of the biblical person as opposed to the devotee of secular philosophy. From the secular perspective, everything must make sense here and now; human success and happiness must be found in this life. Hence the need to seek immediate fulfillment. Time is an enemy, especially as one grows older, for it erodes relentlessly the opportunity for present enjoyment. From the biblical perspective, it is promise that dominates and true fulfillment is reserved for the end of life. The only real concern during life is to assure that one has chosen the path that leads to that homeland. . . . From this perspective, the length of life is not a major concern because one step in the right direction is as good as a thousand. This provides freedom from excessive anxiety or angry frustration; it also means an old age that is not just [a] meaningless and helpless waiting for death but rather joyful expectation as one looks forward eagerly for the arrival home."

-The above quotations are from Flowers in the Desert, by the Benedictine priest Demetrius Dumm, pp. 60-61.

Our Advent Penance Service will be December 6 at 7:00 p.m. Quite a few priests are scheduled to participate so as to help prepare ourselves for the Coming of the Savior. Because of the penance service, there will be no daily Mass at 6:30 p.m. on December 6.

The Madeleine Choir School is now accepting applications for Pre-Kindergarten - Grade Eight for the 2013-2014 school year. Please visit utmcs.org for more information or contact the admissions office at 801-323-9850, ext. 103.

Examining Vatican Council II continues this Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. downstairs in the Dominguez Room. This session is in English and is open to all who want to know more about this pivotal Council of the Church.

Our next Holy Day of Obligation is December 8, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary, Patroness of the United States. Aside from celebrating our national patroness, this holy day recalls Mary born without sin. She was filled with such graces from her conception, that no stain of sin was able to touch her. As part of the Body of Christ that is the Church we rejoice in Mary's great gift and we ask her to add her prayers to ours. Masses for this Day of Obligation will begin December 7 at 6:30 p.m. with a bilingual vigil Mass. Masses on December 8 will be at 10:00 a.m. in English and 2:00 p.m. in Spanish.

Masses on Saturday Night, the 5:30 p.m. and the 7:00 p.m. Masses, are *not* for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. Instead they are for the Second Sunday of Advent, December 9. Please note that it is important to attend Mass twice, once for the Immaculate Conception and once for the Sunday obligation.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Masses will be offered Midnight between December 11 and 12 in Spanish, 6:00 a.m. December 12 in Spanish, 9:00 a.m. December 12 in English, and 6:30 p.m. December 12 in Spanish. Our Aztec Dance group will be involved after each of the Spanish Masses.

Mariachis will sing for the midnight Mass and the 6:00 a.m. Mass. Additionally Mariachis will sing for *mañanitas* at 5:00 a.m. December 12. The 6:30 p.m. Mass on the same day will feature a procession and the conclusion of the novena to Our Lady. Roses will be available for purchase and food and drink will also be provided.

Stewardship Note: As we embrace stewardship as a way of life, we learn to trust in God for all we need. Our lives, relationships, our actions and decisions are shaped by our faith and the way in which we live it. In this context, knowing that Christ will return is something to be anticipated, but not feared. We rely on God's mercy and live our lives as best we can, as those committed to carry Jesus' message of love and the certainty of his second coming into our world. How are we good stewards who stand firm and ready for the Lord's return in glory? Are our lives a witness and sign of God's glory for those with whom we interact?

Advent items: Please take a complimentary copy of the English or Spanish Advent prayer book available in the bookstand in the vestibule of the church.

Many families follow the practice of setting up and lighting advent wreaths in their homes. The circular shape of the wreath suggests eternity because circles, once drawn, have no end and no clear beginning. The color green also implies eternity. Each candle represents more of the light of Christ drawing closer to us. Purple

candles recall that as we wait we prepare for Christ through penance. The rose colored candle calls attention to the joy that permeates our wait.

For the First Sunday of Advent, families can pick a time to bless their advent wreath. The blessing of the wreath may take a form such as: "O God, by whose word all things are sanctified, pour forth your blessing upon this wreath, and grant that we who use it may prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ and may receive gratefully from your abundant graces. Through Christ our Lord. Amen." This prayer may be said by all members of the family or by one member. Afterward one of the purple candles is lit and then a prayer like the following is said by one or all members of the family: "O Lord, stir up your might, we beg you, and come to us so that by your protection be rescued from the threatening dangers of our sins and saved by your deliverance. Through Christ our Lord. Amen." This prayer may be said throughout the week when the family gathers together to eat, to pray, or simply to light the advent wreath.

Faith's relationship to reason is a particularly relevant topic in the Year of Faith. We're not asked to sacrifice reason when we believe and yet we are asked to acknowledge that reason doesn't address everything.

One example of faith and reason working together has its roots in the Old Testament Wisdom Literature (the Books of Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs, Wisdom, Sirach, and some would include the Book of Job as well) where it's entirely possible to be intelligent and foolish because folly is understood to be a moral quality, not an intellectual one. This means that the choice to be moral is different than the choice to be intelligent. Anyone can be moral, only those with the capacity to be intelligent can do so. People with all kinds of intelligence levels may enter heaven while *only* people with consistently good moral choices may enter heaven.

Certainly morality is part of our lives just as reason is. Without morality we move closer to the point where everyone is at war with everyone else. Social structures are not possible and life truly is brutish. In such a situation someone who reasons brilliantly or has a lot of intelligence may come up with ingenious technologies, but life will still be brutish. Morality focuses on an aspect of reality important for humanity and for our reason as well. In the Catholic view of things morality, has to do with faith in God which itself is held to be reasonable.

In a context such as this, Pope Benedict XVI notes: "Belief in God is not only compatible with science, it is ultimately necessary for the preservation of human life on earth... 'Faith, truly lived, does not conflict with science, rather it cooperates with it, offering it basic criteria so that it promotes the good of everyone, asking that it forsake only those efforts that -- by going against God's own plan -- can produce effects that backfire against humanity,' he said.... While science is constantly discovering new truths about man and the cosmos, faith reveals what is truly good for humanity and 'opens the horizon toward which (humanity) must direct its journey of discovery,' he said."

-The quotations in the last paragraph are from <http://www.catholicnews.com/data/briefs/cns/20121121.htm#head1>

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MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, December 2nd

8:30 AM +Flint Majers by Dottie Majers

10:30 AM Parishioners

12:30 PM Ints. Knights of Columbus Council 1136

3:00 PM +Juan Pablo Bustamante Rivas

MONDAY, December 3rd

9:00 AM +Jimmy George

6:30 PM +Piedad Garcia

TUESDAY, December 4th

9:00 AM All Souls

6:30 PM +Daniel Tenorio

WEDNESDAY, December 5th

9:00 AM Ints. Mark Carter by Dottie Majers

6:30 PM Those in Need

THURSDAY, December 6th

9:00 AM +Mary Ramos

6:30 PM +Humberto Barragan

FRIDAY, December 7th

9:00 AM Ints. Gene Majers by Dottie Majers

6:30 PM Those Needing Spiritual Healing

SATURDAY, December 8th

5:30 PM Parishioners

7:00 PM +Emilia Torres, Juan, Ignacio & Jose Luis Lopez

Sub-for-Santa sign-ups have begun. This program provides basic gifts for children between 18 months and 14 years (older children by qualify if they have younger siblings). There are a variety of eligibility factors, to apply call 801-356-6200. Don't delay! Registration closes early December. St. Francis will only be accepting Sub-for-Santa referrals from this program.

The Knights of Columbus will hold their regular Council Meeting on Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. downstairs.

Immigration status questions? Catholic Community Services offers free services to assist with Deferred Action and Citizenship including assistance with filling out applications and answering questions regarding the process. If you would like more information, please call Fabian Castillo at 1-801-915-1036 or Emily McKenzie at 1-801-428-1258.

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-San Mateo 5:4



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