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NOVEMBER 27, 2022
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



CHAPEL STAFF:

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Saul Garcia, Cesar Garcia,
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Cleaning of Chapel

Environment: Nubia Viasus

The Pope's Prayer Intention for November:

We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.



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SCHEDULE

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil 4:00PM,
5:30 PM, (en español)

Sun. 8 AM, 9:15AM, 10:30AM, 11:45AM,
1:15 PM (en español), 4:00PM, 5:30PM

Weekday Masses:

Mon.—Fri. 8:00AM, 12:05PM, 4:45PM
Saturday 9:00AM, 12PM

Confessions:

Mon.—Fri. 11:15 -11:50AM, 12:45-4:15PM
Saturday 9:30 - 11:45 AM, 12:45-3:30PM

Devotions:

Tuesday after Mass: Our Lady
Wednesday after Mass: St. Joseph
Thursday after Mass: St. Jude

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Mon.—Fri. 8:30-11:50AM, 12:30-4:30PM;
Sat. 9:30-11:30AM, 12:30-3:30PM;
Sunday 2:30-3:30PM

Gift Shop Hours:

Monday—Friday 10:00AM - 5:30PM*;
Saturday 9:30AM - 6:30PM*;
Sunday 8:45AM - 6:30PM*
(*Closed during Masses)

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Reflection by Fr. Michael Warren, OMV

Advent is the first season of the Church year, the preparation for the coming of Christ. We prepare for the Christ's coming in three ways: The first part of Advent is a focus on the second coming of Jesus at the end of time to usher in the fullness of the Kingdom of God. This is the goal of all of history — to be with God forever. It constitutes the first part of Advent because as the goal of history, it shapes everything else in the calendar through its being the end and purpose of all other events.

The next way to prepare for the coming of Christ is by grace. He comes to us in the sacraments and in the whole life of the Church throughout the calendar in the feast days and seasons of the year.

The final part of Advent (beginning December 17th) is the preparation for the coming of Christ in nature at his birth. Christmas is an entire season (not just a day) of the Church year when we celebrate the beginning of grace in our world due to the birth of Jesus.

It is important to fully embrace Advent as a time of renewal, penance and deep longing for God. We are meant to wait for God, not leap ahead. It's not Christmas yet. We pray to remain awake and prepared.

The Jesse Tree Tradition for Advent: Stained glass windows were originally created to tell the story of salvation and of the Scriptures to those who were illiterate, which was the majority in medieval times. Whoever could not read the Scriptures and receive its promises could encounter those same promises through the stories depicted so beautifully on the windows of the churches. This is similar to the purpose of the Jesse Tree, which also has its roots in medieval times. For the season of Advent the faithful would decorate their Christmas trees with symbols from salvation history as recorded in Scripture. Each day of Advent a new symbol and biblical character is added as an ornament to the tree as a way of illuminating God's promises, culminating in the Nativity.

These spiritual exercises are meant to illumine the promises of God at work within us who believe as we prepare for the gift of Jesus Christ. God's promises have been fulfilled throughout history in many and exciting ways in the lives of men and woman just like you. Jesse Tree exercises remind us that those promises are also being fulfilled in our own personal histories. These exercises can be a daily ornament to add to the tree of life planted in your heart.

MUSIC MINISTRY at Saint Francis Chapel

We are looking for singers to help with music ministry during the Advent and Christmas seasons for the English language Masses on Saturday at 4:00 P.M. and Sundays at 9:15, 10:30, 11:45 A.M. and 4:00 & 5:30 P.M.

We get together via conference call on Friday evenings for about 20 - 30 minutes to sing through the music if you need some help with the learning process. The rehearsal is not a requirement but is available to you if needed.

Please contact: Steven Angelucci, Director of Music at: promusic@sonic.net.

We look forward to welcoming you into this important ministry!

PRAYER TO ST CECILIA FOR MUSICIANS

Dear St Cecilia, heroic martyr who stayed faithful to Jesus your divine bridegroom, intercede for us for faith to raise above our persecutors and to see in them the image of our Lord.

We know that you were a musician and we are told that you heard angels sing. Inspire musicians to gladden the hearts of people by filling the air with God's gift of music and reminding them of the Divine Musician who created all beauty. Amen.



MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sunday, Nov. 27

8:00 AM +Mars A. Machira
9:15 AM In honor of the Holy Family
10:30 AM +Mother Rose Irma Lynch
11:45 AM Michael Wallace
1:15 PM +Maria Gomez
4:00 PM Holy Souls in Purgatory
5:30 PM Holy Souls in Purgatory

Monday, Nov. 28

8:00 AM Holy Souls in Purgatory
12:05 PM +Huang Yu Ying
4:45 PM Holy Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, Nov. 29

8:00 AM Holy Souls in Purgatory
12:05 PM Mr. & Mrs. Jason Allain
4:45 PM +Timothy Podorelc

Wednesday, Nov. 30

8:00 AM +Concetta Coppola
12:05 PM Healing for Betty
4:45 PM +Virginia Feeney

Thursday, Dec. 1

9:00 AM
12:00 PM +Virginia Dolan
4:45 PM +Richard Frain

Friday, Dec. 2

8:00 AM +Rosemond Auguste
12:05 PM +Jane McDonough
4:45 PM Fra. Nicola Tegoni

Saturday, Dec. 3

9:00 AM
12:00 PM +Ercilia Nunez
4:00 PM +Dana LeDuc
5:30 PM Matthew Nieto & Perez Zanabria

Prayer Before Mass



by Ven. Bruno Lanteri

My God, I offer you this holy sacrifice to proclaim, honor and glorify your infinite greatness, and in recognition of the supreme dominion which, as the first principle and last end, you have above all created things. I give you this homage for all those who still do not know you or do not want to recognize you.

I offer this too in thanksgiving for the benefits that I and all the world have received and will receive from your infinite goodness; in satisfaction for my sins and those of the whole world; to implore the graces that are necessary for my eternal salvation and for all mankind. Oh, my God, I offer to you the merits of Jesus Christ; grant me at this Holy Mass a profound adoration of him.

My God, my Creator, I implore you to grant me the grace of final perseverance. I know by faith that I do not deserve it, nor can I deserve it, but your Divine Son deserves it for me with all his virtues and with all the wounds he shows you in his Most Holy Body, on behalf of my wounded love. Amen.

The Jesse Tree: Advent Tradition

Day 1: Scripture: Job 12:7-10 **Theme:** Creation **Symbol:** The Earth

But now ask the beasts to teach you, the birds of the air to tell you; or speak to the earth to instruct you, and the fish of the sea to inform you. Which of all these does not know that the hand of God has done this? In his hand is the soul of every living thing, and the life breath of all mortal flesh.

Reflection: God sustains you and all things in existence at every single moment. Every thing in nature around you “speaks” of the creativity of God. Every breath you take in is a new confirmation that God sees you, knows you, sustains you, loves you. Every breath out is a new opportunity to thank him, praise him, love him. What will you do with your breaths today?

Day 2: Scripture: Romans 5:12-15 **Theme:** Adam and Eve **Symbol:** Apple

Therefore, just as through one person sin entered the world, and through sin, death, and thus death came to all, inasmuch as all sinned for up to the time of the law, sin was in the world, though sin is not accounted when there is no law. But death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin after the pattern of the trespass of Adam, who is the type of the one who was to come. But the gift is not like the transgression. For if by that one person's transgression the many died, how much more did the grace of God and the gracious gift of the one person Jesus Christ overflow for the many.

Reflection: When Adam and Eve first looked at each other it was through the eye of God within each of them. God's eye sees the heart. After disobedience to God they saw each other through their own eyes of self-gratification. Only through prayer can the eye of God continue to grow within us.

Day 3: Scripture: Isaiah 54:9 **Theme:** Noah **Symbol:** Ark, Dove

This is for me like the days of Noah: As I swore then that the waters of Noah should never again flood the earth, So I have sworn now not to be angry with you, or to rebuke you.

Reflection: God is the Father who keeps His promises. He has established a covenant, a communion of peace with us. The Church is the Ark that God has permanently established as the sign of His communion. Do you need to come back to God's covenant of peace through confession, the sacrament of His mercy? Now is a very acceptable time.

Day 4: Scripture: Nehemiah 9:7-8 **Theme:** Abraham **Symbol:** Tent

You are the LORD God who chose Abram, Who brought him from Ur of the Chaldees, who named him Abraham. You found his heart faithful in your sight, you made the covenant with him to give the land of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Jebusites, and Girgashites to him and his descendants. You fulfilled your promises, for you are just.

Reflection: God's plan of salvation began with Abraham. Through the original sin, mankind left God's presence. But God called to Abraham to establish a covenant. He pitched His tent with Abraham and with you. In ancient times, to pitch one's tent with someone meant that that tribe's history was now your history. That their family was now your family and your history and your family were now theirs as well. God has made His history your history and His family your family. And He has taken on your history as well. Are you sharing your history with Him? Are you sharing your family with Him? And are you receiving His history as your own?

Day 5: Hebrews 11:17-19 Theme: Isaac **Symbol:** Altar of Sacrifice

By faith Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was ready to offer his only son, of whom it was said, "Through Isaac descendants shall bear your name." He reasoned that God was able to raise even from the dead, and he received Isaac back as a symbol.

Reflection: By asking for Isaac to be offered as a sacrifice, God was not playing with Abraham's emotions, nor simply testing his willingness to obey. Isaac was the son of the promise. He was the first descendent from whom all other descendants would come, including Jesus; therefore, Isaac was a symbol of the whole future of Israel and of salvation history. God was asking Abraham to offer to Him and to entrust to Him the destiny of Israel and its future history. That was the real sacrifice God wished for, not the slaying of Isaac. By restoring Isaac to his father, God was showing that anyone who entrusts their destiny to Him will always be restored and have fullness of life.

Day 6: John 1:50-51 Theme: Jacob **Symbol:** Ladder

Jesus answered and said to him, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than this." And he said to him, "Amen, amen, I say to you, you will see the sky opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

Reflection: Jacob continued the line of the Jewish Patriarchs after Isaac. God showed him a vision of a great ladder stretching into heaven with angels ascending and descending. God was promising that heaven and earth would once again be connected and that access to His grace would be restored. Jesus is the true ladder. He connects heaven and earth perfectly, and He is the one who makes access to the Father a perfect reality. Upon Jesus do angels ascend and descend. Is Jesus your ladder? Do you make friendship with him a priority so that you will have access to the Kingdom of God?

Day 7: Genesis 37:3 Theme: Joseph the Patriarch **Symbol:** Coat of Many Colors

Israel [Jacob] loved Joseph best of all his sons, for he was the child of his old age; and he had made him a long ornamented tunic.

Reflection: The coat of many colors was a gift from father to son to emphasize the great love with which Jacob loved Joseph. Ornamented coats were signs of great honor and privilege in the time of the Jewish patriarchs. You are greatly loved and favored by the Father who has clothed you in the grace of His only Son through baptism. Do you celebrate your baptismal day? Do you renew your baptismal vows on occasion? Do you “wear” your baptismal identity as a child of God?